Record breaking team heads for Nationals

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When the National Junior College Athletic Association National track and field meet begins this Friday in San Angelo, Texas; the College men's team will have a school record 11 participants com-

peting in nine different events. Among the 11 will be six school record holders (in-cluding a 1982 national best), and what Clackamas coaches consider a potential world-class decathlon athlete, Marcell Douglass.

Coach Buck Monroe is confident his team will be a factor in this weekend's meet, but said the men must be in top form to place well.

"My guess is that we'll finish around eighth," Monroe said. "If we're in the top ten, we'll have to do a good job. It's hard to score points (in the nationals). The talent is so awesome

"My hope is for us to finish fifth or sixth," he continued, "but that would take a hell of a performance."

Monroe pointed to Region 18 champion Ricks Junior College (Idaho) and Odessa Com-munity College (Texas) as two of his favorites to take the national championship. "It's hard to tell because

the schools don't always send the schools don't always send their results in; he said, "but Odessa will be tough. I think Ricks will be in the top three," he continued. "They're strong in all the field events."

As far as Cougar tracksters winning individual championwinning individual champion ships is concerned, Monroe isn't exactly "Mr. Positive," but gives freshman Roger Bar-Roger nhurst the best chance of the

team, "He could very well win it," Monroe stated. "Barnhurst could possibly throw the javelin 250 feet. He's getting better all the time." Barnhurst's schoolrecord throw of 242 feet is also

second best in the nation this

year. Although he concedes the decathlon championship to Conny Silfver (Ricks), Monroe does expect Douglass of Clackamas to perform and



a 1982 national best.

"Mike Hortsch also will be in there," Monroe said. "Tony Macey and Ken Valasquez also

won't be shut out." Hortsch and Macey both set school

records this year; Hortsch, with a shot put of 53-6 1/2, and Macey, with a 5,000 meters run of 14:40.

Steve Gogl, who set the school standard in the 3,000

meter steeplechase at the OC

tional champ, according to Monroe. Gogl's time is also the

meet with a time of 9:05.8, also is a possible na-

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place well in the meet.

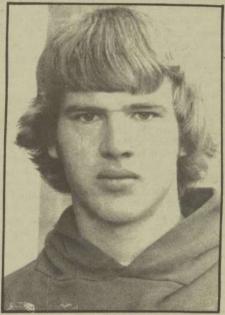
"I expect Marcell to be in the top three," he said. "I don't think anyone will touch Silfver." Douglass will also Silfver." Douglass will also compete in the pole vault. Sophomore Vance Blow

will also carry a school record into the Nationals, a 31:08.5 for 10,000 meters. Les Taylor, Larry Psick, Jeff Johnson, and John Martin

will go as a team to compete in the 400 meter relay. The quartet ran the event in 41.7 to qualify

The number and quality of

the athletes that the College is sending to the Nationals is outstanding, almost incredible, but the rest of the team, despite not qualifying for the meet, added considerably to a fantastic season.



ROGER BARNHURST Staff Photos by Duane Hiersche

> Five school records were broken by this year's team in events in which that the team didn't qualify for the nationals. other There were individual and team honors that added to the team's success

Cougar Coach was voted the OCCAA Track and Field Coach of the Year for the 1982 season, and Marcell Douglass was selected the year's outstanding performer.

Monroe's honor came after his team won the OCCAA championship for the first time in the school's history. The Cougs closest competition at the OCCAA meet was Mt. Hood which finished 20 points behind Clackamas.

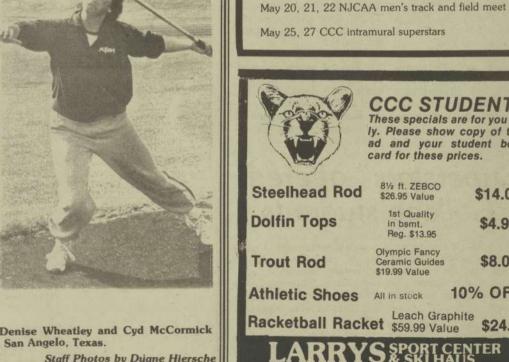
Douglass' honors came after he placed second in the Region 18 decathlon championships to qualify for the Nationals in that event. He also will compete in the pole vault after a school record vault of 15 feet. Douglass also set the school record this year in the long jump at 23-4 3/4.

Les Taylor, Jeff Johnson, John Anderson, and Dan West narrowly missed nationals qualification in the 1600 meter relay despite a school record 3:15.1 time for the race. West also set the standard in the 400 meters with a sprint of 48.3

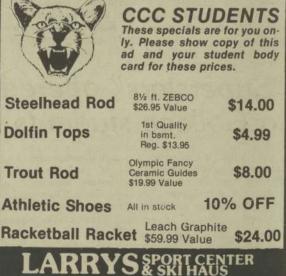
Mike Hortsch had a great year in the shot put, and also set a school record by throwing the hammer 75 feet. Mark Barlow ran the 400 meter in-termediate hurdles in 54.0 in the OCCAA meet to put his name in the Cougar record books

Sports Calender May 16, 17, 18 Golf-Region 18 tourney May 20, 21, 22 NJCAA women's track and field meet May 21, 22, 23 Region 18 baseball tourney

May 25-29 NJCAA men's tennis tourney



NJCAA Nationals track meet qualifiers Denise Wheatley and Cyd McCormick prepare for this weekend's competition in San Angelo, Texas. Staff Photos by Duane Hiersche



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