



Broadcast Journalism
 explores new news media

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lights! Camera! Action! Clackamas' very own broadcast journalism class began work this week providing campus news in video form.

A handful of students and advisors have put together "Clackamas News Online," which can be found at www.clackamasnews.net.

"We now have the website up. We're able to offer video stories from CCC throughout the globe. Our next goal will be more, more, more," said Andy Mingo, the main instructor for the broadcast journalism class.

"Honestly speaking, it's just a matter of time before actual news stories are replaced by web portals, replacing television and print," Mingo said.

Mingo brings his experience in journalism, editing, videography and web design to the class, along with Journalism Instructor Linda Mingo who will be co-advising the class.

That together, add a pinch of media, and we have a magazine experience that offers students the skills to compete with the video you see on the local news," Mingo said.

There are no official prerequisites for the course this term, and the next few terms they will be adding them in order to attract students to the class.

In the future, having a web prerequisite would make a sense since that's the climate we're working in," said Mingo.

Mingo recognized that the technological knowledge of his generation has changed enough to turn up on a few official prerequisites.

"I'm always amazed at the skills of the technological knowledge the students now carry around with them independent of 'official' training. From MySpace to iPod, students are already on the cusp of technological trends in our culture," said Mingo.

The class likes to find its own way by finding a use for each student's experience.

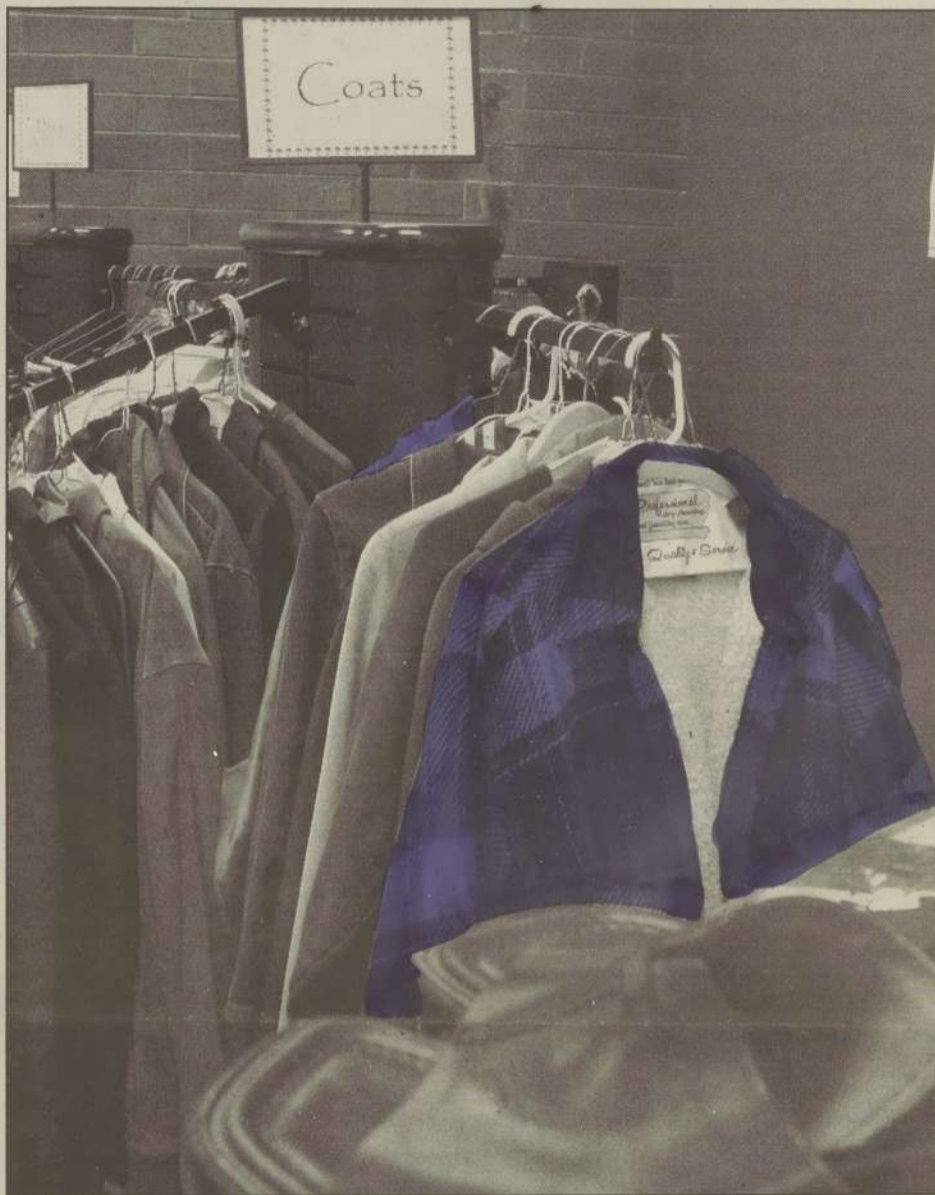
"We have a wide variety of equipment represented currently in the class. Some students are strong videographers, others are bringing in their background of videography and editing, while others have web design skills. Together, they are an excellent news force to reckon with," Mingo said.

