

# 'Magic' players gather for game

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in the Cougar Café one addition to the students studying away in their I observe two guys subject completely for-

s no notebook or text in these two; in fact, I don't see educationally related items with them. Instead they each have a deck of cards, and are studying the game as they each play against one another in a game of "Magic: the Gathering."

"Magic" is a card game of skill and strategy played by people all over the world. The game is based on a system in which each player's deck starts with 60 points and the last player with points remaining wins the game. You can conquer your opponent by summoning monsters and casting spells onto their cards.

"The game is all based upon strategy and how you play against your opponent determines the outcome," said student



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Students Phil Drake and Josh Butler use their time between classes to play the strategic card game, "Magic: The Gathering" in the cafeteria.

Drake has been playing Magic™ for a few years now and says that he got into the fascination of the game by way of watching other people around him play it. Once he got hooked into the game he didn't look back.

"I started playing the game because it looked fun, but part of

the fun is to collect and trade the cards," Drake said.

People who play Magic™ trade the cards amongst each other, based upon how a certain card can help them in their strategy. The cards are dispersed in different sets consisting of about 350 cards apiece.

Because the game is an expen-

sive hobby, sets can reach up to \$150; trading becomes an economical strategy, as well as a playing strategy.

The players here at school can be found for the majority of the day in the cafeteria, but some players aren't so open about it.

"There are a lot of people who

play in their own privacy, maybe because of the embarrassment of being seen playing it," said student Jeremy Meads.

The students here at school sure aren't embarrassed to play it. They embrace it, as they should; just like an athlete, playing the game is their hobby.

"Some people can make a living off of the game just by playing in tournaments," said Meads.

During a national Magic tournament last year, the winner walked away with approximately \$250,000, a nice sum of money for a person who spends the majority of their time playing a game they love.

Prior to learning about the people who play and the strategy used to participate in the game, I, like most, stereotyped the participants, for lack of a better word, as "geeks." While this stereotype might be instilled in your Abercrombie minds; I for one have opened my eyes to a group of people who are doing something that brings joy to their lives.

The Magic™ players made me see that there are no "geeks" in this world, just ignorant people who are scared to find out what really lies behind the decks of cards.

# Student finds passion in public broadcasting

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In America, student Martinez is majoring in journalism with the hope of becoming a professional reporter. She moved to America for her year of high school. She from Oregon City High School, then spent a year in journalism program at Clackamas; in her first year of regular classes.

She came to this country to learn said Martinez. "I know I'll get a better job [back in Mexico] I know how important

English is there."

Martinez first became interested in journalism in Mexico, where her mother had her own radio program.

"I like to talk a lot," said Martinez, "I love talking in front of people and saying what I think."

Martinez has dedicated almost her entire schedule here at Clackamas to journalism. The classes she is taking this term include Reporting, Photojournalism and Electronic Newspaper Production.

To get more closely involved with public broadcasting, Martinez volunteers at the local KBOO radio station as a production assistant.

"I help with programs," said Martinez, "I am there taking phone calls or telling the anchors how

many minutes they have left for talking with somebody—small things like that."

Besides going to school full-time, Martinez also maintains a part-time job.

"I work at Jack-in-the-Box™, in the drive-thru. It's crazy, but fun," she said.

Martinez plans to spend at least another term at Clackamas before returning to Mexico with a much greater knowledge of the English language.

"If you know two languages [in Mexico] you have more opportunities," said Martinez. "I think you can show what you are in two different cultures."

Once she is back in Mexico, Martinez will continue taking col-

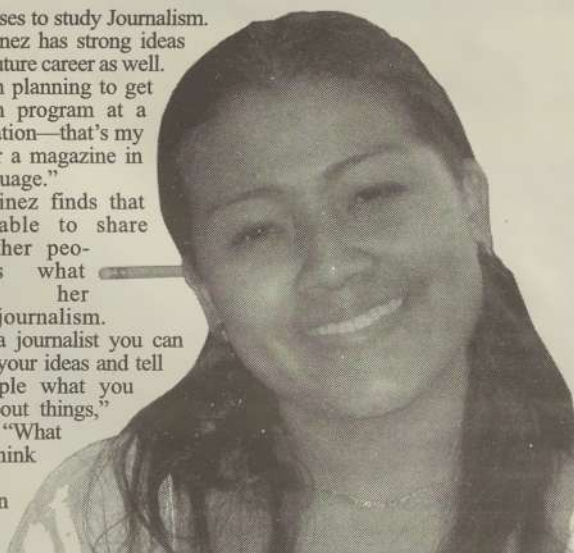
lege classes to study Journalism.

Martinez has strong ideas for her future career as well.

"I am planning to get my own program at a radio station—that's my goal. Or a magazine in my language."

Martinez finds that being able to share with other people is what drives her toward journalism.

"As a journalist you can express your ideas and tell the people what you think about things," she said. "What you think about certain issues."



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# Steps for starting a campus club

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Clubs on campus enrich student and staff experience. Providing activities and interaction with people who have similar interest," the ASG CCC Club Constitution Start-up Form.

The process for starting a club is easy, and you can reap long-term benefits of doing it. Start with people who share your interests.

Get a club off the ground. Have to go to ASG in the Community Center and get a Constitution Start-up Form. This form is necessary because you need to start your club, you need a club constitution. The club constitution gives you the newly formed club. ASG provides the clubs department with information about your particular club.

There are seven items that will need to be included in your club constitution, including a club name, club purpose, how membership works and who is eligible, the officials and how they are elected, when and where meetings will be held, and any amendments your club may have. One must also consider the issue of abandonment and what should happen if your club becomes inactive.

On top of constructing a club constitution, every club is required to have a faculty advisor. It is also required that your faculty advisor participate in the club.

Once you have an advisor and a written club constitution, you will need to submit a copy of the club's constitution to the clubs department; it may take five to 10 working days for review and approval by the Club Constitution Approval Committee.

Once it is approved, \$50 will be put in to an account for your club. This money can be used for publicity, food, activities and anything else the club may need. Allen Widerburg, the faculty advisor for the Writers' Club, shared his experience starting the Writers' Club.

"Many years ago, a couple of students mentioned they liked writing; so I went to ASG and did the paperwork, and before you know it we were meeting twice a week for awhile." Widerburg went on to say, "At the end of the year there is a Clubs Award Banquet, usually at, like, The Spaghetti Factory, where clubs come and receive awards for their participation in the community; it's a very fun night."

If you're interested in starting a club contact ASG Clubs Senator J.D. Henry at ext. 2247, or check out the clubs fair in the Community Center today from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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