

New year gives call for new Print chiefs

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As the last issue wraps up, the coffee maker is retired and the Editor-in-Chief cleans out the desk, it has become time for a new leader to take on *The Clackamas Print*.

However, for the 2005-06 school year, two editors will share the reigns of the student newspaper. News Editor Ben Maras and Copy Editor James Tombe will join forces as Co-Editors-in-Chief to lead next year's *Clackamas Print* to victory.

Both editors fell into the world of journalism almost accidentally, and though unplanned, stuck with it.

"I started my junior year of high school," said Maras. "That's when I lost my soul to the journalism world."

"I've always been interested in writing, and that lead me naturally to journalism," said Tombe, who also tried his hand at journalism in high school, before deciding to revisit it here at Clackamas.

Deciding to be a part of *The Clackamas Print* was an easy decision for Maras, who joined the first term of his first year, in 2003.

"I wanted to study journalism. I guess it all comes from the fact that I'm one of those people who likes to stick his nose in where it's not needed," said Maras. "I wish I could say I got into it because I wanted to help humanity or something, but it's really just a byproduct of general selfish nosiness."

Tombe became a part of *The Print* during spring term of 2004.

"Linda [Vogt, journalism adviser] talked me into joining. I was taking the reporting class and she was recruiting," said



Clackamas Print News Editor Ben Maras and Copy Editor James Tombe were recently named Co-Editors-in-Chief of next fall's newspaper staff. The two have begun planning for the 2005-06 school year.

Tombe. At the time he "thought it would be fun for a term or two."

"But you got sucked in!" laughed Maras.

Maras worked as a staff writer and production assistant for his first term with the paper, then became the editor for the Commentary section for the remainder of the year.

This year, Maras has continued to hold an upper position, as editor of the News section, which he holds as a valuable experience.

Tombe began as a production assistant for a term last year, then moved up to be Copy Editor during this school year, as well as writing a student

favorite, the horoscopes found at on the back page of *The Print*.

"Of course, [I've been] 'Master of the Stars,' perhaps the most satisfying role on the newspaper staff," laughed Tombe.

The two editors are glad to share their new job as Co-Editors-in-Chief.

"I've realized it's a really good idea to do this," said Maras. "I think we'll make a good team."

Tombe agreed. "I thought that was the best way to go," he said, "because starting with a new staff, things are going to be out of hand and two heads are better than one. I think Ben and

I can work off of each others' strengths."

The two editors will be able to work together well.

"I think James has very, very good organizational skills," said Maras.

Tombe relies on the fact that Maras was able to take on the difficult job of News Editor this year.

"As News Editor, I know Ben can take on a lot of stress," said Tombe. "I think he's got experience and a good work ethic; he knows what has to be done and he'll grudgingly do it."

Right now, the two are tying up loose ends and working on choosing a new editorial staff for next year. The task is a daunting one, as only one of the current editors will be returning. They are also trying to work out a way to be more involved and work more closely with next year's new writers.

"I'd like to involve the writers more in the process so that they feel they have a stake in the paper we put out," said Tombe.

Tombe and Maras are looking forward to this coming fall.

"I think it will be a nice thing for both of us," said Maras. "We've had all these ideas the whole time. We've seen the way things work and been able to say, 'You know, it would be better if we did it this way,' and I think it will be nice to put some of that in action."

The editors encourage anyone interested to come out and join *The Print*.

"[Writing for the paper,] you'll find yourself in a unique position to be the voice of the college," said Tombe.

"I think it's a great experience to have at least once. It's a very unusual environment," said Maras. "If there's one thing I've gained from my work here it's a complete disregard for my own sanity."

ASG plans to create club council

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Associated Student Government is in the planning stages of developing a campus "Club Council," an idea that would send representatives from each campus club to a meeting on a regular basis.

In an e-mail that ASG Vice President Elect Tiffany Williamson

sent out to campus club leaders on April 5, she wrote, "What we are basically trying to set up is a club council, which is where all the clubs' come together in a meeting once a month, or a couple times a term, or once a year... we think that this would be a good way for all the clubs to come together and share information and become united with ASG and one another."

The inspiration for the structure of the new club council comes from Palomar College, which is located in San Marcos, California.

Williamson continues in her e-mail to club leaders, "I have attached a copy of the constitution from the

Inter-Club council from Palomar College; we are thinking about revising it to make it work for our school."

There are six sections to Palomar College's constitution: purpose, membership, disciplinary action, officers, associated duties, and general rules. ASG is refusing to comment on the forecast Club Council at this time, so there is no certainty as to what will be adopted or modified from the Palomar College Inter-Club Council Constitution. That being said, here are the highlights of the sections of that constitution:

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ASG Vice President
Elect

Section 1- Purpose: The ICC is comprised of all clubs, organizations and societies officially recognized by the director of student affairs, and meets in order to promote inter-club relations and coordinate club activities.

Section 2- Membership: Clubs and organizations shall each send at least one member to represent themselves in the Council. Each recognized club or organization shall submit a roster of their officers and advisors and a Petition for Reinstatement Request every semester.

Section 3-Disciplinary Action: Any club/organization absent for three or more consecutive meetings may have voting privileges revoked by a 25% plus one vote of the recognized ICC clubs. This Council may recommend any further disciplinary action.

Sections 4 & 5-Officers and Associated Duties: Chairperson of ICC shall maintain and uphold the ASG Constitution, shall call and preside over all meetings of the ICC, shall be the official representative of the ICC to the ASG, and shall conduct official business of the ICC when the Council is not in session.

Vice-chair of ICC shall be required to maintain and uphold all requirements of the Chairperson of ICC, and shall assume the duties of the Chairperson of ICC in his or her absence. **Secretary of ICC** shall be the official recorder and custodian of the records of the ICC, and shall prepare post and distribute the minutes of each meeting in a timely fashion.

Section 6-General Rules: The ICC is a subsidiary of ASG, and shall be held to the same rules and regulations of business. A quorum must consist of 25% plus one of the recognized ICC clubs. If a quorum has not been met, no business shall be conducted. All business must be approved by a majority of 50% plus one of the recognized clubs present.

In cases where the vote is tied, the Chairperson of ICC's vote shall be the deciding vote. Otherwise, the chairperson of the ICC should not vote. The ICC shall adopt other policies and procedures at any time providing they do not conflict with this bylaw or the Constitution of ASG.



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