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## Teen drug abuse gets serious at YC

*Teachers, students, and staff are aware of a growing problem with teen drug use at YC and offer ways to counter*

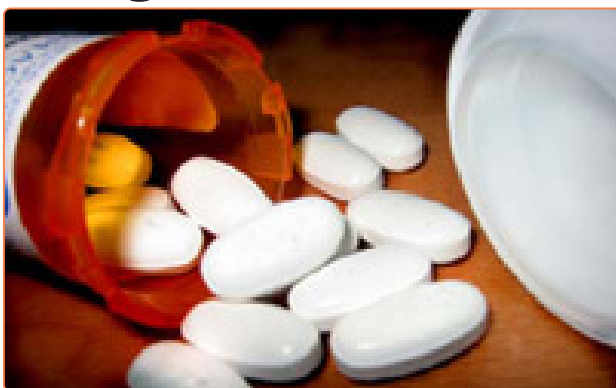
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**E**ven in a community as small as YC the teen drug abuse problem is real and people are going to have to face it. There has been evidence of drug use in the school; teachers, students, and the staff are aware of that.

"We've had student reports about others using, possessing, and selling. We've also found residue on a toilet paper dispenser as if a pill had been crushed on top," said Principal Jim Orth when asked if there had been evidence of any drug use in the school.

According to a 1998 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration survey nearly ten percent of teens all over the United States between the ages of twelve and seventeen used illegal drugs. The most popular substances are marijuana, which is often combined with other drugs, cocaine and prescription pills.

At YC the amount of students who use



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*YC is trying to prevent the drug abuse issue and protect its students from abusing by holding informative assemblies*

illegal drugs has been increasing enough to persuade Orth and Vice Principal Jeff Davis to organize assemblies and meetings addressing the drug abuse problem. The first one, held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, was about honesty and integrity and it was attended by the whole student body before 1<sup>st</sup> period, followed by a discussion the next day in every advisory. There has been a meeting, to which parents and students were encouraged to attend, sponsored by Danielle

Findley's Yamhill Carlton Anti-Drug (YCAD) organization.

"It promoted awareness and discussed strategies to re-direct students using or considering it," said Orth. He also organized an informative assembly on April 15<sup>th</sup> during advisory and two local police officers participated, Officer Dustin Hoff from the Carlton Police Department and Corporal Greg Graven from the Yamhill Police Department.

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## YC undergoes schedule change from trimester

*A change in schedule concerns students and staff as the district struggles with financial losses*

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Editor-in-Chief

**W**hether it is a seven period or an AB block the semester schedule, which is composed of two 18 week instruction segments, is by far the most common schedule in the United States. However, after six or seven years on a trimester schedule the majority of students and staff members of Yamhill Carlton Union High School are scared to death of the thought of changing back. Unfortunately, the school board, composed

of Frank Kraaz, Carol West, Brian King, Kevin Webb, and Rodney Sitton, voted last January and that thought will become reality.

For many students, the trimester schedule is all that they know and their fear is directed at change in general, not particularly the semester schedule. It is not uncommon for students to prefer the schedule that they are currently in, no matter what school they go to.

The administration has its own fears as well. Jim Orth, the Principal at YC, sees unintended consequences of the change. More periods in the day means more transition or unstructured time. This gives students more opportunities for tardies and truancies; Orth anticipates a small rise in minor disciplinary issues.

One of the most important aspects of

## News In Brief

**4/9/09 Senior work day** raised \$ for Kahneeta. Seniors were auctioned off to the highest bidder and forced to do their bidding during school hours.

**4/17/09 The black light dance** was the first dance to be held inside the freshmen hall as well as the first dance to be held with black lights.

**5/7/09 Senior project presentations** will be given in the high school cafeteria. Starting at 7:00 PM community members are invited to see what the senior class has been working on all year!

**4/22/09 Timmy the drug dog** made an appearance at an assembly on teen drug abuse. Cute but fierce this pup stormed the gym to show the students his super sniffing skills.

**4/28/09** The district has undergone **web development** as a team of computer savvy people put together the schools new web page. You can check it out at <http://ntserver2/YCSD/>.

**4/29/09 Brad Henning** returns for his biennial assembly about sexual abstinence. Strategically placed a few days before Prom, Brad Henning also gives a presentation to the parents and community members at 7:00 PM.

the switch is that fact that it is universal; that is the whole district will be switching over to semesters together. When the school board voted to change the high school and middle school schedules it was assumed that the grade school was included in that change because, as Steve Chiovaro, the superintendent for Yamhill Carlton School District, or YCSD, said, "They almost have to in a school system unless it is a very large school system. Everybody has to be on the same grading program."

Having two schools in the same district on different schedule would create lots of problems. For one, YC and Trask Mountain Middle School share teachers and many advanced students from the middle school take classes at the high school. YC also

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## Semester crossover viewed negatively by majority

*YC students share why they fear, cheer, or simply just don't care, about leaving the trimester system*

FABIAN TENBUSS  
Opinion Editor

**B**udget cuts, higher unemployment rate and other economic problems are the results of the current economic crisis. Even schools are affected, YC included. Several issues have led the school board to change the trimester schedule to a semester schedule next year. In the face of a major change the Expression staff turns to the student body to get their views of this change.

Out of 204 students, between freshmen and juniors, 163 were not happy with the semester switch, which is about 80 % of the total surveyed. Why did the majority of students react negatively to the new switch? What reasons make them, in the words of many, "angry" about it?

Many students who were not happy feared that it would be hard to keep up with the homework because of more classes. They went further and said that because of less class time they will not get as much help as before and worried that if they fail a class it will be very hard to make it up again. In addition, a lot of juniors are worried about their credits and if they will be able to fully graduate from high school. Some



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students are also afraid about the changes that would revolve around sports; they fear they will not be able to do sports the way they did before. Lastly, a huge amount of people either did not know or did not see a good thing in the change.

