

It's been quite a year; let's take a look

It's that time of year when you turn on the exit signs and the fat lady sings.

Volume XXI No 25 is the last issue of The Print this year and this being my last column of the school year, it's time to tell you, affectionately referred to as "the reader," the story of this year's sports section.

Early fall term: An obnoxious, but enthusiastic 1986 graduate of Clackamas High School walks into The Print offices, a.k.a. "the trailer" to take on his second year as Sports Editor and his first as Design Editor (the guy who makes the paper look the way it does). Looking around I saw something. People. The new recruits. They were an odd sight and it was almost painful to look at them. I could only wonder if I was looked upon during my first days in this judgemental manner--considering the staff last year it's safe to bet that I was. They looked as nervous and unsure as I felt a year before. They looked so serious. It would be only a short amount of time before they would lose that seriousness and act like real Print staff members.

End of fall term: The new kids were blending in well, and in fact, were even behaving themselves. Mark Borrelli, one of those new kids was acting like a real sports reporter, making contacts and meeting deadlines. He had even mentioned that he wanted to be sports editor next year. Jerry Ulmer had just inquired about covering men's basketball and I

wasn't about to argue with that kind of logic.

Winter term: This term seems like a big blank to me. Jerry was at the helm of covering men's basketball Mark was still contributing and things were going strong in the sports section. In issue number 15 we printed the Sports Insert, which featured wrestling, men's basketball, and women's basketball along with features of the head coaches of each sport and statistics from each sport. Also, two staff members joined the staff that term, Michael Walker and Lisa Graham, who would eventually become Co-News Editors for Spring term.

Beginning Spring term (the decision): To be (next year's Editor-in-Chief) or not to be? Do I want to spend a third year at the college, which is so close to home. After all, there were two other candidates vying for the position. Do I really have anything more to offer than either of them do? Goals are a big part of life's accomplishments. My highest goal ever since I found out I would be attending Clackamas was to be Editor of the student newspaper, therefore I applied for the position. It was an outstanding feeling when I was informed that I had been chosen for the position.

End of Spring term: I'm sitting at the computer typing my final story of the year. That article is this final "Curran's Corner" of this school year to you, the reader. In recalling the school year I see ups and downs, mostly ups. This has

been a good year for me. Curiosity fills my mind as I look into fall term of 1988-89 and I can only wonder what I'll see when I scan the new recruits for next year's staff. I hope they won't be as serious as the kids this year were and the way I was nearly two years ago.

Curran's Corner



by Christopher Curran
Editor

A year-ending column wouldn't be complete without some acknowledgments.

From work study student to Opinions Editor to Copy Editor, Stephani Veff has always been around to smile, give her two cents worth, and take a swing at me and miss. She's due shortly to leave for Florida over the Summer, it's not the kind of thing I usually say, but I'll miss the goofiness, support, and even some of the arguments.

It's hard to classify Helen Veenstra. Born and raised in Holland, she's the first

Hollonoid I've ever met. Although I probably annoyed her with accent jokes and other Dutch references, I think she got used to it, and maybe a couple of times, even laughed.

Photo Editor Beth Coffey put up with a lot of my dry humor over the last four terms. She is one of a kind and one of few students I've met in my two years at Clackamas that I can truly say I respect. After seeing her talents in the last two years, I know she won't need it, but good luck in the future Beth.

Jerry Ulmer was different than any other staff member I've worked with on "The Print." He is the one person whom I could talk about the world of sports with and carry on an interesting conversation. But, Jerry, it's our talks about "Late Night With David Letterman" I will miss the most.

I didn't know her well, but Crystal Penner's efforts over the last two years were one of the most valuable contributions to the production of "The Print." I'll paint a picture. Consider all of the stories, headlines, and photo captions that have appeared in "The Print" over the last two years. Now picture somebody sitting at an out-of-date typesetter turning those stories into newspaper text. That somebody was Crystal. I'm glad we're going to a new computer system next year. She would be nearly impossible to replace and I'm glad we don't have to try.

Advisor Linda Vogt's biggest contribution to my journalism career at Clackamas was poin-

ting out to me where the athletic office was to the new sports editor at the beginning of last year. Next September we will both embark on our third years at Clackamas. With the two of us at the helm next year, "The Print" won't have any trouble maintaining a steady course in the future.

And, speaking of the future, my final acknowledgment goes to the people who are the future of "The Print." These are the people who were chosen last Friday for the editor positions next year. Carce Hussey will continue as Feature Editor as well as taking on a Managing Editor-type role; Michael Walker will be in charge of our credibility as Copy Editor; Mark Borrelli and Steven Ziolkowski will combine their talents as Co-Sports Editors; Julie Church takes over as Photo Editor; Lisa Graham jumps from Co-News Editor to Business Manager; and Mitch Walch, leader of the writer's club on campus, will take control of the literary magazine, "Rhapsody."

Some closing comments. Mark and Steven are kicking me out of the Sports section next year, therefore, you'll find "Curran's Corner" on the Opinions page.

I know there are several people on their way back to attend Clackamas next year. As Editor-in-Chief of "The Print" I request readership and response, whether good or bad.

As everything comes to an end, so does the 1987-88 school year. See you next fall.

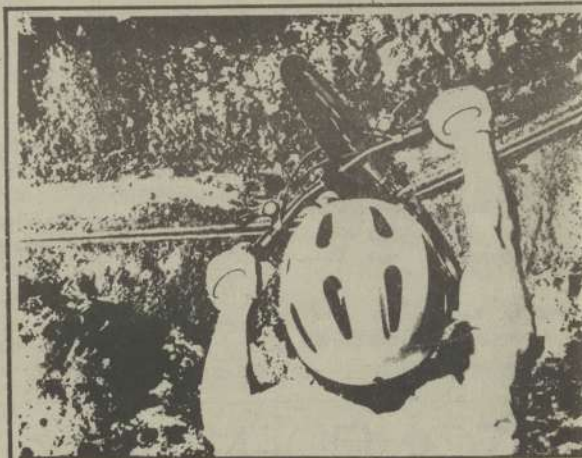


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