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TV10 produces miniseries based off of '24'

Students hope to film and edit 10 episodes before semester concludes

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Clandestine is a very hot-tempered detective. She's not a very friendly person, and she's also a fictional character played by sophomore Becky Rudar in the new TV10 miniseries, "Almost 1."

The show is based off of the TV series "24," but has its own plot, original script and is filmed in Eau Claire. It airs for the first time this week.

Senior Jessica Janiuk, production manager for TV10, came up with the idea when she needed something to teach her staff the steps of production, she said.

"With the stuff we've been doing we weren't learning," she said.

She said she was looking for something episodic, something they would work on all semester.

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The station is hoping to get more students watching TV programming on TV10. Survey results have shown that students don't watch the shows as much as the staff would like, Janiuk said.

"Almost 1"
Airs on Expose Yourself
Time: 9:30 p.m. Fridays
and Sundays; 9 p.m.
Tuesdays; and randomly
throughout the day
between movies
Channel: UW-Eau Claire
campus station TV10

Originally, the show intended to include students from the theater, music and English departments to help with various aspects of the show.

"It's our ultimate goal," Janiuk said, "But right now we just want to peak interest first."

Currently, the actors are five TV10 staff members.

Senior Kevin Gostomski, host of TV 10's "Expose Yourself," is one of the actors and co-writer of "Almost 1."

"I heard that production had an idea for a miniseries ... and '24' is one of my favorite shows on television," Gostomski said. "I watch it all the time."

Gostomski works with freshman Thadeus Logan to write the scripts. Then on Saturdays, everyone meets to start filming.

"It usually takes four to five hours a week, not including the editing," Rudar said. "Just setting up different shots and angles and then packing up the equipment to go to different places and reset it up again."

Episodes one through four already have been filmed, and episodes one and two are edited, Gostomski said.

Janiuk said its a difficult process.

"My grades may take a hit because of it, but it's been a pretty fun process," she said.

They are hoping to finish all 10 episodes by the end of this semester and maybe make a DVD with outtakes, Janiuk said.

The show airs during "Expose Yourself" and can be seen randomly throughout the day as a filler between movies.

Both the new and previous episodes will be shown so viewers will know what happened, Gostomski said.

"You'll get a good laugh out of it, it's really funny," Rudar said. "It's probably one of the most exciting things that's been on TV10."



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Members from the cast of "Almost 1" from left to right: Senior Kevin Gostomski, sophomore Christina Harris, freshman Becky Rudar, senior Molly Gansmoe and senior Andy Gehrke.



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