On the other side there are 26 students who were happy or thinking positively about the change, about 13 % of the students surveyed. Mostly the students did not really know why they would like the semesters better, but they added that it might be interesting, new or just different. Although some people explained that because of shorter classes they might not be as bored as in the current trimester schedule. Their concerns sometimes matched with the people who were not happy with the change. Students feared



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having more homework and taking classes year around. Some said that the switch would at least help with the school budget and give more money to the school.

There were also 15 students who did not choose yes or no, totaling about 7 % of the students who were surveyed. They either did not care or did not know what to think about the switch. Many said that they do not know what semesters will be like, so they actually do not have an opinion on it yet. They chose to reserve judgment. This group was concerned about lengthening periods and if they will be able to keep up with their class work.

It is no surprise every person has a different opinion on this issue. Even if you are happy or not with the switch, it will happen.

**"I am so mad about this I could punch someone."**

*Allie Bisset, junior*

**"Why mess with something perfect?"**

*Ryan Peterson, junior*

**"More classes, more chances to learn."**

*Stephanie Reiter, freshmen*

**"Everybody will be really confused."**

*Jessica Smith, sophomore*

## The disease that plagues the Class of 2009

*Senioritis can affect even the best of students, so learn to take precautions and fight back*

KYLE WILLIAMS  
Guest Reporter

**W**hen a student enters into their senior year they never expect the inescapable danger that awaits them. The excitement and anticipation of their final year of high school is all that is on their mind. As the year progresses the stress and demands of high school life slowly picks and tears away at their mind, causing them to lose focus and energy. This danger is commonly known as senioritis, a disease whose onset can start as early as the first week of school.

Symptoms of Senioritis include lethargic speech and movement, extreme procrastination, excessive use of sweats, lack of motivation, college-bound hallucinations, and forgetting to wipe your drool-drenched

face after a nice nap in math class. This highly menacing disease can have long-lasting effects on any high school senior and it's crucial for students to know how to combat these symptoms so that they can get through the year and take the next steps in life.

A common mindset that seniors can find themselves in is thinking that they have worked hard enough and deserve the right to coast through the rest of the year. They feel burned out, uncaring, and are desperately ready to move on. Honestly, who can blame them? But unfortunately for seniors, especially those planning on attending college, senior year can be the most demanding. This is why it is important for a senior to carefully manage their time and plans.

Senior year is meant to be fun, and it's hard to see it that way with the endless piles of scholarship applications, senior projects, and essays, not to mention trying to balance it all with a social life. But when they let all those things weigh them

down it is easy to fall into that trap, allowing those symptoms to increase and tear them down. Finding a balance in one's school and social life is vital to living a happy and healthy senior year.

Stress is the number one cause of Senioritis. When kids are pushed to their limits they feel like giving up and taking the easy way out. This is why setting aside time in your schedule for fun activities is another way to lessen the effects of the disease. Try not to overdo it. It is very important to complete all those necessary evils in order to beat the disease, such as SATs, senior projects, and the oh-so-dreaded Ed Plans. Determination, perseverance, and a little bit of luck will help you get through hard times so that you can move on and enjoy your year without illness.

Fortunately for all seniors there is an instant cure to this deadly disease- its called graduation. But until that day one must be watchful for any of the symptoms.

In some extreme cases, seniors can find themselves so delusional that they completely shut down in advanced stages of the disease. These cases have catastrophic consequences which almost always lead to a disorder called "Supersenior."

This dreadful disorder forces the senior to shamefully relive the horrors that previously ensued by going back to retake the classes they let plummet due to increased senioritis. For this reason, a senior must stay on the alert, keep their head on a swivel, and be able to suppress the potentially fatal symptoms in order to finish out the year.

All in all, senioritis can actually be used for some good. It can teach seniors the benefits of sticking it out so that ultimately they can reap the joys that come from graduation and taste the sweet freedom that comes from it. Until, that is, they start their college career and the wonderful process that is life starts all over again...

## Newly elected ASB officers are confident about upcoming school year

*ASB officers reflect on this year and discuss what they believe will stay the same and what will try to change*

FABIAN TENBUSS  
Opinion editor

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world: indeed it’s the only thing that ever has!” This quote by Margaret Mead describes what the Associated Student Body, or ASB, is all about. The new ASB claimed office a couple of weeks ago and after some meetings and time with each other it was time to find out what this group of seven motivated students has planned for the next year and how they will overcome money problems.

Andrea White, ASB President, Piper Jahnke, ASB Vice President, Sarah Chiovaro, ASB Secretary, Austin Schroeder, ASB Assistant Secretary, Austin Powe, ASB Treasurer, Adriana Escobedo-Land, ASB Assistant Treasurer, and Talia Prosser, ASB Activity Director, are the current officers. All of them believe that this is a good group because as Jahnke said, “We all have similar ideas and interest for the school”.

Of course it is important to know if the ASB has big changes for the next year or if they want to stay on the same path as last year. “We have the potential to go further,” Prosser replied and Powe added, “We plan do to a better job than last year.” So this group really wants to accomplish something, but not everything needs to be changed.

Unfortunately, this crew might have to work much harder because of possible budget cuts, which would effect different types of activities. The group might have to start saving some money from this year if they want to continue in the same way next year. Powe, as ASB Treasurer, explained that they would have to use money the best and most efficient way they could.

Although it might get a tough year, all

of the ASB officers are excited for the next year and their responsibilities. Escobedo-Land said, “I want to help my school, because it is not much time out of my life,” and Chiovaro gave a good example, “Homecoming was really hard and a lot of work to do, but it is rewarding when people come to you and are happy with it.” The new officers have much work, but in the end it is also a lot of fun. White was the only person who would like “to get a little bit higher up” talking about her position.

