



Photo by Lorraine Stratton
 Dave Riggs prepares for the mens tennis team's season by practicing his returns.

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Individuals perform well

The College's Track Club saw their first action of the season as they participated in the Ice-breaker track meet last Saturday at Linfield College.

The meet included both community colleges and four year varsity teams.

In the 5000 meters, Doug Oberst took third with 15:10. Oberst's time was just five seconds off the qualifying time for the National Junior College Track and Field Meet.

Mark Nugen combined talents in both track and field events. Nugen, a decathlete, threw the javelin 167-11 and ran a 4:14 1500 meters. He also ran a leg in the mile relay.

Dave Rudishauser and Tom Winter turned in good times in the 800 meters with a 2:05 and 2:00 respectively. Both lost to runners who primarily run the shorter, faster distance or the quarter-mile.

Randy Bolliger placed third overall in the shot put with a put of 48-5. Bolliger, a Tigard graduate, last year won the state high school shot put crown.

Also competing in the shot

was Dan Jackson. Jackson put the shot 42-2.5 for 11th overall and took third in the discus with a throw of 141-1.

"Considering the cold and the wind, and the earliness of the season, I thought every person who participated turned in a very solid performance," Tipton said.

"We had some very solid performances," Les Tipton men's track coach, said. "There were some good individual performances in this meet."

The team is designated to a club status because the regular season has not yet begun.

They will not officially become a team until their first dual meet with Mt. Hood following spring vacation.

"Lane is looking typically strong," Tipton said. "We'll have our work cut out for us before the dual meet with them."

Other placers in the meet were:

1500 meters: 2nd, Kelly Britz, 4:02.4; 12th, Don Brown, 4:12.
 400 meter intermediate hurdles: 4th, Keith Self, 62.8; 6th, Tony Terry, 62.0.

Discus: Gay Kuenn, 105-1
 Mile relay: 5th, 3:29.1
 Rudishauser, Keith Self, Don Kelly Britz).

CCC sponsored community bench press contest

There will be a lot of grunting and groaning involved as the community college's sponsored bench press contest tonight in the Hall Gym.

Weight classes will include both high school and college divisions, in a format much the one used in wrestling.

Each contestant will be given three attempts at each weight. There will be a time that the weight must be held before it can be released.

In the battle for King of the Mountain competition is expected to be heavy. Paul Fiskum, community recreation director, has contacted local high schools and also invited a number of former football players of the college to participate in the contest.

Such players, include former defensive lineman Keith Park, defensive line coach Dan Corbett and expected is a lifter who weighs 200 pounds and can press around 400 pounds.

The contest was also held last year but was termed an appointment because of the low turnout.

"That's about the only difference between this year's and last year's contest, is the turnout expected," said Fiskum.

"Last year we had about 10 show. This year we expect at least twice that many and we're hoping for more. This only mean that the competition will be that much tougher," Fiskum said.

Certificates will be awarded to each winner in their respective division.

The contest will begin tonight at 6:30 p.m.

In-district emphasis could save program

By Randy Frank
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It's now or never for the College football program. The Clackamas Community College Board of Education will consider whether to reinstate the program or forever silence it tonight at 7:30.

Either the board will vote to reconsider its decision tonight or else it will be too late. They will have to sell the equipment and it will be too expensive to repurchase back.

The board voted to drop the program last December on the grounds that the team failed to attempt more in-district recruiting. Also, too many of the talent grants or tuition waivers went to out-of-district players. They were also worried about the amount football players were attending classes during the season but dropping out at the end of the regular season or continuing but not receiving good grades.

Immediately following the board's decision, a move was made by some of the coaches, players and interested citizens to get the program reinstated.

They went out into the College district and talked with all eleven high school coaches in the district and told them of their plans trying to gain their support.

They also went out into the community hoping to get the public interested. They circulated petitions urging them to write letters to the board pledging their support.

"I couldn't believe the support we received from the community and the students on the campus," Dave Brown, the leader of the reinstatement plan and college coach, said.

"I think out of all the people I talked to, I have found only one person who had a negative opinion about our plans and who

felt that the money should be spent elsewhere."

Brown said other people expressed criticism of past programs because of the in-district record, but changed their minds when told of the current plans.

The result was a petition consisting of 322 signatures collected in one week, and letters from several local businessmen and pastors.

When shown the letters, petitions and a proposal to make the program more in-district oriented, the board decided during the February meeting.

Gary Cornelius, board member, said that he would like to see a statement in writing concerning in-district recruiting before he would be willing to consider reinstatement of the program.

A proposal will be presented that more in-district recruiting take place through the next three years. This recruiting program will continue until the ratio of in-district to out-of-district players is at least as high as other sports in any given year.

Brown takes it a step further. "I feel that we should eventually build our program almost entirely around the community."

"The biggest criticism of past programs by the board and some of the high school coaches that I talked to, is the lack of effort made in in-district recruiting," Brown said.

"I'm not bad-mouthing any coaches up here, but some of the coaches didn't even know who some of the other coaches are."

"We also hope to obtain more community involvement by using one of our non-conference games as a benefit game. We would play it at a local high school with the proceeds going to charity," Brown said.

Brown added that he would try to liven up the halftime

activities by getting a couple of the local drill or dance teams to perform.

Brown also endorses a jog-a-thon. "Twenty-five athletes will jog to Salem with each one running two miles. Hopefully we'd have several local businesses to sponsor the run and we'd split the proceeds with a charity organization."

"There have been cases where in-district players have come to the College and haven't made the team because of an out-of-district walk-on," Len Monroe, Dean of Student Activities said.

"Competition is also very keen. Many Blue Chipper athletes have gone on to Portland State, Mt. Hood, Oregon and Oregon State."

"Despite our fine record under the circumstances, we can't really offer a good athlete as much as, let's say, Mt. Hood or Portland State who have enough money to give along with their winning reputations," Monroe said.

The proposal also states that there will be more in-district talent grants during the same three years until 50% of all talent grants will be in-district.

The coaches will also be required to keep a graded progress report every five weeks and those that fail to keep their grades up

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