

## Campus Poll: Are college fairs useful?



"If you don't know what you want to do."

Derick Baugher

"I've never gone to one, so I wouldn't know. I think they do help a lot of people, but I think they need more choices."

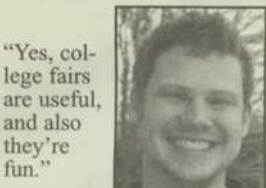


Vanessa Alumina



"They could be useful if they cater to what people want. So yeah, they could be useful."

Logan Popp



"Yes, college fairs are useful, and also they're fun."

Robert Alsman



"Yeah, they're useful, but I don't have time to go to them."

Erik Edberg

Campus Poll compiled by Nicholas Baker

# Surviving Valentine's Day... Things to do if you're flying solo

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This Valentine's Day, many will not have a special someone with whom to cuddle and to shower with gifts; but don't get out the iPod and play "All By Myself" and "Time After Time" quite yet. There are bunches of great things people can do on Valentine's Day as singles.

A great way for guys and girls to feel special is to do something special for themselves. Girls, go for a manicure and pedicure, or buy yourself a special outfit. Guys, go buy that CD or book you have been dying to get. Both genders can go to the movies or dinner with a good friend.

It's a difficult day for single girls to get through. After watching endless Disney movies

about true love for most of one's childhood, it's hard to have faith that someday the prince will come. Don't despair, though, it is possible to enjoy being single.

Write a list of reasons why it is great to be single and then do something to take pleasure in being alone, like take a walk or turn on really loud music and dance around like a maniac.

Guys have a different experience. Most men view Valentine's Day as an over-rated, commercial money trap (which it is) and feel pressured to get something for the girl in their life. But if there are single guys who are sad on this day of love, they can share in the pick-me-ups as well.

Single men should do something they really enjoy. Whether that be hiking, taking a walk, going to a concert, or reading a book, it will definitely put them in a better mood.

Sometimes giving on Valentine's Day can be more rewarding than receiving. Make

a special Valentine for someone telling them how inspirational they are.

Send candy or flowers to a friend who isn't part of a couple with a note telling them how much they are cared for, or volunteer somewhere like a homeless shelter or a nursing

home. Many elderly people are forgotten on this day and appreciate a card and a kind word.

Finally, if none of these methods work at curing Valentine's Day depression, maybe it's time to just give in. Lay on the couch watching *You've Got Mail* and eating double fudge ice cream with the tissues close at hand. Sometimes grieving is the best way to get over something. But this is a last resort; avoid this at all costs.

Feb. 14 doesn't have to be a day of mourning for those who are single. It can be a day of celebration and spreading real love to strangers and family alike.

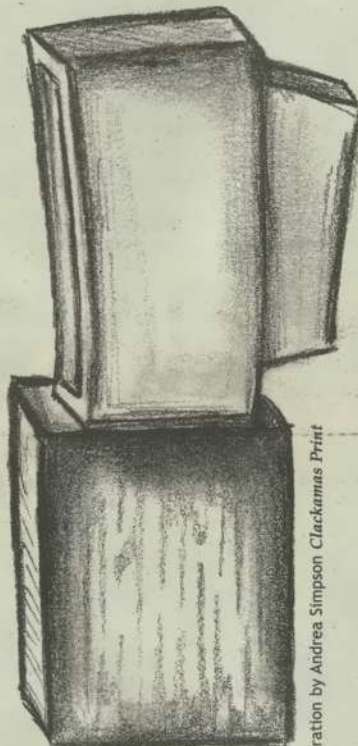


Illustration by Andrea Simpson Clackamas Print

## Letter to the Editor: Stalnaker wrong; ASG rocks

*Editor's Note: This letter has been edited for spelling only.*

Extremely upset!

I have never read the Print before today and after today I never plan on to read it again. I was absolutely disgusted when I read the pinheads article!! How dare you attack our wonderful ASG. They have

only had Jammin' 95.5 at their events once this year! Maybe you haven't noticed, but most of the people on this campus listen to that station. Just because the playhouse acts a certain way doesn't mean the whole station acts that way. I don't see the print putting on "shindigs," as she so rudely called them. ASG does a lot of great things for this campus! Just think how boring it would be without them! Maybe you should

think about that next time before you insult ASG and all the hard work that goes in to their events!

- Submitted anonymously  
For a response, see column at right.

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Stalnaker responds to pinhead's angry letter

Let me make one thing perfectly clear: I am a man.

I received my first hate-mail, and not just any hate-mail, but handwritten hate-mail. Somebody has to be really pissed (and/or a pinhead) to write a handwritten complaint, and I feel honored to have pissed somebody off that much.

Oh man, I was as giddy as a school girl when I unfolded that piece of wide-ruled (who the hell uses wide-ruled?) notebook paper and saw the words "extremely [sic] upset!" at the top of the page right next to a clipping of my *Pinheads* column about *The Playhouse*.

I was really hoping that the letter would be from an enraged *Playhouse* fan, but no, it was written in response to what I wrote at the end of the column where I gave ASG some advice. Apparently, those three sentences "absolutely disgusted" this person.

I will admit, using the phrase "shindigs," as I so "rudely [sic] called them," was kind of condescending, but I didn't mean to bash ASG at all. I was just trying to say that they shouldn't support the same radio station that broadcasts *The Playhouse* nationwide.

That wasn't the only thing that this pinhead letter-writer didn't understand. Apparently, they think that my column represents the entire *Clackamas Print* staff's opinion; it doesn't. Obviously, this person doesn't understand the concept of an opinion section of a newspaper.

See, in the opinion, or commentary, section, staff writers, editors and readers get to voice their own opinions. Yes, their own opinions. They are representing themselves, not the publication that is printing their commentary.

The person who sent me that hate-mail should also take note that most of the writers and editors at *The Clackamas Print* have different points of view on the same topics, hence the reason why we have *Face-Off*. However, this person wouldn't know that since this was their first time reading the college paper and they "never plan on reading it again!" I doubt it, though; remember, pinheads never live up to their word.

If anyone else wants to send me hate-mail, feel free. However, I will tear it apart, especially if it reads like a post from some illiterate, Internet message board troll.

Anonymous letter-to-the-editor writer's pinhead rating: 2/5

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