When asked what the best part of ASB is, Jahnke answered, “Being positive role models.” Answering the same question Prosser said “Being part of the school.” Chiovaro likes “to make actual changes.” If the ASB officers were to give advice to future candidates Powe would say, “Don’t be afraid about the speeches” and Schroeder said, “Just be relaxed.”

One last reason to join the ASB is the chance to get free breakfast which most of the ASB officers enjoy. A lot.

## Senior Prom: a disappointing reality for many senior girls

*Senior girls struggle with realization that Senior Prom will never mean as much to guys as it does to them*

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Editor-in-Chief

Freedom... independence... friendship... all values of one priceless night, thanks to a group of senior boys. The choice to go to Senior Prom without dates was simple and good intentioned, yet any simple act can have unintended consequences. For every boy who would rather pass the time with their buddies or skip the whole dance are some slightly damaged dreams of a dateless senior girl.

It has never been a secret that males



KEVIN ZIMMER

*Some senior girls wait a very long time for the timeless question: will you go to prom with me?*

and females view the world a little differently. Guys will never understand the significance of a wedding ceremony when they can go to the courthouse and sign the paperwork in under five minutes. For girls, who grow up watching Cinderella and Aurora get swept off their feet by the dazzling princes, senior prom is one of most special nights of their life.

That perfect dress that cost her five hours of waiting in line, dozens of hours trying on, and multiple fittings was hard enough work. Then there are the shoes, the hair, the nails, the makeup, the dinner, the ride... girls put forth a ton of work for the dream. That dream is incomplete without a date. A date makes you feel special and wanted, whether it is your long time boyfriend or your next door neighbor who is going with you as a friend.

It is fair to the girl who gathered up all of her courage to ask a boy, the gal who labored over and put all she had into the ideal prom invitation, the woman who humbly gave up her date to give her best friend one breathtaking night, or the lady who never has been asked to a dance but still has hope to be told that senior boys would rather go alone than with them?

These women are all smart and beautiful, and yet they are rejected. It is hard not to take it personally. There are too many girls who hold their heads high in the daylight, but spend Senior Prom, that special once in a lifetime event, wondering what they should have done differently. Should they have been flirtier? Gotten plastic sur-

gery? Gone to more parties? It doesn't matter how smart, tall, blonde, short or freckled a gal is, every girl would love to be asked to Senior Prom.

Is it right to put all this pressure on guys? Probably not, but girls have always attempted to measure their worth by the affection of their men. This is a very negative process that needs to be broken. However, whether or not Senior Prom is part of this cycle is debatable and, very simply, irrelevant. There are very healthy and confidence woman, who don't need men to complete them, who still believe in the magic of Senior Prom.

How many times have you heard, "I'll let you off for skipping two Homecomings but you *have* to go to Senior Prom." It is just another dance to a guy, even though it is the dance to a girl. Some girls don't go to any dance but Senior Prom...and that wasn't a random choice out of a hat.

Maybe the right word for Senior Prom shouldn't be freedom, but sacrifice. I would beg every gentleman to give up one night, Senior Prom, to any fine lady. You may not realize it now, or ever, but that one night that you so selflessly gave will mean the world to her. You will not only be giving her part of the dream; you will also be giving the dream to her daughters and granddaughters as she tells them romantic stories of how things "used to be when she was a girl." Perhaps one day down the road a girl will do something selfless for you; who knows, maybe she already has.

## YC choirs sings the National Anthem at Portland Beavers game

*YC choir students represent their school singing at the Portland Beavers game*

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The Yamhill Carlton choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Portland Beavers baseball game against the Salt Lake Bees on May 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be singing at 7:05 pm at the PGE Park, in Portland. Tick-



YC choir students singing in formal dress. YC YEARBOOK

ets are sold by the YC choir and they are good for any other game this baseball season, the tickets sale ends on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The price is \$9 for general admission or \$14 for infield reservations. Choir members include Ben Clark, Kristen Covert, Alyssa Beam, Melissa Thatcher, Brittney Gardner, Otto Arendt, Holly Perkins, Kevin Behm, Alexander Marten, Shyanne Piper, Katherine Briggs, Tara Velarde, Billie Smith, Sheree Lynch, Serena Madden, Bryan Braukman, Chanetell Fredrickson, Shawna Lanyon, Rande Beecroft and Melissa Moore.

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shares peer tutors, aides, with the grade schools and even classes like Child Development comingle their students with the younger children at Yamhill Grade School.

YCSD has total control over the schedule of its schools; that is as long as they have the required instructional hours required by the state. According to the Oregon Department of Education, ODE, high schools have to have 990 instructional hours. The regulations from ODE are generalized and based on a full-year.

The semester schedule that was proposed, but has not been voted by the school board, is a hybrid. A typical week would include three days of 45 minute classes for seven periods. Two days a week classes will be longer; one of those two days you would have four of your seven classes and the other day you would take the remaining three classes before leaving school early.

Early release, as opposed to late arrival, works much better for the elementary and grade schools. YCSD has been reaching out to their community partners to provide alternatives like day care for the younger children.

The schedule change is expected to help counter the growing concerns of the school board for the number of students on early release, late arrival, or aiding. After an internal study, YCSD found that there were over 100 students in the above situations; for such a small school district that number was quite alarming and simply unacceptable. As Chiovaro explained, "this is the only chance a student has for a free education and we hope that there is great value in our education."

However, changing the schedule will not save YCSD. Rising

costs and a decrease in revenue have created a 1.4 million dollar hole in the district's budget. Nearly 78 percent of the district's revenue for their general operation budget comes from the state and almost half of the money the State of Oregon collects is from income taxes. As unemployment spikes the state, and in turn it's public schools, suffer financial losses.

