

The

Clackamas Print

FILE COPY

An independent, student-run newspaper since 1966

Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Volume 40, Issue 23

FAREWELL TO LINDA: JOURNALISM ADVISER RETIRES AFTER 21 YEARS



All photos by Adam J. Manley
Clackamas Print

We face the end of an era. Let's set the stage: it's the end of Spring Term, it's *The Print's* last issue until next Fall Term, and – most importantly – it is Journalism Adviser Linda Vogt's time to say good-bye to the newspaper and the college where she has spent the past 21 years.

For 21 years, she has represented the journalism program to the mahogany desks up in administration. For 21 years, she has pushed her students to ever-greater heights.

For 21 years, she has guided her students through the different journalistic tangles in which they have found themselves, whether it be making the switch from Quark to InDesign or covering sensitive stories on campus.

She is the instructor who, frustrated with the lackluster replies of a group of student editors during a

staff meeting, said: "If you have to rob a bank to pay for college, do it! You've got to go to college."

The students immediately wrote her words up on a white board.

She has seen newspaper staffs come and go: so many different editors, photographers, writers and production assistants.

She has touched all their lives in one way or another.

We came with our ignorance, our insecurities, our green hair (in some cases), our words and our pens.

Linda welcomed us into the crazy newsroom, always ready to encour-



ABOVE: Not only does Linda teach journalism; she is also an accomplished musician. LEFT: Linda and her constant companion, Scout, enjoy a day at the beach.

age and critique. She taught us how to interview and how to write, how to think things through and to take responsibility for what we published.

Her students have gone on to work for News Channel 8, in Army intelligence and at various newspapers around the country.

As the beast that is student journalism cranks away and *The Print*

begins working with the new adviser, Melissa Jones, we will always remember what Linda Vogt has done for us.

There's not much else we can say except: thank you, Linda. Thank you very much.

Love,
The 2006-07 Print staff

Linda Vogt's personal good-bye to Clackamas Community College

This has been no ordinary job ...

For the past 21 years, I have had the privilege of working at a college where people care about each other and working with students who want to make a difference in their world.

Now, what could be better than that?! *The Clackamas Print* is no ordinary newspaper. It is an award-winning, student-run newspaper, a weekly peek into what students are doing, thinking, pondering, celebrating. I'm proud to be their adviser.

The newspaper is the product ... but it's the process that has mattered most to me. It's what happens here in the "Student Pub Lab," as we call it: the debates, the struggles, the writing, the editing. That's the heart of it all.

What's important is making a place and

an experience here where students can learn to work together, play together, thrive. Step inside Rook 135 and you'll know that it's a student space. Listen to the conversations and the laughter and you'll know that significant and ordinary things are discussed here. To members of *The Print* staff, it's home – and that's how it should be.

But sometimes we get to leave home. Each year, we all head to the beach for a weekend retreat ... we learn about each other, plan, set goals, make meals together, play Scategories; we build a huge ol' fire on the beach and pontificate. It's rejuvenating. We connect.

And then there are the national conferences: Seattle. San Francisco. Los Angeles.

Las Vegas. And New York, New York! It's good to get out of Oregon City once in awhile. It expands one's horizons.

But it's good to come back, too. Part of the reason for the success of the journalism program here has been the consistent and full support of my colleagues in the English Department. I so appreciate that. You're the best! And as I said at our Pirate Retirement Party, I am so grateful to have been part of a faculty that has given me lifelong friends – and not just the meet-in-the-lunchroom kind. I mean the what-would-my-life-be-without-you-kind. These are precious gifts.

Speaking of gifts ... there were all those glorious years, in the '90s, of the "Connections" program for women. I had the privilege of helping lead three European tours, nine women's weekends, cross-country ski trips, rafting on the Clackamas River. You know what they say ... "Girls just wanna have fun!" And we did.

The other gift I appreciate: I was able to make my canine companions part of *The Print* staff. Mattie was an excellent and devoted mascot and had so many friends; I still miss her, and I know many of you do, too. Scout is the exuberant and enthusiastic, little guy who

now brings his energy to the newsroom. Thank you to everyone who welcomed them both to the college!

When I started here in 1986 out in "Trailer B," I was thrilled to be working here and I had no idea I would be writing this farewell nearly 500 newspapers later. I still love this job, this place, these colleagues, these students. How fortunate I am! It's time now for something new ... writing, travel, adventure. But of course I'll always be connected to Clackamas.

To the members of this year's *Clackamas Print* staff, I say thank you for making this last year memorable – from that "Crisis in Leadership" special edition the first week of Fall Term to *The Print* being recognized last month with a state-wide "General Excellence" award for exemplary journalism. What a way to wind it all up!

To my former students, I say thank you for making life here rewarding, challenging and invigorating! To my friends and colleagues, I say thank you for the respect you've shown for the newspaper and for the students who create it.

This has been no ordinary job! How fortunate I am to have had it.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- * *The Print* interviews Congressman David Wu
- * Were the beatings at Wagon Wheel racially motivated?
- * Wondering what to do this summer?
- * Cougar athletic teams tore it up this year