

# Debate team receives 22 awards at tournament



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Nash Carey practices for an upcoming tournament.

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The Clackamas Speech and Debate team, coached by Kelly Brennan, took home a third place sweepstakes award and 22 indi-

vidual awards, Jan. 28-29 at the Ben Padrow Portland State University Tournament.

"I think we did well individually; collectively they won third place and it was a tough tournament. I thought they did awesome," remarked Brennan.

In individual events, Matthew Steketee placed second in After Dinner Speaking, first in Dramatic Interpretation, was a finalist in Extemporaneous, and a finalist in Impromptu Speaking. Kerrie Baker-Hughes placed second in Dramatic Interpretation and placed first in Prose.

Melissa Jones was a finalist in Informative Speaking. Roxanne Johnson placed third in Impromptu. Amorita Patterson placed second in Informative

Speaking. Melissa Stivers received first in Communication Analysis, second in Persuasive speaking and was a finalist in Prose.

Nash Carey was a finalist in Editorial Commentary, second in Dramatic Interpretation, a finalist in Extemporaneous, and he placed second in Maelstrom. Samantha Griffin placed as a finalist in Editorial Commentary.

Kindra Hazen placed as a finalist in Prose. Sherrie Martin placed third place in Extemporaneous, was a finalist

in Impromptu, and placed as a finalist in Prose.

"I think that we did great in individual events," explained Steketee.

"We had a lot more people break in their events and win awards."

In Debate, Kerrie Baker-Hughes and Melissa Jones placed third as a team. Matthew Steketee placed eighth in Overall Speaking when

evaluated on his speaking ability.

"The competition was really strong; we had to step it up and

do the best that we knew how to do," explained Steketee in response to the tournament. "I think that we really pulled together as a team in this tournament."

The forensic team is gearing up for their National Tournament. There are three remaining tournaments that the team can compete in and gain experience through. The team will compete at Oregon State University Feb. 10-12. According to Coach Brennan, between now and the next tournament he is really working to bring the team up to its potential.

"I think that we need to work on waking the superior giants within us," said Brennan. "This team has a lot of great potential, but I think that some of us need to come out of our shells."

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Kelly Brennan  
Debate Coach



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The Haggart Observatory located at the Environmental Learning Center is being renovated for reopening this spring.

## Reconstruction to begin on Haggart Observatory

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Clackamas' studies of astronomy will be enhanced with the reconstruction of the Haggart Observatory located at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC).

Last spring ELC staff discovered that the wooden sub structures had been damaged by dry rot, and they were forced to close the observatory. With donations of labor and 80 percent of the funds needed, the reconstruction is ready to begin on March 1. Work will replace the rotting sub structures with steel, and is proposed to be finished by May 15, according to John LeCavalier, ELC director.

The Haggart Observatory is a major tourist attraction, with over two thousand visitors each year, explained LeCavalier. It is the only public observatory in the metro area. The observatory was built in the 1950's by Howard Haggart at his home in Redland. After his death in 1988, the observatory was donated to the ELC and the dome was moved to its current location.

"We've got a great facility, it's a unique facility, and we just have to get the word out and it will grow," said LeCavalier, of the

potential of the observatory.

The observatory holds a 26 inch telescope that is eight feet long, which allows the viewer to see a variety of sky objects that can't be seen through a telescope on the ground. The telescope that is currently in the observatory, which is one of the largest in the region, was built by Steven Swayze of Portland.

The size of the telescope that is located in the observatory enhances astronomy studies. The ELC plans on developing curriculum for studies of astronomy. One of the things they plan to do is communicate with other observatories in the Northwest, and share educational findings in the sky.

As a result of fund-raising efforts at Clackamas Town Center during October, the ELC was able to raise more than \$6,000 for the Haggart Observatory, toward the \$72,000 goal. This makes the total of cash donations over the last year and a half \$10,000.

Along with the cash donations, all of the labor for the project has been donated, explained LeCavalier. Donations of labor and supplies are from: Andersen Construction, Nupercon Demolition, Ace Electric, Phoenix Electric, Harder Mechanical, Portland General Electric, Coast Crane Company, and Gordon Wireless Systems.

## Vigil: Candles lit for diversity

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read one of her own poems, "In Answer to New Arrangements," which she said was inspired by a talented composer/graduate of Clackamas.

Candles were lighted with wishes and prayers.

Don Hutchison, mathematics instructor, said, "I would like to pray that the light and warmth of these candles be brought to those that are in the cold and the dark."

Nursing Instructor Nancy Wilson offered "a prayer and a hope and a wish that all of our eyes might be opened even more to the beauty and wonder of every person."

Ellen Wolfson, counselor, has known Joshua Alexander [who filed the complaint against Epstein] since he came to Clackamas; she spoke about the elementary education student.

"He is a thinker, not a person who would want to hurt or harm anyone," she said. "So the first candle I'm going to light is for Joshua, with the hope that he has gained tons of leadership and respect for himself. I am

so thrilled today to see that people are here to support him.

"And the second candle I want to light is for the students who left classes..." Wolfson continued, "who had issues and their voices were never heard. Maybe they can come back on campus and be part of this community."

Bill Zuelke, chair of the counseling department, addressed the privilege of teaching and "the struggle to learn and to grapple with new ideas." He said, "I would like to call for the wisdom and grace of God..."

The final speaker of the evening was Jeremy VanKeuran, a former Clackamas student.

"I attended four classes that were taught by Dr. Epstein," he said, "and although I wasn't altogether with his view points—because to fund my college education I worked as a cross-dresser and up until six months ago I still was—despite that, I felt that Dr. Epstein was a man who genuinely cared about his students.

"I would like to light a candle for Dr. Epstein, because I believe what has happened here has been severely

misguided. Of all the college professors I have had, Dr. Epstein has been one of the best...and if the misinterpretation of some of his statements is going to cost this institution one of its best professors, then I believe education has failed."

Kate Gray ended the vigil with a Wallace Stevens poem entitled "Final Soliloquy of the Interior Par amour."

As the gathering dispersed, Joshua Alexander spoke to the *Print*, saying he thought the vigil had been a "wonderful celebration of diversity." Alexander said he had not expected so much interest in his complaint, "but the support has been wonderful," including that of his "very supportive family."

As to VanKeuran's comments, Alexander added, "with any incident there are two sides, with supporters on each side; I respect the opinions of both sides. I respect Jeremy for coming up in front of people who were not expecting to hear someone from the other side...it was needed...it's good to have both sides, to create some balance."



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