

Hockinson band wins at Clark jazz festival

BG, Woodland vocal groups finish second

The Hockinson High School jazz band, under the direction of Al Aldridge and Mike Leone, took first place among AA Division schools in the 46th annual Clark College jazz festival held Jan. 24-26 in Vancouver.

Hockinson was judged tops among the 10 schools in its division.

Hockinson pianist Andrew Gospe received an outstanding musician award. Aldridge directed the band during the competition.

Judging bands were Dave Glenn, director of jazz studies

of Shoreline won first place among AAA vocal groups.

The Woodland High School vocal jazz group, directed by Boris Pekarsky, took second place among A Division schools. King's Way Christian School in Vancouver won the A Division.

Judging vocal groups were Dave Barduhn from Mt. Hood Community College, Lonnie Cline who is director of jazz studies at Clackamas Commu-

nity College, Frank DeMiero who conducts the Seattle Jazz Singers, and Janet Reiter who is director of the Clark College vocal jazz ensemble.

In the large school band competition, Roosevelt High School of Seattle won both the AAA competition and the sweepstakes trophy. The Roosevelt II band was directed by Stuart MacDonald. Cleveland High School of Portland finished second among AAA

bands, with Mead High School third.

Roosevelt's top band, directed by Scott Brown, finished third in the AAAA competition which was won by the Pacific Crest Jazz Orchestra from Pacific Crest Community School in Portland. Garfield High School of Seattle was second in the AAAA competition.



ROBERT KNIGHT, President, Clark College, presented jazz festival awards Jan. 26.

at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Charles Gray, director of jazz studies at Portland State University, and Paul Mazzio, freelance trumpet player in Portland.

The winning Hockinson band performed music by Tom Kubis, Bob Florence and Steve Wright during the preliminary competition, and then played different music during the finals in the evening.

In addition to Gospe, Hockinson soloists were Vernon Jones on trumpet, Daron Dean on tenor sax, Danielle Voisen on flugel horn, Sam Smith on vibraphone, and Dallin King on drums.

The Battle Ground High School vocal jazz ensemble, under the direction of Darcy Schmitt, took second place in the AAA division of the festival.

Battle Ground vocalist Kaelen Brede was honored with an outstanding musician award.

Shorewood High School