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Wild waves of white cold water



By Jaime Dunkle
Associate News Editor

Whirling currents whipped river sports enthusiasts up and down the Clackamas River this weekend. The rushing river plummeted to temperatures as low as 41 degrees Fahrenheit, showing no mercy for competitors.

Aquatic game lovers journeyed from Washington, Idaho and California to wrestle the waters at the 27th Upper Clackamas White Water Festival on

Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16. People meandered to the site at Carter Bridge before the first race at 9:30 a.m. Winners of the UCWWF will compete next year for the national competition, and the champion from that will represent the U.S. in an international competition.

More than 100 unique teams and individuals attended, according to Registration Chair Maren Vikan.

Luke Spencer, from The Next Adventure, has been kayaking for 12 years.

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While fighting their way down the Clackamas River, Team Mega Tran struggles to help their teammate, who is floating in near 41 degree water, back into the raft during the Clackamas White Water Festival on May 16.

Richelle Heacock returns to campus

By Mark Foster
Sports Editor

After a four-month hiatus from the Clackamas Community College campus, former Cougar volleyball star Richelle Heacock visited the college on Monday, May 11 for a welcome back barbecue.

Teammates, friends and faculty were among those who greeted Heacock when she came back to Clackamas for the first time since her accident. This was not the first time she had seen her team, though, as she had visited her twice in the hospital in Seattle. Heacock admitted it was a different feeling coming back to Clackamas given the situation, she said, "It feels good to be back, but it's kind of weird being in a different situation, but it's helping me move on with everything."

Head coach Kathie Woods was ecstatic to have her former all-region setter back on campus, saying, "I'm excited ... we have missed her so much and it's just

good to see her here."

Woods has been of huge support for Heacock since the Jan. 4 car accident, which left Richelle paralyzed from the chest down, visiting her 13 times while she was in the hospital as well as after she returned home.

Peg Heacock, Richelle's mother, acknowledged that Woods has been a huge rock for Richelle and herself while dealing with this tragedy.

"It's kind of been a life line. Kathie's been very loving and supporting and helping us in every way. Any time I think there was another crisis, I was able to text Kathie or call her and she was very faithful in supporting us," said Heacock.

Woods wishes she could have been there with her more but the distance has hindered that "It's been really hard because it's so far away. It's been killing me" she said.

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ASG elections draw to a winning close

Voting for the ASG election ended with a total of 122 voters.

Barbara Sue McCambridge won with 72 votes against Sage Losh who had a total of 44 votes for the position of ASG vice president.

Voting occurred for two days starting on May 13.

Alyssa Fava also gained a total of 86 votes and again is our student body president with McCambridge as our new vice president for the 2010-2011 school year.



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