

Editor-in-Chief selected for next year's Clackamas Print

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As the school year draws to a close, it is a time to say goodbye to friends who are leaving, say hello to new friends arriving, hire new teachers, elect a new student body president, and fill the position for *The Clackamas Print's* Editor in Chief.

John Thorburn, a Clackamas veteran and talented journalist, has been chosen Editor in Chief and will assume those responsibilities in the fall.

"We had qualified candidates and the decision was not an easy one," said Linda Vogt, advisor for *The Clackamas Print*. "John is a dedicated, talented section editor who will bring strong journalism skills and leadership to this position. I'm very pleased he has been selected."

John has earned respect and admiration from his peers on *The Print* staff and they welcome his authority and influence.

Many readers will recognize Thorburn as the *Print* Sports Editor. This past year he covered all Cougar sports, profiled top athletes and gave credit where credit is due to coaches and instructors.

Thorburn's talent for sports writing was noted immediately upon his joining *The Print* staff. After his first term as a staff writer in the fall of '96, he was promoted to Assistant Sports Editor. Last year, he was selected as the Sports Editor and he continued that position into this school year.

After leaving Clackamas, John plans to transfer to U of O and work toward becoming a Sports Information Director. The job fo-

cuses on Public Relations; it functions as a liaison between a school's athletic department and the community.

John said he has enjoyed his time as sports editor.

"My first love is sports," Thorburn said. "My second love is Megan," he added, referring to his girlfriend, Megan Oldenstadt, Design Editor for *The Print*.

The transition to a non-sports-related position may be difficult for Thorburn, who has been so heavily integrated into that aspect of Clackamas during his three years as a student. However, he awaits the new experiences and challenges with anticipation.

Initially, Thorburn wasn't planning to stay at Clackamas next year. What was it that changed his mind?

"I chose to stay because of this year's staff on *The Print*," he replied. "The quality of our product has improved and is only improving more. The staff is talented and competent, and many of our best writers are returning next year. I couldn't pass up the opportunity of working in such a great environment."

Yet, just because the paper has improved this past year doesn't mean Thorburn can't see room for growth. Diversity and depth are two important words for next year's product. With Linda Vogt as advisor,



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John Thorburn is a long-time sports editor for *The Print*. This is his first job on the paper outside of the sports department. He will be taking control of the paper starting with the first edition this fall and will lead the paper into the 21st Century.

John Thorburn's leadership and the talented staff's dedication, achieving those goals is within reach.

"We need to move the focus from 'What we are covering?' to 'How we are covering it?'" Thorburn said. "It's also important for *The Print* to be a bridge between the students and the different areas of CCC, specifically, the ASG," he added.

Thorburn's head is swimming with innovative and imaginative ideas. And he, with his charisma and motivation, is leading the way into a new millennium.

ASG highlights

Cynthia Cambell

- Blood drives, 127 units donated over three terms, 42 from first-time donors, 68 last week alone. Over 300 lives saved
- Environmental Arts Fair
- Volunteer projects; Adopt a Road, homeless shelters, observatory repairs

Bryan Fuentes

- Clubs fairs

James Gould

- Game Room, reclaimed space for student use
- Cougar Classic, community basketball tournament

Cherrie Hutchinson

- Childcare fundraising and childcare grants for students who are parents
- Childcare media day

Saida Johnston

- Find A Carpool, brand new program; check out the bulletin board outside the Community Center

Dewayne Kelly

- Environmental Arts Fair

David Klusmann

- Cougar Classic, community basketball tournament

Jason Knutsen

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- BBQ's and bands, KNRK on campus with gifts

- Cougar Club as an official college recognized club and standing committee

Danielle Nati

- Childcare fundraising and childcare grants for students who are parents

- Childcare media day, got many people to call legislators about childcare funding that the legislative aides complained

Christine Reed

- Rock the Vote, more than 100 newly registered voters

- Lobbied in Salem and in Washington, DC

- Washington DC trip to lobby for increase to Federal Financial Aid (Pell Grant, Work Study, Childcare)

Laurie Robinson

- Book exchange, 200% increase over last year; students saved \$796 in spring term

- Textbook grants, new program; first nine grants already funded and issued

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