#### Crucial match with Umpqua awaits . . .

# Stakes high for CCC spikers

by Luis Perez Staff Writer

The pressure is on the CCC Cougars after a disappointing week of volleyball action.

The Cougars dropped Wednesday's contest at Chemeketa by scores of 10-15, 9-15, and 4-15 to put their goal of reaching post-season action in jeopardy.

The Cougars' Jekyl and Hyde personality was again evident last weekend when they

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traveled to Spokane Falls Crossover Tournament. After a strong start on Friday, Clackamas fell apart on Saturday and was a non-factor by tournament's end.

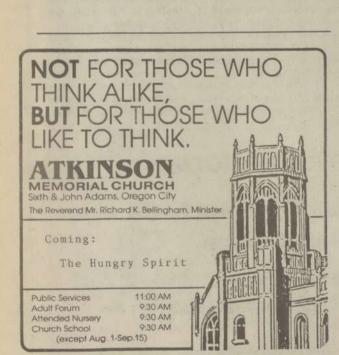
On Friday, the Cougars got off to a good start, defeating Walla Walla Community College by scores of 15-7, 3-15 and

They were again victorious against Gray's Harbor by 15-9 and 15-3 before dropping the day's third game to Bellevue 915 and 11-15 to finish second in their pool of Round Robin Tournament.

Saturday Clackamas appeared to be a different team, haunted by inconsistency, a problem which has afflicted them all season. They were eliminated from the field after losing to third-seeded Shoreline 6-15, 15-3 and 8-15, and Gray's Harbor 10-15 and 7-15 - a team they virtually dominated in two previous meetings this season.



This year's Cougar volleyball team, from left to right: Chris McAllister, Dawn Cusick, Erin Elder, Diane Hinman, Casie Harker, Nicole Nelsen, Janell Cameron, Chris Nyland, Judy Bennett, and Mindy Zsorzelski. They are coached by Kathie Woods.



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Clackamas volleyball co-team captain McAllister, the team's only sophomore,, provides strong leadership to the Cougar Squad.

## Sophomore sensation leads Cougars

By Mark A. Borrelli Sports Editor

The Clackamas Cougar volleyball team is hopeful of improving this year, and hopefully making the playoffs. A key to there success this season will be the play of the only sophomore on the team Chris McAllister.

McAllister, a 1986 graduate from Oregon City high school is the only returning starter for the Cougars. Last season Clackamas had a disappointing season, one that McAllister hopes she won't see again.

"We had a hard time last year. We put a lot of time, and hard work it, but got nothing out of it," she said.

and we are improving every day,"

McAllister feels that last years team had the talent, but lacked the one ingredient that she thinks this team has.

"Desire. Last years team had the talent, but not the desire. We have so much talent on this team, that there's no telling how well we can do. We work very hard, and we all have the desire to win,' she said.

For now McAllister is setting her sights on the league championship, a goal she thinks is very realilistic.

Coaching as well as the players will determine the outcome of this season for Clackamas, and

#### "We have so much talent on this team, there's no telling how far we can go."

This year the Cougars got off to a fast non-league start, before slowing down with the start of the league schedule. This however has not dampened the enthusiasm of McAllister, or her teammates.

"We are an outstanding team,

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d McAllister feels that the Cougars have a great coach in Coach

"She's a great coach on the court, and a good friend off the court," McAllister said.

McAllister in her second year at Clackamas hopes to finish off her business studies and move on to a four year school where she hopes to continue playing volleyball. She would also like to continue playing volleyball for the United States volleyball Association. She has aspirations about possibly playing olympic volleyball, but maintains a realistic approach to her chances. If she ever has free time, McAllister likes to going biking or water sking. But no matter what, it seems that McAllister is always one to smile, and have fun. Something she has enjoyed here at Clackamas.

"I've had fun. I really like the people here, and I'll miss them," she said

