

Commentary

Space: The Final Frontier?

"To boldly go where no man has gone before" are familiar words to those who live in the science fiction world.

But to those who see it as the learning grounds of tomorrow, it may very well be a place where many men and women will "boldly go."

Take NASA's teacher-in-space program, for instance. Barbara Morgan, alternate to the late Christa McAuliffe who died in the 1986 Challenger explosion, feels it is time for the nation to refocus its attention on education that will point children towards the stars.

And she might not have to wait much longer.

According to top NASA officials who periodically discuss restarting the program, there is talk of assigning the McCall-Donnelly Elementary school teacher from southwest Idaho to a shuttle mission.

"Kids have an intense interest in space," former NASA administrator James Beggs said. "We thought a teacher would bring the experience home to them better than anyone."

It will be interesting to see if this program is renewed. After all, it will be the children in gradeschool today who will design the type of space craft necessary to take us beyond earth's atmosphere tomorrow, to truly go where no human has ever gone before.

Observation Deck

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journalist in space. According to *The Associated Press*, Walter Cronkite was among 39 finalists selected from the 1,703 who applied for the NASA sweepstakes nine years ago. Unfortunately, due to the Challenger disaster, this program, too, was put on hold.

"As far as I know, it's not even on the table," Ed Campion, an agency spokesman in Washington said, indicating hope for resurgence of the program didn't look promising.

According to Cronkite, who at 78 is still interested, his biggest problem would be being disappointed by being confined to earth's orbit.

"I would love to go deep into space, to the moon. I'd like to get out there and get a look at our planet, our little blue planet out there in the sea of dark."

It would be incredible if they restarted the program up, calling for interested news-hounds to belly to the ultimate "out-of-town assignment." I doubt if Rather, Jennings, Chung or other network greats could pass up the opportunity. Even Geraldo could pull this one off.

What an appealing idea for the journalists of the future to pursue. Here would be the opportunity of a lifetime to broadcast from a location that has alluded the media. And there would be no more guessing, wondering or supposing what is really out there.

Perhaps, in the future, a television anchor person will be lucky enough to sign-off by saying, "and that's the news for this evening, reporting live from space."

Speaking of space, many forms of life have frequented its domain: Dogs, monkeys, astronauts, teachers. Maybe it's time for the first



PHOTO BY STEVE HOBBS

Ethan Forhetz will begin hosting "The Perfect Match," produced entirely by Greenspun students. The new show debuts Friday at 6:30 p.m. on UNLV-TV, Prime Cable channel 4, and will air biweekly.

'Perfect Match' To Air Friday

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Is a match made not heaven, but in television possible?

UNLV-TV thinks it might be. UNLV-TV, which broadcasts on Prime Cable channel four, has added a new show to its line-up, one that hopes to connect a couple students here on campus.

"The Perfect Match" is patterned after "The Dating Game" with Jim Lange. Like that show, a contestant on one side of a partition selects from three contestants on the other side based on their responses to his or her questions. The sole contestant then chooses which one he or she would like to go out with and the couple is awarded a prize.

The first airing of the show is Friday at 6:30 p.m., with regular programming scheduled for every other Friday at the same time.

Prizes include free dinners and entertainment and will be awarded regardless of whether the cou-

ple actually decides to go on the date together.

The show features music by Las Vegas' popular artist Shawn Eiferman. Eiferman can be seen at numerous clubs including Tom and Jerry's and The Sports Pub.

Show host Ethan Forhetz says even if you don't find your perfect match on the show, you'll at least have a good time.

"It's a great way to meet someone, maybe you'll like them, maybe you won't. Even if you don't, you had a free date, you met some new people, and you got on TV."

As if just playing cupid in the '90s isn't hard enough, the producers of this show are doing it on their own. "The Perfect Match" is the first show in UNLV-TV's history to be entirely student produced.

"The students are completely organizing the show," said Laurie Fruth, cable manager for Greenspun School of Communication. "They've gone out and solicited donations for prizes, they've found students to appear as contestants, they put the opening together for the show, they even built the set. Everything that needs to be done to pull a show together has been done by the students."

Fruth says involving students directly is the best way to entice other students to get involved.

"Make them assume ownership of a program and they'll work harder to get their peers to watch it," she said. "They're al-

ready doing it with 'The Perfect Match.' They set up a booth in the student union to get contestants, they're advertising on the radio and in newspapers, and they've made fliers and put them up around campus."

Fruth predicts the new show will bring some exposure to UNLV-TV.

"In the past, it's been the Greenspun School of Communication students who have been doing the shows and watching the shows," Fruth pointed out. "We need to get other students watching the shows and I think this is the best way."

"We've gotten a lot of student involvement already. Students from almost every department have agreed to be contestants on the show," she said.

Although UNLV-TV has been on campus for five years, Fruth says there are still students who have never heard of the university-based station.

"I think they don't know we're here because we're a commuter campus," Fruth suggested. "There are a lot of students who come on campus, they take their classes, and they go home. We don't have a lot of activities on campus that keep students here. I think that's changing and as we continue to grow we will have more student involvement."

If you are interested in being a contestant on "The Perfect Match" or working for UNLV-TV, please contact UNLV-TV at 895-3876.

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