

## Un-civil religion?

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They congregate in their massive houses of worship on Sundays. They sing songs and chant various phrases meant to inspire. They have their own set of sacred symbols, such as an animal head or an icon that characterizes their region. These symbols are cherished and ultimately emblazoned on everything from clothing to household furnishings. The palpable measure of their faith is determined by their fixation on the clergy, which participates in a violent and sadistic contest of territorial acquisition - a "holy war."

Some, whose faith is central to their existence, will measure themselves by whether the contest delivers the spoils of victory or the emptiness of the conquered.

While the above description of professional football fans is meant to be satirical, it is difficult to draw a distinction between the modern sports fanatic and followers of what sociologists call a "new religious movement." In an increasingly secular society, American sports culture has developed its own rituals and symbols that unify individuals. Some fans' passion is so strong that, when their allegiance is questioned, violence erupts.

The most notoriously brutal fans are those of the NFL's Oakland Raiders. At games, they wear menacing costumes and shout obscenities to opposing players. They claim to be members of "A Raider Nation" in an effort to assert their unity and intimidate the other team. Fights in the stands are a regular occurrence.

In a radio interview, Raiders back-up quarterback Rodney Peete spoke of an incident where a man wearing a Miami Dolphin's

jacket had the garment forcibly removed by a group of Raider fans. The man was then beaten extensively and dragged into a bathroom inside the stadium. As the man lie motionless, the Raider fans took turns urinating on him.

Last October the Raiders were playing a night game against the San Diego Chargers, during which a Charger fan was stabbed by a visiting Raider fan.

In Philadelphia, a jail has been built in the basement of the stadium. Eagles fans who are detained for fighting, drunkenness, or throwing things at players (namely D-Cell batteries) are ushered into a "courtroom" of sorts where they receive their punishment on site. From there, they're housed in the jail at the stadium until taken to other facilities.

Fan violence is not limited to just football. While at a baseball game in Los Angeles, I was witness to a horrible incident. The Dodgers were playing their in-state rivals, The San Francisco Giants. I was sitting in the right field bleachers when two men dressed in Giants hats and jerseys sat two rows in front of me. Just before the game, a group of Dodger fans assaulted the men. Worse yet, it just so happened to be "Free Dodger Bat Night."

We live in a society of violence. Professional wrestling, slasher video games, and movies that go "boom" are as American as apple pie. But we also live in a culture that celebrates its heroes. I think it's time we all applaud and revere fans who let the hits take place on the field. As quaint as it may sound, some of us go to stadiums and arenas for one simple reason...to watch the game.

### Clackamas Community College Winter Term Intramurals

#### Basketball-

Play consists of five people per team. A team may have more on their roster. However, a person may not sign up for more than one team. Coed teams are allowed and will play in the same league. Rules and sign-up sheets are available on the I.M Board in lower level Randall Hall. Games will be played on Tuesday and/or Thursday from noon-12:50 p.m.

\*\*\*Entry forms on I.M. Board DEADLINE is Thursday Feb. 1

#### Racquetball-

Play takes place through the racquetball class offered by CCC. The class is held Monday through Wednesday 8-9:20a.m. Competition and class is held at East Side Athletic Club in Milwaukie. The cost for use of the club is \$35 a term.

#### 3 on 3 co-ed Volleyball-

Teams must be co-ed. The mini-tournament will be held on the completion of the basketball league in March- Tues./Thurs. 12-12: 50p.m.. Get your entry form at the Intramural Bulletin Board, located in lower level Randall Hall. Deadline for entries will be Thursday, March 1.

\*\*\*For more information, contact Kathie Woods, R003 (ext.2481) or see the Intramural Board downstairs in Randall.

## She's on fire Cougar women blaze b-ball courts

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The Cougar Women's Basketball team went on an 8-1 win streak gaining the best record in the region, ranking sixth in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges coaches poll with an overall record of 13-4.

League play began last Wednesday for the Cougars as they took the Mt. Hood Community College Saints at Mt. Hood. The Cougars came to win and jumped out to a 27-point lead at the half.

"We played very well the first half," commented Head Coach Jim Martineau.