As a result YCSD and the school board have had to make some very tough decisions. Together, the school district will lose six and a half FTEs, or full time equivalent. That doesn't mean six and a half teachers; instead it is equal to the hours that six and a half full-time employees could work in a year by law. Two and a half of those FTE will not save the school district any money for eliminating because they were not even in the budget for this year. It is predicted that the high school will be losing two FTEs next year of the six and a half district-wide.

Starting next year the school district is pulling 100 percent funding for extracurricular activities at the middle school and 50 percent support at the high school level. Extracurricular activities include all sports.

Sports will also suffer from having less participants or athletes, especially winter sports; at least Orth predicts that will be another unintended consequence of the trimester to semester switch. The trimester schedule conveniently aligns with the athletic calendar. If you receive poor grades for your first semester you will be ineligible to play a sport until January even though practices start much earlier. Many students will find that deterring.

For every cut that is visible to the students and staff are two hidden and unseen reductions. Chiovaro makes cuts at the administration and support services first and then works his way down to the classroom teachers. Although he values his administration the reason the school district is here is to educate the student. Chiovaro comments, "I believe very strongly that the single most important factor in successful student achievement is student class size and if we have student class sizes that are way too large then, especially in the elementary school, particular in the elementary school, student success is not going to be achieved."

In the light of such a grim forecast it is reassuring to be reminded by Michelle Morrison, Business Manager for YCSD, that even though, "this financial issue is near and dear to our hearts but in reality we're not as poorly off as many, many districts in the state." As YCSD makes drastic changes and cuts, people at the state and national level are working to solve the current financial crisis. We are not alone; this is a national problem.

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Seniors Amanda Chism and Katlyn Adams for the Senior Work Day.

The Senior Work Day, which was a fund raiser for the seniors' Grad night, was on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The seniors were purchased silent auction style, and dressed up by their

friends. The outfits got approved by Principal Orth and mister Osborn prior to wearing. The seniors raised a fair amount of money for their upcoming Kahneeta trip.

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"This is not to scare people, this is about information," said Orth, and Davis followed: "We want to give you information so that you can make the right decision for yourself." During the assembly the student body found out more about drug and alcohol related school problems and what the consequences would be for bringing drugs to school or giving it to other individuals. Hoff gave a quick demonstration of how "Officer" Timmy, his drug sniffing dog, can smell drugs and the students have been warned by the principal that there will be a locker search soon. Graven concluded the assembly saying: "I know I can't get to everybody here, but if I reach only one person, today, I've done my job."

The officers talked about how students get to try those substances. Teens are willing to try or use drugs mostly due to curiosity. "Some are just experimenting. Some are or get addicted through the experimentation progress. For some the thrill of 'getting away with it' is just as intoxicating as the drug/alcohol itself," said Orth.

"It's relaxing, it makes everything better," said a YC student when asked why he tried drugs. In his group of friends, he said, there is a relevant number of people that has used or uses drug frequently.

"I know people who have and people who do, it doesn't affect their lives that much," he said. The students have known about the problem since the drugs have started to get into our school environment. YC is such a small environment that would

be really hard for teens that live in it not to know what's going on in their own bathrooms and parking lots, even if they don't think of it as an issue.

"As long as nobody walks through the hall with a joint in their hand it's not a problem," said the anonymous student.

As the number of teenagers that are willing to experiment with drugs increases, so does the influence they put on their peers.

"Once a student gets 'in the current', they often find it hard to remove themselves from the stream. Peer pressure can be debilitating" said Orth. The influence that teens have over their friends can play a major role in initializing them to the drug abuse.

"If the entire group of friends is doing it, someone might feel pressured," said the anonymous student.

The consequences for students that take drugs and illegal substances at school can go from suspension to expulsion.

"They're pushed to the most strict end of our discretion," said Orth, "we have engaged in discussions with staff and students (at individual and group level) about our awareness and the need to keep it away from school." During the last three trimesters more than two students have found out how high the price to pay for those who break the rules is.

"YC is different from other schools. We take care of each other, here," said Orth "If you don't, go somewhere else, because this is not what this school is about."

# Good luck Seniors on your Senior Project presentations May 7th & 8th!



JEREMIASAUTENRIES

Ben Clark dressed up on the Senior work day. About twenty seniors were bought and put to work by students or staff.

## Two teachers reflect the success of their class

*Three years in, Contemporary Issues has become a hit with YC Students*

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In 2007 Murray Ferguson and Dean Heuberger, two long-time Yamhill Carlton teachers, got permission to teach a class together. What started with 25 students has now grown to 36 students, with junior and seniors beating down the door to get in. YC had extra money, a perfect opportunity, and gave birth to the idea of Heuberger and Ferguson co-teaching. Contemporary Issues, as the class is

now called, has come a long way over the past two years.

This term the class took a field trip to the 'REAL.LIFE.Exhibit' to get an impression of what is going on in the world today. REAL.LIFE. Exhibit is sponsored by Medical Teams International, a Christian organization, and focuses on eight global issues within their exhibit. Everyone was really impressed and shocked by what they witnessed.

Two of the fourteen showrooms displayed children living in the garbage dumps of Mexico City and the lives of the survivors shook by the catastrophes of Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Other exposed issues where the destruct-

tion brought by a tsunami in Indonesia, camps in Uganda for people fleeing the wrath of the Lord's Resistance Army, an Albanian refugee camp, the HIV and AIDS epidemic of Africa, the plight of orphans in Romania, and harshly treated burn victims of Moldova. The whole class read plenty of information, sometimes overwhelming, as they walked thoughtfully through the exhibit.

