

Errors in recent issues of the *Print* addressed

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Copy Editor

"I was very proud to see the article about Baldwin van der Bijl... I hold [him] in high personal regard. Therefore, you can understand my irritation at seeing his quote attributed to Beavis..."

Kathy Logemann, Computer Science.

This week, the newspaper has become the news. The letter quoted above represents well the letters and comments the Clackamas Print has received recently due to a number of errors in the paper.

In issue 21, we ran a story about Baldwin van der Bijl and his recent promotion. The story was fine except for the problem mentioned above. The offensive adolescent to whom the quote was attributed is by no means our new dean of math, science and allied health.

Unfortunately for the real dean and us, the template we generate all of our pulled quotes from has Beavis's name as a placeholder. We're supposed to change Beavis to the correct name as we need it. This, obviously, didn't happen for issue number 21.

"I realize that this is most likely the result of an error on the part of someone or several someones," Logemann goes on to say in her correspondence. This is true. It's the page editor's job change the template, and the copy editor and advisor's job to make sure it's done.

"However, to choose a name such as Beavis as the default placeholder shows a lack of judgment," Logemann continues. "Perhaps the person who decided to use this placeholder also felt that they would never make an error. This shows an excessive amount of arrogance." This is a good point. Something like "Name Here" would have been an equal oversight, but would have been less embarrassing to both van der Bijl and the Print.

The fact is that, in the transition from word-pro-

cessor articles to printed newspaper articles, there are many changes made for style, clarity, grammar, spelling and brevity. All told, there are usually between 300 and 400 of these changes made per eight-page issue. For a 12-pager like issue 21, obviously, there are more.

Consequently, more mistakes are missed. About 30

changes should have been made on this issue that weren't caught. This is a normal number for an issue this size.

In other recent issues, a word in the front page headline was misspelled, an write-in ASG presidential candidate's name was misspelled, and the last line of a photo caption was left off. The staff of the Print realizes that these errors are avoidable.

Sometimes errors are beyond our control, however. For instance, last week the Print was nearly mistake free—and our printer made an error that severely hurt its appearance.

The Print has also begun receiving negative feedback recently for its content. In particular, a column by cartoonist Mark Hoffmann ("Dear Grizzo") and a list of "Top Ten Reasons to Attend Clackamas" in the Arts and Entertainment section offended a few readers. Though these articles were mostly tongue-in-cheek, they were "on the edge" in the ironic tone they utilized.

The Print staff is concerned about reader reaction to anything it produces. However, unlike the spelling and attribution errors, reaction to these columns was mixed. Some students found them highly offensive, while others enjoyed them and wanted to see more.

This paper embraces freedom of the press. We do not adjust our opinions to fit with what the general population desires. Any other newspaper would be proud to admit this fact as well. Therefore, not everything we say will please everyone. If it did, what would attract readers?

Even freedom of the press can be taken too far, though. It is as much the readers' decision as ours whether or not this happens in anything we write. That's why we print letters to the editor and have an advisor who lets us know what is and is not acceptable journalism.

Please see the rest of our opinion section of this issue for some thoughts on the Print's content. Do we go too far? Are we doing our job as a student paper? You be the judge. E-mail us at cccprint@clackamas.cc.or.us or see us in Barlow 104. We accept feedback of all types.



ASG awards staff for hard work



JACOB BOENISCH
ASG President

There comes a time when the year winds down, and students and teachers want the year to end! Yet, we must continue our path to finish and finish strong.

It is also the time where we need to congratulate teachers and staff for being strong all year.

Student government wanted to give credit where credit was due. This year we have created two new awards that will become an annual part of our year-end traditions. The awards are "Best Help" and the illustrious "Rookie of the Year" award.

The "Best Help" award is for full- and part-time teachers who have always been there for students. "Best Help" means that an instructor will go out of their way to make a student's education a success. The winners are of the best quality and have advanced to a higher level of excellence. They help students succeed and constantly improve themselves and their styles.

