

Dip and race your whip at PIR

Raceway offers late-night drags, other events throughout summer

Cougar sports may over 'til fall, but the Portland International Raceway is a great alternative

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at is a Clackamas student without any Cougar during the summer. How about the of drag racing? little further than the ball but it's

Portland International Raceway hosts hundreds of through-summer.

Every Wednesday, PIR the Beaches Cruise-In. Mods and pre-1973 sports will be showing off from 4 until dusk. The cruise-in is how a car and \$5 to watch.

Saturday, June 3 is the start of the month of auto swaps. The vendor gate opens at 7 a.m. and the spectator gate is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors pay \$20 for a 10 by 20 foot space and spectators pay nothing.

The most exciting and perhaps most popular event at PIR has to be the late-night drags. Every Friday and Saturday night,

at 5 p.m. on Friday and 7 p.m. on Saturday and lasts until 1 a.m. Anyone can come out and drag their car, truck or minivan down the quarter-mile track.

their reaction times as well as their quarter-mile time. Racers can drag against themselves or opponents.

for purchase in a covered area with tables because drag racing always works up an appetite.

Also, 200 riders will begin the PIR motocross season tomorrow. Cost for spectators is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12 (children under 6 are free).

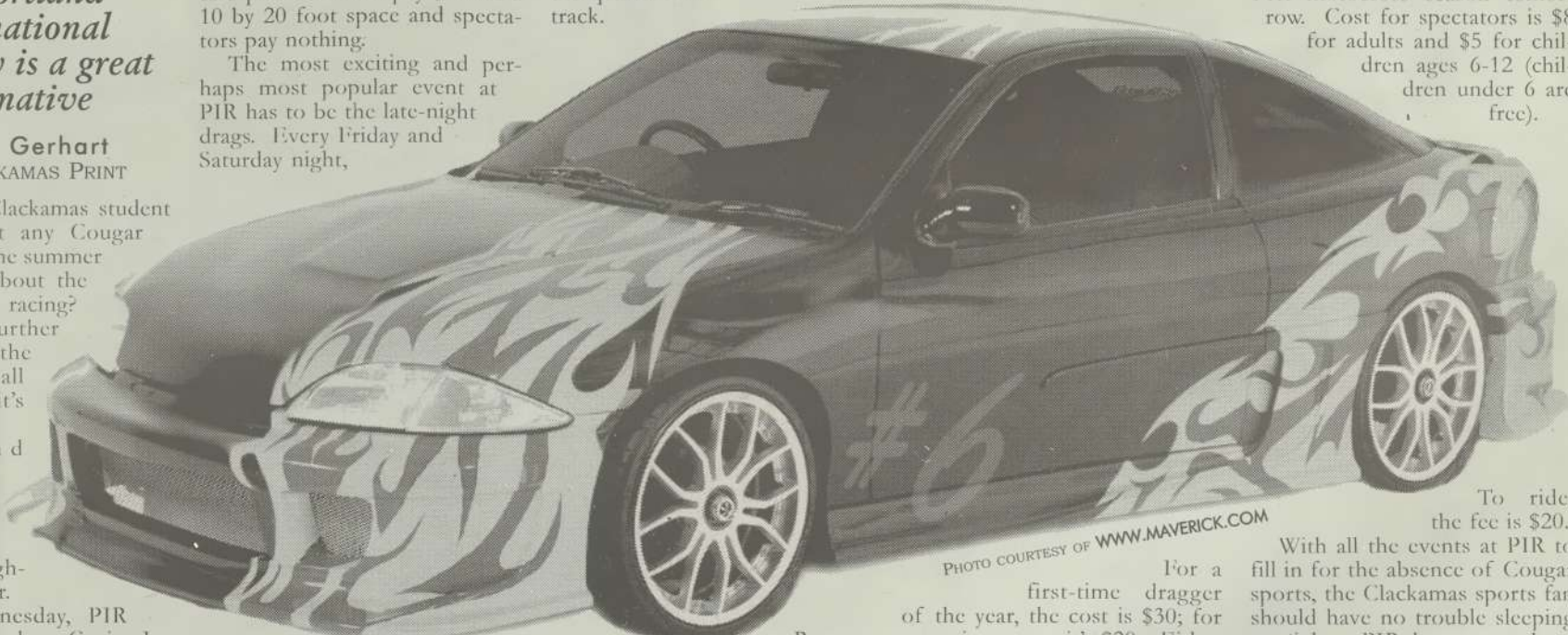


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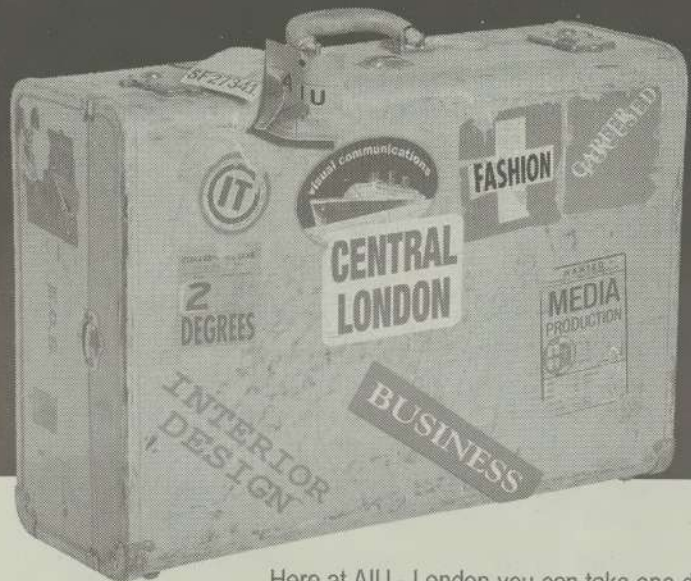
depending on the weather, of course, passersby can hear engines roaring for miles. The action starts

burnout, of course, to get the audience pumped. The announcer is hilarious and gives the racers

For a first-time dragger of the year, the cost is \$30; for returning racers it's \$20. Either way, draggers can race all night. Spectators pay an \$8 entrance fee to watch the drags or look at the cars. Food is also available

To ride, the fee is \$20. With all the events at PIR to fill in for the absence of Cougar sports, the Clackamas sports fan should have no trouble sleeping at night. PIR has events happening every day of the week, all summer long. For a calendar or events or more information, visit www.portlandraceway.com.

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Love is in the air for Clackamas sports

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Another school year is coming to a close and I would like to give some love to a few people who may have taken time to read my gibberish on an every-other-weekly basis.

