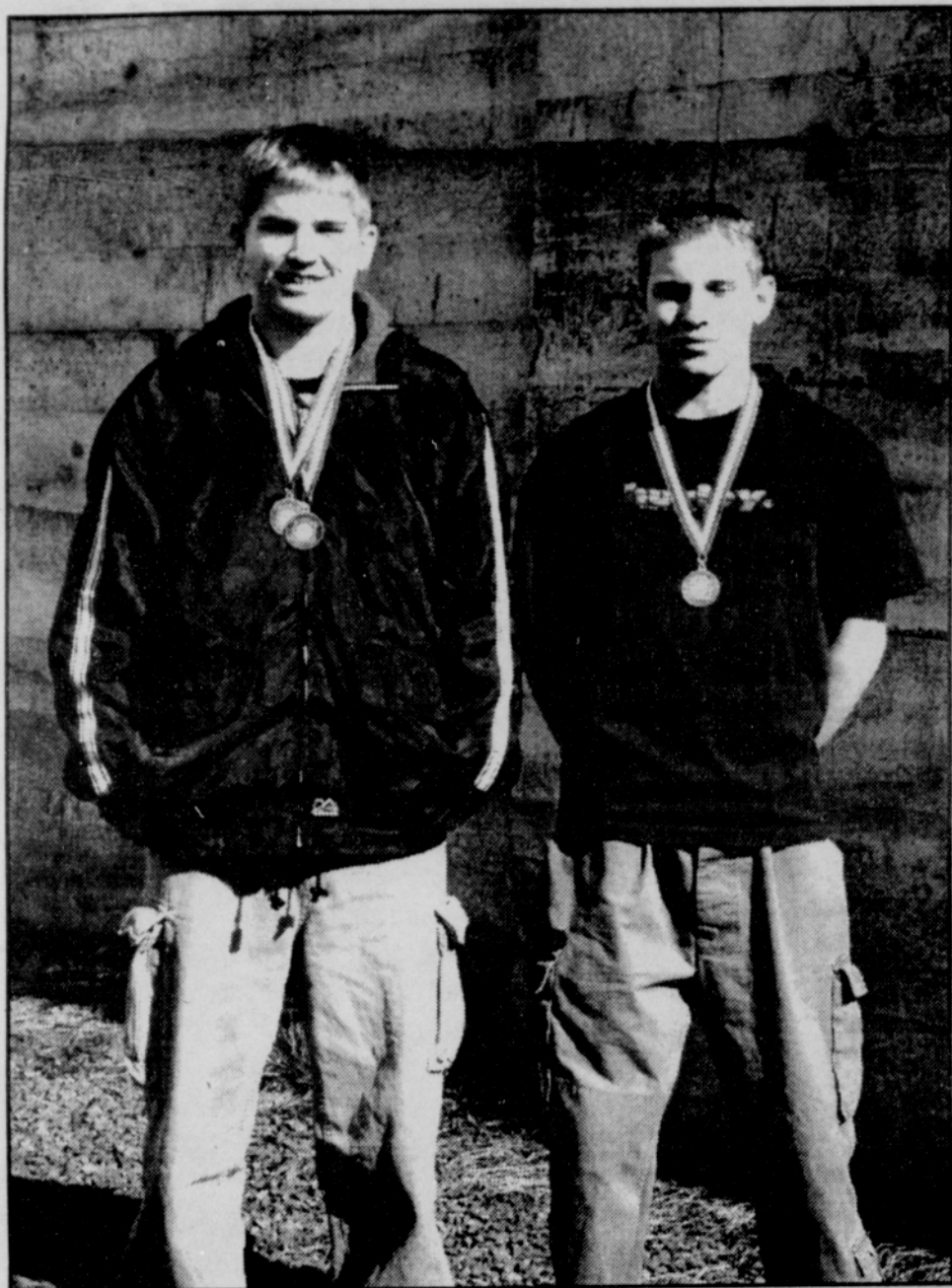


Medalists...



