

## College bids OCCAA farewell

By Tracy Sumner  
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The Clackamas Community College athletic program lost the war, but won a personal battle with the Oregon Community College Athletic Association last summer as the College Board of Education voted to continue nationals travel and withdraw from the OCCAA, effective immediately.

The presidents of the OCCAA schools had voted on July 31, 1981 to declare all OCCAA athletic teams ineligible for nationals travel beginning in the fall of the '82-'83 school year. Clackamas disputed the decision on whether to send athletic teams to nationals should be left to individual districts.

The presidents countered that the decision was not in interference with local policy-making, but was merely a change in league rules.

The presidents later argued that any OCCAA school that violated the travel ban would be banned from OCCAA competition for a period of two years. Rather

than face the ban, the College board voted last August to withdraw from the OCCAA.

The athletic directors of the OCCAA schools later retaliated by voting to not schedule athletic events with Clackamas.

Clackamas President John Hakanson, who had recommended that the College stop its opposition to the travel ban, seemed sympathetic to the league's position.

"I think it's their right (to not play Clackamas)" he said. (The OCCAA) is a league and we decided to not go by their rules. It wasn't anything I didn't expect."

Jim Roberts, Dean of Students at the College, expressed no more surprise at the decision than Hakanson, but was somewhat less understanding with it than was the president.

"After we withdrew, we felt we could play the OCCAA schools on a non league or pre-season basis," Roberts said. "We then found the position of the league to be that they wouldn't play us at all.

"I felt that that was sort of a vindictive approach, it was

beyond the league rules. That told me that they were going to make things as difficult on us as possible," he said.

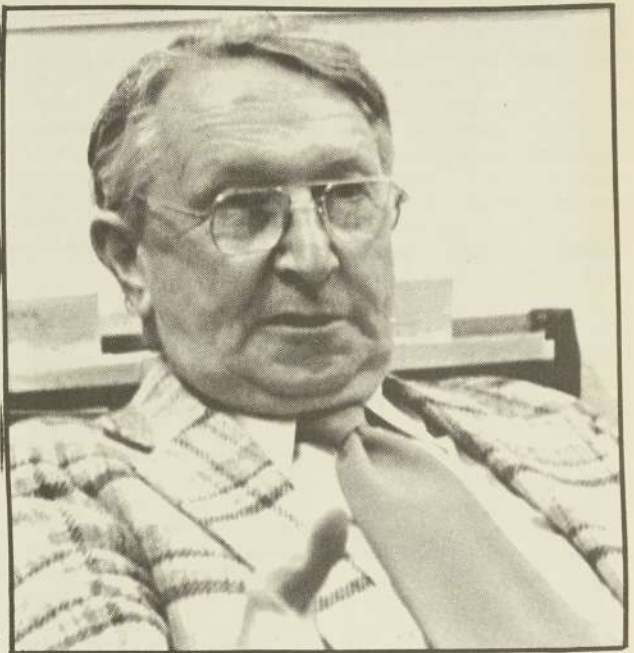
"I fully expected the league to do it," Roberts said. "I think it went too far as far as not playing us non-league."

Ward Paldanius, athletic director at Chemeketa Community College said, "I agreed with (the league's decision). If we had done what Clackamas did, I would assume that nobody (from the OCCAA) would compete with us at any time."

"My original understanding was that we wouldn't even play them in regionals," he continued. "We can play them in the regionals, just nowhere else."

One problem facing the Clackamas athletic program following their departure from the OCCAA was finding competition for Cougar teams.

Chuck Hudson, athletic director at the College said, "it was tough finding competition for January-February because everyone's in the middle of league play, but I think we have good schedules for the teams."



DR. JOHN HAKANSON

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Hudson said it was especially difficult to find competition for teams such as volleyball and basketball because team sports are played between two schools on a head to head basis. Individual sports, on the other hand, such as cross-country and track are usually run in meets involving more than two schools.

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## Women's X-country faces rebuilding year

By Doug Vaughan

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In a "rebuilding" year, women's Cross Country Coach Marilyn Wynia sees a bright spot at the end of the tunnel as her Cougars have improved in each of their three meets of the 1982 season.

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The most recent of the meets was an invitational sponsored by Fort Casey. Clackamas did not take a full team and did not receive a placing team score. Wynia explained that taking a partial team was due to injuries and situations where some of her runners were not ready to compete.

One reason for their inability to compete was, many

of the runners started late and missed workouts. Wynia explained that if they do not work out, they will not compete in the meets. The final decision was in the hands of Wynia who based the decision on the performance in workouts on the days they worked out.

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One problem that is hindering the Cougars is inexperience. The team does not have any returners from last year's team and many of the girls have never competed in cross country.

"First of all, they do not know how to run a 5000. The farthest distance run in high school is a 3000 (meters)," Cougar Coach Wynia stated. "The training is also completely different. And some have not even run cross country before, so it is a whole new sport to them."

Wynia can see improvement in the women's times,

which is an exciting mark for her. After the recent Ft. Casey invitational, Wynia stated that all the finishing times of her team were personal bests for the runners. "It tells me that they are improving. We'll be working hard the rest of the month in preparation for regionals."

One feature that the

Cougars have is consistency in their times. Wynia remarked that all the times are pretty close to one another, with no one runner carrying the whole team. Anderson has led the Cougars and Wynia feels she is the fastest of her runners. She also feels that this is a strong point for the Cougars and makes the team easier to coach

because their times are so close.

Wynia also feels there is another advantage to this inexperienced but evenly talented club. "A lot of newcomers running the 5000 is an advantage because they're hungry. They don't know how to run, but they are working hard and it will show up in the meets."

### Sports Calendar

Oct. 6-Volleyball- George Fox-MSB- Portland-6:00

Soccer-Lewis and Clark - Lake Oswego-TBA

Oct. 8-Volleyball- Willamette - Salem-7:00

Oct. 9-Womens X-Country-Willamette  
Inv.-Salem-TBA

Oct. 12-Volleyball- Oregon State- here-7:00

