

Clackamas nurses win state awards

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Many nursing students and faculty members at CCC recently won several awards at the Oregon Student Nurses Convention.

The Nursing program itself received an award for membership increase. The program started with just 12 members, and had 49 by February 2003. They now have 52; the program could claim another award in Phoenix, Ariz. in late April.

The Membership Director "Heather Digby received an award for outstanding performance in membership recruitment, and Mary Ann Hensly also received an award for spearheading the 'Premie Project' which received media coverage in December," said nursing student Bobbie Haley-Seaborg.

Tim Gebhardt, a first-year nursing student and CCC Student Nurses Association's (SNA) "webmaster extraordinaire" also received an award for creating the most outstanding web page for student nurses in Oregon. His page can be seen at www.clackamassna.org.

Justin Wallner in the running for PTK International Vice President



JUSTIN WALLNER

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First and foremost, Justin Wallner challenges himself and others to get involved in helping those who are less fortunate; he believes he can best work towards his goal by becoming Clackamas' first International Vice President of Phi Theta Kappa.

Wallner came to Clackamas six months ago, and within a month had joined the college's honor society. He quickly earned the respect of his peers and was elected to serve his chapter as Vice-President of Service.

In his current position, his main focus is on encouraging volunteerism. Since PTK has partnered with the American Cancer Society this year, he oversees projects

"The nursing faculty also won the title OSNA (Oregon Student Nurses Association) Faculty Challenge Champions and a whopping \$500 for much-needed lab equipment and supplies. The plaque hangs proudly in the nursing office," says Haley-Seaborg. The team members are Judy Anderson, Carol Thorn, Carol Dodson, Nicole Reiley and Karyn Schneider.

Kathy Weeks proudly claimed the grand prize trip to the National Student Nurses Association convention in Phoenix.

"All in all, CCC hit the jackpot at the OSNA convention and is looking to do well in Phoenix," said Haley-Seaborg. "CCC SNA is making a difference."

Upcoming events include the Migrant Camp Project NAMI and CCC SNA Walk for the Minds of America, both in May. The SNA's president elect and membership elect for next year will be voted into office at the beginning of April. There are several fundraisers underway including stress reducer massages during finals week, Papa Murphy's Pizza cards and a root-beer float-a-thon.

geared toward conquering cancer through research, awareness and prevention of the disease.

"What first sparked my interest in Phi Theta Kappa was its remarkably enabling capacity for enhancing the quality of life for disadvantaged citizens in our community, as well as beyond," said Wallner. "A primary goal of mine if I'm elected to this International VP position is to increase the impact that Phi Theta Kappa has on society and the amount of benefit we are able to bring to the disadvantaged...and a big part of this is going to be through increasing membership."

Most members do not rise in the ranks as quickly as Wallner did, but lofty goals and vigorous determination aren't new to him.

During his senior year at Canby High School, he accumulated 19 college credits and a 3.79 college GPA in addition to participating on his school's speech and debate team. He volunteered in his school's Key Club, where he won member of the month honors for his efforts at raising money for the Red Cross relief fund following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In addition, Wallner attended leadership conferences such as Boys State and Presidential Classroom, which

Biology students study the fungus among us

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As the end of the term approaches, students in the Majors biology class are finishing up their projects with relief and humor.

A group of four that experimented on bread mold was psyched to throw out its test subjects, which had grown to horrifying proportions.

"It was coming alive and trying to eat people," laughed group member David Price.

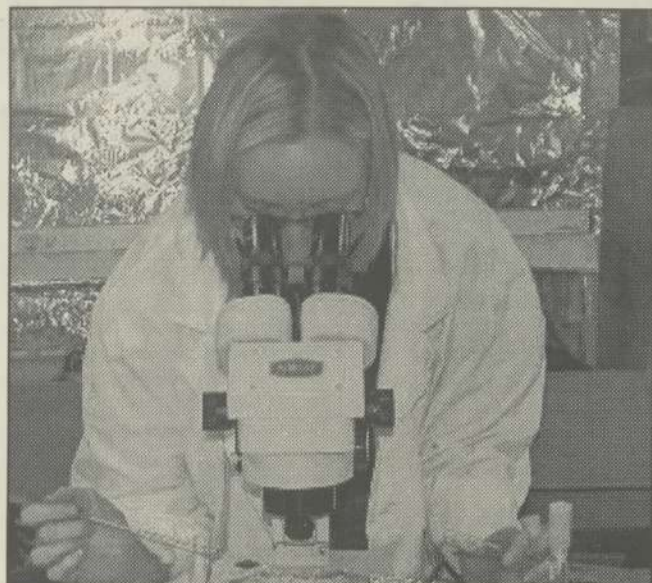
I arrived, camera in hand, just moments after the hairy specimens had been tossed. Anxious to share the fungilicious goodness of their project, Price gleefully showed me digital pictures of the specimens.

"Do you want to see pictures? Of course you do. It's kind of a car wreck kind of thing," Price said. "You can't not look, even though you don't want to."

Students in the course form groups and design their own term-long projects within the first two weeks of the class.

And just what, pray tell, motivated Caitlin Tierney, Mark Miller, Christopher Oestman and Price to research mold?

"I think we ended up using bread because we talk about food all the time," Tierney said.



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Caitlin Tierney, a student in the Majors biology class, gets behind a microscope to look at fresh mold samples collected by herself and her lab partners.

To insure complete control over their experiment, the quartet baked its own bread. After inoculating the rye, white, wheat and light rye breads they created with a common mold, they put a sample of each into

different environments. Their conclusions?

"We basically found out that bleach doesn't kill mold," Price said.

"And plastic wrap is good," said Tierney.

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