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MTV will resume airplay on cable channel 98 this August

By Karen Praslicka
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TCA Cable announced Monday that MTV will appear on cable channel 98 sometime in August to give cable customers the option of blocking the video channel.

Randy Rogers, general manager of TCA Cable, said the rock channel will be moved to channel 98 to prevent channel interference.

Rogers said when TCA blocked out MTV on channel 36, customers experienced interference problems on channel 35.

Cable customers should receive a letter this week describing their option to have MTV blocked and a postpaid card that customers can return if they want the channel blocked.

"If they don't return the card we'll assume they want their MTV," Rogers said.

Rogers said he expects MTV back on

the air at least by August 20.

"But if we can get it on a few days earlier we will," he said.

Several other channels also are being moved today.

Country Music Television now will be on channel 98 until MTV returns. CMT previously was on channel 23, alternating with the Consumer News Business Channel. Both programs now will be seen 24 hours a day on separate channels until MTV returns.

ACTS, previously seen on channel

98, will move to channel 37. C-Span, previously on channel 17, will move to channel 36. The Community Bulletin Board, previously on channel 37, will move to channel 17.

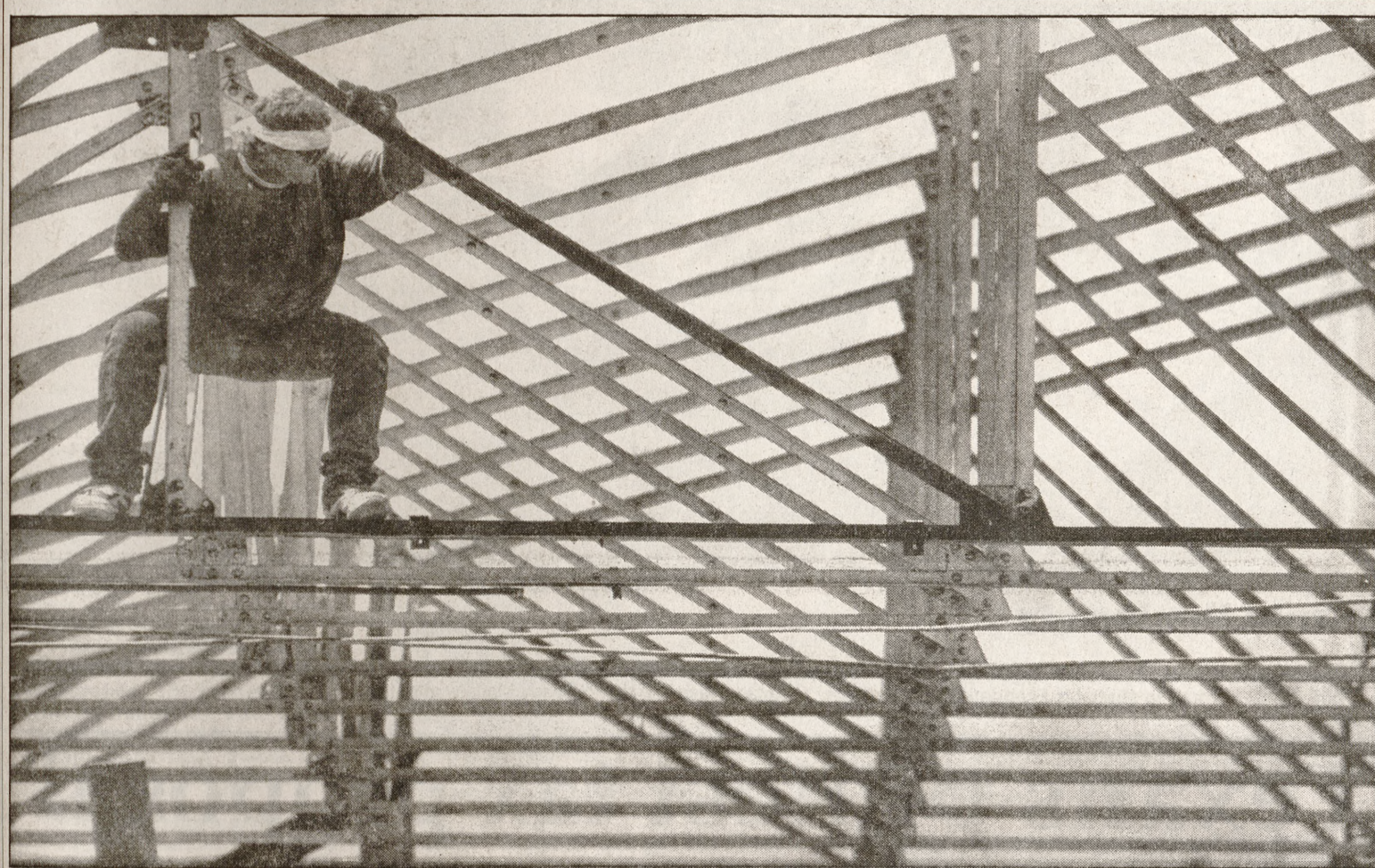
Rogers said moving the Community Bulletin Board to channel 17 will allow TCA to run pay-per-view programs on that channel without decreasing picture quality.

Scrambling the signal of a pay-per-view program reduces the picture quality of the program. In the past, pay-

per-views were shown on channel 37, which was high enough in the cable spectrum to cause even further distortion, Rogers said.

Cable customers with full basic service — 35 channels — will receive a credit adjustment of 26 cents on their August bill because of the loss of one channel for 22 days.

Rogers said only customers with full basic service will receive the adjustment because other customers were not affected by the loss of MTV.



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Watch your step

Casey Ingram, a construction worker from Burton, makes his way through a maze of steel ceiling supports of the old construction shop and

grounds maintenance building. The building is being torn down and removed to make space for a new parking lot.

