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Athletic Director Dale McGriff

McGriff fine-tunes Athletic Department

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"We would like to aspire to be a champion in each sport," exclaimed Clackamas Community College Athletic Director Dale McGriff.

The job of athletic director at Clackamas is supporting the coaches according to McGriff. He is also there to make sure all the teams start their seasons on time and that the coaches play by the rules.

After earning his Bachelor and Masters degrees at Portland State University, McGriff ended up at Clackamas as the football coach and a health and physical education instructor for six years. When the Cougar football program was terminated, McGriff coached football at Lewis and Clark College and continued to teach at Clackamas.

For about a year before he became athletic director at the college, McGriff assisted Chuck Hudson (McGriff's predecessor) as Associate Athletic Director.

McGriff feels that there could be more students that can take advantage of the Clackamas athletic program. "We have something worthwhile in seeing," said McGriff.

"Athletics has its place in the community college program," stated McGriff. He went on to comment that some Clackamas sports could compete very well against some of the smaller four year schools.

"The name of the game is recruiting," according to McGriff, "you can only control what you have." He said that this year was a good year for recruiting.

"We (the Athletic Department) have to fine-tune all our efforts to be successful," said McGriff, who started his position as Athletic Director at the beginning of Winter Term last year.

McGriff said that the Athletic Department is "planning to succeed."

"We try our best to do the best with what we have, McGriff stated. He also said that the department's objective is "to get better."

"We've gotten excellent administrative support," claimed McGriff, "we've gotten good direction from Jim Roberts (Dean of Student Services)."

McGriff summed it up best when he said, "If you work hard, you will be successful." That not only works for the Athletic Department, but it works for every champion.

V-ball clinic

Children in the fifth and sixth grades can learn the fundamentals of volleyball at a Clackamas Community College volleyball clinic Dec. 5 and 12. Coach Kathie Woods and the Clackamas volleyball team will provide individualized instruction on both Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in Randall Gym.

The clinic is sponsored by the Cougar Volleyball Club. The cost is \$6 per participant. Call 657-8400, ext. 211, for information.

B-ball begins

The men's basketball team will start their season with a tournament at Lower Columbia Community College in Longview, Washington. It is the first game for the Cougars since they dominated Tacoma Community College 68-51 to harness the NWAACC championship last March in

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Bellevue, Washington. Returning players from last year are Jeff Stein, Todd Harris, Rick Flemmer, Clark Nichols, and Steve Whiteley.

Looney law

According to Robert Wayne Pelton's book, "Looney Laws," in Tucson, Arizona, a statute reads "It shall be unlawful for any visiting football team or player to carry, convey, tote, kick, throw, pass, or otherwise transport or propel any inflated pigskin across the University of Arizona goal line or score a safety within the confines of the city of Tucson, County of Pima, state of Arizona."

In other words, it's illegal to score against the University of Arizona in a football

game at the University of Arizona. Violators of this statute are subject to a \$300 fine and no less than three months in the city jail.

CCC features B-ball rally

For the first time since 1980, Clackamas Community College basketball teams will feature a rally.

The six girls and the Cougar Mascot will be assisting the fans at home in cheering both teams to victory.

On Nov. 5 the squad was selected by eight judges, including Athletic Director Dale McGriff, Men's Basketball Coach Royce Kiser, and Women's Coach Phil Garver.

The 1987-88 Clackamas rally chosen by the judges are Kris Ball, Joy Harris, Wendy Jensen, Cathi Pearson, Rebecca Tulley, and Stephani Veff.

Men place third...

Runners' season ends in Spokane

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The Clackamas cross country season ended another successful season, with a good showing in the Northwest Championships held at Spokane Community College Saturday, Nov. 14.

