

'Try not to work too hard this year'

How many Molallans does it take to screw in a light bulb? Just kidding.

From the Editor's desk...

realized again that people are entertained the most by pure adrenaline.



John Thorburn Editor-in-Chief

What really makes a person want to run into the ocean and bodysurf the tumbling waves in the middle of October?

Was it the fact that the weather was nice? No way—we wanted to be able to say, "Hey! I swam in the ocean! I'm crazy!"

Some people might say, "You're immature and you should be shot." We don't like those people.

At a staff luncheon in September, college president John Keyser encouraged the employees of the school, "Try not to work too hard this year."

That's awesome.

There are two rules the newspaper staff is going to live by this

year: 1. Be nice; 2. Have fun. Pretty simple. Don't forget to smile when you're in class or at work. If you're teaching or studying, remember, you only get one shot at this game so you might as well have fun.

I often say the ultimate thrill would be to skydive. Hurling my body out the door of an airplane would be amazing—if only to see the world from a different angle, if only to make my eyes water a little more than usual, if only to risk my life and limb and then to safely land with my feet on the ground.

Maybe that's what the *Print* staff will do for a spring retreat. If our parachutes don't open, though, we'll have a hard time running another edition of T and A. Which I'm sure would make everybody cry.

For now, our feet are grounded but our heads are in the clouds.

Enjoy the rest of the paper and remember: in the unlikely event of a waterlanding, your seat cushion will act as a floatation device.

This past weekend, the *Print* staff took off for its annual beach retreat on the Oregon coast. The location: Manzanita. The purpose: To discuss the progress of our work and create a better working relationship between staff members. Plainly, to do a little bonding.

As my friends and I wrestled with the knife-sharp cold waves of the great Pacific, with its bitter salty taste, I suddenly realized what this week's column could be about. Like my discussion last week about scaring each other, I

Women in sports? You better believe it

Women in mens' sports have taken hold of the world, and I hope they never let go.

Make a statement, be heard...

the man parts, but she certainly does have the balls just for stepping into the arena with "Machismo," the burley beast of a bull.

However, just five months after facing beast and losing, she retired. In interviews,

Sanchez said her retirement was due to men's chauvinist attitudes toward her.

Hello! Walking into the arena pitted against a beast that could rip her from one end to the other is a lot more than some men would do.

So she lost, and so what? At least she went in. It doesn't make her a loser; it makes her a winner. Then she quit because of chauvinism. I hate to break it to her, but it's alive and well in society.

The way I see it Sanchez had two options: to walk into the ring head

held high, or back out knowing she accomplished what some men only dream—either way she's won.

I'm not saying men in sports don't deserve recognition. I'm saying that we as women are set to higher standards because oh my gosh, we have the gall to walk into the men's world.

I don't think less should be expected of us because people think there is no way we can live up to standards set by men. In the end men may be surprised, when going up against a typical women in football, boxing or soccer, to find out she's not so typical—to find out, in fact, she may be able to whoop some ass.

Women don't deserve special rights. However, if we believe we have the ability to make it in men's sports then we deserve a chance to prove ourselves—to prove we can kick the soaring field goal, knock out the best or fly high beside Michael Jordan. At least we tried, so give us some credit.



Salena De La Cruz Sports Co-Editor

Margaret "Tiger" MacGregor put up her dukes Oct. 8, in the first mixed-gender boxing match, against Loi Chow. She won by a unanimous vote. Whooo Hoo!! Talk before the match was that it was a publicity stunt. Either way, it's a nice change to see a woman show up in a man's world. She may not be accepted, but at least she stepped into it.

Another good example of women up against men is the first female matador [bullfighter] Christina Sanchez. She may not have



It's a small world when it comes to the removal of a president.



Another Voice...

Where was Clackamas?

As I sat in the Oregon City High School Football Stadium on Wednesday night for the Vigil Against Violence, my heart was overwhelmed by the showing of students from the majority of high schools throughout the county. I asked myself where are Clackamas Community College and its students??? Isn't the college part of the community? Are we not concerned about violence in our community? Does Clackamas believe a critical incident [shooting] can't happen at a community college? If so, we are sadly mistaken. In this day and age, a shooting can happen anytime, any place and anywhere. We each need to ask ourselves, am I part of the solution or part of the problem? As a former NRA member and gun owner, I felt I was a part of the problem, so I wrote Mr. Heston a note and sold my gun.

Speakers gave the devastating statistics about violent shootings that have taken place since 1996 - leaving a wake of 37 dead and 79 wounded - Moses Lake, WA; Paducah, KY; Jonesboro, AR; Fayetteville, TN; Littleton, CO. Mothers from Thurston High School [Springfield] shared the incredible triumphs over emotional and physical trauma by the victims of their horror. A representative from Clackamas Women's Services addressed the group about the subtleties of dating violence, a thread weaving through many of these tragedies. [Criminal Justice Club will hold a Brown Bag on Dating Violence Awareness on 10/28/99 12-1 p.m. in CC 127]

Students shared a new program they have designed, "By Kids, For Kids". This program's goal is to make every individual student, at any

school, responsible for reporting "abnormal behavior" so peers can receive help. Just think, if we all did that, people who need help might actually get it. People who feel angry, depressed or out of sync with the rest of the world might gain a new perspective through intervention. Young would-be criminals might be stopped before embarking on a life of crime leading to jail or death. Mentally/emotionally disturbed people might receive professional counseling before they go "postal" and take out someone I care about.

To some of you this might sound too idealistic, but I have hope in this generation and those that will follow. A hope that the civil war in our country waged against each other will end. Don't get me wrong, there is not one problem, but many. Yes, it is gun availability, poor parenting, lack of adequate enforcement of current laws and people to administer them, lack of constructive programs for kids, too much violence on TV, movies, video games and a lack of ethics and standards. We are all individually and collectively part of the problem and can be part of the solution.

Clackamas, I challenge you to get involved. In 2000, let's stand up when the roll of schools represented is called during the Candlelight Vigil Against Violence. Wear "Ribbons of Promise," and tie them on car antennas. Let's stand up and boldly go where this college has never gone before. Be a millennial warrior who will end this senseless war against the human race. End violence in all forms, against all people, for all time.

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