The class uses GL2 and ZR300 cameras, and edits their footage with "Final Cut Pro" on a few Apple Mac G5 computers.

"If enough students want to take the course and let Linda or me know about it, we'll see if it is possible to run it again in the spring," Mingo said.

There is not enough student interest, Clackamas News Online will be available for interested students to maintain.

Students interested can contact Mingo at andy@clackamas.edu or 503-657-6958, ext. 2803.



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The ASG-sponsored Clothes Closet is designed to help students and community members in need of clothing. Despite a delayed opening, the program is growing and ASG is planning to expand it to meet needs further.

ASG aid coming out of closet

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The ASG Clothes Closet took a term to open, but their careful planning has already begun to pay off.

"We finally made the decision to open it and get it going," said ASG Advisor Mindy Brown.

ASG spent a long time doing research and figuring out the best way to set up the Clothes Closet. They officially opened the Closet for use on Feb. 1.

"We decided to have regular hours," said Brown. "That's the latest development."

While the hours, according to Brown, are not very accommodating right now, ASG sees it as the best course to start small and work at slowly building the Closet up. In addition to the donated clothes from last term's clothes drive, ASG gathered money and did some shopping on their own to fill out the contributions.

Already the Closet has been put to good use and those in charge of it have received positive feedback.

"When we opened," said Brown, "immedi-

ately we had people using the service."

The Closet is open to basically anyone. Its focus is to provide clothes for people preparing for job interviews or who don't have nice business clothes for the first week at a new job.

"We try to figure out what the real needs are," said Brown. "Anyone can come in, there's no procedure or cost. We're only tracking the items, keeping inventory and finding out what the most needed items are."

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 ASG Advisor

A few weeks ago, a woman came into the Closet. She only had two outfits and was excited about the Clothes Closet.

"It really made the students feel good," said Brown. "They were helping someone. She came in and found things and was so happy. It was really gratifying."

"I think it's going well," said Hillary Fletcher, Clothes Closet coordinator. "We've had a lot of interest from people in need of clothes and from the staff interested in donating clothes. So far, I think it's been a success."

Clothes Closet hours are Mondays and Fridays, 2 - 3 p.m. Contact the ASG office at 503-657-6958, ext. 5376 for more information.

Utility jobs focus of program

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The upcoming Utility Workforce Certificate will be the first step in a new two-year degree that will allow students to get a foot in the door of the utilities industry.

PGE and Pacific Power will have a significant portion of their employees retiring in the near future, leaving open the possibility of thousands of potential jobs. The Utility Workforce program was designed in direct response to the human resource needs expected from the two companies.

"We worked a lot with our industry partners in the unions," said Robert Topping, department chair of Energy and Resource Management and Utility Training head of the burgeoning program. "They've helped us design the certificate."

The program begins this summer, and will provide students with job opportunities as meter workers, dispatchers, substation technicians and line workers, although "All the skills you'll learn in this certificate you can use in other industries," said Topping.

The virgin program will utilize existing courses, most of which are located on the Wilsonville campus. "I think it'll open up a lot of opportunities," said Topping. "[It's] a unique way to get your foot in the door."

The program is open to all students, and provides 30 credits towards an Associate of General Studies degree. Night and weekend classes will take eight weeks and have two parts: the training and the work experience.

"The person who can work outdoors in adverse conditions," would be the ideal candidate for the program, said Topping. "[We're] targeting young people and veterans."

The plans for the certificate are extensive. "We had a degree in place, but it didn't accomplish what we wanted," said Topping. After taking a year to do research at industry facilities and creating contacts, Topping came back and started to design the program.

The certificate is only the first step in the new degree. Topping hopes to have the rest of the degree ready by the time students are done with the certificate. The second year will focus on one of three areas; generation of energy, transmission to substations and distributions to individual locations and neighborhoods.

Future plans involving the degree include working with PSU and OIT to develop bachelor degrees that coincide with Clackamas' utilities program. If all goes well the two bachelor's degrees will be Utility Management, attained from PSU, and Utility Technician, attained from OIT.