After browsing the exhibit, the students of Contemporary Issues emerged in a lounge and had a debriefing discussion with one of the volunteers working at the REAL.LIFE. Exhibit. Marv, who has been with Medical Teams International for three

years, lead a discussion on how each and every one of us can help people in need. The discussion moved on to why tragedies like these happen and how to prevent them from happening in the future. On the REAL.LIFE. Exhibit webpage is the quote, "I'm only one person, but I Can Make a Difference." This is the heart and soul of the exhibit and the passion behind Medical Teams International.

Heuberger thought the students took the exhibit and discussion seriously. He hopes that when students think back ten years from now they will remember it as good experience.

Contemporary Issues moved right on into other topics and events happening about the world. Some of the larger issues discussed were the economic crisis of the United States and the poor education and poverty in third world countries. Most of the Earth's population lives on less than a dollar a day. Our class follows the agenda of President Obama because he is facing some very large issues during his presidency.

Heuberger and Ferguson can't really prepare for Contemporary Issues. It is different every year because the topics change every year. These experienced teachers have to prepare daily so that they can discuss the current news. They encourage students to read books about various issues throughout the term and watch the news for current events to discuss in class. Heuberger and Ferguson have to be informed and both of them say that they are excited every day to teach Contemporary Issues.

The hope of both Heuberger and Ferguson is that the students start thinking beyond themselves and beyond their little community. They want to show the students what's going on in the world. Ferguson hopes that students start to form an opinion about the things that really matter.

Contemporary Issues can be taken by juniors or seniors. The students can take it as an elective or for an English credit, replacing one junior or senior English class; A or B not both. The students who decide to take it for an English credit do a few more assignments or read an extra book.

Heuberger and Ferguson really hope that YC is going to be able to offer this class in the future because both of them look forward to this class every day and enjoy discussing important issues with the class. Together they praise the class for being positive and working hard.

**"I'm only one person, but I Can Make a Difference."**

## Motorcross champion found among seniors at YC: Cortney Taylor

*Cortney Taylor races every month to bring home the gold*

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*Feature Co-editor*

Cortney Taylor isn't just a senior at YC that you see out in the hall, she is also the 2008 Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association Women's Champion and she is about to become the champion of 2009.

Taylor started riding motorcycles as a family tradition at the age of ten with her grandfather. She was also taught to ride by several family members and continues to learn from them as well. Taylor is now racing two to four times a month. She travels all over Oregon and Washington to race against other women.

The Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association (OMRA) is made up of mostly men and just four women compete. Fourteen women compete in NMA & OMRA.

At each Grand Prix, that's what they call their race, about three to thirteen compete against Taylor in her class, hundreds of people from other classes are racing with her.

A race usually takes about one to two hours, depending on the number of laps she has to race.

Races are judged by a point system. The point system at the OMRA is 75 points for first place, 65 points for second, and 55 points third. The more points you have the more likely you will win the season.

Taylor had to attend almost all of the

races to make sure she keeps up in the points to win the OMRA Women's Championship, she's has to get higher points than third place at most of the races to even have a chance at winning it all.

Taylor doesn't only have the support of her parents, who pay for everything to ensure her success in the sport of Grand Prix Motocross; she's also sponsored by Dunlop, MGX graphics, and Damzil.

Taylor still remembers her first race in September 2007 at a Grand Prix race in Goldendale, Washington. The next year Taylor was already hooked on racing and she won twelve trophies.

Taylor is riding a Honda CRF150R, which is smaller than the bikes of the others girls, but it's not the bike that makes a person fast, "It's the rider skills and judgment", she says.

Taylor's dream is to join the American Women's Motocross team, and to race in other countries. Her second cousin, who also is her trainer, said she would be a good candidate for it and he will help her try to attain that goal.

She wants to go to college and become a paralegal, but she's going to continue racing throughout college so she can make her dream being a member of the Women's Racing team come true.



LAURIE TAYLOR

Courtney Taylor riding her CRF150R

## YC FFA team travels to state convention

*YC FFA members spend part of their spring break competing at the state convention*

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For spring break 2009 FFA drove five hours to La Grande, OR for the state convention. They were there from Friday until Tuesday. All the members of FFA in Oregon are invited this convention. YC was represented by 15 of our students. The day the group got there, they went to a meeting and an open ceremony for the state officers. Every morning and evening except on Sunday, they had sessions. On Sunday, two members from each chapter attended a delegate session where they voted in new state officers. The convention held a dance on Saturday night from 9-12. Megan Durfee

said, "The DJ played awesome music and came out break dancing!"

15 of our FFA members went to the state convention. Nate Duyn, Molly Murphy, Megan Durfee, and Wade Bernards got their state degree. In order to get the degree you must take an online test, have S.A.E (supervised agriculture experience), and pass an interview. The group also got to spend a day at Eastern Oregon University. While they were there, they did a scavenger hunt and played games. Megan Durfee, Molly Murphy, and Cassidy Davis played "Are You Smarter Then a College Freshman?"

Some of our peers also took home prizes. Davis entered her scrapbook and won gold. Durfee entered her treasurer book and won silver. Colby Duyn entered his Ag. or science project and took first place, so he is going to nationals next year in Indianapolis. Over all, FFA had a very successful convention.

## YC welcomes newly elected ASB President

*The Culver dynasty has passed and a new leader rises for YC*

FABIAN TENBUSS  
Opinion Editor

She won the election; she has the school behind her and is ready to start her term. The new president, Andrea White, plans on bringing "small improvements" to the school during her time.

As many of the students might know White is a 16 year old junior who is involved in a lot of activities like orchestra, band, and track. She has been on ASB every high school year and is happy to be the new ASB president. What most students do not know about White is her variety of hobbies. She enjoys reading, knitting, and playing the violin and the clarinet.

White is really happy that she won the election and wants to help the school with her new position. She thinks that she has "motivated and focused people" behind her with the current ASB officers. They already had a couple of meetings and White is sure that if they all work hard and get good support from each other they can overcome

the current financial problems.

