

Athletes in wheelchairs work out on campus

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Last Saturday, the Clackamas gymnasium at Randall Hall was filled with two different groups of athletes with one thing in common: they both play sports in wheelchairs.

On one side of the gymnasium the Wheelblazers, a team of men who play a rough game of basketball, divided into teams and battled it out for two hours. Their game consisted of thrills and spills; their version is full-contact ball.

Equally entertaining to watch, Winners on Wheels (WOW) celebrated one of their bimonthly meetings on the other side of the gymnasium. Teryl Hoffman-Figgins, a Clackamas student, founded this Oregon circle of WOW, a non-profit group now in 25 states. Its purpose is to pro-

mote self-esteem, independence, and the ability to establish and accomplish goals in wheelchair-bound children. Additionally, WOW provides support for the parents, and works to ensure kids have fun.

The fun part started with a soccer ball game. Played with a large, inflated beach ball almost the height of some smaller competitors, this game was played by all. In self-propelled chairs, electric chairs, and pushed chairs, kids scrambled to push or kick the ball over the goal line. Shouts of glee, giggles, and laughs rang out as each team attempted to out-manuever the other.

Following two hours of exhausting exercise, all players were treated to pizza and pop purchased by the Associated Student Government (ASG), who sponsored the event.

"Haggen's gave us a good



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Wheelblazers play basketball in Randall Hall Saturday. The event which brought together the Wheelblazers and Winners on Wheels (WOW) was sponsored by the Associated Student Government (ASG).

discount on the food," Brian Fuentez, ASG president-elect, said as he and Mike Lewis, also of ASG, set up the table with a large quantity of generously garnished pizzas.

"Hopefully this can become an annual event," said Mike Lewis, who along with Hoffman-Figgins, originated the idea for the Saturday event.

Graduations set for June 8, 9 in Randall Gymnasium

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With the end of Spring term just around the corner, you should be reminded of an end of the year celebration called Graduation.

There are two graduation ceremonies this year, both in Randall Gym. Thursday, June 8 at 7 p.m., the GED and Adult High School Diploma ceremony will be held. The college graduation for degrees and certificates will take place Friday, June 9, at 7 p.m. There is also a pinning ceremony for the nursing students on Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m.

Becky Carnahan, administrative assistant to the dean of instructional services, has been working hard to organize the ceremonies.

"I enjoy it. It's the most rewarding part of my job, and it's a big part of my job," commented Carnahan. "I have been working on this since December and there are so many little aspects to it that you have to do ahead of time, like ordering the

gowns and announcements."

If you are planning to graduate, you need to make sure you have your petition to graduate turned in as soon as possible. The form can be picked up in the community center and there is no charge.

"We don't want anyone to miss this, it's a great celebration," remarked Carnahan.

Make sure you pay your \$12 graduation fee at the bookstore, so you can get your cap and gown. The cap, gown and tassel checkout area is located in the community center, near the Fireside Lounge. You can check out a cap and gown up to the week of graduation, but they may run out—so get them soon. All graduates wear blue gowns with red tassels, except the nursing students, who wear white gowns. All students who have a 3.4 GPA or better receive an honor cord to wear.

About 50-60 faculty members attend wearing full colors, hoods and gowns.

Several students are nominated by

the faculty and staff each year as representatives of all the graduates. They are nominated for one or more of the following attributes: 1. An outstanding student. 2. Has overcome a personal hardship to obtain education. 3. Has been an inspiration to others and has an inspirational story. 4. Has been involved in extra-curricular or volunteer activities.

Thursday night John Keyser, college president, will speak at the ceremony, and profile four nominated students from the GED and Adult High School programs. Janet Martin, Clackamas piano instructor, will provide the music.

Friday night, Keyser will profile three nominated students from the college graduation and Paul Creighton, Associated Student Government (ASG) vice president, will speak at the ceremony and present the Faculty of the Year Award. The Chamber Choir will perform.

Tickets are not required for either

ceremony, which are each expected to have about 200 participants.

"If we have 200 graduates, we have a full house. Right now the numbers are a little slow coming in for caps and gown, (that is how we count), but I still think we are going to reach 200," stated Carnahan.

If you are planning to attend the ceremony, parking may be a little troublesome.

"Our parking lots get full, so I encourage people to get here before 6:30 p.m. to get a spot," advised Carnahan. "The Barlow lot is the one to head to if the other lots are full."

Professional photos are available; a proof will be sent to each graduate (in the mail) by the photographer and you can order directly from the company.

A reception follows immediately after both ceremonies in the Gregory Forum, with refreshments.

"It's a great time to meet with family, friends, faculty and staff,

and to celebrate," commented Carnahan.

If you have any question regarding graduation, contact Becky

Students profiled at graduation

Thursday Night, June 8:

- Frances A. Benjamin, 50, Oregon City, Life and Career Options, GED
- Diana Schwarzin, 18, Portland, Adult High School Diploma
- Maribel B. Lopez, 21, Wilsonville, Young Parent Opportunity Program, GED
- Ila E. Keller, 79, Portland, GED (ETBS Client)

Friday Night, June 9:

- Camahan at (503) 657-6958 ext. 2205.
- Kairi Raud, 23, Estonia, 4.00 GPA, AAOT
- Irene L. Carrillo, 40, Oregon City, 3.5 GPA, (CCC employee) Cert. Of Completion, Office Assistant,
- Howard Barley, 50, Milwaukie, 3.00 GPA, AAOT

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