First off, to the coaches of the various sports that I have had the privilege to cover this year. Women's Soccer coach Tracy Nelson, Men's Basketball coach Cliff Wegner and Women's Softball coach Paul Fiskum are three of the most professional and competent people that this writer has worked with, and even though we had a hard time connecting during the season sometimes (you know who you are, coach Wegner), you were genuinely happy with the coverage and I hope I did your teams justice with my writing.

I had the great opportunity to follow the men's basketball team to Kennewick, Wash., to cover the NWAACC tournament and truly enjoyed the experience. The men completed a stellar season, capturing a fifth-place trophy at the tournament with an exciting run through the bracket.

I also enjoyed covering the softball team through another exciting season. Paul Fiskum is one of the nicest people I have known and has bent over backwards to make sure *The Print* gave his team the coverage that they deserved. Although the team lost to the dynasty known as Lower Columbia College for the third year in a row, this team and this school have a lot to be proud of.

Many thanks also go to Athletic Director Jim Jackson and Athletic Secretary Dotty Coburn for all of their help during the year. I would be amiss in not mentioning some of the other coaches whose teams I helped our crack sports department cover this year. Mike Haluska and his wrestlers, Jack Kegg and the track team, Jim Martineau and his NWAACC champion women's basketball team and especially Keoni McHone in his dual role as cross country coach and sports information director.

But to save the best for last. Nic Delzell is a very enthusiastic and dedicated individual. This man has shown his sports section much love during the year and I have enjoyed every moment working for him and with him. He has put up with my strange work schedules and I hope that he is grateful for the effort that I hope I gave throughout the year. If I should happen to make an appearance on this staff next year, which is very possible, then I will be glad to see Mr. Delzell.

Linda Vogt is possibly the best teacher that I have ever had (with sincere apologies to Gerald Talbot, my mentor in high school). I have had the honor to have known this wonderful person for my now two stints on *The Clackamas Print* and she has inspired me to levels that I never thought capable. I am a better writer because of her and a better journalist because of her insight. If I have never thanked her for all of this, then I would like to do it now. Thank you, Linda, for who you are and all that you do.

