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SKI BUS OFFERS TICKET TO SHRED

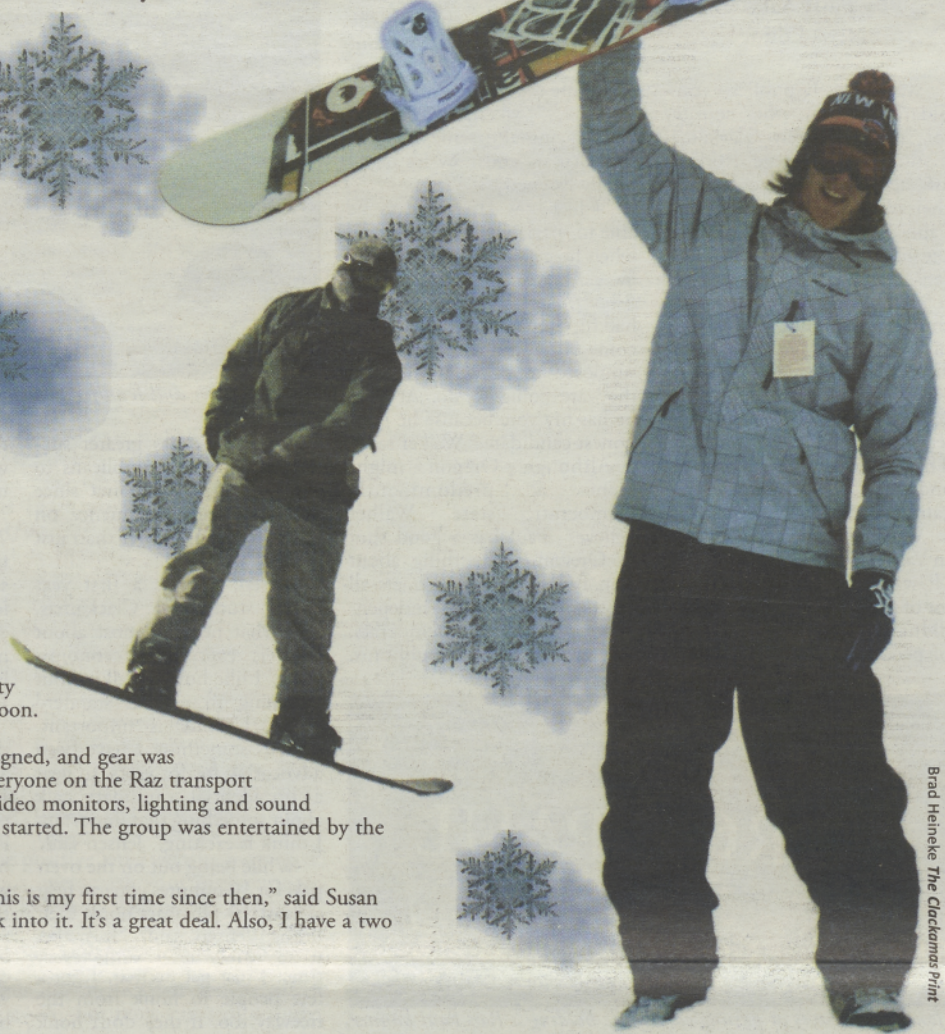
By **Brad Heineke**
Ad Manager

It was a gray, drizzly morning Saturday, Feb. 25. The ground was wet and the sky dark, but spirits were bright for the 24 skiers and snowboarders that loaded onto the bus bound for Mt. Hood Meadows. The Associated Student Government (ASG) of Clackamas Community College sponsored the ski trip which left the college campus at noon. Students were offered the ride and lift tickets for \$30.

As the bus arrived, lift passes were handed out, waivers were signed, and gear was loaded into under carriage lockers. There was ample room for everyone on the Raz transport bus, which offered plush adjustable seats, overhead storage and video monitors, lighting and sound system. After roll call was taken, a DVD movie was immediately started. The group was entertained by the animated movie "Rango," then later the remake of "True Grit."

For many this was the first ski trip of the year.

"I injured my ankle over five years ago and put skiing aside, this is my first time since then," said Susan Nisbet. "This ski bus trip is really what motivated me to get back into it. It's a great deal. Also, I have a two wheel drive. I don't like driving in the snow."

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Cougar wrestling goes to nationals, pins fourth place

By **John William Howard**
Sports Editor

The Clackamas Community College wrestling team fell short of their second consecutive national championship last Saturday, coming in fourth at the National Junior College Athletic Association championships in Rochester, Minn.

Clackamas advanced six wrestlers to the final round of competition where wrestlers compete for placings. Of the six wrestlers to advance, only Austin Morehead was undefeated in the double elimination tournament.

Entering the last day of the tournament, Clackamas sat in fourth place with 69.5 points, only four points behind Lincoln College for third. They had already lost Sage Ornelas (125), Clinton McAlister (149), Nikko Veltri (157), and Nick Sierra (165). The four had scored a combined 10.5 points before being eliminated.

Saturday didn't fare well for the Cougars, who lost match after match by tantalizingly close margins. To start things off, Martin Gonzalez (133) lost his match on an injury default to take fourth place and 10 team points. Moments later, second ranked Cody Randall (141) was pinned in fight for third

place and dropped back to take fourth after scoring 14.5 points for the Cougars.

Next up was freshman Trent Noon wrestling for third place in the 174 lb. division. Noon lost a close one, giving up the decision 4-3 after scoring a total of 17.5 team points. Clackamas followed up the loss with yet another injury, this time to Rudi Burtschi (197), who took sixth place.

The last matchup of the early afternoon was freshman Jake Laden (285), who lost 4-2 to take fourth place in his weight class for a total of 12.5 team points.

Saturday night saw the only championship match for Clackamas, who had six top five placings a year ago including the 285 division title. Morehead lost a close match, falling 9-8 to John McArdle of Middlesex Community College to take second place overall.

In the end, it was only Clackamas' past success that made their trip to nationals even begin to look like a letdown. Clackamas finished with five top five wrestlers and 97 points, ahead of fifth place Nassau Community College by 10 and leading Region 18 rivals North Idaho College by 12.

The trip was Clackamas' sixth in a row to the national competition, and this season marks the third time since 2009 that the Cougars have finished in the top five nationally.

College considers raising tuition to \$79 per credit

By **Joshua Dillen**
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Students' wallets may feel the effect of current budget decisions being considered these days at the college. Students could be asked to fork over more money to attend school here through even more tuition and fees as the college takes in input from February's budget forum meeting.

Tuition and fees are the largest source of dollars at our college in a changing world of educational funding. State support is at record lows and the huge influx of students in our current economy has resulted in that being a more substantial share of the college's budget than in past years. During the 2002-2003 school year students paid \$41 for each credit-hour. Now they pay \$77. The administration may be hiking that by another \$2 for next school year. If that happens, it would be almost a doubling of the tuition rates in ten years to \$79 per credit hour and that doesn't even include other fee hikes that may be considered. CCC's tuition is still lower than the state average for community colleges, according to administration.

With a current rainy day fund of nearly \$10 million that will partially disappear into the black hole of Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and monies committed to the Harmony Debt Service Payments, education at Clackamas Community College still faces some challenging budget issues.

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