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Wade Scott: Victory is personal success

By Sue Hanneman
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Eyes riveted across the field, he watches with intense concentration the repetitious movement and form of discus thrower Marcie Fisher. He stands arm raised, elbow bent slightly, extended parallel to the eyebrows, in an attempt to shield out the setting sun. "That's better now, lead with the hips, and bring your arm up!" explains Clackamas women's throwing coach Wade Scott with demonstration movements added to show the correct sequence of motion.

"Wade wants me to be as good as I can be, instead of as good as everyone else is," stated Fisher, a discus thrower

for CCC, in reference to her coach.

Fisher's comments run closely with Scott's own interpretation of his aims and goals where coaching is concerned. "I'm teaching the kids how to do something besides how to win in sports," he stated. "It doesn't matter to me who you are, if you don't put out, and give 100 percent, then I don't want you."

Scott believes that, although victories and winning have their place in sports, the emphasis in coaching should be placed on reaching one's potential in a given event, rather than who took first place. Using Cyd McCormick, Clackamas's javelin throwing ace, as an example, he went on, "I don't care so much about her winning a national championship as I do for her to reach a personal best."

"I see myself as a vehicle for them (the throwers) to get to a certain point." This is where Wade Scott fits into the track program at Clackamas. In his first year as assistant women's coach at the college under head coach Marilyn Linsenmeyer, he is solely in charge of field events. Although he is in close contact with Linsenmeyer, he says, "I'm on my own and that's the way I like it."

Scott, 36, brings with him to the College a long list of coaching credentials spanning the years from 1968 to 1978, which include extensive amounts of football, baseball, and basketball at Astoria High School, Woodburn High and Molalla High.

During his stay at Molalla, Scott was offered the position as counselor for the school, but under the agreement that he give up coaching there because

of a district policy which would not allow a combination of both coaching and counseling at the same time.

Scott took on the tasks of his new counseling job and retired his coaching career, but not for long. Soon he began to realize the importance coaching played in his life. "I didn't realize how much I would miss coaching," he said. When the opportunity arose to coach at the College, he took it. Not only is he glad he did, but so are the women he coaches.

Carol Ziemba exemplifies that fact by saying, "I'm really glad to have the opportunity to work with Wade because he's the first coach who has sat down and worked technique with me. Throwing is 90 percent technique. Working by this method, I should be throwing further than I ever have by the regionals and nationals, and that's the name of the game; improvement and reaching my potential."

College endured invasion

If it seemed like hundreds upon hundreds of high school students had invaded campus over the weekend, you were right.

The Class A high school wrestling teams held their Championship Wrestling Tournament here at the College, which was the reason for all of the high school students. But you can relax now, because the tourney is over and they've all gone back to their respective high schools.

Seasons in review

Cager playoffs that almost were

By Rick Obritschkewitsch
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Both the men and women's basketball teams ended their seasons with identical 7-9 league records, with no playoff berths after a couple of toughly fought seasons.

The men cagers started off in pre-season with three victories that carried over to league action as they defeated Blue Mountain in their first season game.

But the victories didn't remain a trend as the men lost their next five games, not gaining another victory until Jan. 23 when they defeated Umpqua and then Mt. Hood five nights later, to end the first half of the season with a 3-5 record.

Assistant men's basketball coach stated, "We could have folded, but we hung tough."

Between Jan. 23 and Feb. 13, the Cougar men had won six of the eight games played, and had climbed their way to a three-way tie for third in the league.

But it was the next week's action, the final week, that was to determine whether or not the Cougars would claim a playoff berth.

But the playoffs weren't to be for the men cagers this year. They lost their last two games against the two top teams in the league to end up in a three-way tie for fourth in the league, with Linn-Benton, and Southwestern Oregon. Fouth was good enough to enter the playoffs, but since there was a tie, and not enough time to determine who should compete in the playoffs from the

three teams, the league director decided that none of them would go.

Looking at the mid-season and final records of men and women's cager records, a person might think that the two seasons were xerox copies. But the content of the seasons were entirely different.

The women were at a disadvantage as they entered the season, since they didn't get to see as much pre-season action as most teams. They had to wait for four of their players to get back from Florida, where they were competing in the Region 18 Volleyball Championships.

Coach Nancy Mikleton stated, "We needed two more weeks to the season—we peaked in the last two weeks."

When the actual season started for the women, they

went lose, win, lose, win, until they lost three in a row, and then defeated Mt. Hood to end the first half of the season at 3-5.

The women cagers were never again able to get their win column even with their loss column, and it came down to the last game to determine a playoff berth for the women Cougars.

They defeated Chemeketa in their second to the last game of the season, and playoff competition hinged on whether or not the Clackamas women could pull off a victory in their last game of the season against Mt. Hood.

"Who knows why they won," stated Mikleton, but the Cougar victory over Mt. Hood was not to be. So the women ended their season with a 7-9 record.



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