Highline took home the team title, with 27 points, and Clackamas finished tied for third with Bellevue with 106 points. Coach Mike Hodges was satisfied with the Cougars third place finish, "our goal was to be in the top three, we showed a lot of courage and team spirit." Clackamas was hurt by an injury, when team captain Scott Sheldon fell down and broke his tail bone. Illness also slowed Clackamas; Jerry Durant, suffered from the flu and could not eat 24 hours before the race. Brad Braunhaver was injured during the race when he caught a few intentional elbows to the ribs from a Mt. Hood runner. "Brad was elbowed hard in the side, but he still finished the race, if he had not we would have not finished in third." Braunhaver collapsed at the finish line, and had to be taken

to the hospital where it was learned that he had suffered a broken rib. If things were not bad enough already, things got worse for Clackamas off the trail when their hotel room was broken into and their warmups, shoes, and car keys were stolen. With everything that went wrong, it would have been very easy for the Cougars to fold, but they didn't. "We could have folded, but the kids showed a lot of courage. That's about as proud as I have been of a team."

Keith Ferrell was the first man to cross the line for Clackamas, finishing third, with a time of 25:52. "Keith beat two guys from Highline that he had lost to earlier; he ran a very fine race."

The Clackamas women were also hampered by injuries. Standout runner Jeanne Barnette was running on a sore leg and Dena Raddle was also not running at her best. Still, they managed a fourth place finish, with 99 points, while Lane won the team event with 33. Hodges was pleased with the way his injury hit ladies team competed.

"We finished pretty well. Last year we finished third, but this team is the better of the two." Molly McArtor was the first to break the tape for Clackamas, finishing 15th with a time of 20:52. Kari McKay of Spokane won the event with a 19:00 clocking. "It is a slow course, but Molly had a good performance, I was pleased with the grouping of the girls." Hodges also praised Lori Schutt and Jeanne Barnette for a fine effort. "Both Lori and Jeanne ran a very fine race."

With this season gone, Hodges looks forward to next season, but needs to do some heavy recruiting. The girls team will return Lori Schutt and Heather McElheny and will have to add some good runners. The boys will have it better, with three of the top five returning. Ryan Burco, Derick Spears, and Brad Braunhaver are all expected to hang their shoes in the Clackamas locker room next year.

Both squads will hold their awards banquet Tuesday, Nov. 16.

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Volleyball ends season on sour note

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The Clackamas Lady Cougars ended their frustrating season with another bit of frustration, dropping league matches to Chemeketa, and SWOCC to end the year tied for last place with Linn-Benton.

Clackamas traveled to Washington to face Chemeketa on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and lost in four sets, 6-15, 15-13, 10-15, 5-15. "We had our spurts, playing good and bad, but we just are not able to put forth the killer instinct," explained coach Kathie Woods. In the contest, a

few Lady Cougars played well. Debbie Wiesley led the offensive attack with 11 kills. Tammy Hatcher dished out 21 assists, and Niki Beiser chipped in four service aces.

In the Cougars last match of the season, some injuries, as well as an accident gave Clackamas only seven available players. Freshman Melanie Walker was involved in a auto accident and is still in the hospital. All of our best wishes go out to her. With the seven players, the Cougars hosted league power SWOCC and were thumped in straight sets 15-13, 15-2, 15-6. Once again, according to coach

Woods the girls play was in spurts. "We were on and off. But I'm glad we had some on times for Niki and Debbie our two sophomores." Mistakes also proved costly for Clackamas, "We missed nine serves, those mistakes just wouldn't allow us to play with the number two team in the league."

The Cougars end the season with a disappointing 2-10 league mark and a share of last place and with some returning players next season. Coach Woods just would like to chalk this season up as a rebuilding year. "It was a disappointing year, being 2-10

and tied for last place with Linn-Benton. We're going to chalk this up as a learning experience." Woods expects that next season will be a whole lot better, with all of the team returning minus captain Niki Beiser. The Cougars could very well turn around their record next season, with all the talent they feature and most importantly a year of experience under their belt. Two Cougars will have one more game to play. Niki Beiser and Tammy Hatcher were selected all-league honorable mention and will play in the league all-star game Sunday, Dec. 6 at Lane CC.