Blaine Vandehey, left, and Joel Mack returned from the state AA Wrestling Championships with a gold and a silver medal, respectively. Following an undefeated season, Vandehey, a senior at Vernonia High School, placed first in the 171 lb. weight class with wins over wrestlers from Elgin, Neah-Kah-Nie and Powder Valley. Mack, a junior, brought home the silver medal, taking second place over competitors from Elgin, Glendale, Gervais and Crane.

PCC classes in Vernonia, St. Helens

Portland Community College will be offering a Speech class in Vernonia during Spring term. SP 111 will help students prepare and present original speeches, with emphasis on organization and outlining. Students will learn to present informative, persuasive, and other types of speeches. This is a helpful class for anyone who speaks in groups. Prerequisite: Current enrollment in or completion of WR 121.

The class will be held at Vernonia High School, Room 10, on Tuesdays, beginning April 3, 6:30-9:20 p.m. Cost of the eleven-week course is \$127.50 plus the cost of the textbook. (Books will be available at class). Pre-registration is encouraged, however, registrations will be accepted at the first class.

For more information, contact the Columbia County PCC office at 503-978-5753.

Additional PCC classes will be offered evenings in St. Helens, at St. Helens High School.

Principles of Accounting II, Wednesdays, April 4 - June 13, Room B49, 6:30-9:20 p.m. Tuition \$127.50.

Introduction to Literature (Poetry), Thursdays, April 5 - June 14, Room B52, 6:30-9:20 p.m. Tuition \$127.50.

Western Civilization: Ancient World to 1200, Mondays, April 2 - June 11, Room B49, 6:30-9:20 p.m. Tuition \$127.50.

Non-credit Watercolor for all abilities, Tuesdays, April 3 - June 5, Room C60, 6:30 - 9:20 p.m. Cost \$92.50

Non-credit Genealogy for All, Thursdays, April 5 - May 10, Room B49 7:00-8:30 p.m. Cost \$31.50

For more information about the courses in St. Helens, call PCC Community Education at 503-397-1311.

Earthquake damage closes gym

Structural inspectors from Columbia County Land Development Services, called by Clatskanie School Superintendent Earl Fisher to evaluate potential earthquake damage to Clatskanie Grade School, red tagged the gymnasium, halting its use for any purpose.

