

**With two strikes and two out, football is the only show in town**by Jason Hunter  
Sports Editor

With Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League in the can, football has stole the spotlight with a season of surprises, disappointments and records in the NFL.

The AFC East is going to come down to the wire, with all five teams in the hunt. Odds are Miami will win the division, but they will get a good showing from the Bills. The Patriots are a much improved team from last year. If they can find a running game to take some of the pressure off Drew Bledsoe, they will find themselves in playoff territory. The India-

napolis Colts will be in the play-off hunt as well, with rookie running back Marshall Faulk leading in rushing and Jim Harbaugh leading in passing. They just need to tighten up their defense, which is ranked 10th in the AFC.

The New York Jets will make some commotion in the east, but I don't think it will be enough. Johnny Johnson has carried the team so far with 592 rushing yards, but they need to keep Boomer Esiason on his feet.

In the AFC East, the Miami Dolphins have taken command with a 6-2 record. Dan Marino has come back from last season's season-ending injury and is cur-

rently leading the AFC with 18 touchdown passes, 2,170 passing yards and an 89.1 rating (second highest). Bernie Parmalee has come in and done an outstanding job at running back with 496 yards on the ground. Irving Fryar has turned 33 receptions for 647 yards while Keith Byars has 47 catches for 409. If the team stays healthy, look for the Dolphins to dominate the AFC.

It has been overlooked that the Buffalo Bills have been the second-best team in the NFL for four straight years, and are threatening to repeat again as AFC champs. The Bills are currently 5-3 and are trailing the Dolphins by a game. Jim Kelly and Andre Reed have connected 45 times for 692 yards, while Thurman Thomas has picked up 579 yards on 144 carries. Bruce Smith got to

the quarterback eight times and, in doing so, leads the AFC in sacks. Steve Christie is the NFL's most accurate kicker. His three field goals against the Chiefs gave him 100 in his career, which makes him 100/124 (80.65%). This season he has made 19/19 extra points and is perfect with 15 field goals in 15 attempts. The

*Continued on page 4***Where are all the fans?**By Jesse Sowa  
Staff Writer

The Clackamas Volleyball team has put together a late second-half rally in order to earn a spot in the NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) tournament.

We have students at the college that enjoy watching sports who are hanging out at the mall, watching re-runs of their favorite "Roseanne" episode or cruising 82nd Avenue on Wednesday nights. Does anyone else see something wrong with this?

Last year, the men's basketball team here at the college had a sensational year. They were unstoppable in conference play and went on to win the NWAACC Tournament. Yet the team got little or no support from the student body.

The people at this college need to stop for a minute and figure out what's going on around them.

I could go on and on about how sports programs at Clackamas Community College are not supported by the staff and students here. But why should I write about this when people would rather go to the movies than watch a successful college team do what they do best - succeed.

It isn't like this is the first year that Clackamas has had winning sports teams. Clackamas has long been a place where the athletes take great pride in being the best.

Take a look at all the trophies outside the gym in Randall Hall or walk into Cross Country and Track Coach Mike Hodges' office. Hodges' office is filled with plaques, trophies and pictures of success in the teams he leads.

Community college teams that put fans in the bleachers should be the ones that have committed, accomplished programs. We have these kind of programs here at Clackamas.

At Mt. Hood Community College, home volleyball matches draw between one hundred and two hundred people, most of those being students. At Chemeketa Community College, a men's basketball home game packs the gymnasium with a wild, enthusiastic crowd.

With a student body enrollment of 10,000 to 13,000 here at Clackamas, our sports programs should be a major focus of student gatherings.

Come to a volleyball match, basketball game or wrestling event in the near future. Come see what Clackamas is all about.

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**Letters to the Editor:  
Students and staff speak out  
against discrimination**

To The Editor:

I was shocked and disturbed to read Gaven Marble's letter to the editor on Nov. 9. The worst thing is, I knew Gaven in high school; I liked and respected him for his integrity. Well, that was blown to hell.

Yes it's true that there could have been some explanation for egging cars other than a "No on 13" sticker. But not likely. You're really reaching, Gaven, trying to rationalize a way out of the fact that many people who oppose homosexuality -- even some Christians -- are paranoid bigots. There's no reason for you to say, "It wasn't us." I'm sure it wasn't you, but it could have been someone else who supported the OCA's cause. Just like the people who vandalized "Yes on 13" signs probably came from some misguided person in the "No on 13" camp. So drop the "us against them" mentality, will you? Try some of us or some of

them.

You make the same mistake when you say "every person ... knows what the homosexuals in this country want." Can you read my mind, Gaven? Do you know what I want? Do you realize what a disgusting piece of slander this is, making such a judgmental generalization about a bunch of people you don't even know? People who are different and feel differently about things. At the very least, you could have said some homosexuals. But why should I expect that from you? The OCA used the same irresponsible generalization in their propaganda, and called on the voters to "protect our children." From what, may I ask? From the evil homosexual lepers?

I bet you didn't know that when the OCA's anti-gay rights measures started cancerously spreading all over our once-beautiful state, I saw a man on TV bragging about how he could now fire someone if he saw him kissing his boyfriend 'cause "I don't

like that." You contradict yourself when you say "I don't want to hear about it," then try to refute Kate Gray's observation of "attempts to silence a group of people." As for minority status, being gay is not about behavior, which stems from the way someone is inside through no choice of his/her own. Like race and gender, sexual orientation is not a choice; it's the way someone is. There is growing evidence that sexual orientation is a genetic matter. Yet it is still an excuse for discrimination, which is why gays should have minority status.

As a Christian who happens to be gay, I have been alienated from churches and fellowship because of people like you who are so self-righteous like the Pharisees in Christ's time. Good job, you Christ-like disciple you! You make me hate. But I know you love me with the love of God. Sincerely, Leigh Martin  
CCC Student

Dear Editor:

I'd like to thank Gaven Marble for his vicious personal attack on my colleague and friend Kate Gray in last week's Print. I've spent hours arguing against Measure 13, which, like Kate Gray, I view as an attempt to "silence a group of people," and it's usually an uphill battle. But when I can pro-

duce writing like Mr. Marble's as an example of pro-13 rhetoric, it makes my job a heck of a lot easier!

I admit it's embarrassing for our school to reveal in such a public forum as the Print that we harbor even one student capable of developing ideas only through the use of such infantile epithets as "fool," "stupid," "jerk," and

"crap." But isn't a little embarrassment a small price to pay for such a valuable contribution to the cause of civil rights? So keep spewing that bile, Mr. Marble, and note, Print readers, the loving spirit of this would-be guardian of "our children."  
David Mount  
CCC English Instructor

To the Editor:

I am disturbed by the hostile tone in Gaven Marble's letter to the editor. Calling Kate Gray's comments "crap" and referring to her as "a jerk" does nothing to advance his argument in favor of Measure

13. It is merely name calling and is on the same level as throwing eggs at the car which carried a "No on 13" bumper sticker.

It is also worth mentioning that Mr. Marble fails to address Ms. Gray's concern about the tearing down of "No on 13" signs on

six English instructors' doors. Incidentally, this happened again to some of the replacement signs. Trying to deprive people of their voices is mean-spirited and wrong.  
Diane Averill  
English Instructor

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