## **Fans for playoffs**

Division I college football lucked out again this year, as the Orange Bowl once more provided us with a clear-cut national champion. Of all the bowl games played over the holidays, the Orange Bowl was

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by Jerry Ulmer Staff Writer

the only one with any kind of national significance.

The only thing the other bowl games proved is that Nissan and Apple Computer have a whole slew of annoying new commer-

If Division II and III can have football playoffs to find a champion, why can't Division I? Money. The bowls are too lucrative.

But the bowl system doesn't have to be abandoned. Several proposed formats the past few years have designed the major bowl games into a small tournament, requiring no more than two extra games.

Tradition is at odds with this concept. But shouldn't we forego history in favor of creating a new, exciting, and meaningful tradition. So what if some fans are disoriented on New Year's Day because they can't find the Big Ten absorbing their annual beating in the Rose

**QUESTIONS FOR 1988** 

-Will NBC, the first network to allow a woman to call NFL action, follow through with a pointless effort to feminize pro football? Anyone who heard Gayle Seirens call the Seahawk-Chief game knows there are many men more qualified.

-Will football announcers, after every interception, continue to insist that the quarterback "wishes he had that one back?"

-Will Pat Lafferty finally rétaliate as Steve Jones continues to make an idiot out of him on the air? Steve is big time now, working national cable with the likes of Skip Caray, and he wants everyone to know.

-Will Ed Whelan concentrate on information instead of contrived, stale, self-humilating humor? This is why he was bounced from Cleveland, but minor league Portland can handle him. Too bad.

-Will KATU air Monday Night Football live? We keep getting the same lame excuses about the news being stapled in at 6:30 for people unable to adapt, plus nobody gets home until 7:00 anyway. Who are these people?

-Will the Seahawks replace Dave Krieg? Is it safe now to assume that somewhere along the line Krieg won a bar bet with Chuck Knox. Maybe Seattle is saving him for when bounce passes are legal.

-Will people stop kidding themselves about Ralph Sampson being a franchise player? Pity poor Golden State, who has mortgaged their entire future on seven feet four inches of small forward.

-Will Dick Enberg, Merlin Olsen, and Brent Musberger form a fan club for Walter Payton? "His majesty" has retired now, apparently to rule his own planet where sportscasters explain daily how much 17,000 yards is.

Coming off invitational...

# **Wrestlers host Big Bend**

by Christopher Cürran Design/Sports Editor

Going into the meet, plagued by injuries, the Clackamas wrestling team had a less than favorable showing at the Clackamas Community College Invitational tournament Satur-

Clackamas had only four wrestlers place in the top three, and just one of those placed higher than number three.

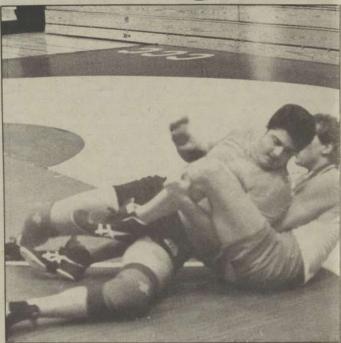
Ken Thompson, a freshman from Pendleton High, captured second in the 126 lb. weight class against Southern Oregon State College's Mike Ritchey.

In the 190 lb. weight class, North Bend High School's Mike Prummer landed a third place finish for the Cougars.

Freshman Sean Brunson of Bandon High School took third place in the 167 lb. weight class for Clackamas.

Gary Malone, a freshman from Creswell High, supplied Clackamas with another third place finish, this one in the 118 lb. weight class.

The big winner of the tournament was Southern Oregon, who had four first place finishes (in the 126, 134, 150, and 190 lb. classes) and a third place finish (in 158 lb. class).



In preparation for the upcoming match two Cougar wrestlers practice in Randall Hall.

North Idaho Community College, who won the national championship last year in Chicago, supplied the champions in the 177 lb. and heavyweight classes.

Pacific University, Ricks College, Pacific Lutheran, and Highline Community College each had one first place title in the tournament.

The next action for the Cougar wrestlers is Friday night when they host Big Bend Community College at 7 p.m. in Randall Hall.

### SCOREBOARD

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

LANE (76)-Fleissner 17, Michaud 19, Brent 16, Branch 6, Suxier 6, Broadous 6, Surmeier

CLACKAMAS

(81)—Hoffman 21, Kiser 21, Stein 14, Harris 14, Pyatt 10, Rainforth 1, Eaton 0, Halftime—Clackamas 31,

Jan. 23

CLACKAMAS (68)-Kiser 21. Hoffman 16. Harris 12, Stein 10. Rainforth 7. Pyatt 2,

LINN-BENTON (72)-Goins 16, Loftis 11, Doscher 10, Van Bishler 9, Johns 8, Burrell 7, Howard 6, Phillips 5.

Halftime-Clackamas 39, Linn-Benton 38.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** 

Jan. 22

LANE (52)-S. Jones 16. Gortler 12, Werner 8, Prom 8, Thompson 6, Burdick,

CLACKAMAS (57)-Hewlett 15. Hughes 12, Schlegelmilch 12, Finn 7, T. Jones 3, Warren 3, Brison 2, Bluir 2, White 1.

CLACKAMAS (63)—Hewlett 16, Schlegelmilch 16, Hughes 11, Finn 7, White 6, Blair 4, Jones 3, Brison 0, Greenough 0,

Passadore 0, Warren 0, Fisher 0.

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(55)—Powell 17, Turner 14,
Kennedy 9, Kundert 7, Billings
4, Keister 4, Shumacher 0,
Trappe 0, Kloewer 0.

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Halftime—Clackamas 31, Linn-Benton 28.

LETTER

Dear Mr. Curran, Thanks for the positive column you wrote about the officiating a the Jan. 6 Woman's Basketbal

game.
Everything you said was true, I can relate to what was written because I regularly officiate football and basketball in the Oregon Schools Athletic Association (OSAA). I've been called a racist, (OAAA). I we been canced a facts, a cheater, and a few other un-printable things. People don't understand the work, effort, and time that goes into officiating. I spend countless hours studying,

ple need to realize that I'm going to make mistakes and blow calls. I'm doing my best and if it's not good enough, then the coach should be replaced.

One question. Would you have felt the same if the roles were reversed and complained about the ref ad losing by twenty points?

Mila Keil

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