

Athletic program plans new year

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As this school year begins, the athletic department is full of excitement and anticipation for the upcoming sports program. Changes and improvements should help make this year's athletics program the best in Clackamas Community College history.

There have been a few changes in the athletic department. The biggest move was that of Sports Information Director, Scott Johnson. Johnson has accepted the assistant SID job at Oregon State University. He stated he would love to stay at CCC, but the job at OSU was the direction he had hoped to go.

As of last week, Johnson's position had yet to be filled. The SID job is to be filled by a part-time worker; one who has a BA degree in journalism. The position should be filled by next week.

Two additions have been made to the Cougar football staff. Roger Smith, a former Lakeridge High School coach is the new receiver coach and will be coaching the women's track team. Paul Fiscum, who was recently hired as the new men's locker room attendant, is the defensive back coach.

A big vacancy was filled last week when Brian Waite was hired as CCC's new soccer coach. Waite is an exchange teacher from England.

"Clackamas is one of the leading community colleges in the state when it comes to athletic programs offered for girls," stated women's basketball and tennis coach, Gladys Michael.

She backed her statement up with the simple fact that CCC offers women's volleyball, basketball, tennis and track. Athletic Director, Chuck Hudson, also stated that a women's golf team was a good possibility for this year.

Michael stated that an added addition was the funds for 15 full tuition waivers for all three terms, for women competing in athletics. The funds were not taken from the men's budget. Additional funds were allotted especially for girls tuition waivers by the school's board of education.

CCC also offers a full schedule of athletics for students interested in competition. An excellent intramural program is planned by coordinator, Les Tipton. If response is satisfactory, intramurals should prove to be fun and exciting.

Football, basketball, volleyball, softball and track were all offered in last year's intramural program. In addition to these sports, tennis and cross country are hoped for this year.

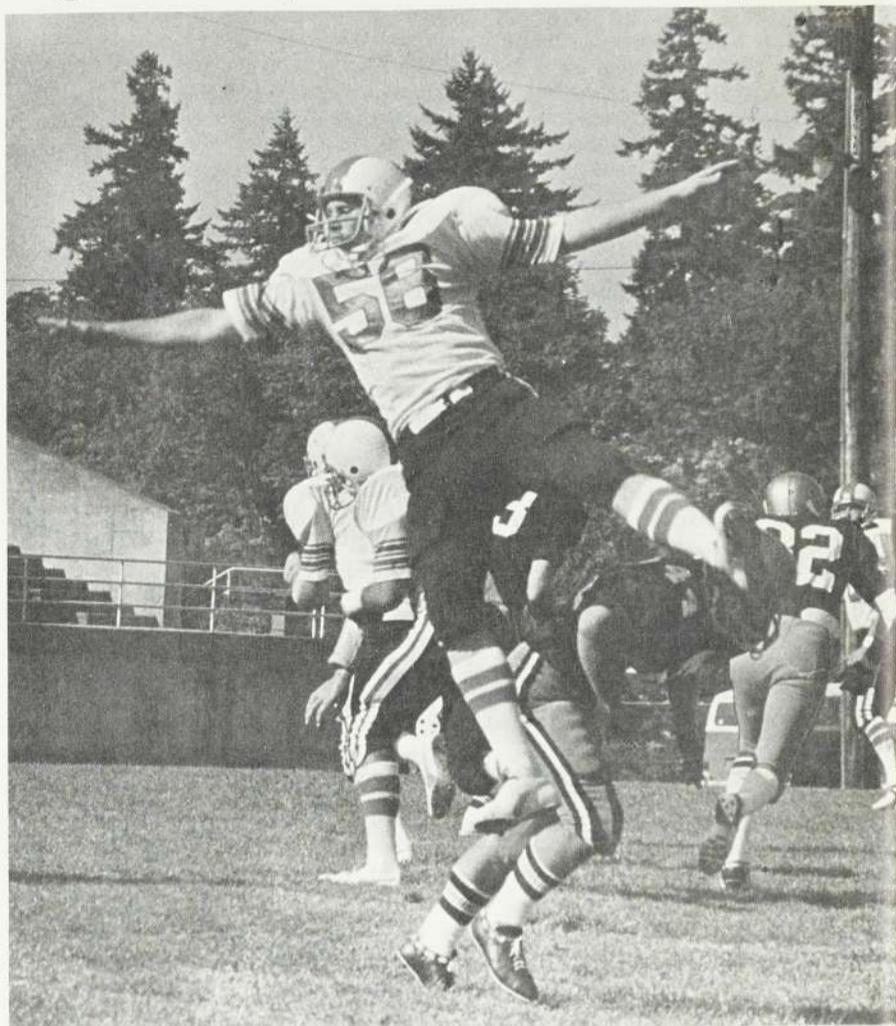
Clackamas offers three inter-scholastic sports for fall term, football, cross country and women's volleyball. They will all be in full swing by the start of school. Each of these teams is improved over last year and should be highly competitive.

