



Todd Harris (1) and Jeff Stein (with ball) practice for tonight's men's basketball home opener against Pacific University.

Crazy man... ?

Essig fun-loving ski club advisor

by Beth Coffey
Photo Editor

Is it a big bird? A crazy man? No, it's Marc Essig, faculty ski club advisor, bundled from head to toe, sitting on the roof of Barlow Hall with poles and skis dangling. At first glance I wondered about the sanity of this individual, and having my camera in hand was drawn to photograph this unusual spectacle. But this was nothing unusual at all, merely a display advertising the college's Ski Club. When asked about his escapade, Essig responded, "I was praying to the snow gods."

Apparently the gods were listening. Our long, hot summer has ended and snow season has finally begun, bringing much happiness to the winter sport enthusiasts of the northwest and the CCC Ski Club members. However, up until four years ago when Essig volunteered to get the college's club going again, the Ski Club was inactive and any members were on their own.

The Ski Club is a student organization open to faculty as well as members of the community for an annual member-

ship fee of 5 dollars. Ski Club activities function in groups of twenty people and more, with skill levels ranging from beginner to very advanced. The Ski Club focuses predominantly on downhill, however as Essig explains, George Warren spearheaded the crosscountry style widening membership interest to all skiers.

Last year the club was involved in approximately twelve group trips, planned clear into July extending the ski season into four to five months long. The 86-87 winter season's activities included third year participation in the Mount Hood Community College-Mount Hood Meadow's Ski Ball's two day competitions. A number of the challenging events were: "Choke a Coke, Tug' O' War, Keg Toss, and an up hill run, while wearing skies." Clackamas took first for "Tug' O' War" while the massive first prize trophy went to Mt. Hood Community College as the overall winning team. The Ski Ball is limited to college students at reduced rates. Over two hundred dollars worth of Ski Ball tickets were bought as holiday gifts last year, "they make ideal

Christmas presents," expresses Essig.

Winter fun doesn't end there. The Ski Club's season is planned full with events such as clinics put on by manufacturers and suppliers of ski equipment and winter clothing. Also provided are 3-4 top quality movies "like Warren Miller films, the elite of ski movies," explains Essig.

Presently a staff trip to Mt. Bachelor is in planning for the weekend of February 5, 6 and 7th. Transportation, Sun River lodging, and two day lift tickets will all be provided for in addition to a wine and cheese party. Although this appealing event is primarily for faculty recognition a few vacancies for students 21 years and older will be available.

Due to unseasonably warm weather no ski plans have been made until January, but for the skiers this winter will certainly not be uneventful. Get a jump on the mountain fun and apply at the Student Government window. "It's just a wonderful place to be, as close to God as the skis on my feet," concluded Essig.

Men's basketball off to good start

by Christopher Curran
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Clackamas basketball fans will get their first taste of the defending northwest regional champion Cougars tonight at 8 p.m. when they host Pacific University in Randall Hall.

The Cougars are coming off three straight victories when they captured the title at the Lower Columbia Tournament in Longview, Washington.

Clackamas won the tournament by trouncing Lower Columbia Community College 77-66 Sunday. Jeff Hoffman and Jeff Stein combined for 51 points in the Cougar victory, which is number 16 straight dating back to Jan. 17 of last year when they defeated Linn-Benton Community College at home.

Adding to the win for Clackamas, were Trev Kiser with 11 points and Nate Pyatt with 9.

Hoffman led the charge with 21 points Saturday as the Cougars stomped Washington's Pierce Community College 69-60 in the game that enabled them to advance to Sunday's championship game against Lower Columbia.

In the tournament opener, Kiser hit eight three point goals on his way to a 32 point performance as Clackamas tripped Yakima Valley Community College by a 76-73 margin. Hoffman added 12 points to help the Cougars overcome the Indians.

Hoffman was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Stein was named to the all tournament team.

Statistics

CCC men's basketball

Player	GP	TP	Ave
Jeff Hoffman	3	42	20.7
Trev Kiser	3	46	15.3
Jeff Stein	3	38	12.7
Todd Harris	3	19	6.3
Clark Nichols	3	17	5.7
Nate Pyatt	3	13	4.3
Steve Whitely	1	4	4.0
Carey Tibbets	1	3	3.0
Jon Rainforth	3	9	3.0
Rick Flemmer	3	8	2.7
Dave Stahl	3	5	1.7
TEAM	3	222	74.0
OPPONENTS	3	199	66.3

Winter Schedules

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wed	Dec. 2	Pacific Univ.	8:00	HOME
Sat	Dec. 5	Pacific Lutheran Univ.	4:00	Tacoma, WA
Th-Sat	Dec. 10-12	Walla-Walla Tournament	TBA	Walla Walla, WA
Wed	Dec. 16	Western Oregon JV	8:00	HOME
Sat	Dec. 19	Lower Columbia CC	8:00	HOME
Tues	Dec. 22	Frazier Valley CC	6:00	HOME
Thurs	Dec. 31	Walla Walla CC	2:00	HOME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thurs-Sat	Dec. 3-5	College of Redwoods Tourney	TBA	Eureka, CA
Fri	Dec. 11	Green River CC	6:00	Auburn, WA
Sat	Dec. 12	Centralia CC	6:00	Centralia, WA
Thurs	Dec. 17	Spokane CC	6:00	Spokane, WA
Sat	Dec. 19	Lower Columbia CC	6:00	HOME
Tues	Dec. 22	Frazier Valley CC	6:00	HOME
Mon-Wed	Dec. 28-30	COUGAR CLASSIC	TBA	HOME

WRESTLING

Sat	Dec. 5	Pacific Open	All Day	Forest Grove
Sat	Dec. 12	Viking Open	All Day	Moses Lake, WA

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