

Observatory aims for the stars

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Space is big. You just won't see how vastly, hugely, mind-bogglingly big it is. I mean, you just think it's a long way down the road to the chemist's, but that's peanuts to space."

Douglas Adams, English novelist and science fiction nov-

With Clackamas Community College's Haggart Observatory, some of us can take a glimpse of the deep vastness of space. Surprisingly, not many are that

observatory even exists.

Mike Sale, a student here at CCC, has never even heard of the observatory.

Another student, Veanna Lighther, knew of the observatory and expressed interest in using it.

"Heard of it, but never been there," said Lighther.

The Haggart Observatory was named from its creator, Harold

Haggart, a long time Oregon City resident who sold the telescope and dome shortly before his death in 1984 to the city of Portland. From there, it came to Clackamas. The construction was funded by selling steps for \$250 a piece to donors.

This winter and spring has been a slow one, according to Karen Halliday, volunteer coordinator for the observatory.

"Almost no clear skies this entire winter and spring and [we] have only opened a few times. We're a

small group of volunteers; we open it whenever one of us is available on a clear night, Saturday and Friday usually," said Halliday.

There are many groups that want to use the observatory, but because of the erratic hours, there is very little they can do. Halliday also wishes there was a better system set up for people to come and use the facility and improve volunteer training.

Fortunately, there are a fair number of volunteers who wish to run the facility.

"We have several new eager volunteers who just haven't had opportunity to be trained," said Halliday.

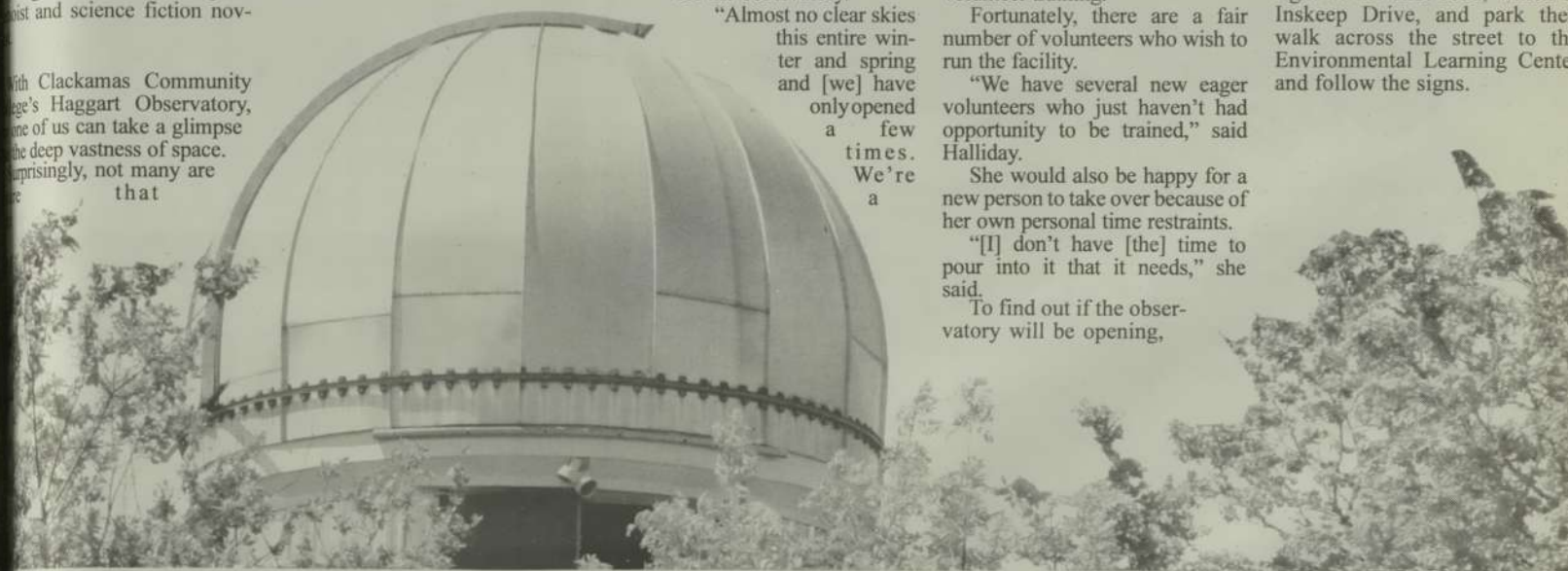
She would also be happy for a new person to take over because of her own personal time restraints.

"[I] don't have [the] time to pour into it that it needs," she said.

To find out if the observatory will be opening,

you can call 503-594-6044 and press 1; however, there is also the chance that the observatory may be busy as only 10 people, including volunteers, can be on the facility at once to ensure that everyone is safe and is having a good experience.

To reach the observatory, take the Douglas Loop Road from Beavercreek Road and make a right at the first road, which is Inskeep Drive, and park then walk across the street to the Environmental Learning Center and follow the signs.



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'Nightmare' in theater; Freddy haunts Elm Street to kill again

By Annemarie Schulte
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This is a review from a person who has never seen and was never into the original "Nightmare on Elm Street" movie.

I don't think that really matters though.

I knew before the movie started that it was a classic "slasher," was a re-make (or a redo) as I heard the journalists behind me referring to it and was scary. But that didn't prepare me for what ensued.

Within the first five minutes of the movie, I probably jumped out of my seat at least seven times. It was the music, of course, but somehow it just made my whole body jolt, no matter how much I told myself I was coming.

The film revolves around a bunch of high school students who are haunted by nightmares of a murderer named Freddy Krueger (played by Jackie Earle Haley from "Watchmen"). Even if you haven't seen "Nightmare on Elm Street," you've heard the name Freddy Krueger, right? Well, in this movie, you learned that he used to be a pedophile at a pre-school, but was chased out of town by the angry parents of the children he revealed what Freddy really was: an abusive pedophile.

The kids are haunted by him in their dreams because of all their terrible repressed memories. They're also insomniacs, because as they put it "If you're asleep, you dream. And if you're not asleep, you die."

One by one, the teenagers are murdered once they're asleep (if you die in your dreams, you die in real life) and their death is just as graphic



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and bloody as the next.

Why's Freddy so pissed off? The parents of the abused children burned him alive once they found out what he had done. That explains Krueger's charred and burnt appearance, and why he's so dang angry.

The movie was clearly a classic, and I think you'd have to appreciate it for that. But I did laugh a couple times (at parts I wasn't supposed to) and some scenes were painfully cheesy or obviously acted. The movie came dangerously close to having "the mirror scene" as I like to call it (where someone goes into a bathroom, looks into a mirror, bends down or opens it, then looks back and the villain has appeared) and during the scene everyone knew what was going to happen. When she looked back into the mirror, and there was no one there, everyone breathed a sigh of relief... and boredom. The one that sticks out in my mind is at the end when Nancy, (played by Rooney Mara), is about to kill Krueger and she says to him "You're in my world now, bitch!"

It made me cringe.

There was one familiar scene that made the whole theater giggle though: Powell's books. Although the movie is supposed to take place somewhere in Ohio, they show Portland's famous Powell's bookstore, and this is a main scene in the movie between Quienten (Kyle Gallner from "A Haunting in Connecticut") and Nancy where they come together to really figure out the origin of Freddy's anger.

Okay, so the movie was bloody, gory and made you jump... but not much else. I've vowed never to see it again (an hour and a half of sweaty palms and jumping in my seat just wasn't enjoyable) and honestly, I'm not afraid to sleep tonight.

I definitely won't spoil the end but let's just say this: like every other horror film, it leaves room for a sequel. Yawn.

Grade: C



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