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## Cougars take second at NWAACCs

**Tina Tate & Frank Jordan**  
*The Clackamas Print*

Clackamas softball concluded another outstanding season with a second-place finish at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges tournament over the weekend.

After facing single elimination after a Saturday loss, the Cougars (26-6, 38-13) battled back for five straight wins to secure a spot in the title game against four-time defending champion Lower Columbia College (36-4, 28-4). Though the Cougars fought hard, they fell to LCC by a score of 3-2.

"Lower Columbia played great. They are the best team in the NWAACC for the fifth straight year, and my hat's off to them," said Head Coach Paul Fiskum. "I have never been prouder of a group of ladies as I am with this group...They were great, all the way to the end."

Morgan Huffstutter, Brooke Comstock and Carla Lillis got the Cougars off to a strong start as they opened with consecutive singles. Huffstutter scored to give Clackamas an early 1-0 lead. Lower Columbia came back to take a 2-1 lead after three innings off a homerun and an RBI single, then scored again in the sixth for a 3-1 advantage.

In the seventh, Nagi reached base on a fielder's choice, then advanced to second on a Roberti single. Nicole Obrist pinch-ran for Nagi and scored

on a Huffstutter single to make the score 3-2. But the rally ended there as Comstock hit a ground ball to the second baseman, who forced out Huffstutter to end the game and the season for Clackamas.

Kim Kraxberger, Randi Middagh, Carleen Lessard and Lillis were named to the all-tournament team. Clackamas achieved the second highest number of season wins in school history with 38.

Clackamas capitalized on opening day with a 6-2 win over Blue

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*Softball Head Coach*

Mountain CC (18-18, 14-14). Lessard threw a four-hitter to bring Clackamas back from an early 2-0 deficit. Melissa Gibson went 4-for-4 at the plate as she scored three runs and drove in three with three singles and a double.

Clackamas lost 3-2 to Highline CC (31-4, 31-1) on Saturday after two questionable calls. Down 2-1 in the seventh, Gibson was called out for leaving the base early on an attempted steal. Clackamas battled back as Huffstutter singled, then

Brooke Comstock reached base on an error. Both advanced on a wild pitch, and then both appeared to score off a Lillis single to take the lead - until Comstock was called out for not stepping on home plate. Highline scored in the bottom of the inning for the win.

"It was probably the strangest game I've been involved with," said Fiskum. "What a knife in the heart when you've got the tying run on base and they call her out on a bad call...Then we get a run taken away from us after we take a dramatic 3-2 lead. The emotion of those two bad calls really, really killed us."

Thunderstorms delayed further play until Sunday, when Clackamas swept its three games of the day. The Cougars won 8-0 in five innings in their opener against Olympic CC (17-20, 17-15). Clackamas had nine hits, including a homerun by Angie Roberti - and what looked like a home run by Middagh.

"Randi hit a three-run homer in the first inning that the umpire said bounced over the fence - but it didn't bounce over the fence," said Fiskum. "The outfielder was going back and she knocked into the fence and the ball landed over the fence. The umpire said the ball hit on the ground and rolled through the fence, and said it was a ground-rule double."

Clackamas followed with a 4-1 win over Mt. Hood CC (23-14, 23-9). Huffstutter drove in the game's first run in the second inning. Kraxberger was 2-for-3 with two RBI.



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**Kim Kraxberger connects on an RBI double during a 4-1 win over Mt. Hood CC. Kraxberger was one of four Cougars named to the all-tournament team.**

The Cougars were given another chance against Highline, and this time fought to a 1-0 victory. Miranda Gillaspie put Clackamas on the scoreboard with a homerun in the fifth. Lessard threw a near-perfect

game as no Highline player reached base until one singled with two outs in the seventh inning. Tension levels rose in the elimination game as two subsequent walks loaded the bases,

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## 'Pathway to Peace' raises awareness, funds

**Tina Tate**  
*News Editor*

Clackamas Women's Services (CWS) hosted its fourth annual "Pathway to Peace" walk and run at CCC on Sunday in an effort both to raise awareness about domestic violence and gain funding for its programs for victims.

In addition to the walk and run, other presentations were available to

participants, including health screenings by presenting sponsor Providence Milwaukie Hospital and a segment of a national art exhibit entitled "Silent Partners," which commemorates the memory of women killed by their partners.

Not only did individual participants come to the event, several groups were on hand in support of CWS, including the Criminal Justice Club and relatives of Donna Paulson

Stewart, who was murdered by her husband last year. Organizers hoped to raise \$30,000 and their target was met, as proceeds from registrations, prize drawings and sponsor contributions totaled \$33,950.

"The primary goal is awareness," said Tammy Turner, development coordinator for CWS. "The fact that we also raise money is excellent. It's so great. All the expenses that we have are paid for by sponsors, so all

the money we make (from the event) goes right to our program."

Turner said CWS's mission is "to end domestic and sexual violence against women and children." With this objective in mind, the 17-year-old Clackamas County organization has designed four main programs: the shelter, outreach and education, children's and transitional housing programs.

The 22-bed emergency shelter offers a place for victimized women and children to stay for 30 days; CWS has sheltered over 5765 women and children in its history. CWS also provides support groups for people who are not ready to move into a shelter.

The second largest program, the outreach and education program, focuses on prevention; CWS has presented at over 250 speaking engagements. Turner said that Domestic Violence in the Workplace is one course of training offered to managers so that they might recognize when an employee is in a violent situation.

"We will talk to anyone either about CWS or about domestic violence, whether it's just information that you need or whether it's more in-depth training," said Turner. "We're hoping if we can just tell people and educate them before, then they won't

need to go to shelter."

Turner said that CWS is feeling the negative effects of the current economic crunch. She said that CWS does not receive county or state funding, and instead writes grant proposals for federal funding. Additionally, she said CWS generally relies on public funding, which contributes approximately 40 percent of the organization's funds.

"We ask corporations and foundations for money," said Turner. "Lots of people who give money are being asked by everyone who has been cut by the state and the county because they don't have the funds, so the competition for the dollars is higher."

Turner said another challenge is that people who normally would contribute to events such as "Pathway to Peace" have been laid off and do not have the money to donate.

"A lot of folks I've talked to in the last week have asked if they had to pay, and I've said, 'God no, you don't have to pay. We don't turn anyone away. If you want to come and support us, we'd love to have you come,'" said Turner. "It is about awareness, not just funds. Having this many people out here really makes us feel good. It makes us feel good to know that what we're doing, people are supporting."



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Participants of the 'Pathway to Peace' walk and run included individuals as well as groups, such as the Criminal Justice Club. An art exhibit entitled 'Silent Partners' was also on display at the event, which was hosted by Clackamas Women's Services.

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**Wed May 21**  
partly cloudy 75°/52°  
10 % chance of rain



**Thu May 22**  
partly cloudy 78°/50°  
20 %



**Fri May 23**  
partly cloudy 78°/50°  
20%



**Sat May 24**  
mostly cloudy 74°/51°  
20 %



**Sun May 25**  
showers 64°/46°  
40 %

