

Readers shout back to editors

Dear editors:

I am writing in regards to your article, "Community garden plots thicken." I found it to be interesting and possibly a sign for me to become involved in gardening at the CCC Community Garden. Just this past Sunday, I was having lunch with my grandmother who suggested I go to the garden. Usually I hear her suggestions and I inquire about them. She's the woman who sends me newspaper clippings and articles she believes I would be interested in.

Living in an apartment, I find having a resource that to be an excellent asset to the community. I also think in comparison to the other gardens it would be an excellent way for people to save money and enjoy the space they have purchased for a whole year. I am happy you have shared this resource in *The Clackamas Print* and am very interested in purchasing a plot for my own fruits and vegetables.

Thank you sincerely,
Jessi Readinger, student

Editors:

In the Wednesday, May 5 *The Clackamas Print* there was an article on the Richelle Heacock Benefit Dance. I personally think that this was a great way to try and help Richelle. Although I do believe that if the school would have helped promote the benefit dance more than just putting some fliers around the school, there would have been a lot better turnout than what there was.

"Not counting the volunteers, only 10 or so people attended the dance, less than that actually participated." I personally believe that if the school would have posted something on their website, or had the teachers mention it at the end of their classes, their turnout would have been a lot better. This is because there are hundreds of people that visit the website on a daily basis and the teachers easily encounter hundreds of students a day. I, personally, did not know anything of the dance until only hours before the dance started and that was from word of mouth.

-Markus Mariz, student

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Anyone is welcome to respond to any and all content published in *The Clackamas Print*. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

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Editors:

In response to your article about the new "Nightmare on Elm Street," in the Wednesday, May 5 edition of *The Clackamas Print*, I went to see the movie a few days after it came out, and if I were to give the film a grade it would be at least a B. My opinion might, however, be different from some one who has never seen the original Freddy movies. Also given I am an avid movie goer, and fan of anything scary, I enjoyed the film.

While I watched the film, I took into account what I already know about Freddy, and just waited. I noticed how Freddy's persona was more violent and childlike, whereas in the original movies, some of his victims died in more ironic or comical ways, more dream like. I also noticed how much different he looked compared to the original. I was more a fan of his original look, but I can also appreciate how lifelike and detailed his burns were. I was also very excited to see this film, mainly because it gave more details into Freddy's past, a subject that they did not elaborate on in the original films.

In conclusion, as a first timer to the "Elm Street" movies, your score was fair. However, compared to some one who already knows more about Freddy, your score was a bit low.

-Eli Johnson, student

Editors:

In regards to "Students forfeit freedom for food."

I enjoyed this article. When I had seen this event going on April 21, I wanted to go over and see what all the fuss was about but I had to take care of some of my own business, so I did not get the chance. I was sitting in the Hall doing my homework when a girl came in and announced that they were giving away free food outside.

There were about three guys who blatantly went outside for this free food, two of which who are in the picture. When they came back they said, "We got free pizza! We had to sign some silly paper."

I got a much better understanding from reading this article as to why they signed the "silly paper." I find it a little funny that people will do pretty much anything for free food. The guys did not have to put much effort in getting some free food. I thought this event was a very interesting one to put on but people do not realize the First Amendment has a lot more to do with our lives than free food.

Rachel Morris, student

Wednesday, May 5, 2010, Erik Andersen from *The Clackamas Print* wrote about the May Day March on the Portland streets. I think it is great that groups of people like the "Peace Keeper" and the "Black Cross" volunteered to keep everything in order. I don't think it was the right thing for the Cop Watchers to videotape the police. I believe they shouldn't be videotaped because the people are just looking for little things for the cops to do wrong so they can sue them or get them in trouble. But, on the other hand, I think it was wrong for the police officers for putting tape over their name tags so people couldn't see them. All in all I am glad everything went well, without anyone getting hurt.

In the Arts and Culture Section of the CCC newspaper, there was an article about the Haggart Observatory. Before reading this article I didn't know of the observatory, but after finding out more about it, I think students at Clackamas should appreciate that we have this resource and come together to make the Haggart Observatory a good learning environment for those interested. Students are lucky to have these kind of resources, and I believe it will take a group effort to keep the observatory running, because of the amount of time needed to run it.