When White was asked if she could be as good a president as John Culver, she explained that it would be hard, because Culver did "a lot of good things." She also mentioned that she would be a good president, just in her own way. White will try her best and not be concerned about being better or worse than Culver.

Sometimes fears come along with this position; White worries that she might "mess up" or "not do a good job." On the other hand White anticipates good things and with "good support" and "a lot of input" from the students, White can "tell the staff what students think." Of course the next year might be a lot of fun.

In the end White said that the most important job of an ASB president in general is to "help students." Other responsibilities like "being in front of an assembly" go with the position, too. White said, "I'm really excited for my first assembly" which shows that it is an important and "exciting" responsibility for every president.



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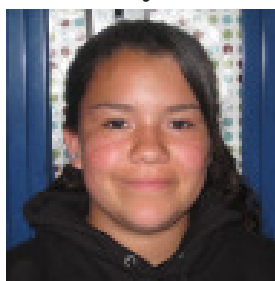
*Andrea White is ready to help improve our school as new ASB President.*

## Spring Break at YC

*YC students share their vacation adventures during Spring Break, whether they were close or far from home*

JEREMIAS AUTENRIED  
News Co-editor

### Brittany Wells



KEVIN ZIMMER

**What did you do during Spring Break?**  
I took a trip to Arizona.

**Where?**  
To the Grand Canyon.

**With who?**  
I went with my mother and Andia Mirbagheri.

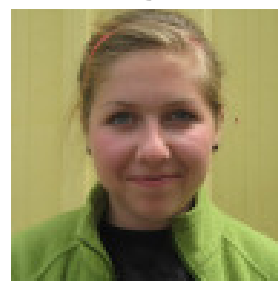
**What experiences/adventures did you have?**  
We went to go see the Grand Canyon and we also hiked a little bit

**What's your most memorable moment of your vacation?**  
To see the Grand Canyon

**What did you not like about your vacation?**  
There wasn't anything I didn't like.

**With whom did you decide to go on this vacation/why did you go to this specific place?**  
My mother and I decided we wanted to show Andia the Grand Canyon and my grandma lives there so we decided to visit her too.

### Alice Queirolo



KEVIN ZIMMER

**What did you do during Spring Break?**  
I went to the FFA state convention and I was skiing

**Where?**  
In La Grande and the Timberline lodge on Mount Hood

**With who?**  
With the FFA people (Cassidy, Molly, Emma, Megan etc) and I was skiing with Ryann Nolan, her aunt and her cousin.

**What experiences/adventures did you have?**  
I went to a hypnotist show. I enjoyed going off crazy jumps for fun with Ryann

**What's your most memorable moment of your vacation?**  
When I was watching Ryann going off a huge jump and do a helicopter with her skies.

**What did you not like about your vacation?**  
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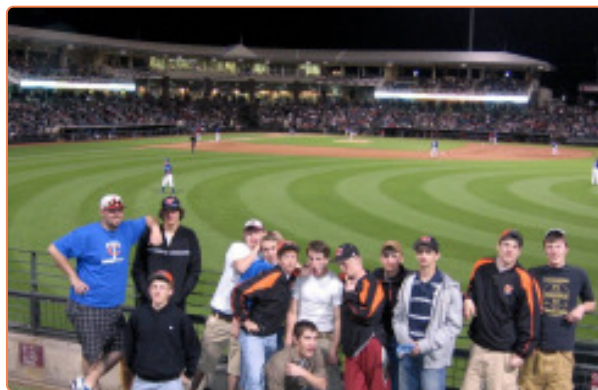
# YC softball plays in California over spring break

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## Spring teams experience bonding and sun over Spring Break



Coach Ackerman and the Tigers in Arizona ANDY ACKERMAN

*YC baseball travels to Arizona for spring break; faces experience and sun*

ALEX SLATER  
Sports Co-editor

This year's Yamhill Carlton baseball team spent five days in paradise over spring break. The trip's focus was to experience a high level of play with some larger baseball clubs from around the country.

The Tigers played four games of their own at Thunderbird High School, on a facility of extremely high quality, against four different high school clubs, including teams from Arizona, California, and Colorado.

After the team's own games, they went to Scottsdale and Peoria to watch major league baseball spring training games, which included the Seattle Mariners vs. Oakland Athletics, Kansas City Royals vs. San Francisco Giants, and Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Texas Rangers. At one particular game, a home run was hit directly to Coach Andy Ackerman, but instead of catching the grand slam ball, Ackerman (or "Ack" as many students and players refer to him) missed it and it hit him in the arm, leaving a bruise.

"Getting hit in the arm with a grand slam ball and not even catching it was the most memorable moment for me," and when asked what Coach Ack did with his down time at the hotel, he responded "I had down time?" While most of the team was either asleep or watching TV in their rooms, Ackerman was washing team pants and socks at 1 a.m. "I fell asleep next to the washing machine in the hotel. The rooms ended up smelling pretty bad." Back at the

hotel, the Ramada Inn, YC split its 12 players into three rooms, where they relaxed at the pool, watched TV, ate continental breakfast, and made occasional trips to the nearest Safeway to stock up on snacks.

Ackerman said he was impressed with the effort shown by YC in the Tiger's final game against Colorado Springs.

"Not giving up on the last day against Colorado was the team's best moment." He felt that the trip was productive, with the team facing tough opponents, focusing on the games at hand, and seeing what each individual was capable of. The trip was also a good chance for the players to bond with one another, and gain a sense of team unity. "The team is closer now since the trip started."

The results of the YC games at Thunderbird High School weren't entirely impressive, but the team showed up for every game ready for almost anything.