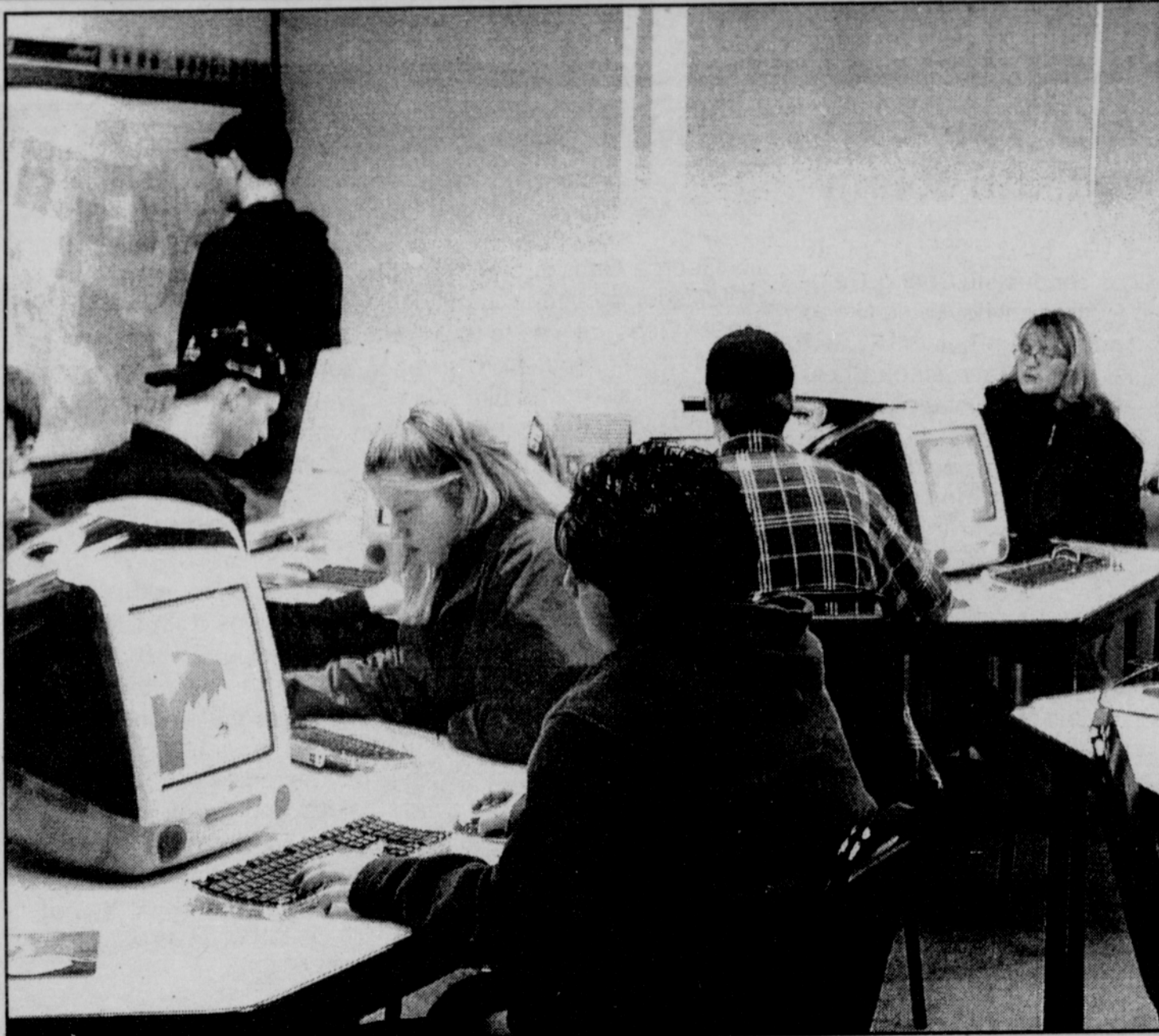
The rest the school can be used unless further investigation indicates otherwise. Steve Winstead, a certified architect under contract with the county will conduct a follow-up analysis to determine if any further closures are necessary.

No damage was detected in any of Vernonia School District's buildings.

Jewell board changes dates

The Board of Directors of Jewell School District No. 8, Clatsop County, has changed the date of its regularly scheduled Board meetings. The Board will now meet on the third TUESDAY of the month at 7:00 pm.

This change will begin with the March 20 meeting.



Technology and the arts work well together for the Vernonia School District as high school students concentrate on computerized graphic arts. Instructor Doug Tesdal teaches this class in the Mac lab in the Washington Grade School Library.

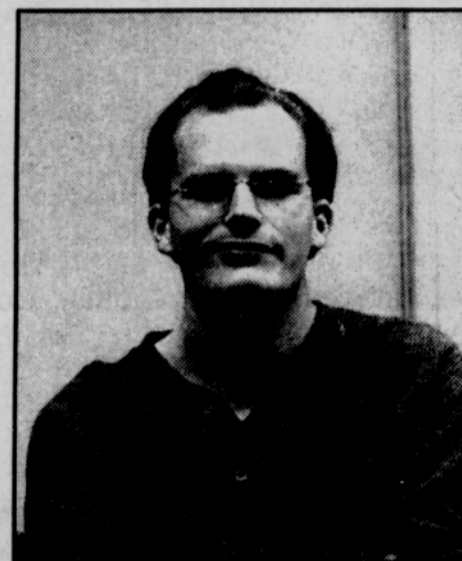
Outreach worker specializes in school absentees

Vernonia School District students who have been dropped from enrollment lists because of extended absences now have a helping hand to get themselves back on track.

Gregg McVicker, a School Outreach Specialist with Columbia ESD, will be in Vernonia every Friday to help students and their families solve problems that interfere with school attendance, regardless of what the problem may be.

McVicker, who graduated from LaPine High School before working his way through Portland State University, will meet with students and/or their families at their homes to help them deal with a wide range of situations, including other public agencies, past due utility bills and health concerns.

To make an appointment, or for more information, call McVicker at his office in St. Helens, 1-503-397-0028, ext. 238.



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