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## Speech Team argues their way to the top

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For the fourth consecutive year, Clackamas' forensics team has brought home the first place sweepstakes award from Lewis and Clark's Pioneer Invitational forensics competition.

The 11-member team, including six new members, also earned 12 individual event awards.

"For these students to do what they did within this region, I don't think they know the magnitude of what they have accom-

plished," said Kelly Brennan, forensics coach for the last five years.

This first major competition of the school year drew about 33 college forensics teams from as far away as Alaska and Florida.

"The Pacific Northwest has developed a very high reputation in regards to speech and debate," explained Brennan.

Among 91 competitors evaluated on their debating ability, Clackamas' Matthew Steketee ranked first, and Tawny Spain tenth; in the parliamentary debate

category, Sherrie Martin and Melissa Stivers placed second and Steketee and Spain placed third.

In Individual events, Steketee placed first in novice drama, and he placed as a finalist in novice impromptu; Martin placed as a finalist in novice prose; Stivers placed as a finalist in after-dinner speaking, and Nash Carey placed as a finalist in novice impromptu.

"This is the newest team I have ever had, and they show a lot of promise; I think we are going to do very well this year," Brennan enthused.



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Instructor Kelly Brennan gives speech team members Matt Steketee and Tawny Spain words of encouragement and guidance.

## Car burglars caught by Public Safety

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Public Safety Officer Pat Duley noticed two men standing next to a 1988 blue Chevy Sprint parked in a no-parking zone by the Community Center Oct. 11.

For student Katianne Laerman of Milino, it was a good thing he did.

Two men were apprehended by Duley and several officers from the Oregon City Police Department and charged with Theft II after breaking into a student's car. They were cited and released, and they will appear in court Nov. 12.

"When I approached them, I was going to talk to them about being parked in a no-parking zone. But I saw that there was a stereo and a pair of speakers in the backseat," said Duley.

According to Duley, the pair pulled out of the parking space and "took off" along Douglas Loop.

"By my estimation, they were going fifty-plus," said Duley.

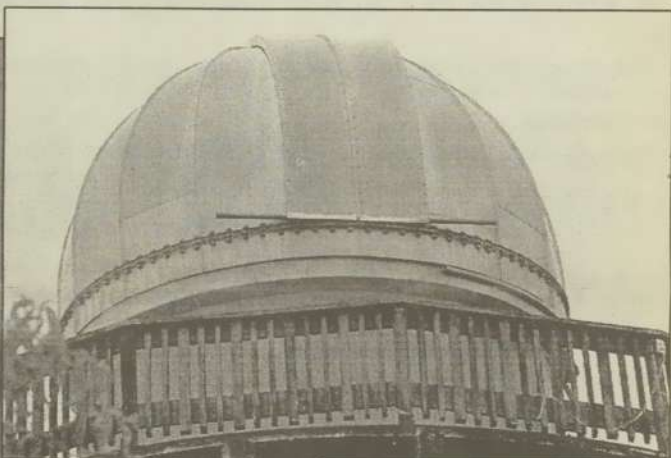
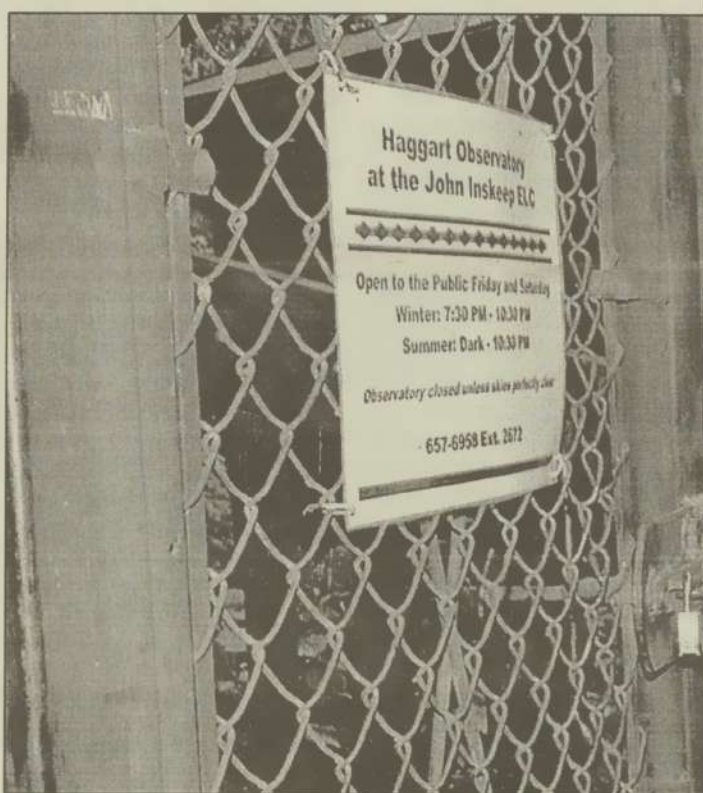
Duley pursued in his patrol car and pulled the Chevy over on Douglas Loop.

"The passenger got out of the car and ran on foot, which made me even more suspicious. When I talked to the driver, he said that the passenger had taken the stereo and speakers."

Officer Duley called for backup from Oregon City, and approximately four cars were dispatched. One of them pursued the passenger and caught up with him on Molalla Avenue.

"Officer Mudder [of the Oregon City Police Department] did a good job," said Duley. "If it wasn't for Oregon City, I wouldn't have

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TIMOTHY A. BELL / Clackamas Print

The Haggart Astronomical Observatory has been closed since last year because of rotting timbers. If the Observatory is reopened in the spring then an astronomy class will be held there on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m.

## ELC hopes to re-open Observatory in Spring

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Re-opening the college's Haggart Astronomical Observatory in spring 2000 is the goal of a month-long fundraising effort by the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) and Clackamas Town Center.

ELC volunteers are exhibiting the hand-built telescope from the campus observatory at the mall throughout October, alongside an exhibit of the Galileo space probe, provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The display is located on the mall's lower level in front of Ward's, and will include special events for children and adults the weekends of Oct. 16 and 23.

"We're having a good response," said ELC director John LeCavalier of the efforts to collect

money to re-build the observatory.

Contractors have already pledged the labor, so all that is needed now is the money for the materials. Engineering estimates put the cost of replacing the structure at \$72,000. Funding pledges so far total \$42,000.

Observatory supporters hope the appearance at the Town Center will achieve the financial backing still needed. LeCavalier shared that although things are looking hopeful, this is no sure thing. "We need to let people know they need to step up now. Now is the time to support it," said

LeCavalier.

The telescope has been housed under the gleaming aluminum dome at the ELC since 1989, but the observatory was closed to the public more than a year ago due to rotting timbers.

"It's depriving people from great night sky viewing," said LeCavalier. The observatory was the only year-round astronomical facility in Oregon open to the public and the only one to provide "eyes-on" observing through a telescope. The wife of the late Harold Haggart of

Redland, who had built the dome and telescope right on top of his

own house, donated the observatory to Clackamas. The main instrument is a 24-inch f/4.8 Newtonian reflector built by Steven Swayze of Portland.

If the observatory is re-opened in the spring, math instructor James Dickinson, who has had some experience with NASA, will teach an astronomy class Monday and Wednesday nights, 6-9 p.m.

"All students in the class will have at least one night in the observatory," said Dickinson. Students will make real observations of the night sky and do a project on their findings. Class participants will have access to a smaller telescope in addition to the observatory.

ELC acknowledged volunteers on behalf of the observatory and other ELC programs are needed and appreciated at all times, and anyone interested is invited.

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ELC Director