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Facilities will have capabilities of TV network

A&M to get new broadcast system

By TRICIA MORGAN
Reporter

A new system for broadcasting events at Texas A&M to the state or world is nearing completion. Lane Stephenson, director of public information, calls the new microwave and satellite transmission system a technological transformation. The system will give A&M many of the capabilities of an independent television network with the added bonus of one- or two-way teleconferencing. The construction of a microwave relay station near Navasota is allowing A&M to link with Western Union's Texas Video System (TVS). Negotiations with Western Union formally began in September. The system should be operational by Saturday. The TVS is the remnant of a commercial land-based microwave

hookup system used to connect various relay stations in east Texas.

More commercial networks are beaming their signals by satellite instead of hopping the signals by microwave transmission from relay station to relay station, says Mel Chastain, director of Educational Broadcasting services and general manager of KAMU-TV and KAMU-FM.

Stephenson says the Western Union system that A&M is installing will have the technological capability to match Gov. Mark White's method for launching his re-election campaign.

White beamed his announcement from a Houston schoolroom by satellite transmission.

The installation of this system is especially important to a major institution such as A&M which is located

outside a major metropolitan area, Stephenson says.

"There's a lot of expertise here which should be shared with people elsewhere," he says.

Faculty, staff or campus organizations can initiate teleconferences for seminars and other meetings or can use the broadcasting option to televise special events.

Programs in the Athletic Department, the Association of Former Students and some Memorial Student Center activities would be ideal for the network, Stephenson says.

While the broadcasting option seems the most exciting, the most immediately available will be teleconferencing.

The cost of teleconferencing could be less expensive for an organization than sending members away to lectures and seminars.

It's all technically possible, Stephenson says, but programming will have to be worked out individually on a contractual basis through KAMU-TV.

KAMU will be the funnel through which requests are sent to Western Union.

Along with A&M related uses, the system also could be used by news media to transmit live news events at A&M to any city in the TVS network.

Now, commercial networks bring their own satellite dish, send a tape back to the network by car or plane, or simply don't come at all, Stephenson says.

The system's use is not intended to compete with the private sector but will be a means of spreading the word about A&M to a larger audience.

RVs travel to New Orleans

By WENDY JACKSON
Reporter

The Corps of Cadet's Ross Volunteers and Fish Drill Team are in New Orleans this week helping to keep the Mardi Gras spirit alive.

Since the 1950s, the RVs have received an invitation to march in the King Rex Parade, the biggest parade at Mardi Gras.

Commander of the Ross Volunteers Kevin Whitaker, said they would leave Sunday morning and stay through Tuesday, the day they march in the parade.

After the nine-hour bus trip to New Orleans, the RVs are given free time until Monday night.

Whitaker said the RV's favorite place to spend that free time has always been Pat O'Brien's.

He said the fun won't end on Monday night because the New Orleans Aggie Club is throwing them a party at the Petroleum Club.

But Tuesday morning they'll have to go to work and march for four hours in the King Rex Parade.

He said they get different reactions from the crowd as they march along the nine-mile route.

"We go in as a stern-faced military unit, not smiling or laughing," Whitaker said. "People try everything they can to make us laugh."

Yelling out the latest Aggie joke and even pinching are the favorite attempts to provoke laughter, he said.

Whitaker said the crowds are just trying to have a good time and usually give them a good reception.

The schedule for the Fish Drill Team is much different from the RVs, said senior cadet Steve Lord.

Lord, former commander of the drill team, said the drill team left Thursday morning and wasn't given free time until Friday night.

He said all their time was spent practicing for the Mardi Gras Drill Meet on Friday by Tulane University.

Lord said the drill team goes to New Orleans strictly for this competition between 16 ROTC units, Marching in the Krewe of Iris Parade on Saturday was secondary, he said.

Three chaperones and eight advisers went with the drill team.

Saturday morning the drill team marched in the Krewe of Iris Parade.

Lord said every year several of the drill team members are designated as "booty gatherers."

He said they wear civilian clothes and follow the drill team as they march.

They go for Mardi Gras beads and trinkets and whatever else the crowd throws to them, he said.

El Paso man to lead April trip to Soviet Union

Associated Press

EL PASO — A West Texas man who will accompany about 20 U.S. citizens on an April visit to the Soviet Union said the trip will provide rare opportunities for cultural exchange.

Bob Watson, an insurance agent, leaves on April 26. The trip is organized and sponsored by the National Council for International Visitors and Dephi Research Associates of Washington.

Watson said he was chosen because of his work with international visitors at Fort Bliss for the past 25 years.

The council arranged the visit after President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to re-establish cultural exchange meetings.

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