



# VIDEOSYNCRASIES

**ANOKA COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP, INC.** February/March 1982

## Bi-Annual Membership Meeting To Be Held

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This year's April membership meeting will be held right at the beginning of the month - April 1. The meeting will be Thursday night at 7:30 in the Access Studio. If you are a current member or just curious, please attend.

Some of the items on the agenda are reports from the Board of Directors, committees and information about this year's Telethon. We also will be having a Producer's Open Forum. This will give everyone an opportunity to tell about what is going on in their productions, swap stories and solve common problems. Coordinator Will Loew-Blosser will be announcing the Volunteer of the Year Awards' recipients.

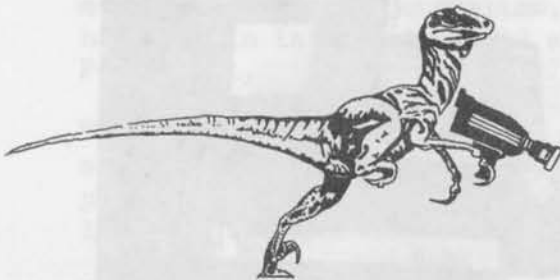
## Mark Your Calendar

The Third Annual Telethon is coming April 19 through 24. This year's Telethon will be bigger and better than before. Telethon Coordinator Paul Kaspszak has stated, "There will be more live entertainment and surprises for everyone. This year's Telethon will be the best viewing on cable."

We are still looking for talent. So if you always wanted to be a TV star, the Telethon could be your launching pad to stardom. If you sing, dance, juggle or are a wild animal tamer, give us a call and schedule your act ... 571-9144.

The Telethon committee is lining up sponsors for each night. If you know of a business or civic organization that might be interested in being a sponsor, contact Paul Kaspszak at 571-0441 or leave a message at 571-9144. All sponsors will receive acknowledgement during the Telethon and in "Videosyncrasies".

Support Fridley Channel ETC 12 and be a sponsor. The Fridley State Bank and Post Publishing have already generously donated \$100 each towards the Telethon.



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# Chairperson's Report Submitted

The Annual Report that was submitted to the city in January showed that the Workshop has grown significantly. In 1981, 633 programs were produced - an increase of 34 percent. This figure meant an average of 12 programs were made weekly - about 35 percent more than the 1979 figure.

In 1979 the Channel had programming on 527 hours, 1981 saw 1,403 hours cablecast - an increase of 62 percent. These statistics show a very significant increase in the use of our public access channel. This rise in use is an indication of the interest and dedication of the people using ETC 12. Our rough estimate of volunteer hours for 1981 was 5,398. Everyone involved with the Workshop should be very proud of our programs.

The Workshop has a number of priorities for 1982. The Board of Directors is assisting the Fridley Cable Commission in their work on negotiating the extension of the existing cable TV franchise agreement. Coordinator Will Loew-Blosser has met with District 14 School Superintendent Mr. Dennis Rens to present a proposal

from the Board on ways to increase the school districts' use of the public access channel. Will is planning portapak demonstrations at the Senior and Junior High Schools.

If previous years are any indication, 1982 will prove to be our biggest year yet. Thank you to everyone involved with ETC 12, and keep up the wonderful work.

## Volunteers of the Year

The Workshop is only as successful and strong as its volunteers. We are primarily a volunteer organization; it is you who make programs, serve as cablecasters, work in the office and handle the corporate duties of the Workshop that make us go.

This year, for the first time, five volunteers will receive special recognition for their efforts on behalf of the Workshop. Announcement of the recipients will be made at the General Membership meeting April 1. The Workshop - Volunteer Power.

