

Media course offers excitement

By Maria L. Kent

"It's just great! It integrates sculpture, painting, writing, and psychology...I really love it!"

"It," in the words of an enthused Linda Murphy, is a unique course offered by the Humanities division, Television Production.

"I took the course by accident...it fit into my schedule," the public policy major said when asked why she decided to take TV production. "I never knew...the course even existed. It was a very happy accident."

Presently, the student enrollment in the Humanities division is approximately 80 students, of which 40 students are multi-media majors.

The multi-media option enables the student to relate the Humanities with technology. According to Eton Churchill, professor of multi-media, Capitol is the only campus that allows the student to have access to all the equipment in the TV production room.

Churchill feels that the multi-media program at Capitol is advantageous to the media student for several reasons:

●The location of the campus helps the student because many government jobs are available in the area.

●Many internships are wanted in the multi-media field, which give the student experience and practical applications in the market place.

●Possible internships include working for the student to working in a local setting.

"Highly percent of students get jobs six months after graduation," Churchill said.

When Churchill was asked whether there would be any changes in the television courses offered next year, he said he was trying to get a computer graphics system. The system would replace the character generator that is presently used for constructing titles in the television room.

The new system would be a Sony SMC 70 G Onlocker. This system would cost approximately \$10,000. The graphics system would be used for the television production courses and the arts. The graphics system would type titles in six different typefaces, create computer graphics using 320 by 200 pixel resolution with 16 colors, and have a computer disc for interactive video. The disc is popular in the corporate world for use in training, according to Churchill. The system also comes with a tablet to write on

which is connected to a computer.

This computer graphics system is important to the TV production classes because this technology will help the student to do simple animations to full-blown realistic simulations. This system can help the student become more versatile and experienced when entering the real world.

Technology is an important part of the multi-media program. According to Jon Dunavent, a media student, "Technology is the future...we need it." Dunavent feels that a computer graphics system would be helpful for the student in the multi-media field as well as being helpful to other students in different majors.

Ken Stiggers, a media major, believes that he has learned more in the Humanities division than he did in engineering.

Ken, who has an associate degree in engineering, feels that versatility is necessary in order to keep up with the technology and the competition.

A new computer graphics system can produce special ef-

fects that can do things that were previously impossible or time consuming. Objects can be transformed into other objects, pass through each other, or change from being opaque to transparent. The computer system can make the camera look like it zooms in from miles away and then fly around an

object at a distance of only a few inches. Computer graphics can make television and film productions look more professional.

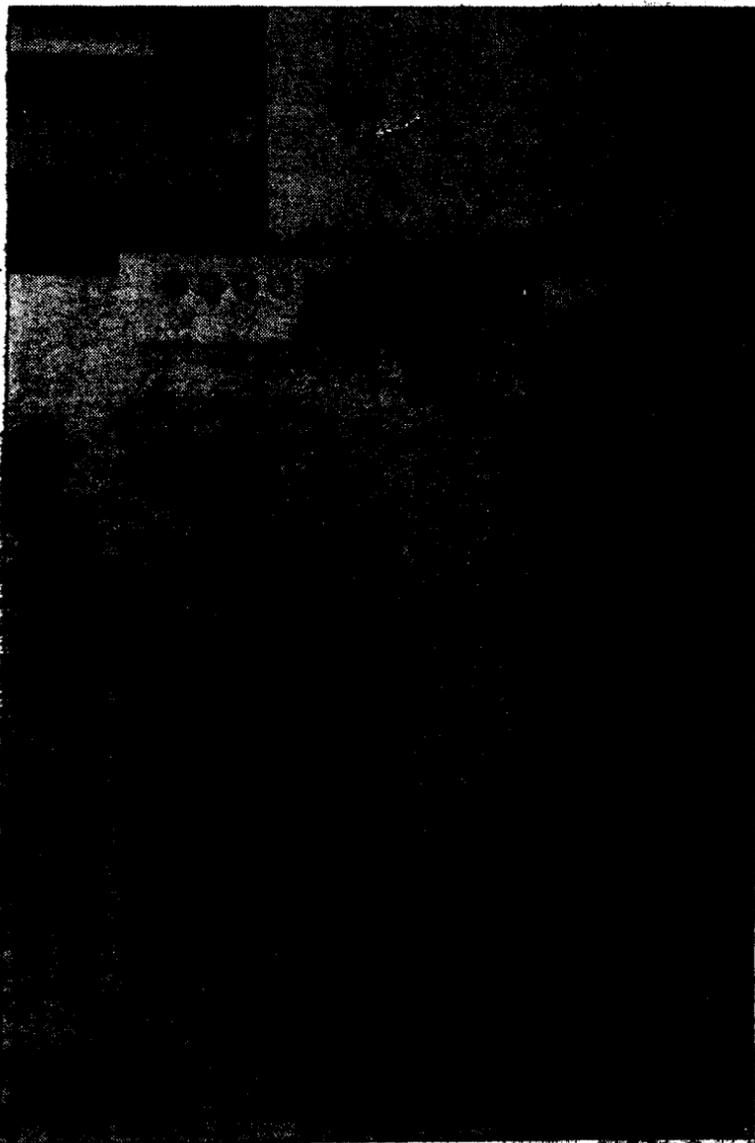
of technology involved, and then gives him complete freedom to use it," said Bob Watchilla, a multi-media student.

"It is a step-by-step learning process that provides the student with hands on experience," Stiggers said.

Students seeking a career in electronic journalism can take such Capitol courses as mass media technology, television production, writing for the screen, broadcasting, journalistic writing, and film and culture values.

"[Taking the course] was a very happy accident."

Linda Murphy



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