

Dome to be built on Clackamas campus

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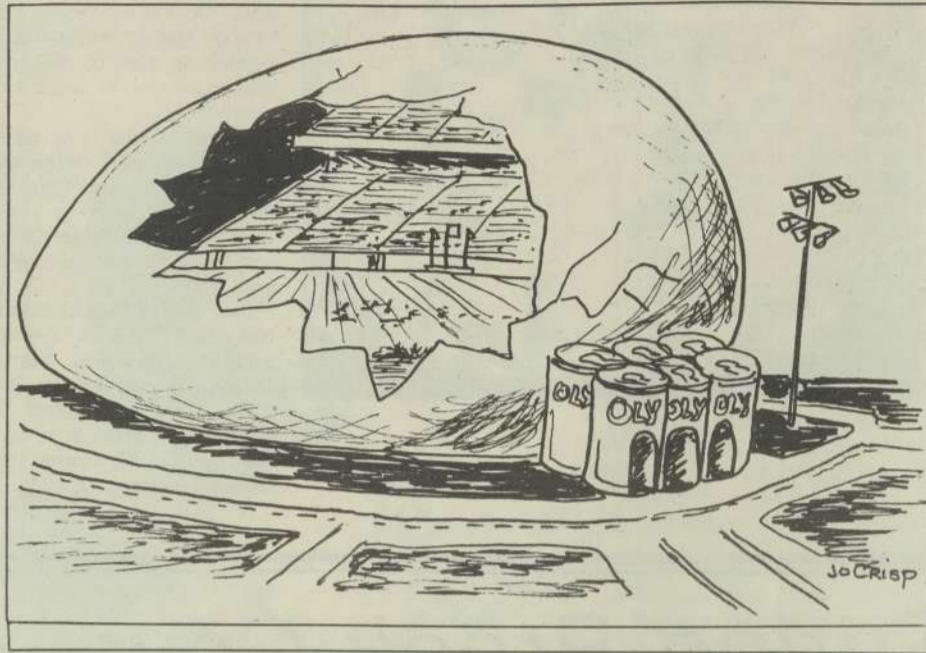
Plans are underway and construction began on the "Clackadome" on the Clackamas Community College campus Monday afternoon.

The Clackadome will be built on the site where the track field currently resides. The site was picked by a three member committee composed of college Athletic Director Dale McGriff, president John Keyser, and Paul Kylo.

Funds for the dome came from a recent plea to the taxpayers of Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah counties from the college's basketball teams.

"Please send us \$70 million or the lord will call our basketball team home," pleaded representatives of both Cougar teams during halftime at the Feb. 25 Portland Trailblazer game in the Memorial Coliseum.

The plea worked perfectly for the first three weeks. In that time, \$48.7 million was collected, then spring break came and donations were few; only \$38 was collected during that week. The cause was saved last Monday when Las Vegas casino owner Michael Johnson personally delivered his check for \$21,199,962. It took even longer to confirm the donation,



because Johnson originally didn't include two current pieces of identification with his check. But, the check was eventually cleared and the project was underway.

"It got close there for awhile," stated women's basketball coach Phil Garver, "at one point I thought I saw our ball deflated."

The 62,000 seat dome will be home to the college's athletic teams, including two new college sports; soccer and football.

"I'm really excited about obtaining this facility," expressed McGriff, "the dome will help expand the sports program at Clackamas and increase enrollment."

Within three to five years the dome could host professional football games for a Portland based team. In addition to football, the Clackadome could become home to the Portland Beavers and could even host concerts.

However, the biggest factor

of the dome would be in 1991 when the Trailblazers would begin playing their games in the dome after 20 years in the Memorial Coliseum.

"Whoop whoop. I think it's a bad idea to build a dome out in the boonies," said Portland Mayor Bud Clark, "it will take all of the business away from the city." In the dome the Trailblazers would be able to charge higher ticket prices and more people would be able to attend games.

"We aren't out to take any teams away from Portland, we're just giving them a higher quality place to play," said McGriff.

The dome should be complete by the end of 1988 and ticket prices will be about \$20 a piece so there will be a lot of demand for good seats for the college's 1989 spring sports.



Paul Kylo - Curious if he should buy tickets.

Problem follows dome

In a little over a year Clackamas Community College sports could skyrocket in attendance at games. The new Clackadome is scheduled for completion at the end of 1988, but how well will the college be able to accept the importance of such a project.

Not only will the new dome bring more sports to the college program (football and soccer to name two), but the dome will soon become home to the pro basketball team, the Portland Trailblazers. Possibly more pro teams will want to move to play in the dome and this poses a big problem.

The dome will have enough seating to house 62,000 people, but where on campus is there enough parking to accommodate the vehicles of this many people? It has been suggested that the trailers be sold and moved and the tennis courts and Randall Hall demolished in order to make room for the black asphalt that will create some of the estimated 40,000 parking spaces needed.

A committee has been chosen to study the problem in depth, including Athletic Director Dale McGriff and Sports Editor of The Print, Christopher Curran. The committee feels that without the parking the dome will not be the success it is hoped to become and has therefore claimed that the sacrifice of the trailers, tennis courts, and Randall Hall is "not that big a deal."

The elimination of these buildings is going to be a burden on the rest of the college because the programs will have to be transferred to other buildings, but if it will bring pro sports and a football team to Clackamas it's worth it.



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Highway 213 Interstate 205	Lotto 2,000,000 Me 0	Indiana 1 Syracuse 2
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