Cable a teaching tool

Cobb called the student-operated intion a "tremendous boon to the

schools."

A estimated 70 percent of households in the district do not have children in the public school system. Counting paid cable subscribers through MetroVision of Oakland County — the local cable company — the educational channel has a potential viewership of about 116,000, Cobb added.

THIS CHANNEL is different be-THIS CHANNEL IS different because it is muly students from the studio at North Farmington High School. The new programming will rough the studio of the property flavoring the will be written and produced and will star students from the three Farmington public high schools.

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A children's puppet show, "The Popcers Shop," a feature show called "Farmington Schools — A Closer Look" and a 15-minute news program are some of the shows already in the works, Cobb said.
Other specials will mix local panels with some of the nationally syndicated educational programing, offering such topics as sexual abuse of children, he added. Specialized local programming such as the Creative Express, which allows student plays, poetry readings and other creative expression, will continue, he said.

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The Thursday night specials premier on March 5 and will air in addition to the station's weekday brocaests from 3-5 p.m.

Not only telecommunications students are involved with the new programming. Art students' illustrations will be used and Journalism students will be involved with newscasts, according to Cobb. "We involve all kinds of people."

ANOTHER GOAL for the station ANOTHER GOAL for the station is to offer continuing service in the classroom. Most teachers using local station programs as lesson plans are at the elementary level. Cobb would like to see middle school and high school teachers make better use of the channel.

"We still have some detractors that feel this is . . not viable," Cobb sald of the program, which began 24 years ago. "There's some reticence."

To promote the additional Thursday night breadcasts, TV-10 hired a consultant to compile a program guide and to do a follow-up community survey during the first week of April to belp future programming.

Meanwhile, as Cobb and his students work to gain audience, the students gain valuable breadcast experience, which is carried with them into telecommunications carecers.

And the opportunities grow.
In addition to the studio, which
was completed in 1985 as a cooper-ative venture between MetroVision and the school district, a new idea is taking shape in the control room.

Community Access Radio will soon be used to do live volce-overs on Channel 10, Cobb said. It is the only program in the country to mix the community access radio with television via local cable, ho added.



Gianna Mason (right), Farmington High senior, and Stephan-ie Jaffee (lott), a North Farmington senior, monitor the Pop-corn Shop from the Channel 10 control booth.

History theme continued

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sloners decided against naming pariss after individuals because of the possibility of alighting those whose names would not be chosen, Potter said.

Originally, the name "Youth Park" was suggested for the city's rist athelie park. But city council members rejected the name, preferring something more descriptive.

At a special study session between city council and parks and recreation commissioners about two works ago, commissioners and the work youth in the name because the park is planned predominantly for youth athelies. Commissioners also wantended as a good reason for supporting the successful live-year, 0,5-mill levy approved by voters last summer.

In the final analysts, however, city council members rejected the word youth. If would prefer we didn't have youth in there, "Councilwoman Jody Sorones said.

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fective fitness trails for those of us who are over 21, 31, 41." Most council members agreed the word youth made the name awk-ward and that most residents would eventually nickname the park, "Plo-more Park."

Councilinan Joe Alkateeb stood slose in remaining true to parks and recreation commissioners' full recommendation.

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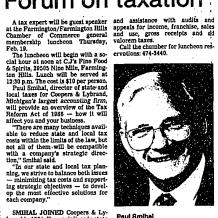
"It's a slap in the face to them (commissioners) to take the word youth out," Alkateeb said, adding the council should have disagreed and tried to change the name at the spe-

cial study session.

Councilwoman Jan Dolan and Donn Wolf disagreed. "They had submitted names before, and we have turned them down," bolan said. Wolf adder. "Ster yous file it is going to the said of the said

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