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## Holocaust survivor shares painful past

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Millions of people were killed during the atrocities of the Holocaust, but many survived to tell their stories. Eline Hoekstra is one of the Holocaust survivors who came to share her experience with Clackamas on Feb. 14.

As a member of the Oregon Holocaust Resource Center (OHRC), she shares her experiences during the Holocaust with colleges and high schools throughout Oregon. According to Hoekstra the ranks of survivors are thinning, people are getting older and their health is beginning to decline.

Diana Golden, another Holocaust survivor, will speak on campus for the last time on Feb. 23. Recently, she had a heart attack that has left her health

deteriorating. The OHRC has been taping presentations of the speakers to preserve the information.

Donald Epstein, social sciences instructor, has arranged the seminar for years. Upon his retirement in March any other seminars will have to be arranged through the OHRC, said Epstein.

In order for Holocaust survivors to tell their story through the OHRC they must pass a presentation analysis, in which they must depict their experience in an educational style as well as the recommended style. No hate feelings are allowed to enter their presentation.

"It is very easy to allow hate feel-

ings to interrupt your experience," said Hoekstra.

Hoekstra was born in the Netherlands. She was on vacation in Switzerland with her family when World War II broke out and her family was forced to return home.

"We were having a lot of fun, then all of the sudden we were told we had to go home," said Hoekstra.

### Hoekstra's story

The first attack on Holland happened on May 10, 1940; she and her brother thought it was merely a game.

Holland surrendered quickly—it had no defenses to speak of. Soldiers threw down their weapons.

As the Nazis came into town, they were giving people misguided notions of protection. After four days, Nazis assured people there would be no problems. After

six months her father lost his job (he was the only Jewish person working at the town factory). All Jews in high positions were removed from their positions (doctors and lawyers).

A few months later she and her family were forced to leave their home of 14 years. They had to give it to the Nazi soldiers.

They rented another house for a year and were kicked out of that house.

Then the Jewish rights and freedoms were restricted. They were able to shop only during certain hours. They also had to comply with a curfew.

They were taunted, teased, and

**There are wounds  
you have that just  
don't heal.**

Eline Hoekstra  
Holocaust survivor



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Eline Hoekstra shared her experiences of the Holocaust with Clackamas students Monday. As a member of the Oregon Holocaust Resource center she has been sharing her story throughout Oregon for over seven years. At left is History Instructor Donald Epstein who arranged the talk.

demoralized by Nazi soldiers. Then to add to their insult they had to wear a "big fat J stamped on I.D. cards," explained Hoekstra.

She then married her half-Jew high school sweetheart in secret. By holding a real ceremony her husband would've been identified

as a full Jew. The two went to the University together. She majored in medicine while he majored in forestry. A year later they were kicked out after it was exposed they were Jews.

"Jews weren't allowed higher education of any kind," said Hoekstra.

Her family was then given 24 hours to vacate their home and remove the furniture. Twenty-four hours later they were ordered to bring the furniture back for the soldiers. Hoekstra stole a soap tumbler from the house.

"When I took the soap tumbler,

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## Martin and Stivers take third in national speech invitational

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Melissa Stivers and Sherrie Martin discuss their third place standing at a national community college invitational tournament hosted in Price, Utah last weekend.

Sherrie Martin and Melissa Stivers placed third in debate this weekend at a national community college invitational tournament, hosted in Price, Utah.

This is the first year for the tournament, and only the top 10 colleges in the nation were invited to bring one debate team. Clackamas was the only college in Oregon invited to attend.

At the tournament, Martin and Stivers competed in seven round robin debates. They won four out of seven, which placed them in third overall.

"Melissa and Sherrie did an excellent job," said Kelly Brennan, head coach. "They lost two rounds

that could have gone either way.

"Melissa and Sherrie represented the college as a whole well," Brennan added. "They rose to the level of competition."

Stivers and Martin have been competing together as debate partners since this fall.

"We are a team in all sense of the word and that is what you have to be," said Martin. "You have to work together and support each other... you win as a team and you lose as a team."

Stivers began debating in the fall of 1998 when she came to Clackamas, because a friend urged her to join the team. She competes in many single speech events including after dinner speaking, persuasion, impromptu and communication analysis as well as debate.

"Learning how to write speeches, learning how to present them, and audience analysis are very important to what I want to do (as a career)," said Stivers. Stivers would like to be a press secretary writing speeches for politicians.

"It is an opportunity to expand on my communication skills," said Martin of one of the things she enjoys about debate.

Martin joined the debate team last spring after taking Speech 111. Martin joined the team initially to fill a requirement for her communications major. She found that at first she was nervous, but once she got over the initial fear she enjoyed what she was doing.

"I enjoy the competition of it," said Martin. "I found my niche where I can be competitive."