Senior Matt Wood, YC center fielder, hit his face on the center field wall while tracking down a home run

"The best moment within our own games was probably Riley getting a grand slam hit off him" Wood said, jokingly. He spent most of his free time in his room watching *Role Models* and *Knocked Up*. "My room was clean, but the rest were really smelly and messy," said Wood "I reckon the team is a lot closer now."

During the Tiger's last game, former YC baseball coach Randy Conrad, who is now living in Arizona, came to visit the team. "I liked seeing Conrad and his little boys again," Said junior pitcher Nate Duyn.

"The team had good moments when we hit well, and had a lot of enthusiasm," said Duyn about YC's games. "The trip gave us experience, and the team is closer now."

*Softball team goes to South to get the California sun and share a bonding experience with teammates.*

AMANDAMUSGRAVE  
Sports Co-editor

The 2009 Varsity Softball team boarded the train in Salem at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> for our annual spring break trip.

Relatively 16 hours later we arrived in Emeryville, California on Monday. We were unable to check into the hotel yet, because we had to wait for the vans to arrive to take us to Milbrae. The hotel rooms were divided up by grade level. This worked especially well, because we got to bond.

Our agenda included plenty of fun, enjoyable activities, but we also had practice on Wednesday and Thursday morning for 3 hours. Around 11:30 on Monday afternoon we settled into our hotel rooms, had lunch, and went off to the Stanford versus Cal Poly softball game. Tuesday afternoon we had a game against Vallejo High School. We got there a few hours ahead of time, so we laid out in the sun. Our game went very well, we ended up winning 10-6. All of us definitely felt some difficulties playing in the high 70 degree weather, compared to the Oregon cloudy, rainy practices we had previously. We all dreaded practicing in the heat, but we worked through it and had a couple of really good practices. All of us were very thankful for the College of San Mateo to let us use their field. Their field was completely turf, and that was another thing none of us had experienced before. After Wednesday practice, we headed to In-N-Out burger for lunch. A couple of girls bought t-shirts for souvenirs. Our fun activity for the day was taking a tour of the Jelly Belly factory and seeing how they're manufactured. Haley Hancox, Megan Hodgkins, and I became a little adventurous and tried the skunk spray and baby wipes flavored Jelly Belly's. None of us could believe how real and how disgusting they tasted.

We all got up at the crack of dawn to practice on Thursday, again. We were very thrilled with what the coaches had in store for us. We drove about an hour or more to Vista Point, which is right before the Golden Gate Bridge, to take pictures and view all the scenery. Some of us walked half way across the bridge (which we had never done before.) After the bridge we went to Pier 39, shopped for a few hours, and had dinner at Hard Rock Café. We were all very

shocked with how delicious, yet filling the food was. When Friday rolled around, we headed off to Alcatraz for a tour of the penitentiary; an island that had served as a federal prison until 1963. After spending the whole day there, we watched the 7 o'clock Stanford versus UCLA game. It was a really good experience for us to be watching the college teams up close, because some of us may be playing at that level and we learned a lot just by watching them play.

After a long, hot week in California, Saturday appeared. None of us wanted to leave the beautiful weather for the rain that was waiting for us when we got back home. We spent all of Saturday at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. It was the most looked forward to event of the week. All of us were so excited to go there. Running around in the sun and riding roller coasters all day really took a lot out of us, so we caught our train at 10 p.m. and were on our way back home. Sleep was the main event that took place on the train. By no means was it comfortable at all. The majority of the team only got a few hours of sleep.

Yes, we may have had a lot of fun activities, but this was also a special bonding time for all of us. Before we had minor click issues, but all of us being together for just one week definitely brought to be not just a team, but a family.

Check out our  
guest writer!  
Kyle Williams  
contributed to this  
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*The Expression!*

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YC YEARBOOK

YC Girls Varsity Basketball team from left to right, top row: Kori Bellewood, Katlyn Adams, Madisen Ogden, Maggie Webb, Dakota Apke, Dylan Fox, Alexis Findley, Carrie Skuzeski Bottom row: Esther Harder, Megan Durfee, Elle Anderson, Skye Larson

## Girls basketball get 5th place in State tournament

*Tigers honored they school placing 5th at OSAA tournament in Corvallis*

JANNEA BAKANOFF  
Entertainment Editor

When it comes to high school athletics, many coaches seem to believe that winning and “being the best” is the most important thing. But here at YC, the love and support that sports teams receive from the student body and community makes more of an impact than the scoreboard.

But this year, the varsity girl’s basketball team does have something to be proud of, in addition to all of the love and support they received. They worked hard and stayed determined and focused, and it paid off; after a long, grueling season, they earned the 5<sup>th</sup> place title in the state playoffs.

The girls, along with their coaches and a vast amount of local fans, traveled to

various locations for their games, such as Merist, Baker, and Corvallis. These games were all very intense and exciting, and a handful of the girls also received special awards for their achievements. The specific awards that these girls earned are as follows:

- Elle Anderson** – All Cowapa-League, Quest Player of the Game vs. Molalla (State Tournament), Quest Player of the Game vs. Sutherlin (State Tournament)
- Carrie Skuzeski** – All Cowapa-League, Quest Player of the Game vs. Cottage Grove (State Tournament)
- Alexis Findley** – All Cowapa-League
- Skye Larson** – Cowapa League Honorable Mention

Daron Hernandez, the girl’s varsity basketball head coach, was extremely thrilled with the large number of fans from the student body and community that traveled to these distances to support the team. He says that the love and support alone was one of the best parts of this year’s season.

We congratulate the girl’s varsity team on their achievement and wish them good luck for next year!

Good luck to the YC track team at districts!

“No, it’s not intimidating for me....”



KEVIN ZIMMER

Madison Ogden

## Freshman Madison Ogden, varsity athlete

*YC student shares what it is like to play with the big girls*

JANNEA BAKANOFF  
Entertainment Editor

Here at Yamhill-Carlton, we have a very large amount of student athletes, consisting of all ages, and in this issue of The Expression, we want to take the time to recognize one of our younger athletes and her achievements this year.

