

## 8-3 record

### Hot Cougars burn Saints top league

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Even rain, let alone the Mt. Hood Saints couldn't cool down the red hot men's Cougar baseball team, as they cruised to their seventh straight win, 10-8, over the helpless Saints.

The win put Clackamas in sole possession of first place with a sparkling 8-3 record. Linn-Benton is currently in second place with a 8-6 mark, the top two teams make the playoffs.

The game played at Gresham was marred by some very nasty weather and Coach Paul Roeder feels that it may have hurt his team. "The game should have been called after 5 innings when we were ahead 8-3." The bad weather caused a slippery playing surface, that proved to be responsible for some Cougar miscues. "Hood got some cheap runs. The outfield was too wet to play on and we had four infield boots that led to more of their runs."

On the mound for Clackamas was Jim Burnette, who did a respectable job considering the weather and other factors. "He gave up nine walks and he's a pitcher who doesn't give up walks. He has very good control." Roeder contributes much of Burnette's problems to the men in blue. "The umpires couldn't find the strike zone all day."

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Offensively the Cougars were pounding their opposing pitcher again. Robb Kirkpatrick went Kevin Kvarstrom 2-2, and David Horine provided the big bat with a solo shot to souvenir land. "They threw their best two pitchers at us, and we hit them pretty hard." Clackamas hitters have been very successful in hitting with a man on this year. "We

have scored 97 runs, and we have 88 RBI'S to go along with that. Only six runs have scored for us that we haven't had a RBI."

The streaking Cougars will try to get back to action Thursday when they try to make up a game with Mt. Hood weather permitting. The Cougars are scheduled to play Portland State here Saturday in a non-league game, but

may cancel in order to make up a game Sunday with Linn-Benton. All, of course, if the weather cooperates. "The rain hurts the other teams more than it hurts us. We have a strong six man rotation, that no one else has." Even with the winning streak, Roeder still is not over-confident about his team's chances. "We're playing well, but we definitely do not have it locked up yet."

## Rhodes pizzaz

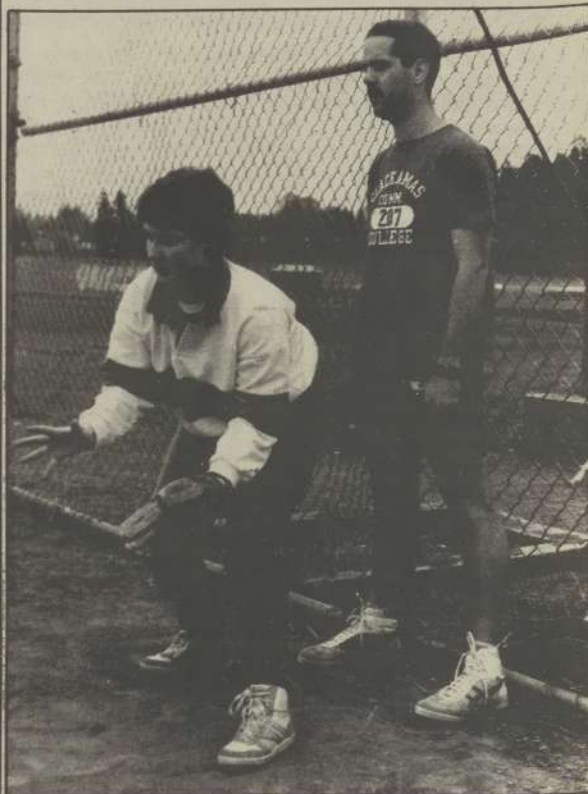


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### Intramurals

Maggie Rhodes of Alpha Chi waits on the ball as Carl Sanders looks on in Alpha Chi's April 27 victory over The Print by way of forfeit. Two days earlier Alpha Chi fell to the Fighting Ducks 15-10. Weather permitting, The Crazy Cats will play Alpha Chi today at noon. Friday, The Print will play the Crazy Cats at noon.

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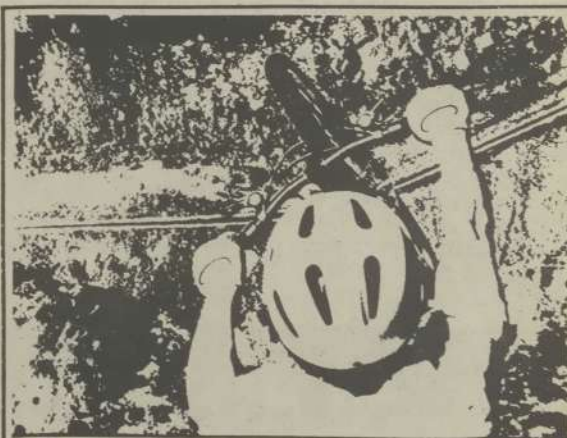
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