

Speech and debate team compete at OSU

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Clackamas' Forensics team traveled to Oregon State University to compete in The Cheap and Easy Tournament last weekend, and brought home the first place overall sweepstakes award, dominating the tournament in individual events and debate.

There were nine schools that competed; only three were two-year schools. The remaining six were four year institutions. Clackamas, led by Assistant Coach Brian Everest, beat not only the two-year institutions in their division but also tallied more team points than the four year school teams.

"We did well, exceptionally well; it was the best performance that we've had all year. They took over half of the awards offered at the tournament,"

explained Everest. "Clearly by the time that the awards ceremony was over, we knew that we had won the tournament."

In individual events, Samantha Griffin placed in the top novice events in Bad Interpretation, Impromptu, and Persuasion. Roxanne Johnson placed in top novice events in Extemporaneous and Informative. The next to break in those events were Matthew Steketeer for Dramatic and Nash Carey in Impromptu.

In Open Placing individual events, Kindra Hazen placed second in Programmed Oral Interpretation (P.O.I.), second in Prose and first in Poetry; she was a finalist in Drama. Kerrie Baker-Hughes placed first in P.O.I., second in Prose and first in Dramatic. Griffin placed third in Bad Interpretation. Steketeer placed second in After Din-

ner Speaking and placed as a finalist in Extemporaneous. Nash Carey placed first in Bad Interpretation, first in Impromptu Sales and second in Dramatic.

In addition, Carey took home the Pentathlon Award. Katherine Steckmann placed third in Impromptu Sales. Melissa Jones placed as a finalist in Impromptu Sales.

"Nash Carey was the star of the show; he ended up taking home six awards. The closest person to him only took home four awards. So he did a really great job," explained Everest. "There wasn't anyone that didn't come home with an award; ev-

eryone that went walked away individual winners. As well as the team and the school walked away winners."

In Novice Debate, the speakers are evaluated on their overall speaking ability. Steketeer placed as the number one speaker at the tournament. Johnson placed as second speaker, Steckmann placed fourth, Carey placed fifth and Thatcher placed sixth.

Three Clackamas teams met in the semifinals, so no matter what the outcome, one Clackamas team was going

to be first in debate.

"It ended up being a little difficult having your own team knock you out of the semifinals," said Everest. "They took it with great stride. They did the debate as if they were from different schools; they were just more friendly and more comfortable."

Final debate teams consisted of Steckmann and Thatcher, Carey and Johnson, and Steketeer and temporary teammate Cody Johns. Steckmann and Thatcher placed as semifinalists, Carey and Johnson placed in Second and Steketeer and Johns placed first.

"We have some tough tournaments ahead of us. Our next tournament is Western State in Sacramento and that one is a big tournament. It's a regional event that draws from all over the nation. That will be our true test for national level," concluded Everest.

We did well ... it was the best performance that we've done all year.

Brian Everest
Assistant Coach

Valentines given to kids with cancer



SARAH WELCH / Clackamas Print

Members of the Bridges program gave Valentines Thursday to children with cancer at Emanuel Hospital, in association with Alexander Ellis Children's Cancer Association. Bridges is a Clackamas program that prepares students ages 16-22 for the challenges of life and career.

Hoekstra: Identified by Star of David

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I had a triumphant feeling, which was stupid. I could've been killed for it," said Hoekstra.

At this time she was pregnant with her first child.

After being kicked out of their last house, they moved from place to place. Friends that were non-Jews helped out at times.

All the Jews were then ordered to the courthouse where they were given a Star of David to wear. At any time the soldiers could come up and demand to see their identification cards.

"It was dangerous to wear the star or not to wear the star," said Hoekstra.

There were about 140,000 Jews in Holland. Every day they were loaded into trucks and only 25% eventually returned.

Everything of value was taken from them. They were given receipts for their belongings. Some of the things taken were wedding rings, cars, and bikes.

Hoekstra gave birth to her son April 28, 1942 and gave him to a non-Jewish family to keep him safe.

"Putting my son and husband out of my mind was the only way to

survive," said Hoekstra.

During her three years in the camps she worked hard to survive even in the worst conditions. She survived bouts of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria. Hoekstra survived disease, little food, unsanitary condition and one toilet for 400 people.

"Some had the misconception that they had legitimate protection," said Hoekstra.

Being exempted many times, her family was able to avoid being taken to a concentration camp, but eventually, they did end up at the Barnvelt Camp for Intellectuals, for over three years. They remained there until liberated by the Canadians.

By the end of 1944, the war was coming to a close. Hoekstra's immediate family survived the ordeals of the Holocaust. She lost many loved ones due to the ravage of the Holocaust.

"Everyone hoped to maybe survive, somehow," she said.

The experiences of Holocaust survivors may be read, told, or known, but could never be felt to the degree the survivors know.

"There are wounds you have that just don't heal," said Hoekstra.

YMCA launches campaign of support

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Clackamas' YMCA Child Care Center joined the area-wide, non-profit YMCA of Columbia-Willamette last night to launch its annual support campaign for childcare at a kickoff dinner and rally at the Double Tree Inn, Lloyd Center.

Funds raised or given by Clackamas staff and friends during the month-long effort will go directly to benefit the YMCA Childcare Center on campus, at the Family Resource Center (FRC), which cares daily for 80-90 children of students, staff and area residents. The center offers evening childcare for students and staff as well.

"Community Support Campaign 2000 is a community builder," said Mike Mercer, YMCA Director of Development, Childcare. "It's an opportunity for parents and other childcare supporters to reach out to friends, businesses and community leaders, and for them all to come together to

make a difference."

Area wide, the YMCA operates 64 childcare sites. They also offer a variety of other youth and teen programs ranging from after-school activities to summer day camps, sports and fitness programs, parent-child programs, and the Achievers program, which provides mentors to teens.

"People make the difference," Mercer emphasized. "Without volunteers, we could not do what we do."

About 700 volunteers will participate in this year's support event, and hope to raise \$82,000 for childcare.

A phone-a-thon will take place on campus the evening of Feb. 29, with all funds raised dedicated to the Clackamas YMCA Childcare Center.

Judy Kling, Director of the Clackamas' child care center, explained that all funds raised on its behalf will support childcare scholarships, and other direct services.

Kling, who earned her Associate Degree in early child development at Portland Community Col-

lege, and has worked in the field of child development for almost 30 years, including 24 as director for Clackamas childcare, for which she supervises 28 employees and six regular volunteers.

That amounts to one adult for four children, and Kling is proud of the Clackamas center's work.

"We do an excellent job of doing child development appropriate to the age (of the child)," Kling said. "Our children are safe, nurtured and cared-for every day they are here."

Kling emphasized that as conscientious as the Center is for the children, it is equally important that the caregivers are paid a living wage, and have a quality, adequately-supported work environment.

So Kling is always seeking support for the Childcare Center. She arranges story-telling sessions for students in education; she always welcomes volunteer caregivers; she's been known to raise money collecting bottles and cans.

And she says, "No donation is too small. Please give."



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