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Nathan Douglas
#3

Double header

hits home

Short Stop

6 foot

Sophomore

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The sun broke through the clouds and spring was in the air above the home baseball diamond during this week's game on April 19 against Chemeketa Community College. The Cougars won the first game of the double header 9-1 and won the second game 5-4.

This Tuesday's victories were a far cry from just a week ago, when the dark and ominous shadow of the Saints from Mt. Hood Community College went seemingly unnoticed by the Clackamas baseball team. The Cougars simply were not ready for what they were about to endure: a double headed beat-down by the hands of the league leading Saints on Tuesday, April 12 at Clackamas Community College.

Things got off to a hot start, with Mt. Hood jumping to a 4-1 lead by the top of the fourth inning. Led by stellar pitching, Mt. Hood made sure that Clackamas could connect with hardly anything, while the Saints blasted away pitch after pitch from the Cougar bullpen.

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\$77 credits hit Hard

On April 13, the college's board of education voted to increase tuition for the 2011-2012 year by \$3 per credit hour, \$9 per credit hour to the out of state and international tuition rates and \$1.50 to the student fee. The decision was made with hesitation as no one decided to second the motion for just under a minute. That hesitation also included board member Ron Adams' decision to abstain.

College president Joanne Truesdell reminded the board that, as they have done in the past during the budgeting process, they have the ability to review past decisions. This is one of several actions the college is taking to reduce a budget deficit of \$8.5 million. Tuition has been increased \$15 per credit hour in the past three years.

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