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Scenes from the 1996-97 women's basketball season

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-Coach Twain

"She [Hollenbeck] is court-smart beyond anything I have ever seen in my life."

-Mara Bormuth



"When the job needs to be done, she [Cox] gets it done no matter what."

-Randi Buth

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Cougars knock off Cardinals, fall to Umpqua in championship

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The women's basketball team capped off an incredible season at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges [NWAACC] Tournament on Saturday.

The Cougars, making their second appearance in as many years, drove to Skagit Valley College in Mt. Vernon, Wash., last Wednesday in hope of capturing the championship trophy. Game summaries of the three-day tournament follow.

Game 1, March 6, 8 p.m., versus the Skagit Valley Cardinals.

The Skagit Valley Cardinals seemed comfortable during their pre-game warm-ups.

That was expected since they were the defending league champs and are playing on their home court, where they had not lost a game in two years. As tip-off neared, however, the Cougars seemed ready for their matchup against the heavily favored Cardinals. Ready enough for an 84-78 upset over Skagit Valley.

In the crowded gymnasium of hometown supporters, the feeling was one of anticipation. With the exception of a handful of Clackamas fans and twelve women ballplayers, everyone in the facility expected the Cardinals to run past the Cougars in this opening game of the tournament.

Clackamas won the opening tip and quickly jumped out to take an early lead under a strong offensive performance by a number of players.

"Different players stepped up at different points," said Head Coach Karen Twain. "Everybody was doing something. Melissa [Hollenbeck] pulled down some big boards and hit some key free throws. Krystal [Nakamoto] comes in and nails a bunch of three-pointers. Lisa [Sorenson] played killer defense again and had some nice shots. You can't point to one player and say 'That kid killed them.' Every time somebody put something down, they [Skagit Valley] tried to clamp down on that one player. Then we'd just swing it around and somebody else would step up."

The Cougars took a 42-36 lead into the locker room at halftime.



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Clackamas placed second in the NWAAC Tournament.

In the second half, Clackamas did not let down, as all pistons were firing for the Cougars.

"We never lost the lead the entire night," said Twain. "It tells you something if you can maintain a lead against a team like that. We made a few adjustments at halftime on defense that helped us rotate on the weak side a little more quickly. But this is the first time in a while that we've played 40 minutes of basketball. We've either played a good first half or a good second half. The girls were excited and prepared, and they just got the job done."

The Cardinals managed to tie the game at times which ignited the restless crowd, but Clackamas never faltered as the team shot a blistering 72 percent from the free-throw line.

"The crowd was pretty lively," said Twain. "It was hard to scream in here. But the girls maintained their composure really well with all of the screaming and hooting and hollering going

on. It was just ice."

The Cougars finished with six players scoring in double figures. Clair Cox and Melissa Hollenbeck's 17 points each paced Clackamas to victory. Krystal Nakamoto, Lisa Sorenson and Michelle McKinney finished with 11 while Lauren Mohan added 10.

Game 2, March 7, 8 p.m., versus the Columbia Basin Hawks.

After winning a stunning victory over Skagit Valley the night before, the Cougars seemed confident in facing the Columbia Basin Hawks who they beat twice earlier in the season.

The Hawks surprised Clackamas, however, running out to an 11-2 lead. The offensive effort by the Cougars seemed slow and lethargic in the opening minutes but the stubborn defense of Clackamas managed to keep them within striking distance.

Just before the end of the first half,

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IN THE NEWS

■ ASG travels to our nation's capital

Fourteen members of the Associated Student Body attended the American Student Association of Community Colleges National Legislative Conference held in Washington, D.C., this past weekend.

The group, accompanied by Norm Berney, included ASG President Mike Caudle, Vice President Jeri Scarborough and Federal Affairs Officer Jacob Boenisch. The annual event included student representatives Chantal Angot, Josh Brugeman,

Jay Clark, Tiffany Fine, Sarah Gault, Shannon Gordon, Tiffani Jagodnik, David Ledoux, Lela Stanley, Erica Stowbridge and Michelle Waggoner.

Caudle serves as ASACC's vice president. Boenisch is the group's Northwest regional director. Both served as discussion leaders at the conference.

Meetings with Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith and Representatives Darlene Hooley, Bob Smith, Peter Defazio, Earl Blumenauer and Elizabeth Furse were planned. The issues included the Pell Grant, Hope Scholarships, a national block

grant for childcare and Clinton's proposed tax credit for tuition.

■ Plans for library change again

Plans to move the library from the mold-infected Dye Learning Center to Gregory Forum have been halted because mold was found under the Forum stage.

"This prompted us to run a battery of tests to see if it [the mold] was in circulation," said Associate Dean of Plant Services Carol Patterson. "We won't get results back until March 19 or 20."

The presence of mold in Gre-

gory Forum has forced administrators and staff to come up with an alternate plan. As of Tuesday, that plan is to bring in four modular structures and move library materials to those.

"We can only take a small portion of the collection," said Cyndi Andrews, director of the Learning Resource Center. "We can't take it all."

Andrews explained that staff plans to move approximately 8,000 books, those published after 1980. In addition, periodicals and electronic materials will be housed in the new space.

A possible location for the

modulars is the parking lot near Pauling Center, Andrews said.

"These modulars would be placed end-to-end, sort of like a train," Andrews explained. "We would build covered walkways between them."

Andrews stressed that plans have not been finalized, but that staff members are working hard to get the library moved.

"Right now we're a library without a country," she said. "It continues to be a challenge."

Patterson pointed out that since the Forum will be closed, work on it can begin soon. "If it's empty, we can fix it first," she said.