

Second pirate joins Clackamas

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Although Sarah Cook is a pirate, some traits about her could suggest she's not a very good pirate. For instance, she has trouble holding her rum, she's in love with a ninja and she is allergic to seawater.

"It's really unfortunate," said Cook, "because I love the ocean." When a student shows up at school dressed like a pirate, people notice in a hurry. No this article is not about Pirate Andrew Marchfield, it's about Sarah Cook, also known as Sally Silverbuckles, the new pirate on campus.

"She (Cook) is very there," said Cook's fiancé Warren Hostkoetter. She's the kind of person who walks into a room and everyone really notices and wants to hang with her."

Cook is a member of a pirate club known as the "Skull and Crossbones Pirates." They are a fun group of pirates who get together to drink rum, make music and just have a good time. Activities include, but aren't limited to, dancing, swashbuckling, beach auctioning, feasting and performances.

Although Cook is a "pirate," she is not always dressed as one. At rest assured, she will always be wearing something unique and interesting. All her clothes are either tailor made by her own hand, a friend or someone who shows her design.

Cook was born in Alaska, but was raised in several places between Portland and Cottage Grove. Her education took place in more than 17 schools all of which she managed to excel in and make

friends. Cook is attending her first term here at Clackamas, majoring in language. She plans to transfer to Portland State University eventually to continue studying German there.

"I take language so that someday, I will be able to travel Europe," said Cook.

Cook has been an astrologist for many years. She is a strong believer in the occult and the influences of the stars and fate. She is a Pisces which makes her among other things spiritual, gentle, good natured, versatile and artistic. She is skilled at reading other people's signs and can read fortunes.

Music is one of Cook's passions. She is a blues singer and hopes to start a band of her own. The band will be, as she describes it, "a band that sings bluesy versions of pirate songs with some metal sprinkled in, but not too metal."

Cook has family in Australia who own more than 200 acres of land, and they plan on creating a self-sustaining society of their own. The houses would be up on stilts for the seasonal floods. They will grow their own food. They will have their own entertainment. They will even have an orphanage.

"(Warren and I) will live here in an actual floating ship that will be called 'The Onyx-Essina,'"

said Cook.

When Cook isn't learning, she enjoys spending her free time studying. She loves to read books, not fictitious novels, but books about mythology, metaphysics and the occult.

"Fiction is fine and sometimes entertaining, but if I pay attention to that stuff for too long, I feel like I'm wasting time that could be used learning new things," said Cook.

Despite her insistence on learning, she loves movies, especially martial arts flicks such as, "Lady Snowblood," "Legend of the Drunken Master" and "Kill Bill." As far as pirate flicks go her favorite would be "Muppet Treasure Island."

"At first glance Captain Jack is attractive, but then you think of the fact that he never bathes, his breath is atrocious, he's hairy and probably has crusty dingle berries," said Cook while giving her opinion of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" films.

Cook is an intelligent, spiritual, fun-loving person with a lot of hope for the future.

"I want to get my degree in German," said Cook. "I want marriage and children, I will travel the oceans and hopefully become a teacher. I will help my family create our sustainable community in Australia. I want to live a long life, helping others and developing my self-esteem and lifestyle as well."

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Among the many talents of new pirate Sarah Cook are fortune-telling, astrology and singing. Although not always decked in pirate regalia, Cook's clothing style is consistently unique.

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For more questions, contact the club at extension 2554.



Veteran fans unsatisfied with new Floater

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Floater played a sold out show at the McMenamins Crystal Ballroom on Friday Jan. 16. If you missed it, Floater has upcoming shows in Eugene this weekend on Jan. 30 and 31 at the historic WOW Hall.

While the show brought an electric response from the underage section with rippling moshing, the over 21 crowds were relatively calm. Besides the desire to not spill locally brewed drinks on the bouncy floor, the older fan base may have been slightly disappointed with the band's newer music selection.

Alan Thompson, a long time Floater fan, and lead singer of Salem based band Motae said, "Relative to other shows I've been to, it was my least favorite just because their new style isn't as edgy as it used be."

Thompson went on to explain that, "All the songs were off the new album or not even out yet and they all sounded way too radio friendly."

This may not have been the wisest move for a band with such an alternative fan base.

Casey Meek, another long time fan and avid show attendee, found the newer songs to be lacking compared to the older music's, "originality and was surprised to not recognize most of the music," and basically found the band to be, "not as cool anymore."

Meek felt that there, "wasn't really anyone there who was moshing like they should be." This may have something to do with the moderately mellow selection of tunes played that night.

Meek felt that the fans used to be a lot more dedicated and, "way more into it," than the crowd appeared to be. The band did perform the drinking ballad ironically called "The Sad Ballad of Danny Boy," but other upbeat songs such as "Independence Day" and "Exiled" were not on the playlist that night.

The Crystal Ballroom has been in business since 1914 and provides a fantastic environment for waltzes and rockers alike. The floor could be described as walking on air, a fitting venue for a band who named themselves for doing just that.

The official Web site of Floater has information

on the band's career and explains that they have been a band since 1993 and have released 10 major albums since then.

The band is based out of Eugene, making their performances in the area quite frequent. Their music is an eclectic blend of reggae, psychedelic, and rock.

King Black Acid, a pop-rock band, opened for Floater. They played an hour long set that showed the anticipation of the crowd to hear the headlining show. After that, Floater performed for nearly two hours.

Despite some fans disappointment the band put on an enthusiastic show that left everyone with a taste of excitement from this Oregonian band.

Show times and locations are posted on floater.com and tickets for upcoming shows are available online at ticketmaster.com.

