

Coaches team up against cancer

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Cougar fans turned out in full force at Randall Hall on Jan. 29 and Jan. 30 to cheer their men's and women's basketball teams on and help support the fight against cancer at the Coaches versus Cancer event.

With the generosity of fans, players and coaches, Clackamas raised more than \$500 over the course of two men's basketball games and two women's basketball games.

According to student Abbey Tollefsen, who works at the admissions booth, the first donation on Friday night came from a gentleman in the form of a \$50 bill.

As the Lady Cougars hit the court for warm-ups in Friday night's game against Umpqua, every player wore a bright pink t-shirt over her home jersey. Written across the front of the shirts noticeably were the letters CCC. The Lady Cougars also showed their support by wearing pink shoelaces during the game.

Even the three referees got involved by also wearing pink shoelaces and utilizing pink whistle instead of the standard black.

Head coach Jim Martineau wore white basketball shoes which all of the coaches across the country donned to show unity for this great cause.

When asked whose idea it was for the pink T-shirts, sophomore Rylee Peterson replied, "Kayla Steen, our coach, got the pink shirts for everybody."

Peterson also went on to say, "Well, Bryanna St. Paul brought the pink shoelaces for everybody."

In Friday night's game the Lady Cougars went on to win 101-81 against the visiting Umpqua River Hawks.

"I think we did well. Umpqua is really tough to come out and play



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Justin Steinke makes his move on Umpqua's Ledarius Stennis. Steinke continued his stellar play, averaging 18 points per game during the Coaches versus Cancer weekend games.

against, they're really quick. We shot great in the second half, we struggled a little bit in the first half, so I think we did well coming off of the loss from Lane," Peterson added.

Peterson had 32 points, four offensive rebounds, six defensive rebounds, playing 28:56 of the game.

Guard Dayle Powell played 26:14 in the game, scoring 16 points and was 2 of 4 from the three-point line.

The men's team won as well on Friday night, beating Umpqua

97-77 under the direction of Coach Clif Wegner.

Wegner wore his cream colored Converse basketball shoes in support of the fight against cancer.

Clackamas' Andre Dickson had a huge second half, scoring eight points and had three offensive rebounds in his 11:26 minutes of play.

When asked what was going through his mind during the second half, Dickson responded, "I thought if I played hard everybody would feed off how I'm playing then it would make my whole play better

in the second half."

Sophomore Jeff Dorman ended up scoring 19 points, shooting 3 of 4 from the three point line.

Saturday night's game had the Cougars going up against Southwestern Community College of Coos Bay.

The Lady Cougars won 81-56 against the Southwestern Lakers. Freshman Miranda Martine went 3 of 6 from the three-point line, scoring 11 points. Shayla Ball had 10 points and went 1 of 2 from the three-point line.

The men's team also won big,

winning 112-79 in the last Coaches versus Cancer game. They had 22 points, 5 of 8 at the point line and had four assists.

Justin Steinke went out leading the game with a double-double.

According to the American Cancer Society's Web site, the Coaches versus Cancer program was developed by former coach of Missouri men's basketball Norm Stewart.

Stewart, a cancer survivor himself, had a simple idea.

He challenged his fans to raise a specific dollar amount for three points his team made during the team's entire season.

In 1993, the American Cancer Society along with the support of the National Basketball Association of Coaches Association of Coaches, adopted Stewart's idea, adopted it as a wide effort to help win the fight against cancer. The effort has united coaches from all over the country ranging from high school teams down to some elite college school teams.

As of today there are over 2,000 basketball coaches in the program and together they have raised more than \$50 million since its inception according to the American Cancer Society's Web site.

In 1998, the Coaches versus Cancer council was formed. It is a well respected and growing organization of basketball coaches, volunteers, and business leaders from all over the country.

Their primary focus is to find new ways of raising funds for the cause, help enhance the program, recruit more prominent coaches to help win the fight against cancer.

When all was said and done, Clackamas basketball raised \$200 more than last year. The process contributed to the cause.

ASG ski bus trip attendees shred fresh powder at Meadows

ASG busses students, family, and friends to Meadows for night skiing excursion

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Several inches of fresh white powder brought together Clackamas Community College students and families to board

a charter bus on Feb. 6. The final destination was Mt. Hood Meadows for an evening of skiing and snowboarding.

Greg Robertson from the Associated Student Government greeted and checked in all the people who were participating in the "ski bus" trip.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., the Blue Star charter bus pulled up to Clackamas where 32 passengers eagerly boarded.

Once everyone was seated, ASG members provided entertainment, snacks, water and

passed out ski lift tickets and other important ski information for all who attended the event.

One of the riders was Matthew Brown, a Silverton High School student who has been snowboarding for the past four years.

"I've never been night skiing before. It should be good," said Matthew Brown.

Brown found out about the trip from his father, Tom Brown, who works at the college. Tom Brown signed his son up for the trip along with two of Matthew Brown's good friends.

When the Blue Star arrived at Mt. Hood Meadows and opened its doors, the race was on to get to the slopes.

One of the participants, was Buffee Shortridge, a 10 year-old, self-proclaimed daredevil originally from Montana who rode up with her parents.

"They [my parents] got me on skis, and I want to snowboard," said Shortridge.

Around the twilight hours, Shortridge took a tumble on one of the more advanced runs and required assistance from Ski Patrol. She walked away with little more than a "shiner" under her right eye.

Shortridge's parents were thankful that ASG made it so affordable to not only students but everyone that wanted to



Mt. Hood Meadows enjoys an increased capacity of snow when new snow hits the mountain.

participate.

ASG grant senator, Jason Williamson, declared, "It is a way to offer students on campus and community members that would otherwise be unable to go an affordable way to get up to Mt. Hood Meadows."

Robertson stated, "This is a fun way to relax; it's great for the students on campus, and it's really popular." The bus ride back to

Clackamas was filled with exchanging of exciting stories that everyone wanted to share, while some showed off their bruises as a feeling of achievement and honor. Phone numbers were swapped and new friendships were formed.

Mitch Wirth, a student attendee, summed up the best by saying, "The trip was all, was epic."



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Skiers and snowboarders head home after taking advantage of ASG and the fresh snow.