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Cougar cross country stays ahead despite minor hiccups

By John William Howard
Sports Editor

Rarely do big athletic events go completely smooth and without a hiccup, but that being said, the Mike Hodges Cross Country Invitational meet last Friday had some rather unusual bumps along the way, in an oddly literal sense.

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It's pretty painful you think 'don't die', don't die' and then when it's all over you feel good."

Austin Collins
Freshman cross country runner

The day was going as usual, with teams from all over the northwest coming to compete in Clackamas Community College's annual invite. Community college teams like Mt. Hood, Everett and Southwestern Oregon; and four year programs such as University of Washington and Oregon State University mixed and mingled, preparing for the day's races. The women started off without a hitch, the pack of runners

jumping from the start line and jostling one another in an effort to stay at the front. A few miles into the race, things went wrong.

In order to make sure that the runners know where they're going, they follow a bicycle around the course, in addition to flags and painted lines marking the path. This makes sure that nobody can cheat and that nobody goes the wrong way, except when the biker gets lost.

"We had a little bit of a mix up in the women's race where he went in the wrong direction for 100 meters or so," said Associate Head Cross Country Coach Jerret Mantalas. "Who knows how much that affects the results? Probably at least a little bit."

The women got back on track and finished without any further deviations, but things only got worse once the men started out. The course for the men is different. It's longer and has a loop that goes up towards the Oregon City High School campus.

"I guess somewhere over in the Oregon City piece where he's not all that familiar he wiped out and went down," said Mantalas with a grin.

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Family, friends commemorate Cody Myers

By Patty Salazar
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Music filled the air in the Osterman Theatre in Niemeyer Center on Saturday afternoon at Clackamas Community College. Fellow students, faculty, family members and friends filled the theater for the Cody Myers Memorial. As everybody found their seats they got to listen to "Besame" sang by Ignacio Gonzales, a part time faculty member at CCC. Followed by Erin Parra, fellow student and band member of Myers, who sang "Meditation" by Frank Sinatra.

Dean of Arts and Science, Bill Briare, started off the day with a little background of Myers. He had three things in his life that he lived for: God, his family and his music. He came

to CCC for the music department. He took the journey of an hour and a half on bus from Lafayette, Ore. to CCC daily. Sometimes he would miss the bus back home and would have to sleep in the parking lot to be here for his morning classes.

"That just showed his passion on how much he wanted to be in the music program," Briare said.

One of the guest speakers was the great grandfather of Chris Klein, Myers' brother-in-law, Ed Klein.

"I noticed that you all look a little somber today. This is a celebration of life. You get it? Why don't we just give him a great clap offering first," said Ed Klein.

The room filled with long and loud claps for Myers. Ed Klein kept it light when speaking. He even mentioned that he tried to talk to God to let him talk to Myers. God replied, "He's too busy playing another gig."

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Kent Myers and Chris Klein embrace during the heartfelt memorial for Clackamas Community College student Cody Myers held Oct. 15.



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