

From the desk of....



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I would like to thank all the people that helped make the Cougar Volleyball Crossover this last weekend so succesful.

Everything ran smoothly and we received numerous compliments on the professionalism of the tournament.

I would especially like to thank the Cougar women's basketball team -Go Cougars- for their loyalty and dependability [I owe Mo \$3], Wayne "Wayne's World" Logemann for his organization and flexibility, Amy Levi for her excellent hospitality room and organization of concessions, Jim "Action" Jackson for his leadership and willingness to help and, last but not least, the entire staff in the P.E./Health Department for all the extras that made the tourney "better than the rest."

Thank You,
Sincerely and ROARRR!
Kathie Woods
VB Coach

Clackamas improves as regionals near

Cross Country squad gains ground in race towards Southern title

Clackamas knew early in the season that it wasn't going to blow by any opponents.

The Cougars are a small bunch but very determined for success.

"This is an awesome group of athletes," said Head Coach Mike Hickey. "We see improvement every week and we're only getting better."

This past weekend, a group of Cougar runners traveled to Modesto, Cal. for its latest competition while a handful of competitors traveled to nearby Mt. Hood Community College for a meet.

Clackamas competed well in California.

"We had a lot of runners both on the men's and the women's side turn in good numbers on a very tough course," said Hickey.

Tiana Moralez finished 18th on the 2.96 mile course in 19:35 while Tiffany Edwards followed in 37th in 20:40.

Emily Schmierer [20:52], Erin Stapish [23:00] and Jamie Reidy [23:10] rounded out the Clackamas runners.

On the men's side, Paul Kezes was the first Cougar to cross the finish line for 22nd place in 22:23.

Jason Bennett followed in 22:55 for 39th place in a tight group of Clackamas runners.

Andy Monhead [23:07] in 44th, Chris Chatfield [23:11] in 49th, Tim Winter [23:20] in 57th, Jay

Southern Region Championships

Date:	Oct. 24
Where:	Bush Park, Salem
When:	TBA
Info:	Mt. Hood is favored with Clackamas vying for the upset in the men's division.

Hawkey [23:48] in 68th and Andrew Wall [24:06] in 73rd totaled the Cougar competitors.

Wall, a graduate of Blanchet High School in Seattle, one of Washington State's top cross country programs, was using the meet as more of a workout as opposed to competition, according to Coach Hickey.

In the Mt. Hood meet, Ahrlin

Bauman finished 2nd in 26:17 while Alex Mametive [28:18] and Erik Bond [29:41] finished 26th and 36th, respectively.

"Ahrlin is our top runner on the men's side," noted Hickey. "If he had been with us in Modesto then the team would have definitely finished in the top four which is awesome against that competition."

Heisman: Oregon's Smith 1st in loaded Pac-10

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game)

Smith ranks 1st in the conference in efficiency, touchdown passes, and total offense; along with 2nd in passing yardage (ahead of fellow Heisman contender Cade McNown of UCLA).

Acknowledging his performance, University of Oregon has launched a "Heisman campaign," pushing their star quarterback for college football's most prestigious

award.

They have sent out 500 postcards to postseason award voters, hoping to attract their attention to Smith.

These postcards picture Akili Smith with the phrase "Mr. Smith goes to New York." On the back they list his statistics and rankings thus far in leading Oregon to their best start since 1964.

Oregon will spend over \$6,500 sending out updated postcards weekly, along with sending the voters video high-

lights for non-televised games (like last weeks at Washington State).

It is with these tools that Oregon hopes to remind the voters of the heights Smith is leading the Ducks to, while placing him prominently in the hunt for the Heisman Trophy.

If he keeps this pace up, he just may get that trip to New York.

Heisman candidates Akili Smith and Cade McNown square off on October 17 at 12:30 PM as Oregon plays @ UCLA on ABC.



Fans: Where are they??

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ers are on hold indefinitely, the Power have only just begun its training camp, there is no local football team to watch unless you care to brave a Portland State Vikings game, and the Winterhawks play almost every day of the week.

What else is there?

In recent weeks, a handful of players on this year's baseball team have shown strong support for their volleyball friends and should be congratulated.

I, along with every other coach at Clackamas, wonder where everybody else is? Namely the other Clackamas athletes.

It's not about volleyball. It's not about basketball or baseball. It's about showing support and being proud of the school you chose to attend.

Every athlete at this school works their butts off because they want to do well and they want to do it well in front of their parents and their friends.

The volleyball team plays two home games this Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m.

The cross country team competes in the Southern Region Championships in Salem in two weeks. If you're in the area, stop by and cheer them on.

Now what's your excuse?

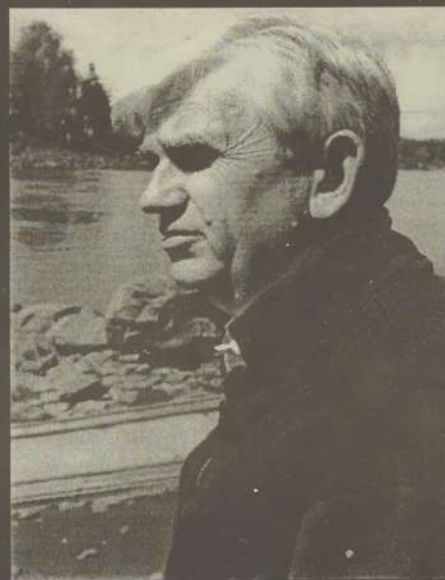
There are students that have families and priorities. This is not geared towards those students. This is for the athletes. Support your friends.

The Cougars are the best of the best. It doesn't get any better at the junior college level.

If you disagree, then why did you choose Clackamas?

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