



Photo by Lane Scheideman

Tara White (#9) lays a beautiful spike into Portland Community College's side of the court. Cougars won the match 3-0.

## Cougars to face Mt. Hood

By Brenda Hodgen  
Sports Writer

The Cougar Volleyball Team is looking forward to tonight's match-up against highly ranked Mt. Hood Community College according to Coach Kathie Woods.

"Mt. Hood is the league favorite so it is a very important game for us. We do have a chance to win, but it won't be easy," she said. "Since it's a home game we hope to see a very large crowd, we definitely need all the support we can get."

Last weekend proved to be a heartbreaker for the Cougars as they suffered two losses on the road against Southwestern Community College Friday, and Umpqua Community College Saturday.

SWOCC showed strength over Clackamas in solo blocks, and came through with fewer errors, which gave them their win of 3-1.

"SWOCC is a difficult team to play on the road," stressed Woods. "The entire city of Coos Bay gets into the sporting events, and with their small gym the bleachers are right on the court, so the noise is intensified which makes it very hard to block out."

The Cougar ladies played well though, according to Woods. Sophomore Tara White was an asset with 14 kills and 8 blocks, Freshman Julie Braman backed White with 9 kills. Sophomore Tisha Chevron was another key player.

"The scores really don't reflect how well we played," said Woods, "they were definitely playing better last weekend."

With a league record of 2-3 and 8-4 over all, the team is off to an outstanding start.

"Last year is kind of something I'd like to forget," said Woods. "I still, to this day, do not know why we couldn't win. We were overflowing with talent."

So far this season the Cougars have pulled off some worthwhile accomplishments. The ladies took 1st place in their Lower Columbia Tourney Sept. 8, and their only returning starter, Tara White, was named the league's "Player of the Week" for the first week of the season.

Woods does show some concern for the team's performance this year.

"I'm concerned that we're not where we need to be as a team, although I do know they're working hard," she explained. "We just need to get down to business."

# Construction problems stop completion of trail

by Frank Jordan  
Staff Writer

A new jogging trail is taking shape at the college, however, it is still in the formation process, according to Dale McGriff, physical education instructor at Clackamas.

"The rise in gas prices and the construction boom in this area has put a real damper on our efforts," commented McGriff.

McGriff has been voluntarily working on this project since the spring of 1989, and has also had help from various members of the administration, faculty, and staff of the college.

The original idea for the jogging trail came about in the late 1970s, by Debbie Baker, director of student activities and community services, and Les Tempkin, who saw the need for some sort of place where people could walk, jog, or run. The idea was proposed to the college, but the support was not there at the time.

The project was put on hold, until last year, when McGriff, as part of the college's new wellness team, was put on the committee to look into reviving the jogging trail project. The college offered \$3,000 to help the project, and



Photo by R. Darby Pereira

The trail's unfinished appearance has not deterred students from jogging.

McGriff went looking for donations from lumber and construction companies in this area.

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A. Reynolds Construction donated the equipment, and Arvidsen Lumber donated 2000 cubic yards of bark mulch to line the surface of the trail. But with higher gas prices and the construction boom, equipment, fuel,

and materials have been hard to come by.

Many people have been instrumental in the work on this project. "There have been so many people, ranging from Jim Roberts, former dean of students, to John Keyser, president of the college, to name two of the many," stated McGriff. "All have helped, and they deserve as much of the credit as I."

Thanks to Dale McGriff and many volunteers, the college may soon have a jogging trail to be enjoyed for many years to come.

## Cross country team on route to title

By Aaron T. Brown  
Sports Editor

The Clackamas Cross Country team enjoyed an excellent meet Saturday at MacIver Park as they continued gearing up for their quest to repeat as State Champions.

The women's team, led by a strong performance from freshman Roni Del Sol, had first place wrenched from their grasp by Bellevue Community College, who won the meet by one point. Del Sol placed second in the five kilometre race and clocked in at 19:41.

"I was suprised at my time...it was the first time I

finished under 20 minutes," related Del Sol.

Not only did Del Sol run well, but the rest of the team did also. All six runners who participated finished in the top twenty; Kristy Morgan came in 5th, Stephanie Rosen finished 7th, Wendi Smith was 11th, Sonia Schmuland ended at 13th, and Dianna Polack rounded out the team at 16th.

On the men's draw the team finished fourth behind a strong Highland team, Linn-Benton, and Spokane. Gene Brandenhorst was the top finisher on the team, coming in fourth. Despite the fact that the

team has only five men running, all five finished and placed high in the meet. Billy Borkus clocked in 11th, Mike Polson concluded the race at 13th, Nathan Matlock was 27th, and Tim Marshall finished up at 36th.

Coach Hodges believes that repeating last year's performance may be difficult to do, since three sophomores did not return, but that still has not dampened his attitude.

"They [the team] have worked very hard this year, and I am very pleased with their attitude," commented Hodges.

Coach Hodges believes that this team is capable of successfully defending their State title, taking one of the top three spots in the Northwest, and winning the Coed Title for the second year in a row.

The defending state champion women's team also hopes to defend its title, despite the fact that no runners from last year's squad are returning. Hodges has tremendous confidence in the team's ability.

"Honestly, I think this team is better than last year team; they're together as a team."

Both teams will be competing this Saturday in the Willamette University Invitational in Salem, and Hodges believes the team will also finish well there.

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