Only a freshman, Madison Ogden has already made a name for herself in the YC sports program. She was a member of both the varsity girl’s volleyball team and the varsity girl’s basketball team, and went with both teams to the state playoffs. Not only that, but she just recently earned a spot on the varsity girl’s softball team.

Ogden stated that she enjoyed each sports season equally, but for different reasons. For example, she liked participating in the volleyball games, and she loved how hard everyone worked during basketball practice. As for softball, she says she is looking forward to seeing what experiences this season will bring.

Many would think that being one of the few, if not the only, freshman on a varsity team would be nerve-racking, but Ogden stated otherwise.

“No, it’s not intimidating for me. I like being up there with the older girls, and I mostly like how competitive it is,” said Ogden.

As for the rest of her high school career, this talented freshman plans to continue playing all three of these sports for the next few years; not just because she enjoys them, but she also believes that taking part in school athletics helps when it comes to academics, as well.

“I love being a student athlete; it’s so much fun. It makes me want to do better in school, so I will still be able to play.”

## “The Curious Savage” brings laughs all around

*YC Playmakers open the curtains on their humorous winter play, “The Curious Savage”*

JOE PURDY  
Feature Co-editor

YC Playmakers spring production of “The Curious Savage” was an entertaining comedy that delivered laughs throughout while still being subtly touching in the end. It ran from Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for a total of four performances, three evening shows at 7:00 pm and a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday.

The “guests” of ‘The Cloisters’ are the heart of the play. None of them are truly insane, yet they all have a unique little “tick” that separates them from the rest of

the world. These guests have a broad range of emotions from Fairy May’s, played by Jordan Johnson, ceaseless energy to the mute Mrs. Paddy, played by Katrina



PLAYMAKERS

*Mrs. Savage’s one-eyed bear was a very important prop in the show*

## Mac vs. PC: which do you choose?

*Every computer owner has to face the age old question sometime: Mac or PC?*

KEVIN ZIMMER  
Staff Reporter

You have seen the ads; you might even own one of the two, when it comes down to preference you know what you want. This is MAC vs. PC.

Let’s start off with MAC; it is a relatively new Personal computer on the market having suffered losses in the early stages of its life with marketing problems and proprietary operating system. It also uses proprietary components like memory that is apple specific. However in the recent years MAC has taken a dramatic change due to its newer models such as the iMAC, MAC book pro, and the new MAC book air. These examples went in a bold new direction with there body style, better user interface, and Apples legendary battery life and if you are a Media user who in into video editing this may be the computer for you. Final cut studio is a video editing program used com-

monly by professionals for there videos. One noticeable problem with MAC is the limited software it has available to its users. MAC also comes with a hefty price tag with the base model for \$1,299.00. as for ease of use it still struggles with some basic functions such as networking and being able to play games if you are a gamer then turn away because around 85% of the PC game world is not compatible with MAC. So if video editing, photo shop, and music editing are what you are into a MAC may be for you.

Now for PC, the personal computer is sought by over 75% of the market for its ease of use and its high compatibility. PC’s are easy to work on and upgrade when the time comes for that. If you are into gaming then look no further. With direct X 10 and many great graphics chipsets such as ATI and NVIDIA you can’t go wrong here. As for photo editing there is Photoshop CS4 and elements to help you transform that picture into a true work of art. PC is a very customizable with limitless choices on cases, colors and companies. The few noticeable downfalls are a problem with viruses being written as fast as they are de-

stroyed and one other issue commonly noticed are companies like DELL and HP loading their computers with “bloat ware” which is unwanted software that can compromise the speed and space on your PC. One useful way to avoid this is ether buying a PC with no operating system and installing a fresh copy of windows, or you can do the ambitious thing and build your own using online sites such as [www.newegg.com](http://www.newegg.com) and [www.outpost.com](http://www.outpost.com). There are also other places you can walk in and have a PC built to your exact specciation such as Fry’s electronics and bits and pieces PC’s

Personally I am a PC and am proud of it, I enjoy accessing every bit of software available and building my own computer without it costing a forth of a new car. Remember to do your research when you choose your spec and remember to ask your self one very important question are you a MAC or a PC?

## First black light dance at YC is a hit with students

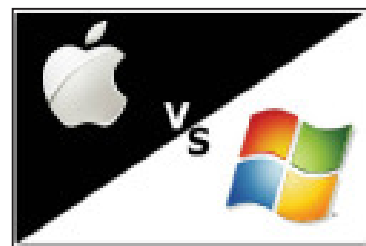
*Black light dance was a joint effort between juniors and seniors*

AMANDAMUSGRAVE  
Sports Co-editor

From 8:30-10:30, some our own students put on the Black Light Dance in the freshman hall. The ticket cost was \$5, either before or at the door. At the door, they had highlighters, so you could write on yourself and it would glow in the black light. Everyone wore white and decorated their clothes with puffy paint or glow sticks.

Lexey Heryford was one of the many students who helped out. She wanted to put on a dance that the students would enjoy. Her theory was that if the students set it up, it would be ultimately more enjoyable. The money earned went to K-Nee-Tah for the seniors and Prom for the juniors. Altogether, they earned \$234.38.

One of YC’s graduates of 2008, John Pierce, was the DJ. He set up his black and turn tables in the perfect spots. Heryford said, “I totally had fun. It was the best high school dance in all of my four years!” Talk from the students about Pierce being the DJ again has definitely came up. He played awesome music, yet still keeping it all clean. Over all, the dance was a big hit.



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*Microsoft and Apple continue to battle it out*

Keep an eye out for the next edition of *The Expression*, the senior edition!