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Smith to leave his post

By Kelly Laughlin
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Clackamas' Women's Track and Field Coach Roger Smith submitted his formal resignation to the College on Monday.

After bringing his team to a fourth place finish at nationals this season and a first place crown last year, Smith is heading for the University of Wyoming along with CCC sprinters Susie Morehart and Rhonda Weidman, who he's signed up to compete on the university's track and field squad. "It is the goal of any coach to work at a major college or university. Wyoming gives me that opportunity," Smith said.

While the track and field program at Wyoming is currently quite small, Smith hopes to leave the same legacy there as he did at Clackamas. "The recruiting is really going well," he said. "We have 12 of the best runners in the country,



OFF TO WYOMING—Ever-successful women's track and cross-country Coach Roger Smith will coach at the University of Wyoming next year.

and possibly, Leandra Barinaga, Nancy Perkins and Lisa Nickel all from Clackamas, may be attending Wyoming next year, as well," he said.

This season, Barinaga took first in the national 3,000-meter event and third in the 5,000-meter run. Perkins placed third in the shot put. Susie Morehart placed second in the long jump this year, fourth in the 200-meter sprint and fourth in the 100-meter event at nationals. Weidman contributed a fast leg in the mile relay that the CCC women placed second in at nationals.

"We want to continue the winning process," Smith said. "The university has made a commitment, and we are going for it."

College President John Hakanson praised Smith for the "service he has given the track and field program at CCC," and continued, "we are going to miss him here." Mary Rubright, who assisted Smith in

coaching this season said, "Roger is an extremely dedicated professional in his approach and both demanding, but realistic toward his athletes. He does everything in the best interest of his girls."

Rubright contended though, that the success of the CCC women's track program has been due to Smith's complete selflessness as both a person and a coach. "What he wants for himself, he wants for his girls. Even if someone had to leave the team, which is not unique to a community college track program, Roger always says, 'I could have done more even when I know he's doing his very best. I guess the best example I could give you of his dedication is what he says when he's counseling the girls. You might not remember the name, Roger Smith, in five to 10 years, but you will remember you were national champions'."

Tennis team performs well at nationals

By Brian Rood
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It may be hard to believe, but the men's tennis team has finally completed their season, a most impressive season to say the least. In their 1979 campaign, the Cougars captured the OCCAA league title, the Oregon state title and

gained a berth in the national championships by capturing the Region 18 tournament.

The Cougar netmen recently returned from down south in Waco, Texas, where they were competing in the national tournament and returned with some mixed results. In the first round

of play, the Cougs ran into three number one seeds, a number two seed and one number nine seed which made it difficult for the team to advance to the next rounds.

There was some good news, however, as the Cougar hardcourters accumulated more points than any previous Northwest school as they finished somewhere between eleventh and sixteenth. (The exact finish was not known at deadline time, due to the fact that the final results were not all in.)

After the Cougs had been eliminated from the tournament, there were still three teams who had not been beaten. Those schools included Odessa and Midland of Texas and Central Florida.

Coach Rich Taylor expressed his feelings on the tournament, saying, "I felt we didn't have a good tournament. No one really played up to their potential except our number two doubles team." But Coach Taylor was pleased with the overall picture as the team compiled a substantial amount of points along with gaining some very valuable experience for the freshmen members of the squad.

Now that the season is over and the sweet taste of winning begins to bitter, it is time to think of next year and Coach Taylor has already begun to predict for next year's squad.

The Cougs will be without at least four players from this year's squad, namely Rick Bobzien, Alan Clevinger, Tim Qualls and controversial Dave

Riggs. Coach Taylor was hesitant to say if he was going to be successful in his recruiting efforts, but he did sound hopeful. Taylor said, "We have the possibility of getting four out of the six top graduating high school players in the state." But, Taylor added, "it's not definite yet."

If Taylor can persuade some of that young talent to Clackamas, next year's season could prove to be as rewarding as this one has been. Taylor

and his netmen will be looking towards higher goals for next year's season, and a top finish in the national tournament.

Yes, it has been a successful season, to say the least, for the CCC netmen, but not one without controversy, as the Dave Riggs incident proved.

But, the controversy or anything else that might hinder a successful campaign was set aside and the results were impressive.

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New Coach

Royce Kiser, 36, has been named men's basketball coach for the 1979-80 season at the College, according to athletic director Chuck Hudson.

Kiser has 12 years of head coaching experience, accumulating a 191-95 coaching record. Kiser has previously coached at Camas Valley (one year), Powers (two years), Waldport (four years), Tillamook (one year), Tigard (three years) and most recently as junior varsity coach at the University of Portland.

A graduate of Southern Oregon College, where he earned conference and regional honors in basketball, Kiser is currently teaching at Tigard High School.

Kiser replaced Len Tirrill, who resigned his basketball coaching position but

remains at Clackamas as physical education and health instructor.

Golf

Clackamas Community College's golf team placed third at the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 18 tournament at Tokatee Golf Club, Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22.

Chemeketa won the team title with a 615 total, followed by Central Oregon (618), Clackamas (631), Treasure Valley (647) and Linn-Benton (689).

Steve McPherson led Clackamas with rounds of 73-78-151, which qualified the sophomore from Central Catholic High School for the national championships of the NJCAA in Odessa, Texas, June 4 through 9.

