

## Victory for Speech Team

**Karlin Johnson**  
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The Speech and Debate team has begun this year's season with two consecutive victories.

The team took first place in the community college division at their first competition, held at Lewis and Clark College (LC) three weeks ago, and took first place again at their second competition held at Lower Columbia Community College Nov. 5-6.

Attending the competition at LC were 22 different two and four year schools, including Lewis and Clark College, Willamette University, Mt. Hood Community College, University of Oregon, University of Portland, Pacific University, Linfield College, Portland State University, and more.

Holding true to the team motto, "When we are prepared, we will not be bound to mediocrity," the team did very well at each competition.

"[I was happy] that the team did as well as it did, and that we were prepared," said Speech Team Advisor Kelly Brennan.

Many team members took individual places at the tournament LC tournament. Chris Hammond took first place in Novice Prose Interpretation, and finalist in Open Drama.

Melissa Stott took first place in Junior Persuasion, and third place in Open Persuasive Speaking.

Eric Pearson took second place in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking, second place in Impromptu, third place in Debate, and was named seventh Best Overall Speaker at the tournament out of 200 speakers.

Alisa Poul took second place in Novice Informative, third place in Debate, and was named sixth overall Best Speaker at the tournament.

Erin Brennan took third place in Novice Drama Interpretation.

Joanna Pearson won finalist in Junior Extemporaneous Speaking, finalist in Impromptu, and finalist in Open Prose Interpretation, and Elizabeth Pearson won finalist in Open Informative.

At the recently held tournament at Lower Columbia, the team took first over 15 other schools, and each team member earned an individual trophy.

Brennan is looking forward to "seeing the students grow individually and collectively as a team."

He said, "I think there is a lot of potential for us to accomplish great things if we keep focused and work hard."



The Estonian Men's choir, "Revalia," visited Clackamas Oct. 24. They performed a concert in conjunction with the Portland Boy's choir and "Unistus," the Clackamas alumni choir.

## European choir visits C

*Estonia's 'Revalia,' an all male choir, sang at CCC as part of a U.S. tour.*

**Jeff Sorensen**  
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Lonnie Cline was reunited with his friend, Estonian choir director Hirvo Surva, when the Clackamas alumni choir "Unistus" was visited a few weeks ago by a male chamber choir while on tour in North America.

After spending some time in New York, Surva brought his choir out to Clackamas for a concert on Oct. 24.

"We did this concert with the Portland Boys Choir and Unistus," said Clackamas Choral Director Cline. "They got a standing ovation everywhere they went."

"There's nothing you can say," said Unistus tenor Josh Weir. "They're too good. They make it sound like they do this every day."

The Estonians, who call themselves "Revalia," arrived in New York on Oct. 18.

"[They] saw the sights and sang a

concert for the local Estonians of New York City," said Cline.

"We've been preparing for them to come since we were there [in July]," said Weir.

"These men started off with Hirvo when they were five, six years old," said Cline. "One of the grade schools he drew most of these guys from was named Revalia."

The tour follows a highly successful year for the group in 2003 where they received high praise from their peers.

"This choir was voted choir of the year," said Cline, "and Hirvo was voted 'Conductor of the Year.'"

Cline also feels confident that this is far from the last time the two groups will be able to sing together.

"We're trying to bring Hirvo back to do a U.S. premier of a work by a major

Estonian composer," said Cline. He hopes to have his friend return to the states as early as February.

"He was the first conductor of the Estonian Men's choir and has been a dear friend since," said Cline.

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**Josh Weir**  
Tenor in Clackamas alumni choir 'Unistus'

Cline feels the group did a great job of polishing what they set out to do.

"They had a highly successful tour," said Cline.



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