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Students place 2nd, 3rd in nation

Horticulture students Richter, Stimantel win at national horticulture competition.

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Opinion Editor

Freezing weather and snow didn't stop Clackamas students Phil Richter and Sorjen Stimantel from winning second and third place at a national horticulture competition in Colorado over the weekend.

Richter and Stimantel were joined by students Barry Brown and Derek Ruecker, who also competed at the 25th Association of Landscape Contractors of America Student Career Days competition.

This is the fourth time Clackamas has attended this annual event, which is held at a different school every year.

"It was great that a small community college beat out universities across the United States," said third place victor Stimantel.

The Clackamas team competed with over 700 other landscape students from all over the nation. In the final count, Richter placed second overall, winning \$1000. Richter had attended last year's event and placed fourth. Stimantel came

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Flaherty's death sparks interest in raves, ecstasy

Prompted by the deaths of Clackamas student Melissa Flaherty and another Portland youth, Peter Vu, there has been a maelstrom of media attention and controversy about raves and the drug ecstasy.

This week The Clackamas Print has included a special section, starting on page 5, that deals with various aspects of this issue: drug testing, the dangers of ecstasy, staff opinions on the March 9 rave and an interview with one member of the rave sub-culture.

One-acts light up stage



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Amber Dodgson, John Renner, David Shanor and Christine Quinlan perform in the one-act play 'Dentity Crisis, by Christopher Durang. They also performed improv exercises with the audience's participation. More one-act plays take place today from noon - 1 p.m. in the McLoughlin Hall theatre and tomorrow at noon and 8 p.m.

Community college funds put on hold

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State lawmakers on the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee placed a hold on the \$45 million enrollment growth package for Oregon's 17 community colleges last Thursday in Salem.

Legislators were expected to add \$45 million in state funding toward community colleges to help pay for rising enrollments. But there is a possibility that the plan being held could be cut depending upon the strength of the economy in months to come.

"We don't have as much money as in recent years and if there is any extra money at all, we want to make sure that the \$45 million will be there as one of our top priorities," said Representative Kurt Schrader. "I would like to give them the \$45 million right now, but we

also have a budget out there that's hanging in the wings and we have a lot of serious senior problems and are in danger of not getting adequate funding."

With lawmakers looking to cut \$108 million from the state budget after receiving a diminished tax-revenue forecast, community colleges across the state may not get additional money. Without the money, colleges will not be able to completely meet the education needs of students and the job-training needs of local businesses.

According to College President John Keyser, a budget cut would be enough cause for concern.

"The co-chairs put a hole in our \$45 million budget which I think is cause for some concern. Against the reality of an economy that is slowing down, I think they had to do this. We need a little more time

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President John Keyser, second from left, listens as state legislators in Salem discuss whether or not they will approve the \$45 million dollars allotted to community colleges.