

Benefit fails to shake money make



Silas Drayden (left) busts his rhymes next to Soojin Han, (right). Han, aka DJ Soo, plays for the crowd on Saturday, April 24th at the Richelle Heacock Benefit Dance.

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Despite the colorful fliers that were donated that had been up for months and the fact that it was a fun event being held for a good cause, the Richelle Heacock Benefit Dance did not go off without a hitch.

Heacock was injured in an automobile accident Jan. 4, 2010. Her fifth vertebrae was shattered, and she remained in the hospital until March 11 when she returned to a renovated home thanks to donated time, money and many volunteers.

"We were just doing it for fun," said Frank Rodriguez, a student at Clackamas Community College who attended the dance. "I just wish more people would have come."

His feelings were shared by almost everyone who attended the benefit dance held in Gregory Forum on Saturday, April 24. Not counting the volunteers, only 10 or so people attended the dance less than that actually participated.

"I am disappointed of the lack of turnout because of all the time and energy that went into it for a worthy cause," stated Kathie Woods, volleyball coach at CCC who was Heacock's coach, in an e-mail.

"I would love to have this place full," said Crystal O'Brien aka DJ Shoelace. O'Brien volunteered to help when her best friend and DJ partner Soojin Han, aka DJ Soo, said that she wanted to help Heacock in some way.

"She [Heacock] was always one of those kids that when you say 'hi' she says 'hi,'" said Han. When asked about how she knew Heacock, Han said that she used

to be on the basketball team so she saw her around the department.

With a \$5 cover charge, sandwich, bottles of water, bracelets that were all being donated, the benefit dance made which was not exactly what the volunteers had been hoping for. The volunteers also said they received a \$50 gift certificate from Best Buy.

"The fact that we're raising a small amount doesn't mean much to me at all. It's \$150 more for the family had before this. Obviously, I wished we were able to raise more, but in the end, you win some and you lose some," stated Han via e-mail.

Heacock's accident had a hard hit to her family, especially her classmates and especially her friends.

"Athletics is her life," said Woods. "Richelle's whole life is that she is going to wait for God has changed her life. Richelle is a very strong person."

The athletic department is planning a "Welcome Back Day" on May 11 from 3 to 5 p.m.

"We are hoping that everyone can make it a point to come see Richelle and visit with this is her first and probably last trip back to Clackamas this year, since her accident on Jan. 4," said Woods.

If you missed the dance, there are still ways to donate. For Heacock are still being collected by the athletic department. The best way to donate is to the Heacock Fund website can be found at <http://www.heacockfund.com>. If you have questions about upcoming events or ways to donate please contact Kathie Woods at woods@clackamas.k12.or.us.

Softball team hits stride, ready for NWAACC Championship

By Mark Foster
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Currently sitting atop the Northwest Athletics Association of Community College polls, the Lady Cougars softball team is on a roll as they gear up for post season play.

Led by freshman Ashley Suter, the Cougs are 10-2 in league play and 23-8 overall. Their first two league losses came during their last

road trip, losing to Southwestern Oregon and Chemeketa community colleges.

As of April 28, Suter was second in wins for the entire NWAACC with 13, and third in ERA posting 0.69. This is no surprise though, Suter has been setting them down all season. On March 27 Suter threw a five inning perfect game against Puget Sound, recording 12 strikeouts for that game. She has also recorded a total of nine complete games this

season.

Offensively the Cougars are led by Michelle Robinson hitting .392 with a .433 on base percentage through 27 games. Robinson has recorded 31 hits on 79 at bats, 27 singles with four doubles. Emily Morrill as well has been an offensive power for the Cougars hitting .382 with a .456 on base percentage over a 26 game stretch. Morrill has tallied four home runs for the Cougs so far. Head coach Jessica Buel admits that

the team has been somewhat sporadic on offense, she said, "Offensively we've had our ups and downs but we've been doing it as a team. If one part of the lineup not producing then another part does and they're determined to get up there and put up as many runs as they can."

Prior to Tuesday's home game against Clark College, the Cougars were tied for first in the Southern Region sharing the top spot with Lower Columbia.

The Cougars finish their season against Lower Columbia, Mt. Hood and Clark. Lower Columbia and Hood are both top three teams in the South but Clark is the worst. Buel was very pleased with the team has been playing this season. She said, "We've been playing well this season. We keep getting better every week and the whole team contributing, so we've been a good start and hopefully we keep it going through NWAACC."

Cougars softball remaining games

May 5- Home vs. Clark

May 7- Away vs. Mt. Hood

May 8- Away vs. Lower Columbia

May 14- Away vs. Clark

May 21-24- NWAACC Championships, Delta Park



Cougars pitcher Ashley Suter delivers a pitch to catcher Emily Woolf during an 11-2 trouncing of the Southwestern Oregon Lady Cougars on April 9 at Clackamas. Suter pitched a complete game and had eight strikeouts to continue her dominance over the NWAACC.

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