-Andy Pate, student

Editors:

I thought that the "Cougars leap to OSU" was a very good article. It gave me a lot of insight on what transferring from a community college would be like. What also caught my eye was how all the details about the school were from a student's point of view. It made me feel like if I was to transfer there, that was how I would feel. Another thing that was interesting was the Halsell dormitory. I did not know that the school had buildings where women and men can sleep together. I thought buildings like that were only in "American Pie" movies. Overall, I felt like the article was very expressive and well detailed.

Tyrell Fortune, student.

Editors:

After reading the paper, the article that stood out to me the most was the one on the observatory. I didn't think those kind of things were here in Oregon. After reading the article it makes me want to go and check out the observatory.

The reason why no one has any interest in the observatory is because people are too busy doing other things like school and work and sports and child care. Astronomy isn't really an interesting subject. I like that kind of stuff; I like to take a moment and look up in the stars at night when it's clear and warm outside. To the volunteers who help out at the observatory, I tip my hat to them because they take their free time that they have and help clean and do whatever they can when they could be out doing something else. Thank you for having this article in *The Clackamas Print*. Sometime in the near future I will check out the observatory.

-Andre Dickson, student

Internet journalism offers new possibilities for media coverage

By John Hurlburt
News Editor

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constant white noise of Baghdad's daily routine was shattered by the car's sound of an Apache helicopter's 30 caliber chain gun.

After the gunfire had stopped and the dust had settled, and after more than twelve had been extinguished, no one knew it was our world was forever and recognized.

More than two years after two reporters from the British services Reuters were killed by Iraqi civilians and insurgents were by United States gunfire, a video has been released showing these deaths in the grey detail of an Apache turret camera.

The video was released by the website www.ass.org, a site dedicated to publishing uncensored, uncensored or otherwise restricted news of political, diplomatic or ethical nature.

The future of news media resides deeply in the cavernous depths of the Internet. As newspapers have been riding on the coattails of tradition and the imminence of large scale destruction seems to have been as writing on the wall.

Newspapers have been either "consolidating" or "folding" - one of the questions arising in the field has been what will be the future of journalism?

Readers have already begun to tear off

their piece of the action. The rise in people turning to the Internet for news and communication has led seemingly to everyone having his or her own blog.

There's a simple beauty in the fact that now anyone can report what is going on in our world. But for every yin there is a yang, and the benefits that are gained by having a connected world where anyone can call out the truth are shadowed by the fact that just as easily anyone can spread a lie.

Our world is changing, and media is becoming media, where instead of information being told, it is being shared. Nearly every way in which news is distributed online, there is a conduit for people to comment adding to the discussion.

Sifting through the quagmire of information and disinformation is now becoming the responsibility of all tech savvy news searchers. As more and more blogs and Internet news services are being created, others are starting to fail, and it is the individuals who are doing the reading that are deciding the fate of news.

The world is at a cross. The Internet is not complete and right now how it grows rests entirely in the fate of its users (a scary thought considering the vast percentage of the Internet that is dedicated to porn).

Users are showing though that they still want reliable and hard hitting news. Wikileaks is leading the way, releasing documents from around the world that the population isn't ever supposed to see.

If the site can be any indicator for the future, we are looking into a world where

anonymous sources are everyday occurrences and the fear of coming out with truth will be dissipated by the sources ability to veil their own identity.

If the thousands of naked men on Chatroulette.com can be an indicator for anything it's that anonymity has an amazing power of releasing inhibitions. When anyone feels confident becoming Deep Throat, investigative journalism can only grow. Facts will always need someone to check them and the public deserves to know what their government is doing, regardless of whether or not it is good public relations.

In the opinionated way of the future, people are going to be functioning on more personal basis with their news source. Individuals will be gravitating towards who they trust and who holds a similar belief to them.

Objectivism will be laid to rest with the physical newspaper. Whether this is good or bad the future has yet to decide.

For decades journalism has been shackled by its inability to properly report truth, based on the fact the truth itself is subjective. Objective journalism has not been able to report the feelings and tones that people purvey and experience.

A reporter who suspects something but has no ability to verify has been previously forced to sidebar any gut feelings. This was previously a safe move; people had no way of knowing if they could trust Joe Reporter's gut feeling. However, now anyone can read his previous writings, check out his work history and education background and suddenly Joe

Reporter has become a reliable source.

In the new, open and unstructured world ahead, trust will be key, news will come in every form from written memos leaked to the press, to shirtless people yelling into their webcam about how they don't feel different regardless of any "change."

The industry of truth has now become an open competition where many will enter with what they think is the wave of the future but only a few will win and ultimately market demands will decide our fate.

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