

Football dies a hard death for Clackamas fans

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Football has been abolished at Clackamas—like it or not. The board favored its demise 4-2 but general opinion seems to be against the decision.

Many students and taxpayers still unaware that football has been dropped. Athletes, coaches, and fans only wish they had not forgotten.

"My concern is to find a place for the athletes to continue. I don't want this to ruin any of their college careers," said Paul Johnson, assistant football coach.

The Blue Ribbon Athletic Committee met for three days and were supposed to make a recommendation to the board. Instead they submitted a package with 21 separate impressions of the College's athletic program.

"I voted against the football program. I felt it was not necessary in a two-year school," said George Van Bergen, a committee member.

Another committee member, Jerry Cusick said, "I was for the program. I hated to see it go. I could see from day one that it was strictly political. Hakanson, John Hakanson, CCC's President made the same statements at the end as he did in the beginning."

Hakanson's position was presented to the committee on Oct. 15. Recruiting enough players from within the district is an impossibility, and with the increasing age and increasing number of part-time students at CCC, the indication would be to discontinue the program, he said.

Hakanson would rather see the money used on activities that have a longer carryover for participants as they advance in years.

The actual budget for football is \$15,500 according to Len Monroe, dean of student services.

The 20 tuition waivers available for football players, 10 have been dropped with the others going to other remaining sports.

The use of the money hasn't been decided as yet, but \$4,000 has been put into the National Travel fund while \$3,000 went into paying a financial aid bookkeeper, Monroe said. The rest of the money went into the contingency fund with its fate to be decided at a later date.

"I wasn't surprised by the abolishment of football. Politically, it was a good move. The people in my area—Canby—favored the abolition," said Dr. David Healey, a committee member.

Healey favored the continuation of it. The budget for athletics is just a drop in the bucket and I think the people involved get great things out of it."

Players and potential players seem the hardest hit by the deci-

sion. Freshmen are scrambling for schools to attend along with high school seniors who would have come to CCC.

Marty Pinz, a former Shrine all-star, is one of the lucky ones. "I was stunned," Pinz said, "I came back to school and it was gone. You just have to find some place to play football if you want to play."

"A lot of the freshmen didn't get to play too much because of the people in front of them. They proved themselves to our coaches and now they have to go somewhere else and do it all over again," he said.

"I'd like to continue going to a two-year school, probably Mt.

Vaught plans to become a high school football coach and needs the college playing experiences on his resume.

"I can name at least three other guys who wanted to go to Clackamas, but aren't now," Vaught said. The trio—Mike Nelson, Scott Tietz and Tom Jarbos—are all from Gladstone.

"I wanted to play college ball," Dave Baer said. "I'm going to go down to California to play."

Baer enrolled at CCC this term but has decided not to register again next term because the football program has been dropped. Baer is an ex-Marine who played football while in the corps.

Clackamas High School Foot-

bor dropped their program their full-time enrollment dropped by over 100 people."

Chuck Adams, College director of admissions/records, is not quite so pessimistic about the change in enrollment due to the abolishment of the football program.

"I don't think there will be a significant impact on enrollment because of the lack of football," he said. "However, we will lose some students, but not a significant amount."

Some students agree with the athletes that football should not have been eliminated. Interestingly enough few of them knew that football had already been abolished.

Jackson are in two-year associate programs at CCC.

"I feel that there are some individuals missing out on it. It's bad because they get their enjoyment out of it," Boyer said.

"I can't see anything wrong with it," Jackson said. "If people want to participate in it I think it's all right."

"I don't think they should have dropped it. I was never involved in sports but I think they're vital," Kevin McAllistar said. "Where do all the athletes go now?"

Tim Tittrude disagrees. "I think football should have been abolished. I don't believe in it because of lack of attendance," he said.

Tittrude has never attended a Clackamas football game, but he feels the money should be put to use for a less expensive sport, such as soccer.

Tony Terry, a freshman football player, has different reasons for objecting to the termination of the program.