The women's volleyball team began practice last Monday and according to Michael, the team is very strong. The women are coached by Connie Wilson, a former Portland State University player.

The women played very well under Wilson last year and should not disappoint anyone's high expectations this year. Women's volleyball offers, for spectators as well as players, a fast and exciting game.

Cross country coach Buck Monroe has come up with an excellent group of runners. Coach Monroe is very high on this year's team and expects to have a very successful season. Monroe's crew, headed by Pat Curl and Alan Knoop, dominated a meet held two weeks ago. They humiliated Lane Community College; a team that placed high in last year's national meet.

"Pat Curl looked strong and Alan Knoop ran extremely well," continued coach Mon-



Defensive CCC player Terry Smith takes to the sky in search of the football in a game played Sept. 18 on the Oregon City High

School Field. The Cougar squad was defeated by Spokane Community College by a score of 15 to 13.

roe. He also added, "We have 11 solid runners and should be very competitive."

CCC has one of only three community college football teams in Oregon. According to head coach Dale McGriff, the Cougar squad is enthusiastic and full of optimism.

Coach McGriff explained that two players, Rex Schade; a 6'3" 200 pound transfer from Olympia, and Grant McCulloch; a 6'4" 195 pound Tigard High School graduate, are fighting for the number one quarterback spot. Schade has the inside track but a knee injury sustained on a late hit during practice sidelined him for the opening game.

McGriff has nothing but praise for this year's team and is especially pleased with two running backs, Andy Phillips and Luckey Richardson. The Cougar squad is blessed with an experienced offensive line, headed by Kelly Muller.

The Clackamas defense was very strong last year, but a number of key personnel graduated. This left doubt in people's minds,

according to McGriff. However, it did not take long for any type of doubt to subside.

"We had some excellent defensive backs last year, but I feel this year's group is even better. They are really good athletes," McGriff commented.

McGriff singled out five backs, Jim Owens, Tom Connell, Greg Hoff, Mark LeRoy and Steve Maynard as excellent ball players.

"We had some key people out with injuries which really hurt us," McGriff stated. He went on to say, "If we had everyone healthy, we would be as tough as nails."

Support and involvement is needed in all aspects of athletics and it is the key to a successful program. The facilities are available to everyone and there is always someone around to be of some assistance necessary. If students would get involved and take an interest in this year's activities it would prove to be an excellent investment.

Englander fills soccer post

A big vacancy in the Clackamas Community College coaching staff was filled last week when Brian Waite was hired as the new soccer coordinator.

Waite and his CCC squad will open the season on October 2 as they challenge Pacific College. The Cougars will go into the game with only one week of practice.

Waite stated that, in a meeting of coaches last week, everyone was quite "keen" on the upcoming season. He does not know what the quality of the other teams are, but he does know that the competition will be intense.

"The style of play we will use this year will definitely depend on the personnel," Waite explained. He hopes for some players with enthusiasm and a bit of experience they can develop into a good team.

CCC, before it was understood that Waite was available, tried in vain to secure the services of Mick Hobin or Tony Betts of the Portland Timbers. Both individuals stated that they were extremely busy and were not taking any coaching positions.

They agreed, however, to put on a clinic for the team and any other persons that might be interested.

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