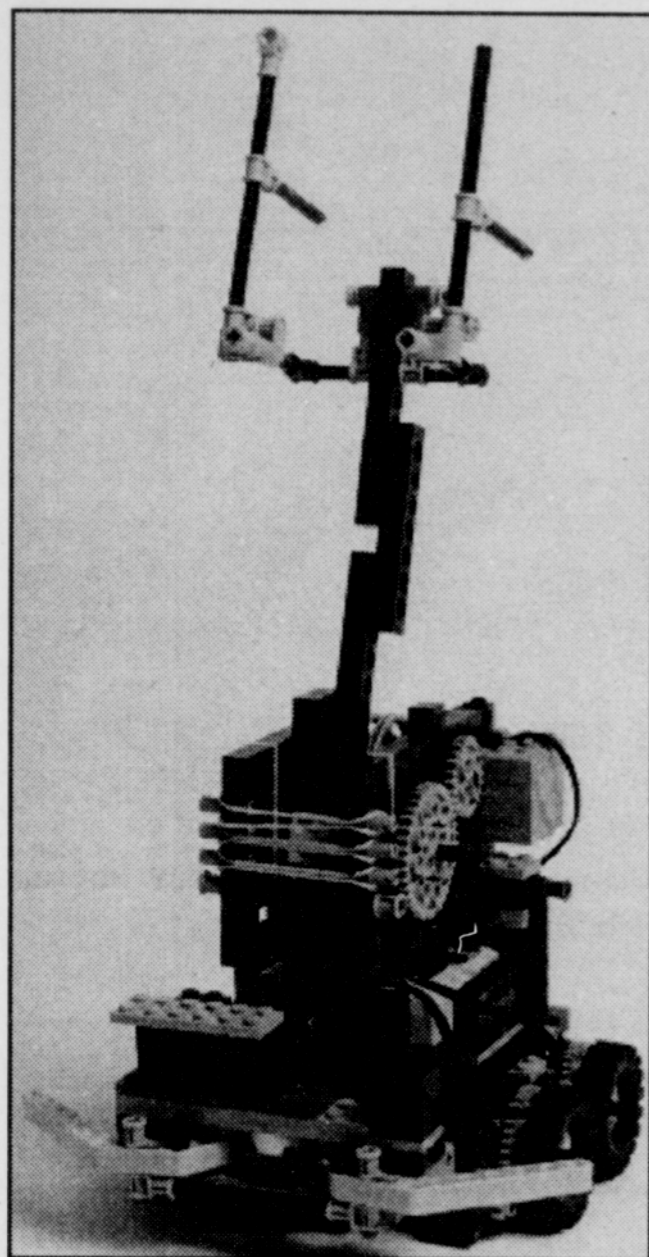


## A Memorable Day at the State Lego Robotics Competition

by Peter Hatch

It was an enormous high school, but it sure seemed crowded that day. On Jan. 18, 79 teams came to Clackamas High School to compete, not with their speed and athletic skill

