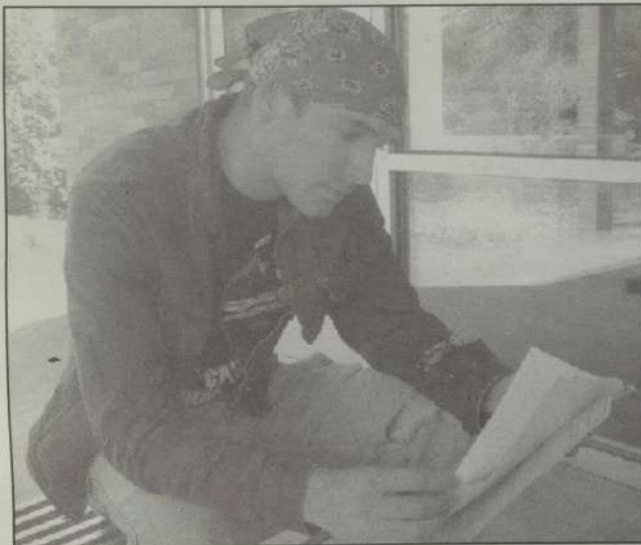


New leaders named for The Print



FILE PHOTO
John Hurlburt, next year's Co-Editor in Chief, reads over the schedule of events at a newspaper contest.

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The Clackamas Print has new leaders for next year. Kayla Berge and John Hurlburt will take on the mantle of Co-Editor in Chiefs for the 2009-10 school year. Both are veterans to *The Print*.

Berge, who joined in 2007 at the request of an old high school friend, has moved from being a graphic artist and pho-

tographer to editor extraordinaire.

"I came here wanting to be in narrative film or a lawyer. I tried looking for the speech and debate team, and didn't know it existed," said Berge. "I had to drop out of school for a while, but former Editor in Chief Megan Koler sucked me in here for graphics."

Hurlburt began as a news writer with a talent for breaking news and hard subjects. After running the news section

this year, Hurlburt felt the urge to take on the new challenge.

"I started *The Print*, because a man named Hunter S. Thompson once said that he was a writer who ended up working in journalism," said Hurlburt. "I started out wanting to be a creative writer, but once I started reading some of Thompson's work I realized this is a way to write and get a paycheck. He may be a horrible role model, but damn did he know how to make a living."

Between the two, the balance of talents will drive *The Print* in a new direction.

"I want it to be an atmosphere where you can learn and have fun at the same time," said Berge.

Staying true to his news background, Hurlburt shared his goal of news driven paper.

"Next year I'm hoping to maintain a strong, hard hitting paper. When news happens we'll be out there slugging through the crowds, making sure everyone gets to know what's going on."

The Print, which does not publish in the summer, will come together in September with a new group of students and editorial board. Every year is different, with only a few expert *Print* members returning. The new leaders will have the challenge of training a new staff, and dealing with the



FILE PHOTO
Kayla Berge, pauses for a photo in the publication lab. Berge aims to meld fun and learning as one of the leaders next year.

overwhelming pressure that is being Editor in Chief.

"*The Print* is a mob of stressed out, newspaper addicts," said Hurlburt. "Our job is to organize and keep everyone on track in order

to get a meaningful paper published every week. The only reason people stay is because we love what we do. I'm just glad we have a staff that is dedicated as it is."

Opinion

Saying goodbye to Clackamas: The bad, the good and the word 'change'



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It was March 27, 2006, and I had three acceptance letters in my hand: Portland State University, Oregon State University and New York University.

My parents were anxiously waiting my decision of where I was going to go. My dad, a painter from the Midwest, kept pushing for NYU. "It will change your life," he would say. My mom, who was supportive of whatever choice I made, thought I was leaning towards Oregon State. I still have the Beaver stadium chairs I got for my birthday that year. I remember sitting there overwhelmed with tuition, dorms and catalog choices. And then I found my old catalog for Clackamas Community College. It wasn't fancy like NYU. It didn't have the same campus culture as Corvallis and I would probably end up living at home instead of in Portland like I had dreamed. But, it would save me money, I could stick around my family and friends a while longer and prepare myself for the next step in my life without feeling overwhelmed.

My initial impressions of CCC were definitely positive, but in the last three years I have come to define my college experience by the top five things I love about this school and top five things I hate.

The Top 5 Things I Hate

5. *Online classes*

Every time I signed up for an online class I was thinking, "Hell

yes, I can sleep in and do my homework in my pajamas." Unfortunately, despite the seemingly awesomeness of the idea, the online classes always ended up being a pain in the ass. Whether it was software issues in my Astronomy class, or Blackboard malfunctioning, it always seemed like there was a never ending list of issues. If I could give one word of advice to new students, it would be stay away from those classes. The choices suck, the teachers usually don't care as much as they do with their other classes, and it's sure to drop your GPA.

