

Cougar SIDELINES

Play Ball!

Beginning June 2, 1999, two Summer Slow Pitch Softball divisions will be formed, with a limit of eight teams per division [ASA D & E] for the League. Registration has begun.

Teams registered and paid in full by May 14 will receive half a dozen free softballs. Entry fee is \$470.

For more information call 503-657-6958 ext. 2298

Garden News

The Green Fingers Community Garden at Clackamas Community College opens in mid-May [weather permitting] and will remain open through mid-November consists of 100 individual gardens.

The individual gardens are available for use at a fee of \$15 per plot and first selection goes to gardeners from last year.

Each garden is approximately 700 square feet.

The college prepares the land, assigns gardens and waters the plots twice a week.

To register, fill out a registration form available in the Community Recreation office in Randall Hall. For more information call ext. 2211.

Gameroom

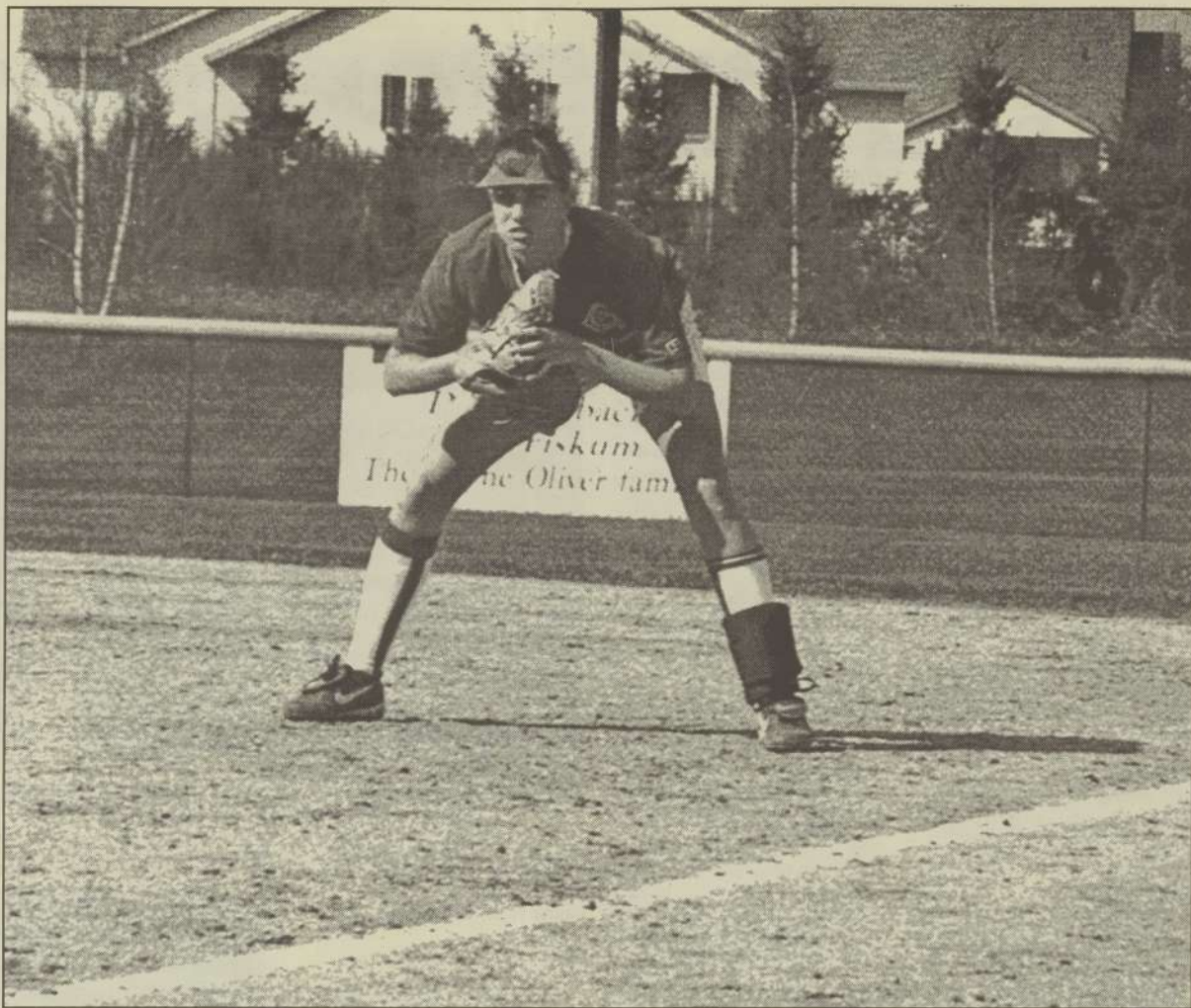
The student gameroom in Randall 101 is open.

