

## Cougar cross country team continues to dominate

by Amber Cordry  
Staff Writer

Success was the name of the game September 30, as the Men's and Women's Cross Country team gave an outstanding performance at McIver Park.

Coach Mike Hodges reflected that he had "never seen a team grouped so closely in my record of coaching," referring to the men's finishing times.

The men ran a five mile course and took first place with all five of their runners placing in the first five spots. Coming in first place was Tim Beardall finishing at 26.24 minutes. Following him was Gene

Branderhorst (26.37), Dusty Moore (26.37), Nick Barger (26.39), and Shaun Ferguson (26.41).

Other competitors in the meet were Bellevue Community College with 51 points, Lane Community College with 78 points, and Clark Community College with 93 points, all trailing Clackamas Community College with 15 points. Also, there were four teams that finished incomplete; Linn Benton Community College, Mt Hood Community College, Green River Community College, and Skagit Valley Community College.

The Women were successful in their own division. Their run

consists of a 3.1 mile course. The team as a whole took second place with 54 points. Bellevue came in first with 19 and Clark Community College came in third with 63 points. Finishing incomplete in the women's division were Mt. Hood, Linn Benton, and Green River Community Colleges.

The McIver meet also offered a Co-ed combined trophy that won CCC by 1 point against Bellevue.

Last Saturday CCC went to the Willamette Invitational which consisted of 20 teams, most of them 4 year Colleges and Universities.

CCC Men's Cross Country finished sixth overall, beating all

of Oregon's state schools that competed. Only two of the teams finishing ahead of the men were from Oregon and both of them were four year institutions. All five of the men beat their finishing times of the previous meet.

Due to illness and injury Kim Wright and Carmay Bond (two of the top three runners for the women) were both absent from the meet. Siobhan Kennedy and Sunshine Guzman were both moved up to the top five to fill Wright and Bond's positions. Kennedy and Guzman both improved by two minutes to stay above Clark Community College,

CCC's biggest rival for the state title. All of the women also beat their finishing times of the previous meet.

This week's training is devoted to the Mt. Hood Invitational coming up this Saturday and Blue Lake Park. There will be eight to ten teams in the competition.

"The men will get a chance to run against Highline Community College, the defending Northwest Champions exactly a month before the Championship," commented Hodges, "both teams (men and women) should finish in the top two."

## Robinson selected as baseball coach

by Mark A. Borrelli  
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Clackamas finally has a new baseball coach. Robin Robinson, formally the head baseball coach at Oregon City was selected as coach in a CCC board meeting

September 13.

Robinson 32, a native of Eugene has 10 years of baseball coaching experience. He spent his last four years coaching a strong baseball program at Oregon City. Before that he was the head base-

ball coach at his alma mater Junction City, for six seasons.

"Coming up to Clackamas this year was a good career move for me," said Robinson.

"This is a good chance for me to move up. I played community college baseball and I know how exciting it is."

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Robinson leaves a very stable, solid baseball program at Oregon City to inherit the Clackamas program which is less than stable, and certainly less than solid.

"I'm excited about this. We'll be competitive this season and within 2 years we will be a powerhouse," said Robinson.

"I was impressed with some of the people that are walking on. We have some very good players, I'm anxious to get up there working full time," said Robinson.

## Lack of funds reason CCC passes on football

by Dave Charbonneau  
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For 12 years, Clackamas athletics have been without a football team, which poses a simple question; why not? The main reason, according to Athletic Director Carol Petersen, is lack of funds.

"It's very expensive to support a football program, and we just don't have the money," says Petersen.

Football was dropped from the athletic program in 1977 due to deficiency of funds. Since then, other sports with comparably lower financial need, such as soccer and tennis, have also been dropped.

Petersen added that another reason Clackamas doesn't have a team is because of a lack of competition.

"There are no other community colleges in Oregon that have football teams," said Petersen, "There are only four other schools in the Northwest that have football teams, and they are finding it hard to maintain their teams."

The only four schools to have

football teams in the Northwest are Walla Walla, Wenatchee, Yakima Valley and Spokane. One of the problems of not having a football team is that many students who played football in high school, and plan to play at a university, don't have the opportunity to play while attending Clackamas.

First-year student Tom Owens, who hopes to play football at Portland State in the future stated, "It would be nice if they had a team here so students planning to play at a university can have the opportunity to continue playing right out of high school."

As for the possibility of Clackamas fielding a team in the future, Petersen states, "I don't think it will happen. No one even talks about it anymore."

The fall of 1977 was the last year Clackamas had a football team. At that time there were two other community colleges in Oregon that had teams, Mt. Hood and Treasure Valley. Clackamas played their games at Oregon City High School and on the CCC campus.



New baseball coach Robby Robinson meets the press at the Clackamas press preview party.

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