

# Cable reducing network quality, PBS head says

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Cable television is diminishing the quality of network television programming, the president of the Public Broadcasting Service said. Lawrence K. Grossman spoke at "Telecourse '83," a meeting of representatives in television education, and through a telephone conference with Penn State students.

The Federal Communications Commission is expected to decide soon whether to allow some of the frequencies now reserved for education and cultural television programs to be used by pay TV services, and Grossman said he is concerned with the possibility. More than half of the 28 microwave channels on the Instructional Television Fixed Service frequencies reserved for use by nonprofit organizations may be transferred to commercial operators for pay-television broadcasts, he said. This would result in more outlets for sports and movies, and less for educational programming.

"Theoretically, you could have a religious station sharing the same frequency with a commercial outlet for R-rated movies," Grossman said. Lawrence P. Johnston, director of operations at the University's WPSX-TV, said that this would not affect the station because it does not utilize any of the ITFS frequencies.

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Grossman said the problem is intensified by federal funding cuts, which reduced the allotment for public television by more than a third this year.

"The claim is made that since the educational community cannot really afford to utilize these valuable ITFS frequencies, they should be turned over to the commercial marketplace," he said.

However, Grossman said he does not believe that the national commitment to education has diminished.

"In fact, I think the pendulum has swung in the opposite direction," he said. Despite the recession, viewer support has increased for public television. More people are also attending cultural events such as plays, operas and ballets.

Drew Rice, system manager for Centre Video, 273 Benner Pike, would not comment on the issue of cable television sharing ITFS frequencies with public broadcasting stations, saying he was not familiar with it.

However, he did say he is "a little disappointed" in the quality of network television. "I can't believe that the majority of people are entertained by scenes of a hospital emergency room," Rice said.

"The networks are not offering programs that the majority of people are interested in, which is why there is such a frequent program turnover," he said. "It's been a while since there has been any long time runners such as 'Gunsmoke' and 'MASH.' Some of the new shows weren't even vetted behind the ears before they were kicked off the air," Rice said.

Grossman added, "When there were only two or three competing networks, they could afford to put some money into higher quality shows with less popular appeal."

However, he said, this does not mean a greater percentage of people prefer inferior programs, but rather that those who are the heaviest viewers are watching television for entertainment, not for education.

"The top 15 percent of more selective viewers are not as accessible to the networks because they don't watch as much television," Grossman said. Therefore, he said, the networks do not attempt to attract them.

## Stab victim improving

Stabbing victim Randolph Baker (12th-accounting) was moved out of the intensive care unit of Centre Community Hospital yesterday. A hospital spokeswoman Baker is continuing to improve.

Baker, 22, was stabbed in the chest during a fight early Sunday morning at Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, 408 E. Fairmount Ave., according to State College Police Department reports.

No charges have been filed in connection with the incident. — by Michael J. Vand

## Flushing to begin

The State College Borough Water Authority plans to flush water mains on Monday.

The flushing will begin in the Shingletown area and continue for about eight weeks. Water may be slightly discolored during the flushing operation, she said.

