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Committee looks at options involving gym floor repairs

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A committee has been formed to look into the cost of repairing or replacing Clackamas Community College's Randall Hall Gym's 14-year-old tartan floor, Chuck Hudson, health and PE department chairperson and athletic director said. "The heavily used areas, like the keys, are worn out. They are much less (in thickness) than the original 3/8 inch floor," Hudson said.

He explained this wearing down of the floor causes it to become sticky, which has resulted in numerous injuries to athletes in recent years. "It's time that we do something about it (the gym floor). It is around 14 years old and is just worn out," Hudson added.

Phil Garver, women's basketball coach, said the tartan floor is not good for playing basketball on. He explained there are many small injuries that happen while playing on the floor as it is now and that team members have voiced complaints. He added, "Recruiting-wise it hinders more that helps. People just don't like to play on tartan, they would rather play on wood."

Three options are being eyed by the committee, which is made up of College staff members, Jim Roberts, dean of student services, said.

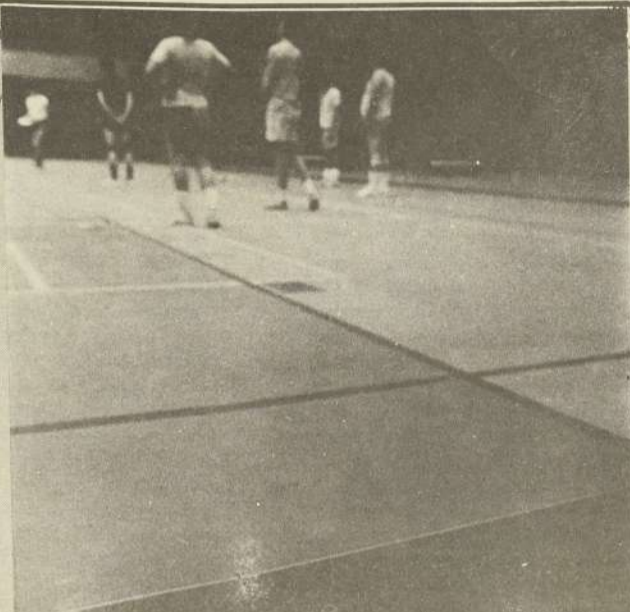
One option would be to pour a new layer of tartan over the existing one. This had been the original plan and was budgeted for before other alternatives were brought up. The estimate for a new tartan

covering is \$54,000. Garver and Hudson said this choice would not be practical due to the cost of maintenance and the lifetime of the floor. They agreed a wood floor would last longer and be a better playing surface. Garver said the choice between a tartan or wood floor is like "renting a junker or renting a Cadillac. Which is better?"

Another option would be to resurface the entire floor with wood. The estimates the committee has seen at this time are for the allotted \$54,000 plus up to \$14,000 for a wood floor, Roberts said.

The third alternative would be to cover the main floor in wood and resurface the existing tartan. Cost for this is not known as yet. The committee is researching this alternative to see if the floor would have a level surface or if the wood floor would have to be higher than the tartan floor.

Roberts said the committee hopes to stay within the budgeted amount of \$54,000 in order to avoid any added extension on approval. He added that there is the possibility the floor could be finished before Sept. 15, in time for volleyball season and the beginning of fall term. Should



RANDALL HALL GYM--shown above is key area which has been adversely affected by wear and tear of constant use. Bottom photo gives close-up view of floor.

Photos by Dan Wheeler

the floor not be finished at that time, however, arrangements would have to be made for the volleyball team to play elsewhere and schedule changes made for PE classes.

The gym is used for athletic as well as community-related activities, and other events such as the career fair and new students orientation sponsored by the College. Roberts said a wood floor "provides a better playing surface for athletics but a tartan floor is better for multi-purpose activities."

He added it would be hard

to assess maintenance costs but the committee is reviewing that aspect anyway. Roberts also said the gym floor "has not been up to snuff lately."

After the committee makes a final draft of their plan the President's Council will review it. If it is within the budget and is approved by the council, the matter will then be turned over to the College's Board of Directors. The Board will make the final decision concerning the gym, and must approve bids put out for construction before any further action can be taken.

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ASG cabinet to set goals at retreat

By Shelley Ball
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Following the official swearing in of Clackamas Community College's Associated Student Government (ASG) executive cabinet members May 16, the group's next major activity will involve taking a three-day retreat on the Oregon coast.

The retreat will be at Rockaway and will take place May 31, June 1 and 2. The purpose of the retreat is for the group to discuss and organize their goals for the coming year.

Accompanying ASG Presi-

dent Dan Hilts and Vice President Shawn Watterberg on the retreat will be students Roy Thorp, Connie J. Poff and Henry Palacios, who were recently selected to round out the five-member executive cabinet of the ASG.

Thorp holds the assistant to the president position, Poff is administrative assistant and Palacios is activities director. Student Activities Director Debbie Baker and Student Programs Specialist Dave Buckley will also be taking the trip.

"I'm really glad that I'm

getting this chance to know what student government is about," Poff, 25, said in regards to becoming administrative assistant.

A second-year student at the College, Poff said being administrative assistant will be a good job experience for her, as she is majoring in secretarial science. She added she is looking forward to being able to "put my skills to work."

Thorp, 20, said he is pleased with getting the "opportunity to help people and deal with the public on a general basis."

Also a second-year student at the College, Thorp, a

physics major, said his interest in politics led him to get involved in ASG.

Palacios, who previously served on the ASG as a senator and campaigned for the office of vice president during the ASG elections, said it was important for him to continue to be involved in student government.

"I feel pretty good about being selected activities director," he said. A freshman at the College, Palacios, 19, is majoring in mathematics. One of his goals as activities director will be to plan more activities for the community.

