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Admiring their hard work

Two Aggies congratulate each other on the fine job they have accomplished in rebuilding Bonfire in a week.

Local cable system drops To KTVT-Cable Channel 11

By Melissa Jacobs
THE BATTALION

The new year may bring disappointment to some Bryan-College Station residents when KTVT-Cable Channel 11 is dropped from the local cable system at midnight on Dec. 31.

KTVT is an independent station from Dallas and now provides coverage of Dallas Mavericks, Texas Rangers, and Dallas Stars games to Bryan-College Station.

Randy Rogers, TCA Cable manager, said Channel 11 provides independent programming.

"KTVT provides Dallas news, weather and sports," he said. "It covers the Dallas sports teams."

Bryan-College Station residents will lose a lot of the coverage of Dallas sports teams they now receive.

"The Dallas sports teams will only be covered somewhat on HSE and we will lose quite a bit of coverage," Rogers said.

Rogers said he is upset about the change. "I like to watch those programs too," he said. "I think Bryan-College Station residents will be upset and rightfully so."

Mark McGoon, a sophomore animal science major from Plano, said he is disappointed.

"You can't go without watching the Rangers," he said. "It's disappointing because the Mavericks will be pretty cool to watch this year since they finally have some decent players."

Rogers said KTVT gained affiliation with CBS and is discontinuing its satellite signal on Dec. 31.

"It wasn't TCA's decision to drop KTVT," he said. "With them taking CBS affiliation, they will discontinue

their satellite signal and it's way too far away for us to pick up the signal with an antenna."

KTVT gained affiliation with CBS after long-time Dallas CBS affiliate KDFW-4 decided to switch to FOX in 1995.

KTVT will change its programming line-up when it becomes a CBS affiliate in 1995. As a result of the changes, the channel will no longer cover Dallas sports teams.

"It needs to be pointed out that with them going to CBS, they will not carry those programs anymore anyway," Rogers said.

Rogers said the decision about which channel will replace KTVT has not been made.

"We are now looking at our options," he said. "A decision will be made by the end of November."

Rogers said the primary basis of the decision is what the federal government requires.

"KYLE, a broadcast station, just went on air this week," he said. "The federal government gives broadcast stations the right to be carried on cable systems."

Ullman McMullen, general manager of KYLE, said he has had some indication that KYLE may be chosen to replace KTVT.

"The decision will come from TCA Cable," he said. "It is certainly desirable for us to be on the cable system."

McMullen said KYLE provides independent programming.

"We air movies, syndicated programs, local programming and local interview programs," he said.

Rogers said TCA Cable will make a formal announcement, and the change will take place on Jan. 1.

Dinosaur egg discovery suggests fierce beast may have been caring parent

WASHINGTON (AP) — An 80-million-year-old egg from a Mongolian desert contains the first embryo ever found of a meat-eating dinosaur and suggests the fierce beast known as "egg thief" may have been a tenderly caring parent.

Mark A. Norell of the American Museum of Natural History said the embryo discovery changes scientific conclusions about an entire species of dinosaurs.

A fossil of the dinosaur species was first found at an ancient Gobi Desert nest in 1923.

Researchers concluded that the animal died while eating eggs of some other animal and named the dinosaur oviraptor, Latin for "egg seizer" or "egg thief."

With the discovery of the embryo, said Norell, there is evidence that the 1923 find was misinterpreted and oviraptor was given a bum rap.

"We have shown that the animal actually was protecting or brooding those eggs" and not eating them, Norell said, and that the eggs were the oviraptor's own.

Jacques Gauthier of the California Academy of Science said Norell's research "is a stunning find."

Norell and his team found the dinosaur nest at a Gobi Desert site called Ukhaa Tolgod in Mongolia.

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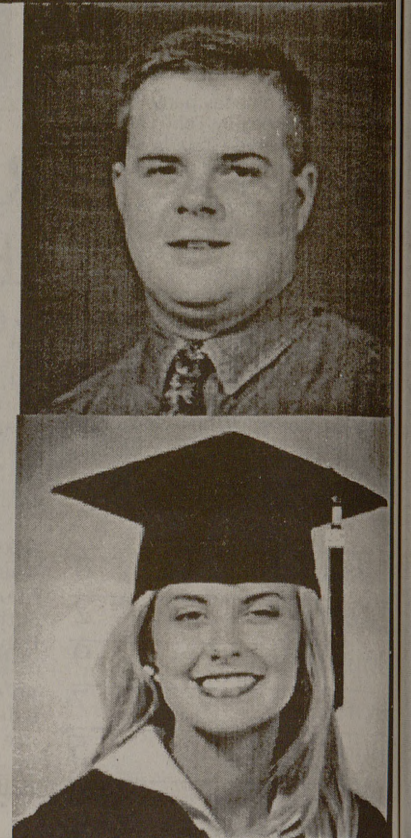


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