For the 1997-98 school year student

government awarded two full-time and two part-time instructors. The winners are, for full time: Geology Instructor Jon Snively and Speech Instructor Kelly Brennan. For part-time instructors ASG has awarded Health Instructor Tim Pantages and Spanish Instructor David Miller.

The "Rookie of the Year Award" is awarded to an individual new to the Clackamas institution. This person must personify the Clackamas way, our mission, and maintain a high level of service to students and staff. The Rookie of the Year is our most prestigious award. It is an example of excellence and a symbol of working hard to make things happen.

This year's winner has proven himself as an accomplished servant, a hard worker and a great cook. Student government unanimously awarded Cafeteria Operator Rick Traynor our Rookie of the Year award.

I would like to thank all of the winners for their hard work and dedication. You are the embodiment of all that is right with Clackamas. Thanks for making it a great school year.



DEAR GRIZZO
a column by Mark Hoffmann

The following is Grizzo's first letter from an actual person.

Dear Grizzo,

I believe your choice of words and abusive language are inappropriate and cruel. Those individuals who took the time to write you were stating their opinions and clearly not attacking you...

I further feel that your opinion directly reflects your attitude regarding your teachers, fellow students, and those employees that help you with your college needs. If you feel we lack higher intelligence are you implying that you know it all?

Amber Forrester

Please accept my sincere apology for any offensive statements I made in the last issue of The Print. If you had to deal with these pig-gish editors and slow-as-snails staff writers you'd be feeling the same way. The comments I made were definitely a bit aggressive and I probably shouldn't have made them. You'll notice, however, that I refrained from using any actual "bad words," confining myself solely to witty insults.

Oh, by the way, the people who wrote in don't care about the comments I made, because I'm the one who writes the questions. They were fabricated and I can tell you for a fact that my feelings were not hurt.

A column of helping and healing

And as for your question about me knowing it all? I am pleased you were able to read far enough into my writings as to discover that fact. That was the purpose of my entire column, and you were able to detect it. This is impressive since all these lepers here in the Clackamas Print lab still haven't realized that am the supreme being of all-knowing...

Dear Grizzo,

I hate the Clackamas Print. You guys are always spelling things bad and uses bad grammar. Why don't you clean up your acts and print a desent [sic] newspaper for once?

Print Hater

Well, Cretin, if you could lower your pudgy little nose down to the level of us lowly Print staff members for a few minutes you'd realize that most people are not perfect, dunderhead. In fact, here at the Print we are proud of our mistakes and actually make some of them on purpose so as to provide some weekend entertainment for miserable fools like you. Your comments are not appreciated and your snippy little attitude is certainly going to cause problems when you hit puberty and start looking for dates.

Well kids, that's it for another Dear Grizzo column. I hope you had as much fun as I did.

News Briefs

Anthropology 242: Introduction to Field Archaeology will be an exclusive course offered Summer Term. Contact Bob Keeler at ext. 2339, or stop by his office in M224.

Ushers are needed for "Twelfth Night" in exchange for free admission. The play will run in the McLoughlin Hall Theater the evenings of May 21-23, 29 and 30 and the afternoon of May 31. Contact Alice Nelson in M112 or at ext. 2356.

The Water Extrusion Party will be tomorrow in the Forum at 3 p.m.

The college's Summer Writers' Workshop for Writers of Children's Literature and Young Adult Fiction will be held at the college July 10 and 11. Contact Allen Widerburg at ext. 2359.

Student parents are invited for the First Annual Ice Cream Sundae Party May 29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Skylight Dining Room. Contact ext. 2247 for more information.

The Clubs Banquet is currently scheduled for June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Spaghetti Factory. Contact your club advisor to RSVP or contact Ellen in ASG at ext. 2247.

Students interested in fundraising for copy machines contact Allison Knott at KNOT6752@Clackamas.cc.or.us.