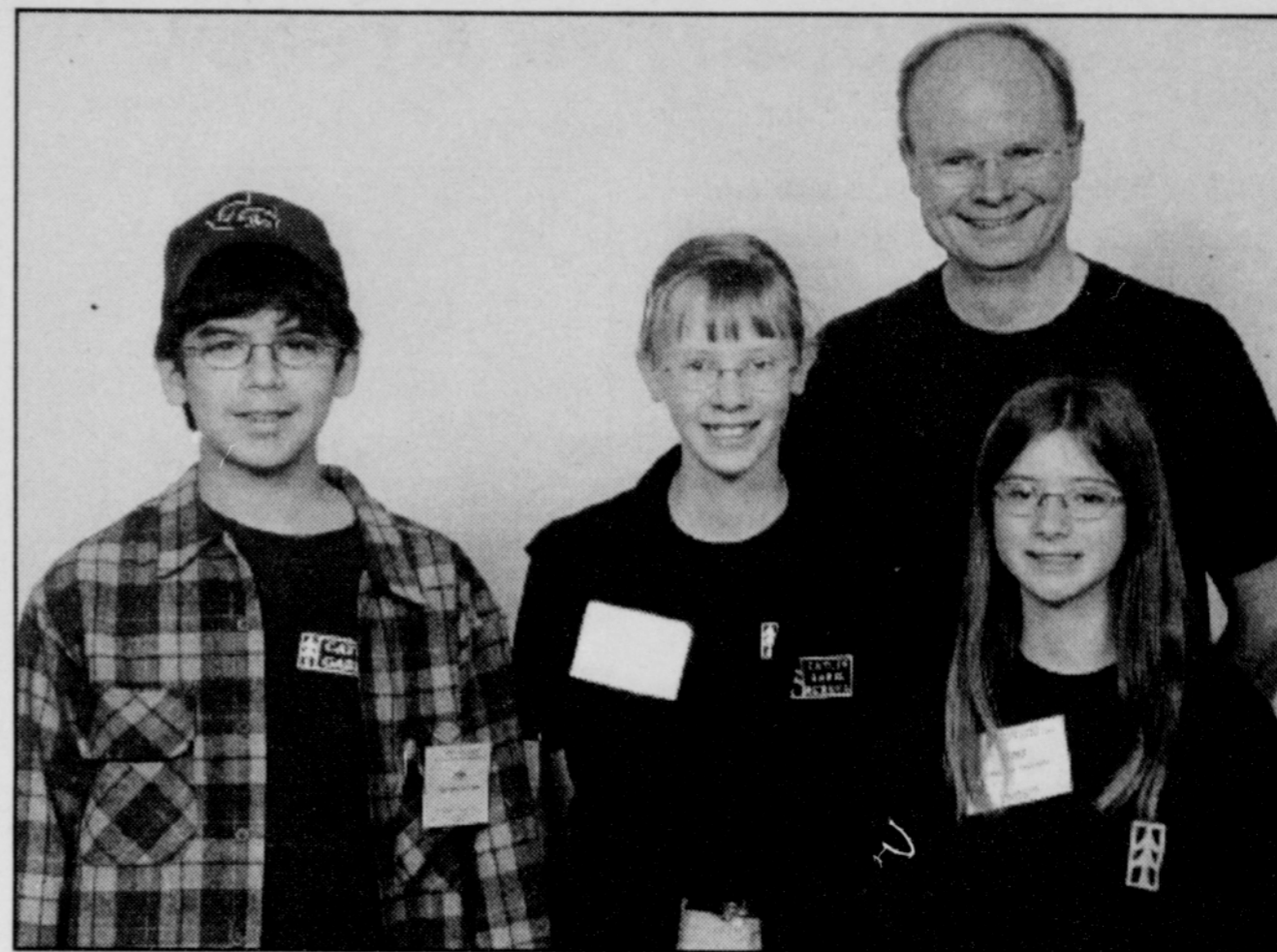


but with the power of their minds, in the **first** Lego League Oregon state robotics championships.

Many more people came to watch; who wouldn't be nervous? The teams attending the competition were the cream of the crop. Seventy-nine teams had made it through one of the playoff rounds (including the other four teams from my school and two tribal teams from Warm Springs). My name is Peter Hatch and I was just one member of one of those teams, all working furiously to win.

My two teammates (Kelsey and Susannah) wrote programs for the robot (left photo) while I worked on the mechanical design. The competition was divided into three parts.

- The table competition, where our robots performed tasks on a pre-set obstacle course (two rounds that lasted only two and a half minutes each)
- The research presentation, where teams thought of a robotic solution to a problem in our city and presented it to a panel of judges
- The technical interview, where another panel of judges asked us questions about our robot



The Team, l to r: Peter Hatch, Kelsey Yocum, our coach Dale Yocum, and Susannah Gibbs (photos by Daniel Payne)

The entire day was exhausting event after exhausting event, but eventually it was all finished. Only the award ceremonies were left as we all sat more nervous than we had been throughout the entire day, anxiously waiting for the results.

There were 12 categories of trophies. Fewer than half of the teams would leave with anything to show for their efforts. The teams from Warm Springs took home trophies in the "Against All Odds" category, which is

awarded to teams who overcame great hardship to compete.

Three of the other four teams from my school were called up for trophies. Finally, it was our turn. We received a first place trophy for Robust Design! The judges were impressed with the strength and dependability of our robot.

And so with our trophy (made of Legos, of course), we made our triumphant return. It had been a great day. I encourage anyone reading this to check out the Lego robotics competition next year.

## Gladys S. Muschamp 1914-2003

Gladys S. Muschamp, 88, of Siletz, Ore., died Feb. 3, 2003.

She was born Sept. 3, 1914, in Corvallis, Ore., to Ida (Samuels) and James Bensell. She was a life-long resident of Siletz.

She was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and a tribal elder. Gladys was one of the last full-blooded Siletz Indians.

She married George Muschamp Sr. in 1945. She enjoyed digging for roots, picking ferns, going for car drives, and basket weaving.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law George Jr. and Judy Muschamp and Jack and Shirley Muschamp, all of Siletz; three grandchildren, Clint Muschamp of Florida, Marci Garrett of Siletz, and Holly John of Lawrence, Kan.; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1996, and a son, Donald Muschamp.

A memorial service was held at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on Feb. 7, followed by interment at Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz. Memorial contributions can be made to the Siletz Tribal Elder Fund.



A showcase of Native art

## Alaska Native Medical Center Features Native Artwork

by Wanda Melton

I took some pictures of the Native American hospital and clinic in Anchorage, Alaska. It serves all of Alaska.

The giftshop in the hospital had nothing but Native American artwork. We were in there about two hours just looking.

Every floor had a showcase of art, including the work around the ceilings.