

# Coaches 'beef up' women's athletics



Photo by Brian Snook

ictured left to right are: Verna Simons, Karen Iiams, Eileen Parent, Mary Moyes, Sandy Killian, Amanda Eggleston, Roger Smith, Cindi Postlewaite, Julie Coryell.

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Women's athletics is beginning to get up a little steam at Clackamas Community College. The emphasis around here is still obviously and painfully centered around the guys, but given a little more time, money and cooperation, the women's sports will begin to take on added importance.

Already CCC has hired two new head coaches for the women's sports. They are Nancy Mikleton, the women's basketball coach, and Roger Smith, coach of the women's track team.

Gladys Michaels, women's tennis coach at Clackamas for the past two years, is also involved in promoting more and better athletic programs for CCC women.



Gladys Michaels  
Tennis Coach

Practice for Michaels' 76-77 tennis team will start during spring vacation, but those who plan on taking part are already preparing to take winter term conditioning classes.

Coming off a very successful season last year (7 wins, 1 loss), Michaels is planning on a strong and experienced team for this year. Already many individuals who have played on their high school teams have made known their intent to compete for Clackamas.

The newcomers are in addition to the returning third and fourth seeded players for Clackamas of last season. The prospects Clackamas Community College

lend substance to the hopes for a strong team.

This year's play will consist of six singles players and three doubles teams. The singles players could also "double in doubles" if needed, said Michaels. So there is room for six to 12 players on the team for each match.

Clackamas Community College will host the Northwest Regional Tennis tournament this year on their new courts. Last season, with only three singles players competing in the tourney, CCC ended up in fifth place.

"Considering we will apparently have a more experienced team this year, we should do quite well," said Michaels, who would also like to encourage anyone interested in playing tennis this spring to contact her.

Michaels is well-qualified to coach tennis teams. She has been the head women's track coach at Clackamas for the past two years and also instructs the tennis P.E. classes -- from which she also tries to recruit players for her team.

Michaels describes herself as a "transplanted track coach" since she coached track and field at David Douglas High School for seven years before coming to Clackamas.

Before she helped organize a regular competing tennis team at CCC, Michaels coached interested players through a tennis club and took them into regional tournaments even though there weren't any courts to practice on at the college.

The first competition for the women tracksters is quickly approaching. The end of January is when the Tenth Annual Indoor Track Meet at the Memorial Coliseum is and several athletes are beginning to start training for the event. This starts off the women's track season of three indoor meets and ten scheduled outdoor contests.

Coached by Roger Smith, and his assistant Eileen Parent, this year's women's track team is already anticipating the start of the first real competitive season for women's track and field at CCC. The coaches are expecting close to 25 athletes to turn out for the season.

"Although this is only CCC's first year, we feel we could be as strong as most of the junior colleges in the Northwest," said Smith. "Girl's track is just getting started on the junior college level so our chances are great. In fact, comparing last year's national's winning times to some of our girls', leads us to look forward to a successful season."

Coach Smith stressed in particular the

strength the team is already starting to show in the distance races. Athletes Sandy Killian, Jean Sandwick, Tammy Likens and Mary Ann Moyes are the start of a growing power in the women's distance races.

In the jumping and field events the team looks for support from Ronda Glietz, Verna Smith, Julie Monismith, Karen Iiams and Diane Winans.

Strength in the quick events is expected of hurdler Barb Johnson of Jackson High School and sprinters Amanda Eggleston and Kim Lippincott, both from Estacada High.

Others who could help the team to wins are Darci Iven, Debi Anderson and Jean Tlusty.

Nancy Mikleton, new coach for the CCC basketball team has already started getting her players into shape. Practice began Nov. 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. There are only six persons practicing now since many women are still competing on the volleyball team, but will begin practice with winter term.

Although she said it's pretty hard to pre-judge the type of season the Cougars can look forward to, Coach Mikleton has heard that Lane and Mt. Hood colleges are the teams to beat.

To beat those powers the girls are getting into good physical condition. At the present time players are at different levels of condition, but with the full schedule planned for them, they have to work hard now. Once the competitive season starts they will have to work mainly on game strategies.

Mikleton feels that the team is showing promise and getting better all the time. "If attitude is any measure of success, we should do really well," she said, pointing out that the players are excited and working hard.

Being involved in women's basketball for three years at the University of Oregon qualifies Mikleton for a job as an ideal coach for Clackamas' team. She attended Illinois State University and competed on the basketball team all four years. She was an assistant basketball coach at UO and head coach for the next two years on a visiting appointment.

After working for four years at a four-year-college level, Mikleton isn't quite sure of what to expect on a junior college level.

"It should be interesting getting off the ground here. I'm looking forward to it," she said.

The first scheduled games for the womens basketball squad are: Jan. 11, Linfield College, 7 p.m., there; Jan. 13, Willamette Jamboree, 5 p.m., there; Jan. 18, George Fox, 5 p.m., here; Jan. 20, Pacific University (JV), 7 p.m., there.

## Record season ends

Clackamas Community College volleyballers got into a tough pool in their A.I.A.W. tournament last weekend at Mt. Hood and were edged out of their bid for further tournament action in San Diego.

They competed against three tough teams and although they won against Clark, (15-7) and (15-7), they were beaten by Blue Mountain and Shoreline.

In other volleyball action, Monday Nov. 22, the Cougar squad was at their best as they disposed of the Linfield volleyballers in two games, (15-4) and (16-14). This victory closed the regular season for the CCC gals and earned them their best season's volleyball record in the school's history. The Cougar women went 20-10 for the season and 8-2 in league.

