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## Speech team wins BIG

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Clackamas' Speech and Debate team placed first at the Phi Rho Pi Regional Speech and Debate tournament last weekend and received a total of 20 awards.

The tournament was hosted by Clackamas and was a pre-cursor to the Nationals. Colleges from Northern California, Oregon and Washington attended.

"I had a good time. I always enjoyed coming to Clackamas for tournaments," said Shannon Valdivia, director of forensics at Mt. Hood Community College.

The next goal for Clackamas' speech team is the National tour-

namment in Jacksonville, Fla. The team can only afford to take half of the members. Students chosen for the National team are Kerrie Baker-Hughes, Jenifer Gile, Samantha Griffin, Chris Henry, Melissa Jones, David-Lee, Amorita Patterson, Laura Pimentel and Paul Southwick.

"Our team did pretty well. We have definitely improved compared to the last tournament. Now we are preparing for the Nationals," said Kelly Brennan, Clackamas instructor and speech and debate team coach.

The National tournament, which is the largest and oldest in the United States, will be taking place April 5-15.



Laura Pimentel, speech and communications major, seated above and pictured at right, awaits her turn to speak after PCC student, Kyle Wilken. They were competing in the speech to entertain contest.



## Kirkpatrick dies following battle with cancer

DIANA SCRIVNER  
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Corky Kirkpatrick, director of grants and community relations, died Monday morning after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 62, and had been employed at the college since 1986.

Kirkpatrick was diagnosed with breast cancer four years ago and went through several rounds of chemotherapy. Her death came as a surprise to many at the college because she was so active and kept her illness private.

Friend and colleague Jim Meiser, department chair for cooperative work experience, worked with Kirkpatrick on the International Educational Committee.

"I knew that this time would probably come, but I kept expecting her to come to work this week," Meiser said. "I talked to her last week on the phone one night, and she talked about having a rough time but said that she would be back - and I fully expected to see her."

"She was a tough lady and real inspirational about all this. Several faculty members I spoke to today who were not close friends said 'Oh my goodness . . . what happened?'"

She never let on that she was sick. That would be exactly her style."

Anne Donelson, grants and community relations, worked with Kirkpatrick since 1996.

"She's been through a struggle. She's handled it with such dignity and strength; she fought stronger than anyone could fight," Donelson said. "She's made a tremendous difference here at the college . . . she was so incredibly knowledgeable. She was certainly a mentor to me."

College President John Keyser spoke of Kirkpatrick's professionalism throughout her career at Clackamas.

"I always think of Corky as being a rather unique person, with the characteristics of being very tough, very tenacious, and very talented," he said.

"She was very instrumental in helping us pass the bond issue and very effective in helping us deliver our message to Salem," stated Keyser. "Corky handled this illness a little differently than other people. She wanted to keep working, keep producing; she didn't want people to feel sorry for her."



Corky Kirkpatrick, director of grants and community relations died Monday at her home.

She wanted to be regarded as a contributing professional."

Kirkpatrick's work at the college will not be forgotten, according to David Dickson, as-

sistant to the president and her immediate supervisor.

"She's made a huge difference," he said. "She took over community relations as well as grants, which is pretty unusual for a college our size to have two functions this large managed by one person. But Corky is a pretty unusual person; she always had a strong work ethic."

Kirkpatrick worked closely with the community and the media.

"I think there is a huge amount of trust between the media and the college as a result of Corky's integrity and forthrightness," said Dickson.

Along with her other duties, Kirkpatrick was very involved with the International Educa-

tional Committee.

"She was very supportive of students and staff having international exchange opportunities," said Dickson. "She really was the one who started the International Endowment Fund through the Foundation. We are looking right now at naming that fund for Corky."

The foundation endowment provides help for students and staff to travel and study abroad.

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## Student dies after rave

STEVE NIELSEN  
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A 19-year-old Clackamas student died Saturday morning at Legacy Emanuel Hospital after she attended a rave in downtown Portland.

Melissa Flaherty's death at 19 is raising discussion about the dangers of the drug ecstasy, and the rave parties where it is consumed.

Though she took a pill and a half of ecstasy that night, doctors are not sure whether that was the cause of her death. The toxicology report won't be available for about another week according to the state Medical Examiner's Office.

According to an article by Gillian Gaynair in yesterday's Oregonian, Flaherty was at the party with two friends from Albany who bought and consumed the same amount of ecstasy. She was also separated from her friends for an hour and a half.

Medically qualified volunteers treated Flaherty at the party. Her vital signs remained normal as she laid on a gurney in the first aid tent. She started to have trouble again when she tried to sit up to walk. Volunteers checked her vitals then at around 6 a.m., and her oxygen levels were so low that they called 911. She died about two hours later.

Flaherty was a full-time student at Clackamas, and taking biology, chemistry, and writing.

"Melissa was a quiet student. I didn't get to know her real well, but she seemed like a real nice young lady," said Biology Instructor Richard Rueb. "She came to class regularly and we're really going to miss her."

Neither Rueb nor Chemistry Instructor Hal Bender knew her very well.

"I didn't get a chance to talk much with her outside of class," said Bender. "She was doing fine in chemistry class, doing good work...so it was really quite a surprise to read about her in the paper."