## Calendar of Upcoming Workshop Events

March 27, noon-4:00 - Advance Studio with Editing III

April 1, 7:30-Bi-Annual Membership meeting

April 3, noon-4:00 - Introduction Studio Production I

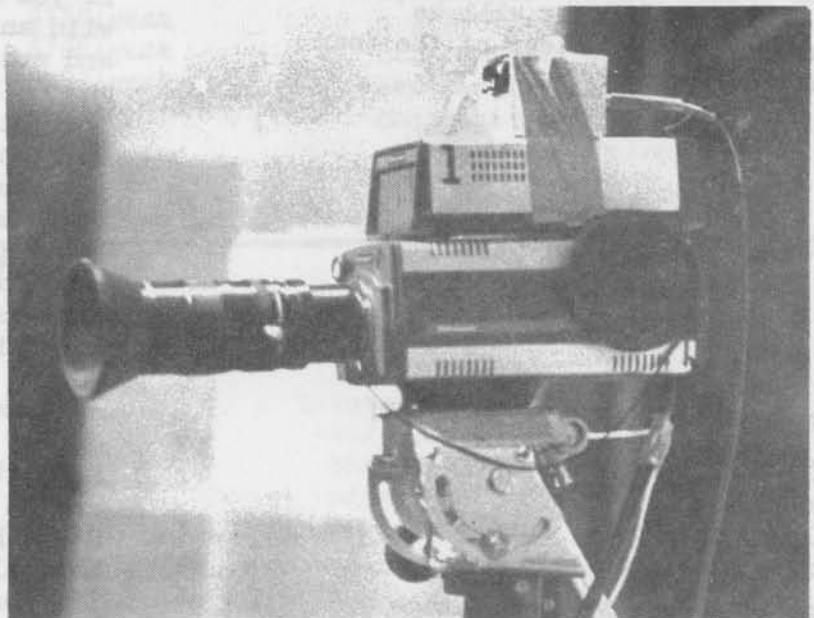
April 10, noon-4:00 - Introduction to Portable Video I

April 17, 10:30-2:30 - Studio Production Skills II

April 17, 3:00-6:00 - Portable Video Skills II

April 19-24 - Third Annual Telethon

May 1, noon-4:00 - Advance Studio with Editing III



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## College Intern Learns Broadcasting at ACCW



Chris Morrisette readily admits with a laugh, she didn't know much about video when she first came to Everyone's Television Channel 12 (ETC 12) but she's learning fast.

Morrisette, 20, is a St. Thomas College senior majoring in journalism, and has been in intern at ETC 12 since February 1.

"This is a new experience for me," she said. "St. Thomas focuses on print journalism, so I had no knowledge of broadcasting per se."

Morrisette came to ETC 12 largely through the efforts of Paul Kaspszak, a member of the Workshop Board of Directors. Morrisette had applied for an internship to WCCO-TV along with hundreds of other people from around the area. WCCO was unable to accommodate them all,

and WCCO was happy to direct Kaspszak to some of the applicants.

"When Paul called me, I was available for the internship," said Morrisette, "and eager to learn."

Morrisette puts in 10 to 20 hours per week at the ETC 12 studio and office, and is developing a love for broadcasting.

"I am really excited about the things I've learned," she said, adding with a laugh, "I'd love to replace Pat Miles, but I think I'm going to have to go to a smaller town to start, when I graduate this spring."

Morrisette has been learning quickly and said the toughest thing she's had to learn are the names of all the people involved with ETC 12 and the ACCW.

"I guess television is as easy or as hard as you make it," she said. "I feel if I work hard enough at it I can make it. There's nothing tough about it. I wasn't familiar with cablecasting when I first came, though, and I asked some really stupid questions."

Morrisette will be at ETC 12 as an intern through the end of May. Was she disappointed not to be at WCCO as an intern?

"I think this is much better," she said. "At WCCO I doubt if I could have touched much of the equipment, and even if I could have I don't know if I would have dared. Here I can do what I want. I'm naturally curious and I can ask questions, and not feel out of place...not feel like I'm encroaching on anyone."

Story by Larry Davenport

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you a VIDIOT? The Vidiots are a group of young people who work on productions and hold special training sessions. If you would like to join, call Paul Morin at 571-0638.

The Workshop has a PRINT LIBRARY located in the office. Check-out a magazine or book and improve your video knowledge.

Information about upcoming VIDEO FESTIVALS is posted on the bulletin board in the control room.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Our tape library has expended greatly. We are in desperate need of donated shelving. We are also in need of black paint to cover the walls of the studio.

If you are starting a NEW SERIES, give Timm Lovaas (Programming Committee Chairperson) a call at 571-9703. Other groups may be working on something similiar. Timm will put you in touch with each other.

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The Anoka County Communications Workshop, Inc. is a public access entity that was founded in 1975. We were founded to help facilitate access programs by providing education and training in the use of video equipment. Public access is a free speech forum for citizens and groups to express their ideas and concerns via cable television.

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