## collegian notes

- The Caribbean Students' Association will sponsor a Caribbean Dinner and Dance at 6 Sunday night in the HUB Ballroom. For information and tickets call 865-1590 or 234-2515.
- The Nature Centre will sponsor an afternoon walk focusing on the forgotten flowers on the trees in early spring at 2 Sunday afternoon at the center. For more information, call 238-5872.
- The Nature Centre will sponsor a Bird Breakfast at 7 Sunday morning at the Center. A \$3 fee for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.
- The Sailing Club will sail at Stone Valley on Sunday afternoon. Meet at 1 Sunday afternoon at the HUB.
- The Student Nurses Association will meet at 6:30 Sunday night in the Living Center of Human Development Building.
- The State College Cycling Club will sponsor a 40-mile Black Moshannon Ride on Sunday. They will meet at 10 Sunday morning at Central Parklet on Fraser Street.
- The Ballroom Dance Club and Free University's Ballroom Dancing Class will not meet tonight, but will meet next week as usual.
- The Committee for Justice in South Africa and the Undergraduate Student Government department of minority affairs will sponsor a potluck dinner at 8 tonight at 808 W. College Ave.
- Interlandia will meet from 7:30 to 11:30 tonight in 301 HUB. Everyone is welcome.
- The Volleyball Club will host an Invitational Volleyball Tournament Weekend this Saturday and Sunday in Gym 2 of the Intramural Building. The Men's A-A tournament will be held tomorrow at noon and the Women's B Tournament will be held Sunday at 10 a.m.
- Bloodmobile registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today on the HUB ground floor.
- The Astronomy Club will hold an open house from 7:30 to 11 tonight on sixth floor Davey Laboratory. Cloud date will be the same time tomorrow night.
- The Outing Club will sponsor a bike ride to Stone Valley Recreational Area at 9 tomorrow morning. Meet in the parking lot behind Grange Building.
- Susan Warner, coordinating volunteer at the Stone Valley Nature Center, will speak about feeding, housing, cleaning and exercising animals 10 tomorrow morning at the center.
- Jerry Zolten will play the guitar at 9:15 and Steve Sharlet will play at 10:30 tomorrow night at the Jawbone Coffeehouse, 415 E. Foster Ave. University Lutheran Parish will sponsor the performances.
- The Nalids Synchronized Swimming Club will perform at 8 tonight and tomorrow night in McCoy Natatorium. Tickets are \$2 at the door.
- The Officer's Christian Fellowship will sponsor a lecture by Lt. Col. Dave Jaquis, retired U.S. Air Force officer, speaking about "Professionalism" at 7 tonight in 103 Wagner.

## Fraternity rolls keg for preschoolers

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity will be pushing along one of Penn State's infamous kegs this weekend—all the way to Lock Haven—to raise funds for handicapped preschool children.

The fraternity will roll the keg about 38 miles tomorrow from the Tau Kappa Epsilon chapter in Lock Haven to its State College counterpart at 346 E. Prospect Ave. Chairman Frank Archarski estimates that it will take about five hours for the members to reach here.

Rather than canning or taking pledges from an area already exhausted by many philanthropies, the fraternity's male and female members will ask friends and family to donate money to support the fraternity's first-time event, Archarski said.

Through these contributions, Archarski said he hopes to raise at least \$1,000 for the Pre-School Center located in the Cedar Building on campus.

Graduate students operate the center to prepare 2- to 5-year-old handicapped children for further schooling. Money is needed for equipment and scholarships that will enable the center to expand its enrollment from the 13 students now in the program, Archarski said. "There's many more kids out there who do need the help but can't get it," he said. To get the keg to State College, two fraternity members at a time will run with the keg, pushing it with an attached metal bar. An escort van will follow to provide reinforcements. Archarski said the event will be "really simple — we didn't want to make it difficult." — by Maria Nicolo

## police log

- Charles Ryan, a University ergonomics lab supervisor, told University Police Services on Wednesday that an ion source was missing from the Human Performance Laboratory. The ion source is valued at \$611, University police said.
- Dean Amick, manager of Central Milk Testing Laboratory, told University Police Wednesday that a milk testing sign was missing from the Orchard Road entrance of the laboratory. The sign is valued at \$100, University police said.
- Michael West, 615 Millfin, told University Police Wednesday that a textbook was missing from the Pollock Halls area. The textbook is valued at \$30, police said.
- The State College Police Department reported Wednesday that a battery was missing from a car owned by Gary Helsingor of Huntington Valley. The car was parked at 456 E. Beaver Ave. State College police said the battery is valued at \$50.
- State College police reported yesterday that unidentified people threw a bottle through a window of the Racquet and Ski Shop, 112 S. Fraser St. An estimate of damage was not available. State College police said.

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Selections from the plays will be provided for the tryouts.

With the exception of a major role for a 14-year-old boy, there are no children's roles this summer. The minimum age of characters is around 16, however roles are available for both men and women through an age range from young to old.

Copies of the plays are on reserve at Schlow Library in State College and at the Centre County Library in Bellefonte.

\*Anyone who has appeared in a Barn Production within the past five years must be a member of SCCT to try out.

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