

## 'We GOT our MTV!'

College Station audience turns "Street Party" into victory celebration

By Rob Newberry

"When people say they want their MTV, it means they want their rock'n'roll," MTV VJ Martha Quinn said.

"Rock'n'roll has always had a renegade spirit, and MTV is bringing that spirit into the '90s," Quinn said.

Quinn and a crew from MTV brought that spirit to College Station on Friday evening to record an episode of the network's tape-delayed live show, "Street Party."

Under a banner reading "We GOT our MTV," local band The Change entertained an audience of over 7,000 in the parking lot in front of The Edge, the dance club which hosted the event.

The Change got the audience excited around 8:30 p.m. with a slew of cover material, ranging from R.E.M. to Pink Floyd.

When Quinn showed up a little after 10, the band ripped through MTV's theme; Quinn stepped on stage and cheered the audience on.

Offstage, Quinn was surrounded by mobs of screaming, pushing fans. Security

at The Edge was beefed up for the event, but squeezing the MTV celebrity through the dance club was truly a feat.

The show kicked off just hours after TCA Cable announced it was reinstating MTV as part of its basic service before the fall semester began. The crowd at The

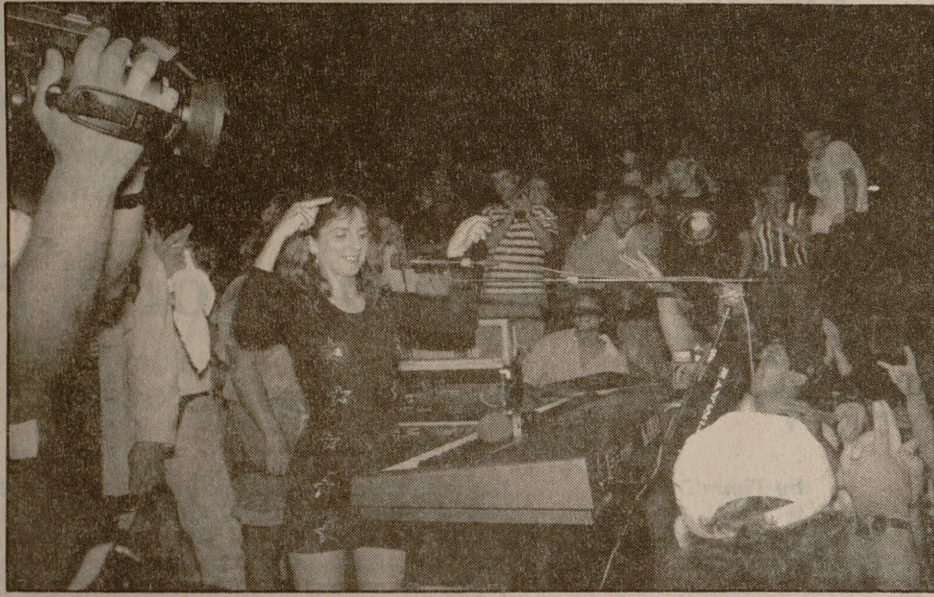
recent pressure on the cable company by local activists, and stating that the "Street Party" was not a result of the situation.

"We made sure that it was non-political and not TCA-focused," John Whittington, manager of The Edge, said. "It was just an MTV 'Street Party.'"