Lawmakers responsive to educators

University administrators, senators agree tuition should be increased, Mobley says

By Mack Harrison
The Battalion

University President William Mobley said lawmakers were receptive to administrators' concerns when school officials testified Monday before the state Senate.

"I think we had good questions from the senators," Mobley said. "They understand the numbers we use and the implications of choices they make (about higher education)."

Mobley said several senators commended the A&M System, praising the University's efficiency and giving positive comments on System programs in Galveston and Houston.

Mobley and Dr. Ed Davis, deputy chancellor for finance and administration, joined representatives from other schools in the A&M System to testify be-

fore the Senate Finance Committee on the effects of Senate Bill 1.

"(S.B. 1) is a significant reduction in general revenue appropriations for all higher education," Mobley said.

The bill calls for cutting the state's general revenue funding for colleges and universities. Mobley said this could mean A&M would lose \$19.7 million in state funds next biennium, funds that cannot be replaced.

"This money does not come from endowments, private donations or federal grants," he said. "These are dollars that come from the state."

Administrators and lawmakers both see the need to raise tuition, but they disagree on how it should be enacted. Mobley said the proposal to immediately double tuition is not getting a good reception in Austin.

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Interim head works double-time until replacement found Department looks for leader

By Greg Mt. Joy
The Battalion

Dr. Kenneth Hall, interim head of Texas A&M's Department of Petroleum Engineering, said he hopes he gets a permanent replacement soon because he is juggling several jobs at once.

Hall holds the position in addition to his duties as associate deputy chancellor, associate dean of engineering and deputy director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES).

Hall recently was named to the post, replacing Dr. Douglas Von Gonten. Von Gonten died July 2 in a farming accident.

"I've been holding down two full-time jobs since last Tuesday," Hall said. "So I'm kind of anxious for the search for a new department head to begin."

Hall said there presently are no candidates for the permanent position, but the department is being polled to find candidates for a search committee.

Hall, a professor of chemical engineering, said there is a lot he would like to see done within the department before a permanent head is found.

"We need to look where petroleum engineering will be in the next 10 to 15 years and be ready to adapt to it," he said. "We need to insulate ourselves and our students from the wild swings of employment that have

plagued the field."

Hall said he also would like to initiate programs the next head could continue once the search is completed.

"We need to take a hard look at the graduate program and emphasize it, but without detracting from the undergraduate program," he said. "We need to look at our curriculum and try to start bringing it in line with a national perspective over the next year."

Hall said he works as a right-hand man for Dr. Herbert Richardson, dean of the College of Engineering.

"It's sort of like he's the CEO, and I'm the COO," Hall said. "I handle the day-to-day running of TEES and assist running the

engineering department."

The present situation is definitely a challenging one, Hall said.

"From 8 a.m. to noon, I work eight hours at one of my jobs," he said. "Then from 1 to 5 p.m. I work eight hours at my other job."

Hall, who began working at A&M in 1974, was director of the Thermodynamics Research Center from 1979 to 1984.

He worked for AMOCO Production Co. and Chemshare Corp. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa, his master's from the University of California at Berkeley and his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma.



Secretary of State Baker and Israeli Prime Minister Shamir met Monday to discuss face-to-face peace talks between Israel and the Arabs.

Israel remains unclear about peace conference

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told his Cabinet Monday that he saw a "revolutionary change" in Syria's attitude toward Israel, but there was no clear Israeli response to the U.S. proposal for Mideast peace talks.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, after meeting with Shamir, said there was an "historic opportunity" for face-to-face talks between Israel and the Arabs.

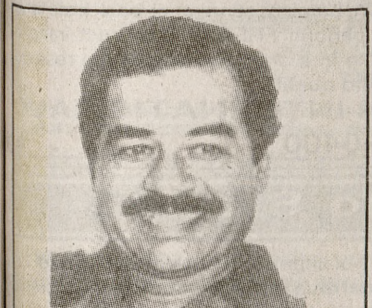
But the Israeli Cabinet took no position on the U.S. proposal. And Shamir aide Yossi Ahimier, who told Israeli Television of the prime minister's striking characterization of Syria's attitude, said, "We want, first of all, to know what is the true Syrian position — if there is a real will for peace or if these are only tactical

changes by the Syrians."

Shamir, addressing the women's organization Hadasah, put it this way:

"For us, it is not enough that they (the Syrians) have realized that the United States is the paramount power today. We have to know that they have at the same time, finally, come to accept the reality of Israel's existence and they have moved peace — rather than territory — to the top of their agenda."

Still, when Shamir was asked by Israeli television whether he believed a peace conference could start within the next few months, he said: "It's very possible that talks could be held in the framework of peace negotiations between us and the Arab world."



Amnesty granted

Saddam Hussein's ruling council granted amnesty on Sunday to government opponents and army deserters. See Page 6.

Thousands flee into Jordan with pending allied threat over nuclear disclosure deadline

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — With the approach of Thursday's deadline for Iraq to fully disclose its nuclear secrets, thousands of Iraqis have fled to Jordan, people are stockpiling food and fuel, and anti-aircraft guns have appeared atop government buildings.

There is every sign Iraq is taking seriously the threat of allied action if it fails to meet the deadline. However, there has been no public declaration of a military alert.

"If there was one, they wouldn't tell us," an Information Ministry spokesman said Monday.

The Ministry of Defense and Army has been moving some of its operations to schools, residents say — just as it did before the Persian Gulf War.

"It is exactly like the previous situation. We are seeing the army go back to schools and use them as headquarters," said a storekeeper who lives near a school. He would only give his name as Ibrahim.

Sandbagged anti-aircraft machine-gun nests have appeared atop the gatehouse of the main security police headquarters in Baghdad and other government buildings in recent days.