

Voo Doo Glow Skulls rock La Luna with their punk sound

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I have seen many bands play many shows at many places, however Friday night's Voo Doo Glow Skulls' gig at La Luna was by far one of the best concerts I have ever seen.

The show started out with the San Diego trio Flip 182. Their energetic, pop/punk style gave the crowd a jumpstart that raged through the whole show.

The Independents, coming all the way from South Carolina, played next. Often labeled as "The Misfits of ska" because their mixture of punk and reggae (a style known as punkska) produced a very unique sound, and in a lot of their songs, one could hear that The Misfits (an 80's punk band) did have a heavy influence on the group.

The third band was Los Angeles' The Red Aunts. This all women band ripped through songs with an almost heavy grunge type of sound on some songs and thrashing punk on others. Many people came out just to see them.

However, the majority of people came out to see the Voo Doo Glow Skulls. The first time

they played in Portland was September of '94, when they opened for a small (now big) punk band called Rancid. Before that show,

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**-Lead singer
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no one really knew who they were; after that show, everyone knew who they were.

Their stage presence is unbelievable. Frank, the lead singer for the 7-piece band, has charisma and voice that just drives people

that listen to them, crazy.

They are also extremely tight, which could almost be expected of a band that has been together since 1988. Their music style is almost undefinable. Eddie, the guitar player, influenced by "everything from hip-hop to ska, roll and punk". After listening to their version of the Beatles classic, "Here Comes the Sun", that description seems to be very accurate.

With two CD's already out; a 12 inch and a lot of 7 inch records, the Voo Doo Glow Skulls have certainly made a mark in the punk/ska community. With a third album on the way, it doesn't look like they will be leaving the scene soon, either.

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Cougar Track finishes with high marks at Western Oregon Open

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The Clackamas Community College Coed Track Team competed at the Western Oregon Open held at Western Oregon State College (WOSC) last Saturday, April 27.

The Western Oregon Open was an non-scoring team track meet for local Northwest state and community colleges. Some of the four-year colleges entered in the track meet were University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Linfield College. Chemeketa, Mt. Hood, Clark and Lane joined Clackamas, among others, in representing local community colleges at the Western Oregon Open.

"We did really well. It was our best meet of the year so far," said Clackamas Track Member Scot Campbell.

The Clackamas Cougars had many athletes achieve high marks in several events despite the tough competition. On the men's team two of the top individual placers in the steeplechase run were Ryan Burck and Jon Gotchall. Burck placed second with a time 9 minutes 53.76 seconds. Gotchall finished tenth with a run of 10:06.88 seconds. Both times were personal records. Cougar Evan Goin placed fourth in the men's 5000 meter run with a time of 15:45.81 seconds. Another top finisher on the men's team was Jim Hagemann who threw for a

personal best in the javelin event. The mark of 190 feet 5 inches was also fourth on Clackamas' all-time record for the men's javelin throw.

"With the season's improvements we're on schedule to have a very good NWAACC (North West Association of Athletic Community Colleges) championship and compete well against the other community colleges," said Clackamas Assistant Track Coach Jack Kegg.

Clackamas had several placers from the women's team as well. Cougar Erica Sloan set an all-time school record in the women's hammer throw with a toss of 138' 1". The mark gave Sloan a third place finish in the event. The Cougar women's 400 meter relay team finished third with a time of 49.94 seconds, sixth best in Clackamas' all-time record book.

The anchor runner for the women's 400 meter relay team, Melissa Abramson, competed in the NWAACC Heptathlon/Decathlon in Spokane this week. Also finishing with high marks in the Western Oregon Open for Clackamas was Wanjeria Washington. Washington placed third in the women's 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:06.22 seconds, a personal record. The mark ranked ninth in all-time Clackamas history for that event.

The Cougars' next event is the Clackamas Invitational at CCC this Saturday, May 4.

Tennis Tournament

Provided by Community Relations

OREGON CITY--If you dream of nailing that overhead smash against a diving Boris Becker on center court surrounded by the green of Wimbledon...WAKE UP! Then enter Clackamas Community College's Spring Singles Tennis Tournament on CCC's tennis courts May 18 and 19.

The tournament is sponsored by CC's Community Recreation Department.

Entries in this single-elimination tournament are limited to 16 per division and divisions include Singles Open, A, B and C for both men and women. Regular tournament players of collegiate-level talent can be found competing in the open division; the A-division usually features high school varsity-level players with regular tournament experience; B-level intermediate players have some tournament experience; and C level features novice players with limited tournament experience.

Matches will be two out of three sets; they will be scored on a no-advantage basis and a 12-point tie breaker will decide sets tied at 6-6.

Each player must bring a new can of championship-quality tennis balls. The winner of the match will keep the new balls and the loser gets the balls used in the match.

United States Tennis Association rules will govern play and tournament officials may default players for detrimental conduct both on and off the court.

Match times are as follows: First- and second-round matches will be played Saturday, May 18 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; rounds three and four will be played Sunday, May 19 between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

First-round match times will be available Thursday, May 16, between noon and 4 p.m. by calling 657-6958 ext 2298.

All entries and entry fees must be in by May 26.

To register or for more information, call ext. 2298.

V-Chip good first step toward control

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agency (in various forms of media communication) that has wearied these people.

My opinion: I believe this "V-Chip," if it ever exists (and some have told me it isn't long in coming), may be a step in the right direction - if used with discretion. (I oftentimes say anything is good with a little discretion and a little responsibility in the outcome, but it is true.) I myself have grown sick and tired of shows that use sex as either a ratings grabber or as a lot of the plot ("Melrose Place" being one of the most notorious of such shows). Violence is pretty much overkill (pardon the pun). The profanities, I have no problem with, as most of the time they come up, they are muted out or bleeped out.

But, when all is said and done, there are still some things by which controls cannot easily overcome, such as bad moral examples in various other aspects of life and the glorification of stupidity (most notoriously "Beavis and Butthead"). At that point, the viewer is left to make his/her own judgment call.

The V-Chip is by no means perfect, but it is a starting point on which parents can, with the proper discretion, reclaim their children from at least one of the electronic babysitters.

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