

# Community Access Quarterly

*Random Access Notes from  
Executive Director Jeanne Bleil*



## Community Access Television

### Field Camera Workshop

April 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

### Field Lighting Workshop

May 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

### Level II Class

May 11, 18, 25

Sign up now!

Class fee \$10.00

In advance

### Next Orientation

Thursday, April 15

6:00 p.m.

*Being a paid member and attendance at an orientation session are the prerequisites for signing up for Level I.*

Level I classes are held Thursday, either morning or evening, for six weeks. Signups take place at orientation sessions, which are held every eight weeks.

During this busy spring season, there are just a few important notes:

Production Assistant David Dugan will be leaving us on May 7 upon his graduation from Gannon University with a degree in Advertising Communications. Dave, we wish you all the best and will miss your sense of humor. Dave will forever be remembered by staff as Captain David Dugan of the USS Tighrope. Starting the last week in April, our current Edinboro University intern, Sherry Gardner, will start training with Dave to become our new part-time Production Assistant. Welcome, Sherry! Sherry is also graduating in May with a degree in Broadcast Communications.

Don't forget to sign up for our workshops coming up soon. If you want to check out our field cameras or light kits, you are required to take these workshops. Our statistics show that far more production takes place in the field than in the studio, so don't miss out! Level I certification is a prerequisite for the field gear workshops. If you would like to sign up for our Level II class coming up in May, please send your \$10.00 class fee to us before the end of April. Details are to the left.

Our annual spring cleanup is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 19th or Tuesday, April 20th. If you can help us clean up our parking lot and building exterior from the ravages of winter, please give us a call. Closely following the spring cleanup will be Staff Appreciation Day at Community Access Television. Staff will be recognized on April 21st with a luncheon. Look for our special bulletin board in the lobby that same week.

## The USS Tighrope

To the Dedicated Members of Community Access Television:

As you may or may not know, your station has upgraded its scheduling system. CAT's new system, known as Tighrope, will help catch any scheduling conflicts that may arise. This new system allows staff to do scheduling and bulletin board announcements from our desks rather than strictly in the Master Control Room. It is automated by computer and can bump show times, take shows out of their regularly scheduled time slot, or even cut off the end of your show. That being known, it is important for every producer to make sure that their shows have a thirty-second lead-in with a countdown. It is also very important to stress that shows in a thirty-minute time slot come in at a maximum running time of 00:29:00 and shows in an hour time slot come in at a maximum running time of 00:59:00. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as CATV takes another step into the future of television.

Sincerely,  
Captain David Dugan  
USS Tighrope

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### **Holiday Closings**

#### **Easter**

Friday, April 9  
Monday, April 12

#### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 31

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday through Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Evenings Mon–Wed  
Saturday mornings  
By appointment  
Subject to staff availability

*All appointments must be  
made seven days in advance.*

#### **HOW TO REACH US**

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### **What it Takes to Succeed**

It's simple, really. All it takes to succeed in producing programs at Community Access Television is passion and drive. We have been helping people produce television for almost six years now, and we can tell you that the ones who are most successful have a burning desire to share something with the world. It doesn't matter if you have no television experience, if you are intimidated by buttons, screens, and gizmos, or whether you are young or old, male or female. You will overcome your fears and anxieties if you believe that your message is important, that you have something to offer, and that you are the one who can do it.

**We are here to help and encourage you. Dig deep, find your passion, and make a commitment. Succeed at CATV!**

### **CAT Merchandise Available Now**

You, too, can have your own embroidered CAT logo polo shirt, cap, or visor. Caps and visors are in stock along with a supply of polo shirts. If we don't have your size, we can order it. Join the CAT staff on special shoots and be identified as one of the crew by wearing our logo gear.

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| Polo shirts             | \$25.00 |
| + \$3.00 for plus sizes |         |
| Ball caps               | \$10.00 |
| Visors                  | \$10.00 |
| Ambidextrous mugs       | \$ 5.00 |

See any staff member to purchase.