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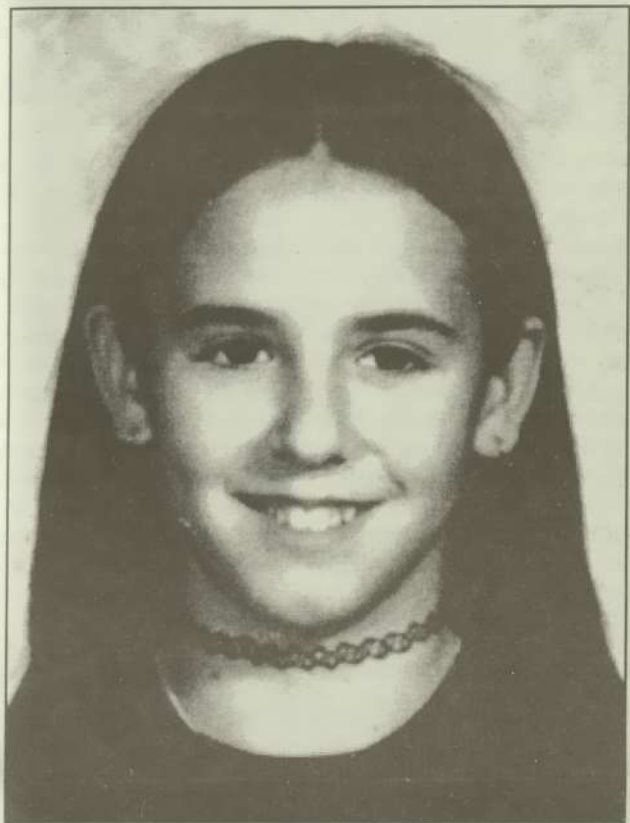


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Left: The picture shown is of Ashley Pond. She is the 12-year-old Oregon City girl who has been missing since Jan. 9, when she left her apartment at Newell Creek on Beaver Creek Road at about 7:45 a.m. Right: Two pictures that show possible trails Ashley Pond could have taken the morning of Jan. 9 using either the long driveway or the steps that lead to the bus stop. Either way, she hasn't been seen since.

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Jan. 9, 2002, was a normal day, but at approximately 7:45 a.m., a child walked out of her residence and has not been seen since. This shattered the calm many residents felt about the safety of their children, but nearly 2,100 times a day a child disappears in the United States.

In Oregon City, barely a few miles away from CCC at Newell Creek Apartments, 12-year-old Ashley Pond disappeared on her way to the school bus stop that was only 1/2 mile away from her home. She has been missing more than two weeks and no leads have developed. She is approximately five feet five inches tall with brown eyes and brown hair and weighs about 110 pounds. Her grand-

father Don Martin hopes to get the information out so people can call if they see her.

Pond is one in a massive problem that occurs every-day. Innocence is lost and lives are shattered when children disappear.

Police continue to search the area near her home. Many motorists may have also seen police, FBI and volunteers combing the areas nearby.

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Speech team talks it up, claims third place

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During the weekend of Jan. 18-19, Clackamas' Speech and Debate team talked the talk and walked the walk while competing at the Stan Schmidt Invitational Tournament at Portland Community College.

The tournament was named after Forensics Director Stan Schmidt, who coached speech and debate for 35 years until he retired five years ago.

"Stan Schmidt is one of the legendary directors of forensics that has been

around for 35 years," said Kelly Brennan, director of forensics.

Clackamas was stalwart and let their voices be heard. They went in strong with new members assisting in their quest to the top.

"We went there with 12 brand new students. We went there having gone from 12 members to 24," said Brennan.

Clackamas placed third overall. They competed against 15 other schools and eventually fell in the semi-finals. Portland State University placed first while Lewis & Clark came bounding into second.

"We ended out the tournament finishing third overall, top school. There were 15 schools there," said Brennan.

Several members of the team walked away with top awards. Samantha Griffin was a finalist in Sales Impromptu and Dramatic Interpretation while also receiving second in Communication Analysis. Amy Perin was recognized for Extemp Speaking as a finalist. Paul Southwick

sounded off as a finalist in Sales Impromptu and Persuasion Speaking while Jennifer Gile joined the ranks with finalist recognition in Persuasion Speaking. Newcomer Leah Clack came onto the scene grabbing finalist position for Dramatic Interpretation while Carrie Lundy earned an award for Pros.

"It was exciting," said Brennan.

Clackamas had two novice teams that placed very high considering their experience was limited. These teams consisted of members that had very little or no tournament experience. Shirna Coverstone, Melissa Bossman and Rachel Moore made up one team of novices and placed fifth overall. Melissa Karki and Leah Clack was the second team and ended with a fourth-place rating.

"To ask novices to do anything is phenomenal," said Brennan.

Clackamas debaters had an opportunity to be placed as a top speaker. There were only 10 open-



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Bottom, from left to right: Students Paul Southwick, Jennifer Nelson, Melissa Karki, Paul Sanford, Kelly Brennan and Samantha Griffin. Back Row: Left to Right: Carrie Lundy, Leah Clack and Brian Everest. Clackamas' Speech and Debate team show their excitement in placing third in the overall competition at PCC's Stan Schmidt Invitational.

ings in the Novice and Open Divisions. Only two community colleges even placed in the top speakers category. The rest were four-year colleges.

"We were represented very well," said Brennan.

Clackamas will be competing in the Nationals in April where they will be given another opportunity

to sound off and make their statements heard in the manner their team has become famous for.

The Speech and Debate team will be competing at the Nationals in April. LOOK for it in our upcoming issues.

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