

## Sherrard, speech team enjoying strong year

by Angela Wilson  
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The accomplishments of Mitch Sherrard in speech have accorded him great "personal satisfaction," and the Clackamas speech team as a whole is doing very well this year.

Sherrard is a member of the speech team, and has been a finalist in the speech tournaments at Lower Columbia Community College and at Clark Community College, performing oral interpretation speeches.

Sherrard got involved in speech in high school when he was required to take a speech class. The teacher suggested that he join the speech team, and this started his forensic career.

"I have always been a good communicator, but the speech

classes have helped a great deal," Sherrard confided.

Oral interpretation speeches are usually from plays or poetry. Sherrard's speech is a prose piece written by H.P. Lovecraft.

"The speech has been fairly successful," Sherrard said. "If it is done right it can be very disturbing."

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Sherrard feels that "being able to adapt to the audience, and having a good speech coach" have helped him to succeed in tournaments.

"I respect Randy (Baker, head of the speech department) as a teacher because I think he knows what he's talking about," Sherrard remarked. "It's important to have a good coach, and he's the best coach I've ever had."

Sherrard is an English major at Clackamas. Public speaking did not come naturally for Sherrard, but now he gets a "personal satisfaction from doing speeches," and he just does it for fun.

The speech team is doing well this year. At the Clark Community College tournament last term Sara Lack won her first trophy.

There are two upcoming meets for the speech team. In February there will be a tournament at Willamette University, and in March they will journey to San Francisco for another tournament.



photo by Tara Powers

Mitch Sherrard has been a finalist in several tournaments this season, doing oral interpretation speeches.

## 'Beaches' heartwarming and fun

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*Beaches* is a powerful film about best friends and their relationship. It shows that friendship is a sacred thing between two people, no matter what the distance between them.

Bette Midler portrays CC Bloom, an ambitious Broadway actress from the Bronx. Barbara Hershey portrays Hilary Whitney, a lawyer from San Francisco.

CC and Hilary meet on the boardwalk in Atlantic City when they are 11 years old. They immediately become friends, and they keep in touch through the years by frequently writing letters to one another.

As the girls turn into women their friendship grows. They are reunited when they are 21, and their lives are going the way they always wanted. Hilary is living with CC in New York and working as a lawyer for the ACLU, and

two grows, and their friendship starts to show the strain of separation. They don't get along the next time they see each other, and soon they don't even write to each other anymore.

This movie covers a period of

20 years in which you see the ups and downs of their relationship, and their upsetting futures. It is a heartwarming story based on a novel by Iris Rainier Dart. Midler and Hershey give outstanding performances in another great Touchstone film.

## 'Naked Gun' maintains tradition of satirical style

by Christopher L. Curran  
Editor

David Zucker, Jerry Zucker and Jim Abrams, the trio behind the 1980 comedy conquest, *Airplane*, have another success on their hands.

That success comes with the title of *The Naked Gun*; from the *Files of Police Squad*. The movie is drawn from the short-lived television series of a few years ago.

Leslie Nielson (*Airplane's* Dr. Rhumack) stars as Los Angeles Police Detective Frank Drebin, a hard-nosed cop out to get to people responsible for putting his partner (O.J. Simpson) in the hospi-

tal. In his quest for the truth he runs across Ricardo Montalban, who is the predictable "bad guy," and Priscilla Presley, Montalban's assistant, who inevitably becomes Drebin's love interest.

*The Naked Gun* is full of unstoppable laughs, including Reggie Jackson in his first dramatic role as "the right fielder" who eventually tries to kill the queen of England.

This film should be considered a must see. It has humor, romance, drama and music.

The best news is yet to come; another *Police Squad* film is in the works.



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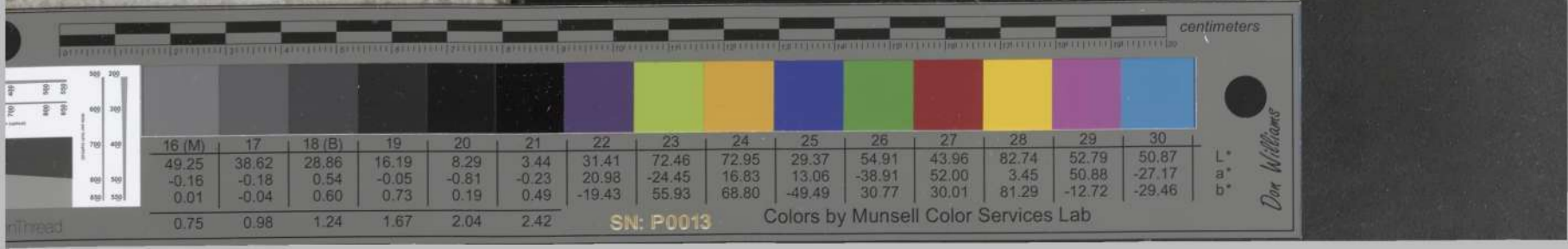
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