

Editor thanks staff for exceptional job

LANEY FOUSE
Editor-in-Chief

I have looked forward to graduating from college for as long as I can remember. Yet, it is with some trepidation that I approach writing my last editorial column.

My assignment was to wax eloquently on a woman's right to wear a bra, or if she so chooses, not to wear one. As our deadline loomed large on the horizon, I found myself having difficulty concentrating on the subject. All my best writing instructors have taught me to write about a subject for which I feel most passionate. Today, that is my friends who have served as *The Print* staff over the course of the last nine months.

Congratulations to Brad Zimmerman, who will serve as one of next year's editors. During his time as managing editor, he managed to keep this editor sane. Without his expertise in layout and design and his "finger on the pulse" of every computer problem we have had on production day, I am sure I would not have survived.

My other congratulations goes to Christina Mueller for being selected as the other half of the editor team. It is always exciting to see a student grow creatively and enhance their leadership abilities. Her people skills and talented writing will serve her well during the next

school year.

Brendon Neal and I have worked together for five terms. He taught me just about everything I know about PageMaker software. With his help, I made it through page design and layout. I also want to thank him for all the times we delivered the paper on campus and when he allowed me to buy him lunch. His talent as a writer, photographer and page designer will serve him well at the University of Oregon.

To my friend Karin Redston, I thank her for the many times she let me vent my frustrations and for her understanding. We have had a lot of great laughs. Her nose for news will serve her well when she returns to help staff next year's *Print*.

Jon Roberts and I have also worked together for five terms. His creativity on the A&E section was awesome. I'm going to miss him and his "Mindbenders."

Someone once said every journalist should make their copy editor their best friend. Cindy Hines Kurfman made that an easy step for me. Her encouragement and dedication to making our paper error free was exceptional. We will certainly hear about this talented and gifted poet as she continues her education at Lewis and Clark College in the fall.

John Thorburn, our assistant sports editor, emerged as a leader in covering an active and winning athletics' depart-

ment at Clackamas. His ideas brought a creative energy to the newspaper, while his writing skills helped expand our sports coverage.

Mairin-Anne Moore took the demanding task as business manager and made it look easy. Her smiling face and compassion buoyed our sometimes dismal spirits.

If you looked in the encyclopedia under "the best photo editor in the West" you would probably see Joel Coreson's picture. There's no doubt in my mind -- he probably even took the picture! Not only is he a photographer, he also runs what we affectionately call "Coreson's one-hour photo lab." Thanks to him, our photos have been memorable. I wish him the best on his move to Eugene and his plans for the future.

One of the most fascinating people for me to watch this past term has been our cartoonist Joel Gunderson. Thanks to his deft hand at drawing, my editorials have been graced with some rather impressive cartoons. Thanks Joel and keep those pencils sharpened.

Kim Harney is another talented writer. We have been fortunate to have her split her time between us and the newsletter she writes for the Winterhawks.

Maggie Bragg joined us earlier this year and our office just has not been the same. An outrageous lady, she can have me in stitches in no time at all. She is the other part of the copy editing team on

production day, and in general, helps out wherever she is needed. Good luck next year, Maggie.

Had it not been for Joel Shempert, our readers would have missed out on several reviews of the artistic talent abundant on this campus. Thanks for sharing and taking time out of your busy schedule to help us out.

To our secretary JoAnne Gale, many, many thanks! Your news tips were greatly appreciated. But, most of all, helping keep our advisor organized should garner you a big award, if not some fame.

Last, but not least, to my friend, my confidante, my inspiration and advisor, Linda Vogt. Do you remember when I dropped the first journalism class I signed up for back in the fall of 1995? I have to admit, I was really intimidated by the whole idea of realizing my dream. I had to complete those seven writing classes before I gained enough confidence to try again in the winter term. My first story was not newspaper style, yet you gave me a powerful tool to succeed -- your words of encouragement. I can never thank you enough for helping shape my career as this year's editor. It is with confidence I say that having your support, as well as the support of this year's staff, has made *The Print* the best it has ever been.

Thanks to everyone who participated this year and to the readers who have supported our efforts.

Acceptance, goodwill and respect are the cornerstones of successful communication and exchange -- ones that cross all barriers of class, gender, race and ability.

~Bob Abramms-Mezoff & Diane Johns

Opinion: Thy cup runneth over

CHRISTINA MUELLER
Feature Editor

I know someone who does not wear panties. Is that a crime? Undergarments sometimes cause unwanted creases that can ruin the image a woman is trying to achieve.

Although some men can not seem to control themselves and are dying to wear women's undergarments, the truth is they are not comfortable, to say the least.

Imagine this: it's early afternoon on a warm day and you have wires poking into your rib cage. In addition to that, in the small of your back there is an incredible itching sensation you just can not reach. These are the benefits of wearing a bra.

I feel that if a woman chooses to wear an oversized sweatshirt without the support of a bra underneath, it is O.K. Many people say that it is offensive and gross to see braless women under a sweatshirt, but it is nearly impossible to see that a woman is bare underneath.

I do feel that going braless under a tight top is unacceptable. To have visibility of the exact contour without a bra is wrong and disgusting.

In a recent controversy at Molalla High School, several teens protested for the right to go braless. In prior incidents, the girls were sent home after wearing tight, strappy tank tops without bras. Needless to say the



shirts were quite revealing.

It makes me wonder if these girls have any self respect. I am sure if they could get away with it, they would not wear shirts or bras.

There is a difference between being comfortable and making a sex statement. I feel it is only O.K. to not wear a bra if people can not tell.

If a bra shows through a backless, strapless prom dress or it's a cleaning house comfort day, it's all right to not wear a bra, but if you are braless for any other reason, it is wrong and gross.

Letter to the Editor

ELC director applauds environmental club's efforts

To the Editor:

Hooray for HEEL!! This group of dedicated students not only brings important issues to our attention, but also, and maybe most importantly, offers specific actions and opportunities for us to act in more environmentally friendly and sustainable ways. Environmental Week was just the latest example of their efforts; HEEL has worked cooperatively with the college to help bring institutional change in the use of recycled paper and paper products, recycling bins in all areas of the campus, and an awareness of more sustainable landscaping and planting practices.

Last April, HEEL co-sponsored "Community College Connection," a day-long training session presented by the National Wildlife Foundation's Campus Ecology program. Eighteen

community colleges from throughout the region were represented. I learned that day what I had suspected since I arrived here last August: CCC is recognized as a national model for involving students, staff, administration, and faculty in finding ways to lessen our negative impacts on the environment.

Without an administration willing to listen, and without students willing to speak up, our community will not be able to respond as quickly to the ever-changing world around us. Thanks, HEEL, for your diligence. We are a better place for it.

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