

AM newscast featured at TV Learning Center

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Many students may realize Clackamas Community College offers telecourses via TV, but how many are aware of the College's Channel 9 News Show at the Television Learning Center?

The television station, complete with control rooms and cameras is all located on campus. "We reach all the people who are on cable in the Oregon City, Gladstone, West Linn, Lake Oswego plus Clackamas County areas," Bob Wynia, director of the Television Learning Center, said.

"Channel 9 started three years ago. The original purpose from the very beginning was to play telecourses so that homebound people such as mothers, the handicapped, whoever could not come in easily and who wanted to take some credit courses could get them by just watching TV," Wynia explained. He added that the Television Learning Center involves Cable TV plus the television studio and all the control rooms, and has nothing to do with the telecourses.

"We (center) are just responsible to make sure that they (telecourses) get played on the air, and making sure that the system is running smoothly all the time, which is part of our video control room," Wynia said.

"What the center does is to make television shows for a variety of people such as the (College) faculty. One video tape has been put together for the counseling department about graphic arts. It runs about six minutes long and is for students who may be in-

terested in taking graphic arts classes, but want to learn more about it first.

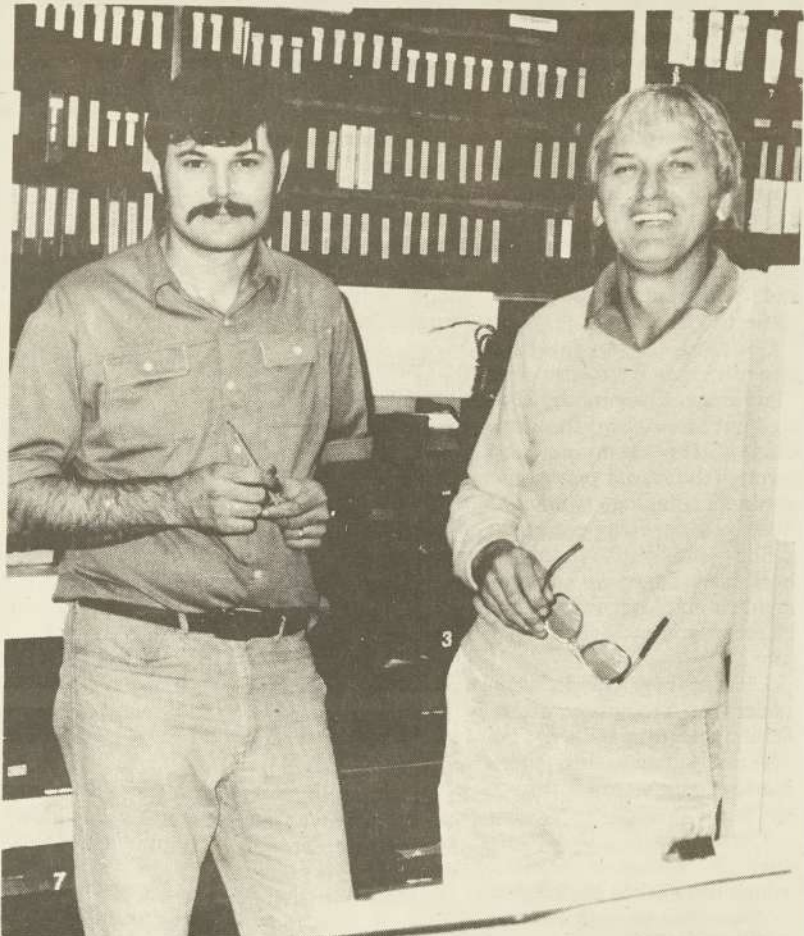
The counseling department will use this tape for new students, but in the future it may be available to view from the TV phone monitors, located in McLoughlin Hall, the Pauling Center, Barlow Hall and Clairmont Hall. Steve Johnson, video technician, said the monitors are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Johnson added the Television Learning Center provides a service not only to students and the community, but to fire and police departments as well. "We tape for speech classes, guest lectures, seminars, live music shows, theater plays and out on location with the TV taping equipment," he said.

As for the future of the Television Learning Center, Wynia said, "Eventually it will become a teaching center again, where students will come in and take courses on how to produce television shows, how to write for them, edit them, and run the cameras." Such a teaching center may be available by next year, he added.

The news show is on every morning at 8:45 a.m. for approximately 15 minutes. It is also on again at 5:30 p.m. for this term only. The news show covers all of the things that are happening here on campus in addition to specials and local community news. It is taped once a week, and the show is repeated each morning at 8:45 a.m.

"We do a lot of interviews with students," Wynia said. College students interviewed last year included a Miss Oregon contender, a national champion runner, and a woman weight lifter. Wynia also said if anyone knows



Steve Johnson and Bob Wynia

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anything interesting that could be filmed, they should contact him at ext. 241 or 270.

"I would like to get more student participation plus more students interested in viewing the news show by

turning it on in the Community Center building and getting used to watching it to find out what is going on. I would like to see more clubs come in who would be willing to be interviewed to talk about their thing," he added.

Students held responsible for own happiness

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more healthier, happier life. Just last Sunday, Petersen was a guest on the Channel 2 discussion program "Town Hall," during which she talked a little about the clinic.

One of the ideas Petersen tried to convey on the show is that the clinic does not teach people how to be comedians. "We (clinic) think it's more important to have fun than to be funny; we also teach humor with kindness," she said.

The clinic sessions themselves will consist of a combination of teaching, demonstrating and class participation. Petersen said participants will be asked to keep a laugh log in order to record how often they have laughed during the day, and a stress log to see how much stress they have encountered as well.

By comparing the two logs, Petersen said participants will be able to learn how to balance the amount of laughter with the amount of stress, which she said makes for a healthier and more positive lifestyle.

"Our sense of humor is an investment, and the laughs are the dividends. By learning how to see the humorous things in day-to-day life, life takes on a different perspective—it's easier to deal with," Petersen said.

Other activities for the sessions include an exercise where participants will be given a series of cartoons that they must write the captions for. Petersen also said the clinic should teach "people to accept the responsibility for their own happiness."

The clinic sessions are being held in the Clairmont Building in room C 144. The remaining

five sessions will be held every Tuesday starting Oct. 23, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The last session will be held Nov. 20.

There is a registration fee, but Petersen said this is subject to change. The fee will cost between \$60 and \$72. Petersen also said she guarantees participants will have fun, and because the clinic is so confident it will be a success it is offering a money-back guarantee.

In summing up the objectives of the Laugh Clinic, Petersen said she thinks everyone possesses a sense of humor, and everyone has the potential to develop it to their benefit. She also said most people recognize the value of humor, but they have not learned to internalize it, to see it from their own perspective instead of from another comedian's.



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