

Life lost, not essence



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Duane A. Diller, geology student and friend of Clackamas, died April 23 of an apparent heart attack.

Diller was a 63-year-old retired ophthalmologist, who found a new love for the science of geology. He took every geology class Instructor John Snively offered. He also went on the annual Death Valley trip that brought students of all ages together and let them have the opportunity to know Diller and his energetic attitude.

"He was very animated and full of life," said Snively. "He was always positive, always smiling and laughing. He was good at getting people to look at things in a different way."

Diller once told fellow student Kim Weisner about a regret in his life. It was a regret that not too many people would think of.

"He regretted that he had only one life to give to a career, and that if he had another, it would be to geology," said Weisner.

Weisner and Diller became close during the school year, despite the short time they had known each other.

"We would walk around campus and talk," said Weisner. "I still look for him when I go into lab." When her class was told the tragic news, some people left, others sat in disbelief.

"You could wait a lifetime to meet someone as dynamic as he was," said Snively. "He was so alive, he was the last person on earth you would expect to die."

He was always excited about everything," said Weisner. "He was always sending off e-mails about some new concept he learned in class. His presentation in Death Valley was absolutely hysterical."

In fact, Diller made such an impact during his Death Valley trip, he was the inspiration for a quote that was printed on the T-

shirts that were made for the trip.

"Shocked by the Real," was a quote out of a required reading from Snively's class by Edward Abbey. Diller took that quote to heart. Every time he saw something new and exciting he would recite those words. He was amazed at what kind of life was out there, and left those words imprinted in everyone's minds.

Diller moved to Portland in 1970 and was working at Clackamas Eye Care before retiring in 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Dana, who has accompanied Diller through his newfound love of bird watching; two daughters, Linda Runzi and Cheryl Campbell; three brothers, Lehman, Dennis and Jay Diller; two sisters, Miriam Markovits and Ruth Fox; three stepchildren, Jennifer Lindsey, Marcy Jane and Dan Kaufman; four grandchildren and two more on the way.

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Secure the college's financial future the natural way



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Guest Columnist

First thing is a sure-fire plan to improve enrollment: tuition waivers for all exotic dancers in the Portland Metro area. Get them out of the clubs and into public where the rest of us broke bastards can see 'em.

Think of the community relation's potential; the headlines alone would be worth millions in image building - "President Johnson scores big with strippers on campus." Former Senator Packwood would probably donate funds for a cable access channel. The only initial drawback I can see would be in relocating the Criminal Justice classes into a building with a view of the quad in time for Catholic schoolgirl Wednesdays.

You'd have to make it worthwhile for the girls of course, say, three credits a term for actually wearing the uniform, four if they carry a great big lollipop around all day. Pigtailed would be extra credit. From there we could add different themes throughout the term as needed, hot librarian Mondays, Frederick's of Hollywood Fridays, etc. I don't think I need to point out that Secretary's day could become an epic event. Add a candy-striper elective to the nursing program, with shuttle service to and from downtown, and you'll never have to go back to Salem for money again.

Just be sure to spread their enrollment around to fill all the classrooms - I'm thinking

until the Fire Marshall is cursing you on a daily basis. This way any guy inclined to share his seat with one of our local treasures could telegraph his chivalry by donning official CCC sweatpants (underwear optional), which we would sell for twice the current rate in the ASG office. Is this a brilliant plan or what? Everybody makes out.

Unfortunately, some sacrifices will have to be made to cut costs during the initial recruitment of our new student body. To make optimum use of existing assets I suggest combining the computer science department with the cheer squad to create an Internet outreach program hosting the Distance Learning Department. Sounds awkward at first, but I think this could be a marriage made in heaven. Picture if you will, a prospective online student logs on for a tour and is greeted with a little school spirit:

"Hi, I'm Ginger. Welcome to the CCC science department's web site. Would you like to see the effects of gravity on my skirt?"

In the world of e-commerce, cheerleaders are a sure thing, and we've got the real dealright here. While I'm on the subject, what is it you are doing in the interview and selection process that sends all the hotties to teach at Kindercare? There are far too many balding and bearded instructors here, not to mention that there are way more

men than women. And I don't see how we're going to have a swimsuit issue ready for the spring catalogue unless you start coughing up perks for the staff. Try something simple at first, maybe a Victoria's Secret expense account with tenure.

Trust me, if you want real communication between the sexes, put some chesty dingbat in black latex in front of the welding class and you'll have communication it in all its monosyllabic glory, just the way nature intend-ed.



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After last week's sentimental musings regarding Mother's Day, I feel it only fair that I double up on the proto-neanderthal sexist drivel. That being said, bear in mind this is strictly for entertainment purposes.

To: CCC President Earl "Joe" Johnson

Re: Suggestions for improving enrollment.

Dear Sir,

It's no secret that the State has been poaching education budgets to achieve damage control in Salem, and this affects us all. Well Mister President, make not with the long face. I have several ideas that should remedy any future budget crises and, at the same time, strengthen Clackamas Community College's standing as an institution of higher learning.