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Clackamas takes on British duo

Visiting speech team wins terrorism debate against CCC students

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"We gave you John Lennon and you shot him," exclaimed Richard Osborne of Britain's speech team as one of his opening points; subsequently, the Brits unanimously won the votes of all three judges Nov. 20 during a debate against Clackamas.

The topic of interest ended up being one very familiar to the world right now- the players were to debate on terrorism. The small room in the Gregory Forum was nearly filled to capacity by the time 7 p.m. rolled around, with students and debaters ready to go. Anna Kirk and Richard Osborne represented Britain's team, while Melissa Karki and Matt Steketee were arguing for Clackamas. The tension was thick and the topic touchy; the debate was a heated one, but the CCC loss was taken well.

The competition on Britain's side was nothing to underestimate. Kirk has already graduated, and is currently a law student, while Osborne is an Oxford graduate, where he took philosophy and politics. He has also received honors in national levels of public speaking. According to Kirk, it's required that you be a graduate in order to be able to go on the trip they were on, which lasted a couple of months.

The British speech team had traveled all around the United States for two months before they came to Oregon to compete with Clackamas,

visiting and competing in 17 different states. Clackamas was their last stop before returning home, and they left a lasting impression on the host school.

The resolution, or topic, that was given to the four speakers at the beginning of the night was that 'This house would embrace an isolationist policy.' The two teams were given 15 minutes to go over the topic before beginning the debate. Britain was to represent the government during the debate, while Clackamas was to be the opposition.

Clackamas' intentions were good, as Steketee argued that because terrorists "can attack by being sneaky...creating more fear in the American public...this isn't an isolation policy, it's a violent policy."

Likewise, Karki backed him up in saying that "trying to impose our views... will cause more hate and more terrorist attacks."

The British team, however, delivered their side very eloquently and with immense self-confidence, never forgetting to stop and insult the Americans, in their own blunt, British way.

"We should go into Iraq immediately...to instate democracy...(and) remove terrorist organizations," stated Kirk resolutely.

Osborne gained some definite ground during the debate with a number of shocking statements. Among them, Osborne said "The reason Iraq hasn't flattened all of the United States is because the Americans haven't offended them



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One of the British speech team members, Richard Osborne, speaks out on terrorism, and the Beatles, at his recent visit to Clackamas. The British team visited 17 different states on their U.S. tour. Clackamas was the last stop, and their last win, on their trip.

enough yet. They already hate you."

Though both teams gave a valiant effort at winning the debate, Britain's speakers seemed to present their topic in a more professional manner. Clackamas' team stood by their opinion that we should not invade Iraq and invite war, while Britain, as

Osborne put, thought "Weapons inspectors...aren't enough."

Since this matter is one everyone is having to deal with currently, not only was the debate between the two speech teams very heated, but also it continued on afterwards, with the audience. A number of people shot

up out of their seats after the intense, hour-long debate to try to give themselves some closure on the subjects.

Both teams performed to the best of their abilities; despite this fact, the three judges, Frank Harlow, Jennifer Gile and Jane Rickenbaugh all voted for Britain.

'Tis the season for traditions in ESL dept.



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From left: Hiroko Koga, Yun-Sun Choi, Yun Hee Choi, and Milce W. da Silva enjoy the International Holiday Luncheon, sponsored by the English as a Second Language department Nov. 26.

This annual luncheon is put on to allow international students to experience a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner. Complete with turkey, stuffing, and potatoes the event this year was a huge success.

To find out about holiday traditions all around the globe, as told by international students attending Clackamas, turn to page 8.