



Cougars pretty in pink

Top: Volleyball player No. 1 Julia Toscano gets some serious hang time as she attempts to spike the ball past Umpqua CC's imposing front line.
Bottom: Teammate No. 7 Taylor Copeland had an excellent weekend of serving, while setting up her teammates with great passing throughout both matches.

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'Diggin' Pink,' a fundraiser for Cancer Awareness Month put on by the Clackamas Community College volleyball team has focused on breast cancer awareness in recent years. This year the Cougars hosted two matches at Randall Gym to raise money for Southgate Animal Clinic, specifically for animals that have cancer, disease or have been abused.

"'Diggin' Pink' was a huge success," said head coach Kathie Woods. "I'm very pleased with the turnout we had today. The support was great."

Many parents showed up to support their daughter's athletic career and the cause. "I'm honored and proud of her and how she's grown," said Arthur Copeland, sophomore Taylor Copeland's dad. "Her level of maturity is incredible. I'm proud

to be her dad."

Woods was personally affected by this recently as her canine companion, Lucy 'Cougie' Woods, passed away from cancer. Woods will still be accepting donations and selling t-shirts for 'Diggin' Pink' through the end of the month. She is excited to announce the total when they are done raising money.

The Cougars (17-22, 2-5) got down early and never recovered as Umpqua CC swept the Cougars, three games to none on Saturday afternoon. The trend continued in games two and three, as Clackamas got down early in each game and although they fought hard and closed the gap, they couldn't break through and win a game. The Cougars lost 25-20, 25-20, 28-26.

"I'm proud of my team," said Woods. "It was close at the end and we fought every game."

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College closes twice in the last month

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The college has closed and cancelled classes twice since the beginning of the fall term. Students and staff were scrambling for information regarding the closures as they wondered how to get reliable information when such an event occurs

The two closures, one after a body was found and the other due to a power outage, resulted in some people needing reliable information concerning college closures.

Janet Paulson, CCC Public Affairs Officer, stated in an All Staff Email that the college uses the Flash Alert System. The email explains how the system works. FlashAlert notifications are used by several agencies including the college to notify the public of important circumstances.

"If you expected to receive a

message this morning regarding the late opening and did not, you may need to either subscribe to FlashAlert," stated Paulson, "or add your phone number to your existing account if you wish to receive these emergency text messages."

The college closed Friday, Oct. 5 after high winds in Clackamas County caused a power outage and left people stranded in the dark.

Early Wednesday morning on Oct. 17, campus was closed for a second time when OCPD found a body near the SW boundary of the

college.

Paulson also explained that there is an app for android smart phones and one available soon for iPhones in addition.

"We love to get this out to the students and staff," she said. "It's a service that is available to anybody."

Paulson went on to say the system is not perfect and, "There are delays."

To get emergency emails from the college, visit www.FlashAlert.net. See more about closures on page 2.

Campus Safety shaken up

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The director of Campus Safety left the college abruptly last week. According to a former Campus Safety Officer and friend of his, the leave was not voluntary. After less than a year of service to the college, Kurt Nelson is no longer employed at the college. The reasons why couldn't be determined after talking with administration in Barlow.

With almost 20 years as an adjunct professor at CCC and 30 years of law enforcement experience under his belt, Nelson was hired as Campus Safety Director in January. He was confirmed for the position during the December 2011 Board of Education meeting.

Nelson could not be contacted for an interview concerning this matter.

Courtney Wilton, VP of College Services, in a meeting along with Janet Paulson, Public Affairs and Bob Cochran, Nelson's direct supervisor and Dean of Services, would not confirm or deny the nature of the termination.

"We absolutely cannot say anything about why Kurt left the college," said Wilton.

While the exact reasons for Nelson's termination are not public, some staff and students have said that he projected an almost military like presence at the college.

"We're out for the best interests of students and staff," said Paulson.

Wilton was equally vague about details that led to Nelson's departure.

"It's our belief that police need supervision consistent with that of other staff," he said. "There's somewhat of a feeling they [some staff] were uncomfortable with the oversight."

Longtime friend of Nelson's, Bruce Coopender, former Campus Safety Officer at the college, stated in a phone conversation that he knew for sure that the ex-director did not leave the college voluntarily. Coopender recently resigned from the college only days before Nelson left, after only two months of employment here.

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