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Marathon broadcast of BBC's *The Office* airs on PBS 45 & 49

Entire first season of hit British comedy airs on Feb. 16

KENT, Ohio — Feb. 14, 2006 — Here's your chance to experience a completely different kind of employment. PBS 45 & 49 presents the complete first season of the British show **The Office** — all in one evening — on Thursday, Feb. 16 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Office is a place of petty rivalry, bad flirting and easily bruised egos. Filmed in documentary style, this sharply observed and highly acclaimed comedy exposes the excruciating truth about the world of nine-to-five. Set in a branch of the Wernham Hogg stationery company near London, the first season introduces smug, lower-middle-manager David Brent, who attempts to run an office while desperately craving the affection of his staff. His team consists of an army-obsessed territorial yes-man, Gareth Keenan (Mackenzie Crook of *Pirates of the Caribbean*). A self-appointed "team leader," Gareth is constantly bickering with witty underachiever Tim (Martin Freeman of *Love Actually*), an apathetic salesman who breaks up the monotony of his day pining after the sweet and long-suffering receptionist, Dawn (Lucy Davis of *Pride and Prejudice*).

David Brent exhibits innovative (and not recommended) management techniques, which include joking about firing the receptionist for the heinous crime of stealing Post-It notes, terminating nonexistent employees when asked by the head office to "cut back" and making derogatory jokes about anything and anyone.

Experience laugh-a-minute business employment like you never have before watching the entire first season of **The Office**. Season two of the show is coming — watch for it this summer on Saturday nights on PBS 45 & 49.

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