The Cougar's Den offers pool tables, a jukebox, pinball machines and arcade games for all students and faculty.

Proceeds from the games go towards Child Care Grants.

In order to keep the gameroom up and running, volunteers are needed to supervise the room.

Donations are being accepted to purchase a foosball table.



Freshman first baseman Kirsten Richards has provided Clackamas with a solid glove in the field and a steady bat at the plate for a squad that is 16-4 in league play and only getting better.

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Cougars hold steady, look to #1 spot

Clackamas wins 5 of 6 games to reduce Mt. Hood's league lead to one game

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The rainy weather hasn't dulled the spirit of softball.

With the last three games, Clackamas [16-4, 22-9] has held strong to the #2 spot in the League standings.

On Tuesday, April 27, Clackamas was to host Centralia Blazers [12-6, 18-12], but the game was rained out. The game was rescheduled and played on April 28. Clackamas overtook Centralia in the bottom of the sixth inning to go ahead in a 1-0 victory.

"The game was the pitchers' all the way," said Paul Fiskum, head coach.

"Mel [Warthen] is throwing as well as any pitcher in the whole league. 'She was in command the

whole game—pitching a shutout," added Fiskum.

According to Fiskum, Centralia had decent pitching, but the hitting on Clackamas' side could have been better, according to Fiskum. Kirsten Richards was really productive this game, with runners on base, she hit a single in the sixth inning.

In the second game against Centralia, Clackamas lost 6-3.

"The score does not reflect the game," said Denise Nasuta, assistant coach.

Clackamas was ahead 3-2 in the sixth inning before Centralia put together a couple of good hits. Another factor that contributed to the loss was a bad hop ball that hit a rock and got a Centralia player on base. There were also many bunts and a blooper ball that hit just above short-stop Vanessa Applegate's head.

"The ball was mishandled in left field which accounted for two runs," said Fiskum.

Clackamas played without two key hitters this game—Brewster and Farnsworth were benched due to injuries.

"We had to think long-term, and we need them at their best for the tournament at the end of the season," said Nasuta.

"The loss was disappointing. Although Centralia is a decent team,

we could've been better at the plate," added Fiskum.

According to Fiskum, he met with the players to discuss the game and they noted they usually lost their playing edge by the second game. The loss of focus allowed for a victory in the other team's favor.

On May 1, Clackamas hosted the South Puget Sound Clippers [14-8, 19-18] and overwhelmed them with a 10-1 win.

"I feel this was probably one of our better games of the season," said Fiskum.

Everything about this game was exemplary: the hitting, pitching, and the catching. Katie Brewster hit a homerun which was one of the many good plays in the fourth inning resulting in eight runs scored.

When asked what contributed to the victory, Coach Fiskum pointed to a number of factors.

"It would be hard to pick key plays, I would rather pick a key inning; which would be the fourth," said Fiskum.

The defense was A-one, according to the teams' coach. The combination of Warthen's pitching and Brewster's catching made the team unstoppable this game.

In the second game, Clackamas overtook the Clippers with a 10-2 win. Brewster hit a home run in this game as well.

The Cougars jumped right into

the second game to master the first inning with four runs. The hitting was 4-4, setting a tone for the game.

"The second game set a tone that we weren't going to have a let down," said Fiskum, happily.

Laura Casper pitched in the second game, the first game where she pitched its entirety. The most she had ever pitched before was three innings.

"It was encouraging to see Laura pitch the entire game," said Nasuta.

In the first game on May 2 against Green River [1-23, 1-27], Clackamas held on for a crushing 16-0 victory. Four runs were scored in the first inning, seven in the second, and five in the third.

Cortney Dupree pitched six strikeouts and one walk; pitching her best performance yet. Lael Michael made for a strong, commanding catcher position in games one and two vs. Green River. The defense was error-free in the first game.

The second game was a good effort by the entire team, according to Fiskum. Green River is not known for being a good team, but Clackamas was able to maintain their composure for an 8-0 win.

"After you beat someone soundly, it's hard to maintain your focus, but the girls did well," said Fiskum.

"These games just go to show you that anything can happen," said Nasuta.

Clackamas maintains #2 in the league and is holding steady, while threatening to overtake Mt. Hood and its #1 placing [17-3, 27-10].

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