

Forensics continues strong showing in '96

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Due to the efforts and numerous successes of the CCC Forensics Team, interest has been high, thus increasing participants from seven to 21.

The seven former members—Nate Smith, Jesse Gnehm, Jennifer Page, Elizabeth Kinnaman, Brian Everest and Jared Thatcher, initiated CCC's admirable position, placing them first among both the two-year and four-year institutions, and making them the team to beat.

Winter term has brought many new faces—14 to be exact, and an entirely new degree of talent.

The once unfamiliar and anonymous forensics team has become an image of the past, and becoming a trendy topic, both at CCC and among the other competitors.

"I already have four students signed up for next term," said Instructor Kelly Brennan, "making enrollment up to 25," breaking the ten year seven-member tradition.

The majority of the new members are novice participants, thus being their first official experience.

Nonetheless, they are already making a strong showing of themselves by contributing to the 43 awards already presented this term alone.

These awards were acquired at their last two January tournaments at Pacific Lutheran University and Portland Community College, where they defeated 14 other teams—such as Lewis and Clark College, Oregon State and University of Oregon.

CCC claimed first team overall at both tourneys, competing against 22 other two and four-year schools.

"Everyone has contributed to the team awards, while each has obtained individual trophies as well," said Brennan.

On behalf of Kelly Brennan and the Forensics Team, they would like to express their appreciation to those members of the administration for their funding and support: John Keyser, Jack Shields, Dian Connett, Barbara Bragg and Jane Rickenbaugh.

Their next competition will be Feb. 22-24 at Whitman, in which they will be announcing those members qualified for the Nationals in Chicago during April 8-14. Best of luck.

Music instructor joins task force

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CCC Music Instructor Janet Martin has recently been appointed to the National Task Force of Part-time Faculty, which will be in charge of modifying certain National Education Association (NEA) policies in the months to come.

The task force, which consists of 10 members, will be meeting to discuss the part-time faculty issue at the Higher Education Conference in Tempe, Arizona this March, and will meet again later this spring in Washington, D.C. Their mission will be to revise NEA policy regarding part-time faculty and rewrite a booklet on the subject that the NEA has published, which was last updated in 1987. In doing so, the task force will give recommendations regarding the rights, treatment, and use of part-time faculty in the United States.

There are many issues to be addressed on the topic. Martin said that these issues will be dealt with by "making recommendations on what we think is the ideal way that part-time faculty should be handled," and that it would be "up to individual units of part-

time faculty to decide contractually" what to do. The task force's members who come from all over the U.S., will present their individual contracts and give examples of what benefits they receive. The task force will then try to decide which ideas to use. Some of the major recommendations that the task force intends to make are:

1) That part-time faculty be held to a fixed percentage of full-time faculty to avoid colleges overusing part-time to save money.

2) That wages be handled by pro-rata pay—that is, that part-time pay be pro-rated at a percentage of full time pay, less the extra hours often put in by full time staff.

3) That part-time faculty have access to health and other benefits.

There will also be other recommendations made, such as including part-time faculty in campus community life by getting them their own phone extensions, on mailing lists, and their own office space.

Another issue involves part-timers receiving paid office hours for time they are expected to

spend out of class. Martin indicated that in rewriting the NEA's booklet they intend to be more pro-active. The old version concentrated on what shouldn't be done, and Martin and her colleagues felt it would be better to focus on what should be done.

Martin added that CCC has been very much a leader in the issue of the integration of part-time faculty into the college. Martin holds a chair on the Part-time Faculty Integration Committee, whose mission is to facilitate the integration of part-time faculty into college community life. She is very pleased with the strides the CCC administration have made in this direction. The issue is a pertinent one, since roughly two-thirds of college faculty nation-wide, including Martin, are currently on part-time status. It is an issue that is important to Janet Martin, who was President of the Part-time Faculty Association for four years, and currently serves on the board of that institution.

"I'm excited to use some of my hard-won expertise to work on an issue I feel strongly about," says Martin, "and at least raise the consciousness about it."

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Former student gives college 'heart'



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Former student Trygve Berg brings his cards to CCC.

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Trygve Berg, age 24 and a former CCC student, has started his own greeting card business.

Berg attended Clackamas on an art scholarship. He does all of the artwork for his cards along with all of the poetry for the cards also.

Currently, Berg's work is being featured in CCC's bookstore.

"I've done all of the financing myself," said Berg. "I'm making a dream come true."

Although his business is in the beginning stages, Berg is optimistic. His cards are romance and friendship based. He plans to expand into other areas such as humor.

"The response from these prints has been fantastic," said Berg. "Readers have been astounded and have even burst into tears after reading my first print 'Cherished Love.'"

Berg still takes classes to improve his art-form. Currently he is taking non-credit classes at Portland State University.

Plans for the future include expanding his mail order business and to increase the amount of retailers and distributors currently carrying his work.

"I enjoy this business because it allows me the opportunity to put a little romance into other peoples lives," said Berg.

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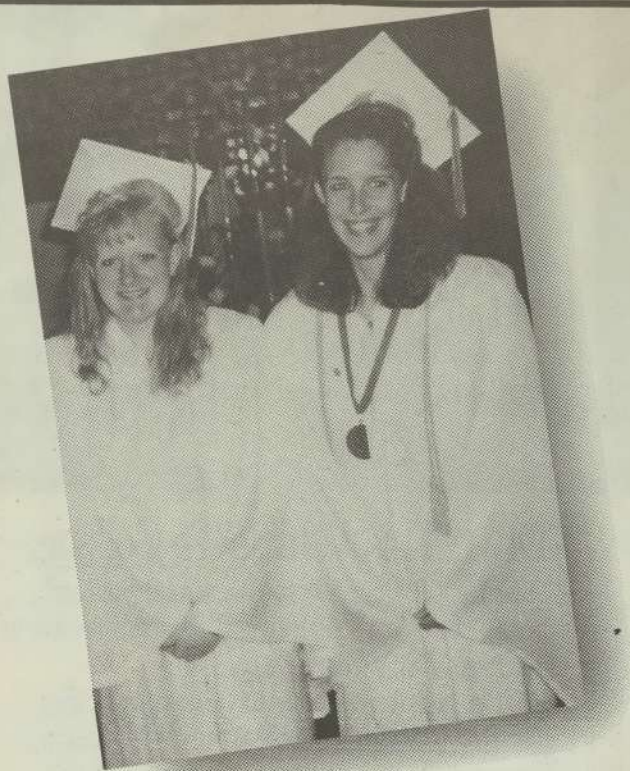
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