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Clackamas Community College

Forensics ranks top in nation

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News Editor

The college's Forensics team is living in the limelight.

Last Wednesday rankings came out for national community college forensics teams. Clackamas is at the top.

Last year the Forensics team won 217 awards overall and, so far this year, 175 were brought home.

Kelly Brennan, the advisor for the team, showed his pride for the Forensics team at the awards showcase ceremony on Thursday by saying, "This is your moment to shine. The difference between the last two years is incredible."

The forensics team has gone to seven tournaments this year.

"Competing against UCLA, Willamette, George Fox, Texas Colorado ... they've taken first at every single tournament," Brennan explains.

"Willamette University called a designated tournament last week. 37 schools — all the way from the east coast, like New York — and they won first place!"

"It's ironic because the community college programs aren't as strong as the four-year programs, obviously because they have four years with their students and we get two years with ours then have to ship them off

to the four-year institutions," he continued.

Judging at each tournament is categorized into proficiency of delivery, content, organization and overall performance.

Merit is also very important in a speech. Some of the speeches given by the clackamas's forensics team are about the possibilities of genetic engineering, date rape, drugs and counterfeit airplane parts that could have been the cause for many of the latest airplane crashes.

"Topics must be presented in a way that any individual can go, 'Hey I understand!' It takes an art to be able to take that scientific language, break it down and present it so it can be understood," Brennan explains.



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Brian Everest (right), a member of Clackamas' Forensics team, and Forensics Advisor Kelly Brennan present a forensics T-shirt to the department chair of Communications/Theatre Arts, Jane Rickenbaugh. Forensics has won a total of 175 awards this year.

Brennan's key to coaching success is "accountability and responsibility. Speaking is a lot like writing; you only get better by doing it. I require that they do at least four tournaments and that they are to live

up to that responsibility ... My team is very responsible and are well-rounded individuals. They can do anything they want to do if they put their mind to it, and they've showed it.

"JFK once said, 'Dream of

things that never were and ask why not.' My team is dreaming of things that have never yet been accomplished at a community college level and so that is why they stand above the rest," he concluded.

Collegiate Review releases first edition

Laney Fouse
Editor-in-Chief

The first edition of the *Clackamas Collegiate Review*, a quarterly journal based on scholarly conception, is now available.

"Beginning last spring, we saw there was a lack of any academic journals among community colleges. So following along the lines

of the first community college to have an honors programs, we thought we wanted to continue to set that trend and promote more academic thought along the honors level," said Jesse Gnehm, editor-in-chief of the journal.

The journal began production during the fall under the direction of Dean Darris, a Clackamas po-

litical science instructor and faculty advisor. The editorial board consists of six students from the Honors Program: Juliet Buckley, Daniel Cook, Lee Eby, Anca Micuresu, Sarah Tuerck and Gnehm.

"The editorial board and publisher probably put in well over 200 hours into the production of it," said Gnehm.

The journal is currently being funded by the college through a venture grant, which Gnehm says they are hoping to renew next year.

Articles for the journal were selected based upon criteria which includes quality research, scholarly notes, length and academic thought.

"We believe that this offers another avenue for writers here at Clackamas to present their work," said Gnehm.

There are some 50 outlets of the academic journal available. Besides the two copies available in the college library, the journal is obtainable at Portland Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, Clark Community

College, Lewis & Clark College, Willamette University, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Reed College, University of Oregon, Oregon City Library and on the Internet's World Wide Web at <http://www.trybaja.com/>

said Gnehm of the hopes the editorial board has on distributing the journal on a much wider level.

The topic for the spring issue is "The New World Order," although papers on other topics will be considered. Submission deadline is March 15. Submissions for

the Clackamas Collegiate Review can be sent to the ASG office or be e-mailed to Gnehm3373@Clackamas.cc.or.us.

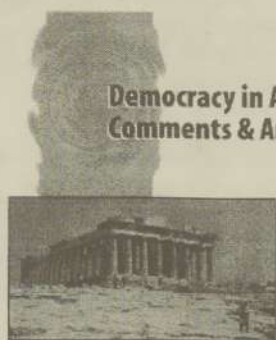
Gnehm suggests those submitting papers for consideration use either the Microsoft Word format for PC or the Macintosh Word program. Writers will also need to use a professionally-recognized documentation style, Such as MLA, CMS, CBE

or APA.

"We would like to thank the Foundation and the Board [of Directors] as well as the Honors College for giving us the opportunity to promote academic thought here at Clackamas and in the community," said Gnehm.

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