

## Outlooks for the year and new changes

Welcome to a new school year and a new edition of the Clackamas *Print*. After winning 13 journalism awards last year, including the top award for General Excellence for Oregon community college newspapers, we hope to

to reach all of you.

To keep up with technology and the Internet world of www.coms, we have a new web site this year. Editions of the *Print* may be found at [www.ClackamasPrint.com](http://www.ClackamasPrint.com).

Another change we plan to make is to include our writer's e-mail address at the end of every article, so if you have comments, you may write the journalist directly.



Diana Scrivner  
Editor-in-Chief

That's just the way it is

once again bring you a quality paper.

Our goal is to write articles about things that affect and interest you as a student. I know you are a very diverse student body, and we hope

We want your comments, good or bad. Write us a "letter to the editor." Our general e-mail address is [cccprint@clackamas.cc.or.us](mailto:cccprint@clackamas.cc.or.us). All letters must be under 500 words, signed, and delivered to

the *Print* office (Barlow 104) by 1 p.m. Friday, preferably on a 3-1/2 floppy disk and saved as Word 6.0/95. All letters are considered for publication but we do not guarantee it; we also reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and brevity.

Further, if you are a writer, artist or photographer, and want to have your work published, you may submit that too for consideration.

Finally, I want to leave you with some tips about Clackamas. One: there is a free phone on campus for local calls in the Community Center by the girls' restroom—just don't forget to press 503. Second: the only place to buy Coca-Cola products on campus is at the bookstore.

I once again welcome you to Clackamas and hope that you all have a wonderful year here.

## Stakes are high. . . no time to waste

My new job at the Clackamas *Print* this year is to edit the Opinion Page.

During the summer, I wrote myself a hundred notes—issues and ideas and events I wanted to discuss with the campus student body. The summer was so hopeful, with all the sunshine, and with

Ruth Rippey left us without warning, shockingly, and we're numb from the sorrow of it, and the knowledge so many others are in desperate places too.

We must progress in our own forward movement, attend classes, read chapters, write papers.



Sandy Lupo  
Opinion Editor

Read. Listen. Think.  
Write.

the promise of Camp David and a peace agreement between the Palestinians and Israelis. Public radio supplied me with an endless stream of delicious ideas to bring up in our student newspaper.

I want the *Print* to be your paper this year. I have no interest in a one-way conversation, with me doing all the talking. I want to hear from you about what you care about, what you think of the world you live in and what your plans are for its future.

We have no time to waste.

The world is in danger of war if compromise cannot be struck in the Middle East.

Oregon schools and human services face devastation if we fail to act.

With such worry permeating our thoughts, it's difficult to pay attention to politics.

But in 28 more days, we must make choices for our futures—especially those of you under 30, for in my 50's, mine is more behind me than ahead.

The stakes are so high.

Nothing less than whether we will be allowed to remain in college for another year.

Nothing less than whether or not a woman will retain her constitutional right to choose.

Nothing less than freedom of speech.

Please write me your point of view about what is important to you to talk about. Hurry.

Read. Listen. Think. Write. Vote. E-mail me at

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## Campus grieves loss of Ruth Rippey

*We all need to know we are not alone*

Most of you know of the death now of our colleague, Ruth Rippey. In the Financial Aid office, her loss is keenly felt. Students whom she helped over the years are her legacy. Many lives were supported and methods found to keep folks in school. Student services has a wound that needs time to heal.

Sometimes when we work and take on extra burdens, we may feel we don't want to bother our peers with how the extra stress may be adding too much to our load. Most of us have networks that help sustain us. Time often is the remedy we have to wait on to get through the challenges life gives us.

For some of you time does not help; the pain keeps get-

ting worse and maybe your style is just to "tough it out". If you are one of these types and the pain of life is getting the upper hand, seek out friends, family and fellow workers. Keep talking no matter how much you sound like a broken record. Use the college's Employee Assistance Plan to find a therapist/counselor; shop around until you find someone that can work with you. See one of us in the counseling department. We are here for you if for no other purpose than to have a trained ear to listen.

Two years ago, many of you supported me when my son committed suicide. Some of you shared your own grief walks with me. I felt nurtured

and cared for. My transition then and now continues thanks to this supportive community.

Remember Ruth and her suffering family and fellow workers, of course. However, remember too, in a world that may seem increasingly impersonal and uncaring, that at Clackamas we are here for each other.

Reach out and put your arm around a fellow worker; a family member; a friend. Just a few words or a touch. We all need to know we are not alone.

David Campbell,  
Counselor  
& Faculty Association  
President

## How can this be?

How can it possibly be true that she's gone?

"Ruth," I would say to her every August when I called her—always on a tight timeline. "I need your help with these student editor tuition waivers."

She would laugh, put me at ease by assuring me she would handle whatever it was, and then say, "What's up, kiddo?"

"I think I forgot to email you these names, and the students are going to be coming in any day to pick up their waivers when they register. Can you help?"

My plea was always last-minute, and her response was always forgiving.

"Of course," she would say.

"I'll enter the names into the system right now. Who's first?"

So I would read her a list of the student editors of The Clackamas *Print*, and she would work magic with her computer, and everything would be ready for the students when they needed it. Ruth always made sure students had what they needed when they needed it most.

She did a good job making sure faculty did, too.

Ruth was good at her job, and we all benefited from her positive attitude and her forgiving nature.

Sometimes I would call her from the publications lab, a stu-

dent standing right there in front of me, in a panic about his financial aid package because he couldn't pay this month's rent.

"Ruth," I would say, "I have a student here who needs help."

"Send him over," she would say. "I'll take care of it."

And she always did.

"You're the best," it seemed I was always saying to her. "What would I do without you?"

What will we do without her?

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