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key (283) skates the corner during a recent track meet at George Fox University. Butkey ran a 14:58.47 at the Ken Shannon invite in the 5000 meter.

Track looks towards NWAACs

Track participated in the Ken Shannon Invite last week in Seattle

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The season comes to a Clackamas Track is closing the NWAACC Championships. Last week, we have the Region

Championships," said Head Coach Jack Kegg. "We should do okay but we are not really loading up because we are getting ready for NWAACCs; we look to win a couple of individual events at the Southern Region Championships."

The Cougars traveled to Seattle last Saturday to participate in the Ken Shannon Invite, matching up against a number of four-year universities. Highline CC was the only other participating NWAACC school.

"These four-year schools are winding down," Kegg said. "Most of their kids are done for

the season, so it's basically the best kids from these four-year schools. It was a good meet for us. It was a very good competition; we found out who really could compete."

On the women's side, Megan Odom finished fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.75. Elise Megale placed fourth in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:19.76.

"Elise Megale ran the No. 10 all time for Clackamas," Kegg said. "She ran the



NWAACC leader to the wire, which is a good sign."

In the women's 5000-meter run, Leslie Bartell finished eighth followed by Lyndsey Bartell in 11th place. Juanita Curry and Samantha Cox finished 13th and 14th, respectively.

The men also had a stellar showing as

Josh Cain finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.38. He also finished fifth in the 200-meter dash. Ryan Richards finished eighth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.92, which was a personal record.

Troy Sexton finished first overall in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.94. Jon Butkey finished second in the 5000-meter run with a time of 14:58.47.

"Butkey ran a big 5000-meter run," Kegg said. "He's the fastest freshman that I have had in 10 years; he's a stud."

Support CCC sports

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Calling Clackamas students out; that's right, I'm calling y'all out.

When it comes to Clackamas there is not enough faculty support. As the sports editor of *The Print*, I attend as many Clackamas games as possible to see enough of my fel- lows present. I rarely see any other than those that are in the sports department.

It's the last time any of you see a softball or baseball game or any Clackamas sports game that matter?

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From the administrators, to the student taking one class at Clackamas this spring, to the community member who wants to support their local community college—I need to see more people at Clackamas sporting events. Y'all need to get at these kids and their coaches.

So go to a game this spring and I hope to see you there. Holla!

the CCC Invite every spring. Scheduled softball and baseball games take place on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays with the occasional make-up game on other days of the week.

If ignorance is your excuse for missing games, there will be plenty of Clackamas schedules in *The Print*, so there will be absolutely no excuse not to attend at the bare minimum of one Clackamas sports event. See page 10 for this week's sports calendar.

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Cougar baseball drops four games last week, nine games under .500

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Clackamas baseball was unable to pick up a win last week as the Cougars fell to Lane CC and Mt. Hood CC in four close games.

Both doubleheaders were close throughout each game; however, the Cougars didn't get timely hitting, Head Coach Robin Robinson said.

"Our pitching is getting better," Robinson said. "We are playing great, it's just that one little thing in games that we not getting. We are getting guys on base and having trouble scoring them. And we are not closing out games."

The Cougars squared off with Lane CC last Saturday, and fell 4-2 in game one as they left 10 base

runners stranded. Chris Kosmas had a stellar plate performance going 3-4 with one run scored. Josh Breslaw went 2-4 with a single that drove in the only two Cougar runs.

"Travis Galbraith pitched very well for six innings," Robinson said. "He had no bad inning."

Robinson said the Cougars were able to play good defense, only committing one error in game one.

Game two, the Cougars were shutout as the offense was only able to generate two hits, losing 2-0.

Ben Corser pitched three innings, giving up five hits, two runs and three walks.

Last Tuesday, the Cougars fought hard with Mt. Hood CC, losing game one 4-3. Humphrey

led the Cougar offense again, going 3-4.

"Humphrey was on fire at the plate," Robinson said. "Brad Neffendorf pitched a tremendous six-plus innings."

In game two, the Cougars were shutout 1-0, despite the effort of Jordan Denney.

"Jordan Denney pitched a great eight innings against the No. 1 hitting team in the NWAACC," Robinson said. "We played good defense against Lane."

These losses leave the Cougars at 9-15 in league and 13-22 overall. Clackamas plays their final home doubleheaders of the season this Saturday against Linn-Benton CC at 1 p.m. and next Tuesday against Chemeketa CC, also at 1 p.m. on the Cougar diamond.



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Cougar baseballer Ben Corser (21) toes the mound and goes through his motion during a recent home game. The Cougars are now 9-15 in league play and 13-22 overall. They currently hold the No. 5 spot in the NWAACC South.

EDITOR'S NOTE Clackamas softball squares off with rival Columbia today at the Cougar Softball diamond at 3 p.m. Go to support the Lady Softballers!