

Campus pirate hooks student interest

Dressing as a pirate and just being himself has made Andrew Stanchfield well-known around campus

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"Well met. How dost thou?"

This is the greeting of Clackamas student and pirate Andrew Stanchfield whenever he meets someone.

When a student comes to school dressed like a pirate almost every day, he tends to get noticed.

Stanchfield's pirate garb consists of a tri-cornered hat with juggling balls in each corner, a vest and a belt holding everything that a college-attending pirate would ever need, complete with a spy-glass, bottle of water, pens and pencils, sack of coins, a lighter, a flashlight and, last but not least, grog-flavored mints.

"I bought the hat on Sept. 22, 2006 at a pirate festival," Stanchfield said. "I wear hats that people don't usually

wear. My last hat was a bowler, like Charlie Chaplin."

Stanchfield is part of a professional group of pirates known as the Brotherhood of Oceanic Mercenaries, or the BOOM Pirates for short. He is typically known as "Anchorchain" among his fellow group members, and is a gunner's mate on their ship, The Emerald Rose.

"It's just a framed picture of a ship," he said.

According to Stanchfield, the BOOM Pirates are a "theatrical representation of pirates." They are hired for fairs, festivals, parties and "wherever pirates are wanted." Their performances include juggling, singing, sword fights and mock battles. Stanchfield's job, apart from the actual performance, is setup and management of the small arms.

The BOOM Pirates have done a number of gigs for the Portland Rose Festival, Portland Pirate Festival, Gig Harbor's renaissance fair and the Lance Armstrong LIVESTRONG ride.



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Andrew Stanchfield shows off his everyday look that has made him known as the Clackamas pirate.

Stanchfield does not view ninjas as his enemies. He is a big fan of "Ask a Ninja," a humorous video series about a ninja who answers viewers'

e-mailed questions, which can be accessed at Askaninja.com.

"I am a pirate by day, pirate by night, ninja by night," he said.

In addition to his considerable swashbuckling skills, he owns a katana and is familiar with shurikenjutsu, the Japanese martial arts of throwing shuriken, or small, handheld weapons that resemble stars. He even admits that a pirate would probably lose to a ninja in a fight, although he likes pirates best.

Surprisingly, Stanchfield is not a big fan of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" trilogy.

"When I think Johnny Depp, I think Edward Scissorhands, not Captain Jack Sparrow," he said.

The pirate movie he prefers is "Pirates of the Great Salt Lake," an independent, award-winning film by JCN Films. Special screenings can be seen each year on Sept. 12 - International Talk Like a Pirate Day - at Portland's Hollywood Theater.

This year's pirate show season is over for the BOOM Pirates, which gives Stanchfield time to work on his associate degree so that he can transfer to the University of Oregon, where he will major in either art or drama.

More information about the BOOM Pirates can be

found at their Web site, www.boompirates.com, or on the MySpace profile at www.myspace.com/boom_pirates.

Popular Pirates

1. Dread Pirate Roberts: Fought being "mostly dead" and saved the *Princess Bride*.
2. Captain Hook: Waged a losing battle against a group of children and still lost to them and a crocodile.
3. Davy Jones: Not much is known about this fictional pirate except he has a locker.
4. Guybrush Threepwood: Star of the "Monkey Island" games; some people may know this pirate.
5. Captain Morgan: I think we all know why.

Thrust your way to better health

Jess Sheppard

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Thanksgiving: the holiday on which we throw dieting to the wind and eat without guilt until we hurt.

Inevitably, all that culinary goodness has to come off, but how?

Clackamas students have a myriad of methods of keeping from putting on extra pounds during the holidays.

Crystal Maresh combines regular jogging with martial-arts-style sparring against her friends.

Many students try to keep fit all year rather than only when there is weight to be lost.

"I exercise every day," said Matthew Ostergren, whose workout consists of classic push-ups and sit-ups.

"I don't work off holiday pounds specifically," said another student, Aaron June.

In addition to sit-ups and basic dumbbell exercises, June's exercise includes a frequent five-mile walk while wearing weights around his ankles.

Other students have daily lives that are active enough to not require anything extra.

"Work pretty much keeps me in shape because they overwork me," Mikal Aalto said. Aalto works at *The Oregonian's* mailroom maintaining the

machines.

"Basically, I'm a slave-like machine operator," Aalto said.

Some individuals have more unconventional systems of losing their excess weight.

"Sex is one of the best exercises out there," Tiffany Fischer said. "I still go to the gym, but that's my quality time."

"The more you put into it, the more you lose," she added.

Fischer is not alone. Several other students agree with her opinion of what she calls "the sinful exercise."

Many simply don't indulge themselves on seasonal food.

"Don't make an exception just because it's a holiday," advised

been an unhealthy eater in the past, but now he limits how much food he consumes.

"Basically, I take stuff in portions and don't eat when I normally wouldn't," he said.

But for all the students who run, lift, limit and strain to lose weight, there are those who are content with their body image enough to just accept those extra pounds.

"I actually eat like it's the holidays all year-round," Victor Hallmark said.

Randy Stapleton shares Hallmark's philosophy on fat.

"I enjoy my meal, and I sit on the couch," he said, adding "I'm proud to be fat."

In conclusion, Clackamas stu-

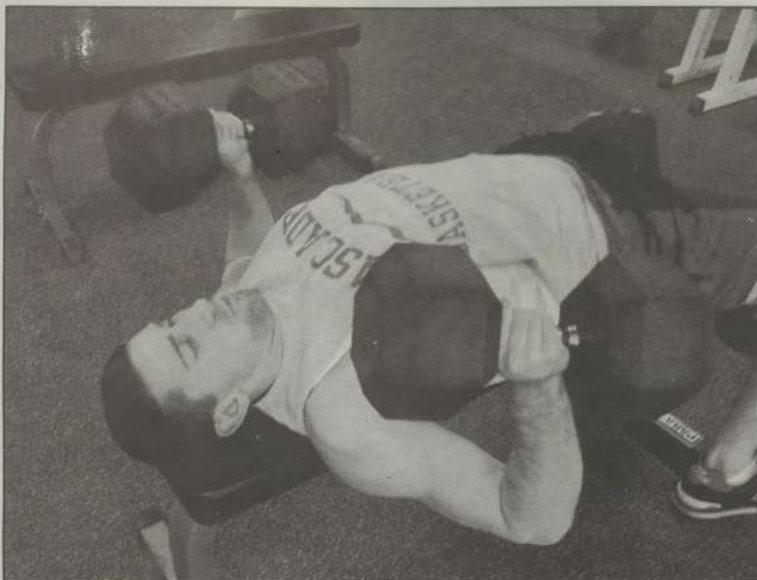


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Full-time student Garrett Erickson exercises his arms during his Nov. 20 workout in the Randall weight room during open gym hours.

Jonathan Mersereau, a French major.

Mersereau confesses to having

students utilize various means of exercise to shed pounds, ranging from hardcore training to sex.

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