4. *Administration riding the backs of the students*

I was never one to really give a damn what "the man" did to the "little guy." But, after practicing journalism the last three years or so, I can't help but feel like we, the students, always lose. I have watched tuition rise three times since I came here in 2006. The fees have almost doubled, and next year it seems like everything will cost you something. Pretty soon students won't be able to get their diplomas without paying a fee. Is it not bad enough that we pay teachers to tell us whether we are smart enough to go to college in the first place?

Thanks to the ridiculous salaries of college administration, the outrageous number of unnecessary expenditures, and the lack of frugality in the past ten years, students are paying for the mistakes of our school's leaders. It's a sad day when I watch students get turned away from getting an education from the place it's supposed to be the cheapest. And, honestly hearing some sob story from an administrator about how they dealt with tough times doesn't really ease the pain when they are the ones making \$100,000 this year, as we question whether we can afford the gas to get to school

this week.

3. *Orange chicks*

I call them the Oompa-Loompas, also known as the women who spend more than five days a week in a tanning bed. It may be catty, it may even be rude, but the fact of the matter is that there is a point when a tan is no longer a tan; it's a coat of orange paint. We live in Oregon, a place where it rains 300 days a year, there is no reason why we should look like Amazons. Now, I'm not against having a bit of color, but I do wish I didn't have to sit through so many classes wondering how many hours the blonde chick in the front row spent at Tanning Down Under to get that perfect cantaloupe coloring.

2. *Clackamas Associated Student Government*

Most wouldn't be surprised that ASG is at the top of my list. I want to say first and foremost that I do not have anything against what ASG stands for, only what they do. I suppose I was raised believing that actions speak louder than words and thus far the actions have not only spoken, they are screaming "Someone please punch me in the face!"

Government is supposed to be for the people, but that's where ASG has always been fundamentally flawed. In order to be a leader at Clackamas, you must be chosen by the former leaders. The past two years, it has been a crowning for the Clackamas ASG presidency, first with Michael Vu being the hand chosen predecessor of Tim Lussier, and this year with Alyssa Fava running unopposed. This isn't the first time concerns have been raised over ASG's practices. Last year there was a debate over open meeting laws. Winter term questions arose in regards to the qualities a leader should possess after photos surfaced

of ASG members drinking underage; and now I'm left to wonder how our leaders should be chosen.

If I could say anything to those in student government, I would say set a better example, change your constitution and do what's right. It's no wonder our leaders at higher levels are so corrupt; we are training them to be that way.

1. *The Clackamas Print*

Whether it's 6 p.m. deadlines or all out staff brawls, there is something about our little room in Roger Rook that can be my worst enemy.

The Top 5 Things I Love

5. *Amazing Teachers*

It only takes five minutes for a teacher to make you want to learn, and I've been lucky enough to experience it myself. Every student gets their fair share of cruddy teachers, the ones where you try to make up as many excuses not to go and sit in the back and hide, but there are some really good teachers at this school. To name a few of my favorites: Don Hartsock, Dean Darris, Sue Mach, Trevor Dodge, Ryan Davis, Melissa Jones, and Harold Watson. These are teachers that went the extra distance for me, and helped me learn more in their classes than any other class I have taken. I thank you.

4. *The Nerds in the Community Center*

You guys always remembered my name since the first time I met you. Even though you play too much Magic! and overwhelm me with your silly conversations, you are probably one of the best examples of Clackamas' culture. For students passing through, I encourage you to stop and talk. I guarantee that those CCC veterans can help you find what you need, give you a word of advice, and even help you with your statistics homework. (I mean what are nerds for?)

3. *Spring on Campus*

When the sun comes out campus is alive, a person can't help but love being here. Clackamas is one of the prettiest community college campuses I have seen.

2. *Clackamas Associated Student Government*

Being the watchdog of our campus government has taught me patience, understanding and how to stand up when things don't seem worth it. I found my voice through constantly being aware of what is considered wrongdoing. With ASG, I wouldn't understand conflict is. Having to take charge and say what is hard to say has been a good experience for me and *The Print*. So I thank ASG for teaching us how to be journalists.

1. *The Clackamas Print*

I joined *The Print* more than three years ago. I was young and stupid which lead me to where I am now, Editor in Chief. *The Print* has been as Roger Rook 135 is known for has given me friends, success, dreams. Wanting to be part of something is human nature, and *The Print* has given me that. Starting as a photographer and writer back in spring 2007, I learned quickly to trust my instinct. As News Editor for a year I learned how to be a fighter, to communicate with my peers. As Editor in Chief I have found that common good is often better than my own, and that sacrifice is often necessary. I've been lucky enough to have been a mediator, a teacher, a friend, a writer, a dreamer, a winner and a loser because of *The Print*.

I encourage every student member, and random visitor to get out of their box and experience college in a way they haven't before. Not because I'm biased (though admit I am), but because I can teach you lessons that are irreplaceable. Thank you for the good memories, Clackamas, and farewell.