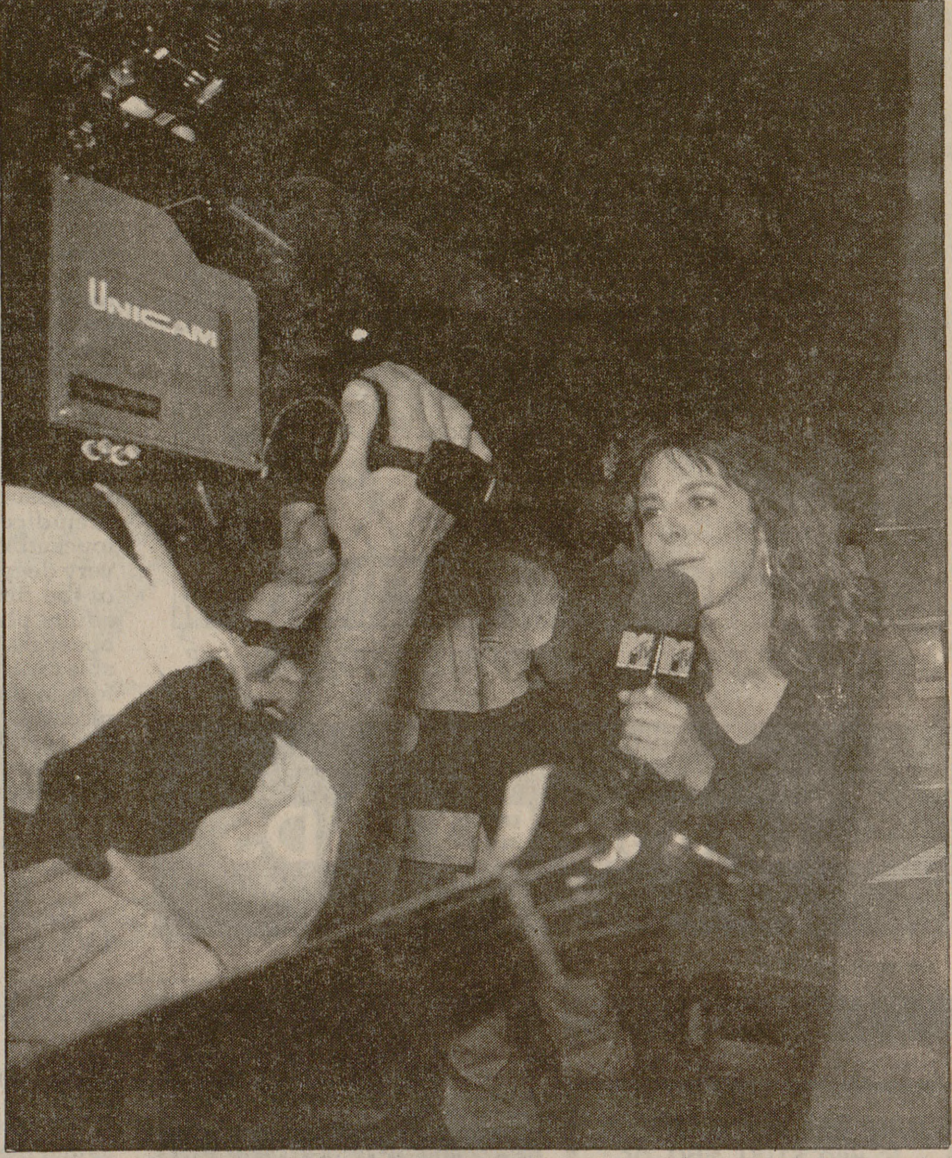
Whittington said that representatives from MTV approached him with the idea on July 5. "They had been in town looking around, seeing how people responded to the cable situation," Whittington said.

The event itself, however, was not confirmed until last Wednesday, giving Whittington only three days to prepare. Extra measures were taken by The Edge and the city to keep the party running smooth.

"Everybody (that worked at the club) was scheduled, and I hired 20 more guys," Whittington said. "Close to 50 working, plus I had four College Station police officers."



PENNY DELOS SANTOS/The Battalion  
MTV VJ Martha Quinn showcases her keyboard skills onstage with The Change at Friday night's "Street Party."



PENNY DELOS SANTOS/The Battalion  
VJ Martha Quinn tapes some footage for the upcoming College Station-based MTV "Street Party."

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## Acting by Ford, Allen, Nunn saves sentimental 'Regarding Henry'

By Julia E.S. Spencer

Director Mike Nichols' ("The Graduate") new film "Regarding Henry" has all the gloss of an "A" theatrical movie, but unfortunately only the substance of a paint-by-numbers TV movie.

### Movie Review

Although the acting is more than competent, and the cinematography and production values equally fine, the

story is predictable, and frequently descends into treacly sentimentality. Instead of taking some real chances with the plot and the audience, and offering some new insights, Jeff Abrams' script skims over the same familiar ground in much the same manner as those formulaic disease/disaster-of-the-week movies.

That's not to say "Regarding Henry" is boring or unwatchable. It's not, any more than a "Ryan White Story"-type movie. The film is actually fairly enthralling and sometimes very moving. But like most TV movies of this kind, it is the story which is inherently entertaining, not the treatment of it.

Henry Turner (Harrison Ford) a go-for-the-throat New York trial lawyer who has few scruples when it comes to getting his clients off-

**The central message of the film, namely that even in adults, playfulness and a childlike openness and innocence are valuable traits, has been dealt with before.**

When he's home, which is rarely, he is sternly authoritarian with his 11-year-old daughter Rachel (Mikki Allen), and cool and busi-

ness-like with his wife Sarah (Annette Bening).

At the beginning of the film, he has just successfully defended a

hospital against a suit by a diabetic man by destroying the man's character and credibility. At home, he is more preoccupied with the looks

of the furniture than with his family's emotional well-being. Just when you are getting disgusted with this man's shallowness and insensitivity, he is shot in the head and chest during a convenience store hold-up.

At the hospital, the head doctor informs Sarah that although one bullet entered the right frontal lobe, which contains redundant systems, the other temporarily stopped the flow of blood to his brain. In other words, Henry has forgotten everything - speaking, walking, and even his family - and must start learning again from scratch.

With the help of his new friend Bradley (Bill Nunn), a gregarious,

ever-cheerful physical therapist, Henry begins learning how to walk, and when he finally regains his speech, mimics Bradley's amusingly colorful vernacular.

To his family's relief, he has also forgotten his old self; the new Henry is a kinder, gentler, more child-like person who is not afraid of expressing his feelings or his fears. He and Rachel enjoy a new-found rapport, and the formerly dour, serious little girl begins to smile again.

When he returns to work, however, and begins looking

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