Although not as explosive the second half, the Cougars scored three points more than the Saints to hold on for an 88-58 win. Leading the way to the 30-point victory was freshman guard Kayla Steen with 26 points and five steals. Guard Mercedes Juarez, and point guard Amanda Lee, both sophomores, also had big games scoring 19 and 17 points respectively. Saturday's

game did not come as easy to the Cougars, as they faced the Lane Community College Titans. The Cougars came out with a slow start trailing by eight points at the half.

"We just didn't play with a lot of intensity the first 25, 30 minutes of the game," said Martineau. "The last ten minutes we played very well."

The Cougars came back to win 81-64 to go undefeated in league play. The dynamic duo of Steen and Juarez again had led the team with 22 and 15 points. Freshman forward Jennifer Lane also had a good game with 8 points and 10 rebounds.

Clackamas played in two tournaments in December: The Green River Crossover in Auburn, WA

and the Chemekata Xmas Tournament in Salem. The Cougars came away champions in both tournaments defeating league rival, Chemekata Storm, in both outings.

The Cougar's only loss in the

last nine games came from the number three ranked Clark College Penquins.

To-night the Cougars face the Umpqua Community College Timberwomen, who will be one of the toughest teams in the Region this season, though they

have already had one loss handed to them by the Chemeketa Storm. The Cougars hope to maintain their perfect league record with a win over the Timberwomen.



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Jennifer Lane had a big game against the Titans scoring 8 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

### Men's and Women's Basketball Schedule

Wed Jan 17	Umpqua C. C.	Home
Sat Jan 20	Southwestern Oregon C. C.	Home
Wed Jan 24	Chemeketa C. C.	Salem
Sat Jan 27	Linn-Benton C. C.	Albany
Wed Jan 31	Portland C. C.	Home
Sat Feb 3	Lane C. C.	Home
Wed Feb 7	Mt. Hood C. C.	Home
Sat Feb 10	Umpqua C. C.	Roseburg
Wed Feb 14	Chemeketa C. C.	Home
Sat Feb 17	Southwestern Oregon C. C.	Coos Bay
Wed Feb 21	Portland C. C.	Portland
Sat Feb 24	Linn-Benton C. C.	Home

Women's games start at 6 p.m. and Men's games start at 8 p.m.

## Cougar Men's B-ball team claw their way to a win on the road

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While all of you were enjoying your Christmas break, Clackamas Community College Men's basketball team was busy working on their game.

The CCC Christmas Tournament was held here, Dec. 28-30, where the Cougars beat Mt. Hood and Umpqua Community Colleges, winning the tournament. On Jan. 10, in Gresham, Clackamas pulled out another win against Mt. Hood.

The winning streak continued as the men's basketball team traveled to Eugene last weekend to face one of their toughest opponents to date. Lane Community College has one of the best teams in the league this year, but CCC has earned more respect as of late, posting a 14-1 record before the Saturday tip-off. Playing on the road is never easy

because of the hostile crowd and LCC jumped to a 12-2 lead early in the first half. LCC was red hot from the line, sinking 8 of 10 and shooting 45.9 percent from the field in the opening half.

CCC closed the gap by halftime, trailing 39-45. In fact, The Cougars didn't gain the lead until the last 50 seconds of the game. The Clackamas defense put the pressure on in the second half where LCC went 13 of 31 from the field, one of seven from the three point range and four for seven at the free throw line. With time almost running out, Clackamas edged out LCC 82-76 moving to 15-1 on the season.

"It was a very good game," said Head Coach Cliff Wegner. "I think Lane Community College is one of the stiffest competitions in the league and to beat them on the road

is a great win for our kids."

There were four Cougars scoring in double digits in Saturday's win. Mark Campbell put in 14 points and led the team with seven assists. Nate Block had five rebounds, four steals and a near perfect four for five from the field and three for four at the line, scoring 11 points. Chris Lohrey added 17 points and four assists. Leading the team with 20 points, Michael Kuebler made five of nine field goals, two of three from three-point land and scorched the net from the free-throw line, knocking down all eight of his foul shots.

The NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches Poll has Clackamas ranked third in the conference behind Tacoma and Edmonds. You can see the Cougars in tonight's game at home against Umpqua at 8pm.