

Spring sports thrive in good weather



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Freshman Becca Lokeno is ready to catch the ball just in case the hitter missed at a home game week.



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Gray, a freshman who came from Marysville High School in Washington, attempts to hit a ball at Tuesday's game. The bright sun is refreshing after so many cancelled games due to rain.



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Tarra McCarthy bounces a soccer ball on her head at practice.

Cougar Scoreboard

Baseball

April 18, 2009						
Game One	123	456	789	R	H	E
Linn-Benton	200	000	000	2	6	1
Clackamas	100	420	01x	8	16	1
Game Two	123	456	789	R	H	E
Linn-Benton	410	000	0xx	5	7	1
Clackamas	200	002	0xx	4	7	1

Softball

April 18, 2009						
Game One	123	456	78	R	H	E
Clackamas	110	021	04	9	15	1
Bellevue	020	003	01	6	9	4
Game Two	123	456	7--	R	H	E
Walla Walla	132	012	x	9	12	1
Clackamas	000	000	x	0	2	1
Game Three	123	456	7--	R	H	E
Clackamas	120	020	0	5	10	2
Spokane	210	800	x	11	13	2

April 19, 2009						
Game One	123	456	7--	R	H	E
Gray's Harbor	400	000	x	4	5	1
Clackamas	310	161	x	12	10	0

Upcoming Games

- Baseball**  
 Saturday, April 25, Gresham, 1 p.m.  
 Tuesday, April 28, Home, 1 p.m.
- Softball**  
 Friday, April 24, Vancouver, Wash., 3 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 25, Home, 1 p.m.
- Track and Field**  
 Friday - Saturday, April 24-25, U of O  
 Saturday, April 25, Mt. Hood  
 Monday - Tuesday, April 27-28, Mt. Hood

Budget cuts crack the track

Mark Sunderland

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The recent budget cuts have affected more than just the recent class cuts. The word was that the track was in unsafe condition, but the truth is the track just does not meet typical college athletic standards.

"(The track) hasn't been deemed unsafe," Jim Martineau, the college's athletic director said.

The track itself is not unsafe, rather the athletic department lacks the funds required to repair the track.

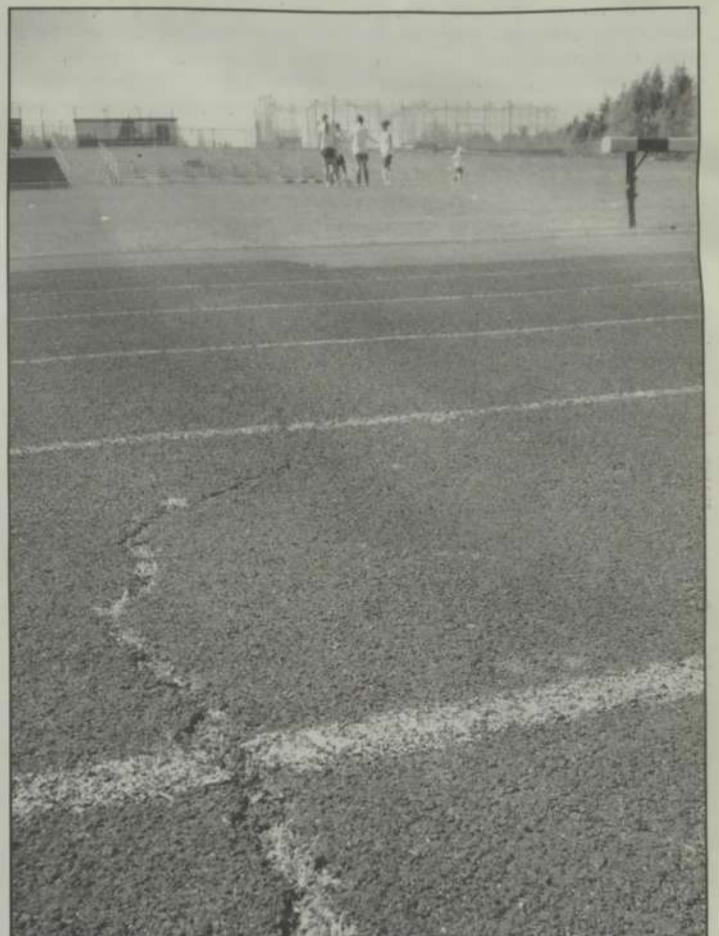
"Our team still practices on it," Martineau said when asked about the track.

The track is still in use, but it is not used for track and field events.

"We're hoping to include it in the next bond measure," Martineau said when asked what plans there were for the track and what funds there might be available for repairing it.

The track may not be up to college athletic standards, but that may not be a bad thing, as the meets are being held at Oregon City High School. The perk of holding the events at a different venue is Oregon City High School has artificial turf and the larger venue means an increase in attendance.

"We did make money," Keoni McHone, track and field head coach, said when asked if the change of venue hurt funds.



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Because of budget cuts, some victims are allowed to go into disrepair, such as the track field.

"We're much better off."

It appears the lack of a home track is not detrimental and perhaps the only thing that needs to be done is repair the track. But, it seems that holding the events at a different location isn't bad

nor is it hurting the track and field department. Even with the track in need of repair, it does not seem to affect the track and field department in any way that decreases their ability to compete.