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Clackamas Vanessa Schmitz jumps center with Sarah Dalgliesh (50) of Columbia Basin College to open the NWAACC semifinals as the Cougars' Kellie Money (10) and the Hawks' Kaci Bensen (32) look on.

Cougar ladies land on their feet

Frank Jordan
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After a disappointing result the night before, the Clackamas Cougar women bounced back Sunday afternoon with a come-from-behind 75-69 overtime win over Yakima Valley CC Yaks in the replacement game at the NWAACC tournament in the Three Rivers Coliseum in Lewick, Wash. This game was nipped, neither team led by more than four points through the game's first minutes. Clackamas took the lead for the first time in the half on LaToya Hill drive to CCC a 22-21 lead in three minutes to Yakima went on a run to close the half and take a 28-24 lead to half. The game was tied 30-30 when the Yaks went on a run, opening up their largest lead at 41-32 before Clackamas made a late comeback. L'Trece Prewitt scored inside to

get the Cougars within 41-34 and after two big three-pointers by Kellie Morey and Kacie Elliot, the Cougars were only down one at 41-40.

The Yaks went on a 6-0 run at the four-minute mark to pull out to a 51-45 lead, then Beth Rossos hit two foul shots, Hill hit a foul-line jumper and Hill stole a ball and drove the length of the floor for a layup to tie the game at 51 with 2:20 left in regulation.

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Jim Martineau
Women's Basketball Coach

The Cougars had one last opportunity to win the game in regulation, but Hill's off-balance jumper in the lane rolled off the rim at the buzzer.

Rochelle Reeves hit a three on Clackamas' first overtime possession to give the Cougars their largest lead of the game at 54-51, then Morey hit another three to give CCC a 57-51 lead. Then the parade to the foul line began for the Cougars. Hill hit 11-12 from the line in overtime and the team hit 18-20 in the extra session as the Cougars held on for the victory and the third-place trophy.

Hill had a game-high 32 points

against the Yaks and also grabbed nine rebounds. She also had four assists and four steals. Reeves had 14 points and Prewitt added 13 points and seven rebounds. Morey chipped in 10 points in the win. The Cougars shot 34 percent from the field and 81 percent from the line on 25-31 from the stripe.

Yakima Valley was led by LaDonna Downs, who had 24 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Tiffany Ulmer had 18 points and 11 rebounds in the loss. The Yaks shot 33 percent from the floor and committed 24 turnovers in the loss.

"We did a much better job on the defensive end in the second half and we rebounded the ball much better as well," said Coach Jim Martineau. "We didn't shoot well the whole tournament, but Rochelle [Reeves] played really well and was finally able to hit some shots. Kellie [Morey] hit a couple of timely shots, and Kacie Elliot hit a huge three at a critical time of the game. I am really proud of all of these girls and we had a great weekend up here."

Hill was voted to the All-Tournament first team as she led all players at the tournament in scoring with a 26-points-per-game average. Columbia Basin won their first NWAACC championship with a 56-44 win over Lane CC in Sunday's final. Kaci Bensen of Columbia Basin was named as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Theft of wallet in English dept. continues trend

Katie Willson
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Roger Rook has been hit again.

What's become a sort of tradition among campus thieves this year, stealing from the English department, has culminated in a run on English instructor Kate Gray's wallet.

Two weeks ago on a Friday she had been hurrying around, getting ready for a reading at noon. She left her office door open for nearly half an hour, her book bag lying in open sight on her chair.

"It could have read, 'Please steal me,'" said Gray.

When the thief or thieves struck, they didn't take her ID or any other valuables sitting around in the office. They just took three of her credit cards and ran.

"I didn't know until I came back at 3 p.m.," Gray said. "I got a message from my credit card company ... but I didn't [think anything of it] at first. I graded another paper."

According to Gray, it took 15 minutes and that one paper later before she made the connection between the phone message and what might be missing from her wallet.

Whoever took the credit cards, it was soon discovered, had already run up a bill of \$7,200. They had only used two of the stolen cards.

Still, Gray remains optimistic. "I think it will all get reversed," she said. "Generally we're pretty good at locking our office doors.

You just slip up once ..."

According to Gray there is a very remote possibility that the thieves were the same people who stole valuables from Judy Peabody, another English instructor, earlier this year.

At that time there had been three African-American females in their mid-20s acting suspiciously around the English Department, according to Clackamas Campus Safety officer Brian Azule.

Azule says it is believed that the women are working in teams to distract staff by asking for directions, while the others take advantage of the situation and do the physical stealing. He also has a word of advice for all Clackamas students:

"Make sure all your personal items are on your person at all times. Lock anything valuable in the glove box or trunk of your cars so it's not sitting out," Azule said. "Also, if cards are missing, contact your bank or the respective credit card companies as soon as possible."

Campus safety is currently increasing patrols on campus, and working with other campus safety departments from other colleges to catch the thieves in question. They have also been working with loss prevention agencies from the stores at which stolen credit cards have been used, in order to prevent future charges from being made.

"We seem to think the best of people at an educational institution," said Gray. "I wonder if that makes us prime feeding ground for this sort of thing to happen."

Crash kills retiree

Retired faculty member Dave Simpkins was killed March 5 when the small plane piloted by his son-in-law crashed about eight miles west of Yamhill while approaching the runway at the Flying M Ranch. He was 79.

The pilot survived the crash and is hospitalized in serious but stable condition. Family members said that he lost control of the plane during landing when apparently the brakes went out. The plane flipped onto its roof, killing Simpkins instantly.

Simpkins was a member of the first faculty here at Clackamas when he began in September, 1968. He taught English and speech, and later moved to Adult Basic Education where he served as department chair for several years and taught GED classes as well as high school credit courses. He retired in June, 1993, and lived in Sandy with his wife, Shirley.

An avid airplane enthusiast and pilot, Simpkins was at one time an advisor to a group of Clackamas students who wanted to start their own flying club. He was a popular and enthusiastic instructor and, according to comments on his teacher evaluations, "counseled students as they prepared for a career, giving special attention to personalizing the college experience. But perhaps Dave's greatest assets are his personal set of values and his respect for all people."

Simpkins was part of a group of Clackamas faculty and staff members who climbed Mt. Hood in June, 1987. Dubbed the "First Staff Ascent," the climbing party was comprised of several CCC employees who are now retired, and many who are still at the college, including Jim Meiser, Elizabeth Howley, Jeff Molatore, Dave Campbell, Molly Williams, Gary Nelson, Loren Ford and Suzy Alexander.

A former minister of the United Brethren Church, Simpkins served in the U.S. Navy as a machinist mate from 1942-46.

The service will be Monday, March 14, at 10 a.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church in Sandy. A reception will follow. Private interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery.

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