"Abolishment of football isn't going to help the school, it's going to hurt it. Football draws people here and establishes communication. It gets the name across to other places," he said.



Photo by Lorraine Stratton

Hood. I'm also considering some four-year schools." Pinz said.

"I'm not sure what I'll do," Wade Starbuck another freshman player, said. "I felt that football was great for me, for a bunch of guys. I think they were wrong for abolishing it."

Steve Maynard is a sophomore on the team. Although the death of football at Clackamas doesn't directly affect him, he has strong feelings on it.

"I think a lot of kids are being ripped off. They made a commitment to the school and the school broke its commitment to them," Maynard said. "I was just sorry to see it go."

"I was planning to go to Clackamas. Now I have to start all over again," said Mike Vaught, a Gladstone High School senior. "I thought since it was cheaper and I might get more playing time it would be the place to go."

ball Coach Bill Hartman sees the abolishment as a bad move for the community as a whole.

"Some of the high school coaches are trying to get the board to reconsider. There's no place for the guys to go," Hartman said.

Mt. Hood Community College faced a similar problem last year. Like at Clackamas, a Blue Ribbon Board was formed. Their decision was entirely different, however.

After nine months of total comprehensive study the MHCC board voted to retain football and back it. Previously board members against had numbered more than board members for the retention of football.

"It was a sad day when I read in the paper that football at Clackamas had been dropped. I was very confused and bewildered by those who made the decision for the students," Mary Heibert, Mt. Hood's Head Football Coach said.

"I believe that football is a part of the total education process. This denies some students the opportunity to participate. Why discriminate against football over music or tennis?"

"I understand the squeeze," Heibert said, "But why was football used as the whipping board?"

Heibert estimates that if Mt. Hood dropped their program approximately 200 to 300 full-time students would drop. He cites student reimbursements from the state as a major loss of funds for the college.

"I also think it will hurt the school and the sports program," said Fiskum. "When Grays Har-

"I'm not too involved in the politics of athletics here, but I think they should have football," Steve Andrews, a CCC student, said. "Other schools seem to be able to maintain their programs."

Both Martha Boyer and Marlin

Chuck Hudson, board member and opponent of the move feels that no programs are safe at Clackamas involving the sports department. "The board is free to do anything they want," Hudson said.

English instructor Marcia Myers voiced her opinion saying, "I think that in view of the community controversy over the idea of football, that the decision to drop it was a wise one."

"I think that it was a mistake," Buck Monroe, counselor and cross country coach said. "It may have been a mistake to put it in but it's an even bigger mistake to take it out."

So, the controversy continues. Nothing definite has been done except for the cancelation of the football program. Some moves are being made to reinstate it, but only time will tell if CCC will field a football team next year.

Sports Notes

The Clackamas Community College Planning Division is in the final stages of a plan to build a public jogging trail that will cover the same routes as the campus road system.

According to the division head, Ken Fischer, all the plan needs now is to be approved by the College board. They will then begin gathering the necessary materials with construction beginning in June and finishing up sometime near the end of the summer.

The trail will be built with

sawdust base and will follow the outside loop of the campus road for most of the way until it breaks off near the Greenhouse and Clairmont Hall area and crosses over to Beavercreek Road, covering about two miles.

The idea for the trail is a result of the immense popularity of jogging in and around the area. The resulting use of the track and field facilities were noted. The feeling was that these people would probably rather run on a standard jogging surface than the hard asphalt.

SPORTS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mens basketball	Fri. 20	Umpqua CC	7:30	Roseburg
	Sat. 21	SWOCC	7:30	Coos Bay
Womens basketball	Fri. 20	Umpqua CC	6:00	Roseburg
	Tues. 24	Lane CC	6:30	Home
Wrestling	Fri. 20	C of Idaho	7:30	Home
	Sat. 21	CCC Tourney		Home
Bowling	Wed. 18	Mt. Hood	3:30	Tri-City
Sunday Recreation	Sun. 22		1-6	Gym

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