

Rally squad works hard for little incentive

Despite only receiving credit for their effort rally members keep spirits high

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Cheering is heard on Monday nights from 6-9 p.m. in the Randall Gym when Clackamas' cheerleaders are hard at work practicing dances, routines and jumps. Advisor Selma Cunningham is directing the rally squad and Marie Albano is the assistant coach.

Being on a rally squad requires a lot of trust in other team members when performing tosses and jumps.

"It's a whole new level on respecting team mates," said squad member Sheena Worley.

The girls joined for different reasons.

"There is no dance team here," said Worley. "I'm a dance major. This is my first year cheerleading."

Erin Peterson said, "I went to a practice and decided that I wanted to do this. I'm excited about it. I think it'll be really fun."

For others, it builds social

skills.

"It helped me open up," said squad member Marlies Berney. "I love it because it's fun."

The members are from different high schools. But Worley said, "We're clicking and working as a team, unifying. We're out to show our school spirit."

Even though classes are offered for cheerleading, they are not considered to be a regular class.

"They are a club and not part of the athletic department," said Jim Jackson, athletic department chair.

However, money to support the classes comes from the athletic department.

But they do their own fundraising, with money for buying uniforms a priority. The athletic department pays for their athletic insurance.

"The athletic department and ASG has sponsored us," said Advisor Selma Cunningham.

Unlike students participating in sports, they receive nothing for their hard work.

"None of these girls have tuition waivers for rally," said Jackson. "They receive nothing but credits for being on the squad. Over the past three years I've seen them raise about 6 or \$7,000," said Jackson.

The club has been around for a number of years, but nobody seems to remember quite how long the rally squad has been part of the college.

"The rally squad used to be a huge thing. I wouldn't put anything out of the realm of possibility for them," said Jackson. "They've had some good leadership with students." For more information about the rally squad contact Selma Cunningham at ext.2854

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Sheena Worley
squad member



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The rally squad practices on Monday nights from 6-9 p.m. working on jumps, dances and routines. They receive no tuition waivers and are classified as a club. Members have raised 6 or \$7000 in the last three years.

Box or bag? The debate rages on

I consider myself an astute consumer. I've even been known to clip coupons pursuing a compromise between what I like and what I can afford. Considering I labor under what my ex claimed to be the disabling burden of testosterone, I feel this makes me a pretty progressive shopper.

Rice-A-Roni's on the floor with a dented corner and now you'll have to sneak that into the pan before the kids see it and become mortified that their friends might think you picked it up at the Canned Food Outlet instead of the "real store" where Billy's mom shops. But I digress.

Next is the question of taste. While it's true I have never actually noticed a flavor difference between the



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lime and grape rings in a box of Fruit Loops, I believe we must give the manufacturer a nod for teaching that toucan

to read from a script. That's a pretty amazing feat, and based on that I, for one, am willing to accept that is what oranges, lemons and cherries should taste like. Conversely, a sack of Fruit-Rounds doesn't exactly inspire a leap of faith in this area. Making the bag transparent might be a selling point if it didn't look like it was half full of toaster debris.

Finally, I have to touch upon the physical hazards posed by those cellophane-bagged quarry nuggets. A bowl of Coco Puffs is in total harmony with milk. Rendered to an easily consumed state, each Puff sheds the essence of its goodness, leaving behind chocolaty ambrosia. Even the staunchest defender of Emily Post will turn a blind eye to the breakfast table when bowls are hoisted for slurpin'.

Sadly, the bagged poseur holds a far less rewarding end for the unwary. Whether amalgamated into shapes with Portland cement or left in its natural state, granite cannot absorb milk no matter how finely crushed (It's like a rule or something).

Many hurried breakfasters discover too late there isn't enough Ora-gel in one of those little vinyl udders to dull a ragged, aching palate. You think talking on the phone and driving is hard? Try packing gauze into the roof of your mouth on the way to work. It's not a pretty picture, so don't say I didn't warn you.



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