



Darwin Vest shows no sign of fear as he takes hold of one of the venomous snakes that accompanied him to the college campus last week. Photo by Pat Carlson

Journalists attend campus conference

More than 80 reporters, photographers and editors from Clackamas County high schools attended the 1979 Clackamas Journalism Conference at the College on Friday.

The all-day event, which included workshops, a speaker and media competition, concluded with the announcement of four scholarship winners for the 1979-80 school year.

Full tuition journalism scholarships were awarded to Thomas Rhoades, Rex Putnam High School; Cathy Gross, Gladstone High School; Lee Jeffries, Estacada High School, and Kevin Almind, Milwaukie High School. Duane Woods, Molalla High School, was chosen as an alternate in case one of the four recipients is unable to accept the award.

A discussion of student press rights by Portland attorney Elizabeth Yeats earned special attention from Gladstone High

School students. A lawsuit has recently been filed by Gladstone student Scotly Clark against the school district in an attempt to permit student reporters to attend executive sessions of the school board. An editorial by Susan Brown, Gladstone High School, which backed student access to executive sessions, won first place in the editorial writing category of the conference competition.

Brown was one of 40 students awarded certificates for journalistic excellence. Eleven categories for writing, photography, cartooning and all-around newspaper quality were included in the 1979 competition.

West Linn High School's newspaper, "The Amplifier," won the first-place rating in the all-around newspaper competition. La Salle High School's publication, "The Falconer," placed second and the Clackamas High School "Shield" took third.

Visitors infest college

By James Rhoades
Of The Print

Venomous snakes, tarantulas and scorpions infested the College last Wednesday when University of Idaho venom researcher Darwin Vest brought his fearsome entourage of creatures on campus for a mini-program in the Fireside Lounge.

Vest brought with him a cobra (which has enough venom to kill 15 men), and several varieties of rattlesnakes, two of which are found in Oregon. The snakes were not defanged in any way.

"I've been handling the snakes for 12 years," Vest said. "I've been bit very, very rarely, maybe six or seven times in that period. I have never spent a day in the hospital from a snake bite. The last serious bite I had was in 1972 from an Asiatic cobra."

Vest, besides doing research on venomous snakes, also

gives many lectures. "Recently I haven't been giving too many. I've been busy with research and other projects," he said, "but I have given lectures to as many as 60 to 70 universities a year."

Vest also lectured some

College classes after the program. He gave his audience a chance to feel a tame constrictor and even gave class the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to touch a cobra. In contrast to smooth, muscular boa, very, very soft.

Alternative funding topic of meeting

Alternatives concerning the future of the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center at the College, following elimination of CETA (Comprehensive Education and Training Act) funds was a topic of an advisory committee meeting for the center, last week.

Pending elimination of the temporary CETA funding that the center has enjoyed since its birth, prompted discussion on alternative funding sources and

then compile a recommendation for the College.

One possible route considered, involved absorbing the center into the College's science department, also considered was to leave direct with the ELC association deriving funds directly from the College.

The first alternative did meet approval from some department heads, who intended that they would want to absorb the center without "100 percent approval from the ELC association members."

Approval was not reached and a recommendation was made that supervision remain under the association, with College assistance.

In other action, ELC members squashed a motion that the beaver-like nutria have been the targets of shots. Nan Clark, of the center, said the nutria, which live in their home in the ELC pond, have not been shot.

"There has been an excellent nutria this year, but we found new homes for the Clark said.

"The only shooting that has been done within the center was when campus security buckshot a few stray dogs. One nutria was eliminated attacking people. Both incidents happened a few years ago," she said.

Speakers earn prizes

Three members of the College speech team took back awards from the Big Regional competition at University of Montana, Missoula last weekend.

Curtis Lowery placed first in the junior oratory competition. Joe Woods earned a second place in organizational communication and third in oral interpretation. Don Kline took a fourth place in expository competition.

Speech Coach Frank H. said 29 schools, both two- and four-year colleges and universities, were represented at the regional tournament. Clackamas had 10 competitors entered.

The forensics squad will travel to Clark College in Vancouver, Wash., next week and then end the year's competition at the Community College Forensics Championships May 11-12 at Portland Community College.

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Cyndi Bacon, editor of The Print, discusses college journalism with Scotly Clark, a Gladstone High School student who attended the 1979 Clackamas Journalism conference on Friday. Clark has recently made headlines by suing the Gladstone School District over student reporters' right to attend executive sessions of governing bodies. Photo by Doug Fick.

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