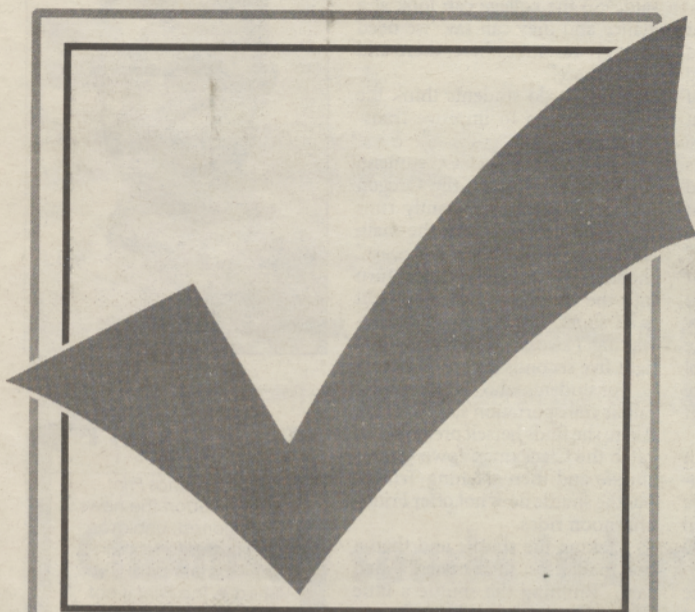


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ELECTION SEASON HAS ARRIVED

The Print breaks down the candidates vying for seats representing Clackamas and the state

by **TIM YOUNG**
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Election season is here, Voters' Pamphlets have been distributed, ballots have been mailed out. Now it is time to vote in the primary election of the 2014 election cycle before May 20 at 8 p.m. But who will we be voting for? Here are the highlights.

This is who represents Clackamas Community College at the state level:

In the state Senate, CCC is represented by Alan Olsen of the Republican Party who is the incumbent running unopposed in the primary, he will face Jamie Damon who is also unopposed in the Democratic primary come November.

State house Rep. Brent Barton of the Democratic Party is running unopposed and will face Steve Newgard in November who is also unopposed in the Republican primary.

Republican Ben Pollock is facing Republican Tootie Smith in the U.S. House of Representative race in District Five. The winner will likely face Congressman Kurt Schrader of the Democratic Party, who currently represents the CCC area. However, Anita Brown is a 2014 Democratic candidate seeking election to the U.S. House, running against Congressman Schrader in the May 20 primary election.

In the United States Senator race, republicans will be voting on Monica Wehby, Jo

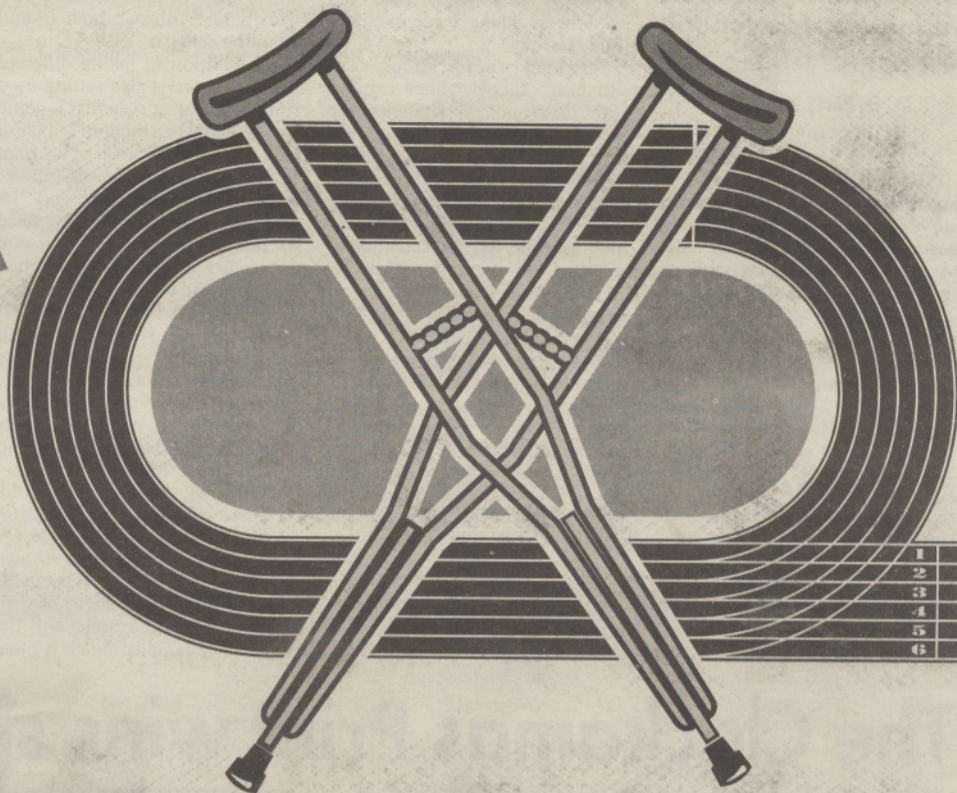
Rae Perkins, Mark Callahan, Timothy Crawley or Jason Conger to challenge incumbent Jeff Merkley, who faces Pavel Goberman and William Bryk in the democratic primary.

Incumbent Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber is running for an unprecedented fourth term as governor in the Democratic primary. To challenge the winner in November, Republicans will be voting for Tim Carr, Gordon Challstrom, Bruce Cuff, Darren Karr, Mae Rafferty, and front runner Dennis Richardson.

Most CCC students we talked to will be voting and have been since they were 18. Matthew Schacht said he would be voting and has since last year. He feels it's a privilege to vote as a US citizen but he said he also has "a lot of other things going on in my life, and it kind of takes a back seat."

Student Christian Gutierrez feels voting is important but is skeptical on how effective it is. "You are not really too sure what the outcomes are... What is being promised or what you are voting for is going to come true. Voting is not a for sure thing for me."

Clackamas Community College student body President Erick Breton feels "voting is extremely important. We have the right to use it and we can express our opinions through our votes," he said. He will also be voting in the primary election.



WHEN TRACKS ATTACK

Students say some CCC exercise facilities are hazardous to your health

by **BLAKE THOMASON**
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In a time when colleges across the nation are constantly enhancing their facilities to state-of-the-art status, Clackamas Community College has neglected two of its signature sports venues, students and staff members said.

Athletic Director Jim Martineau acknowledged the issue with the track, and is hopeful the \$90 million bond Clackamas may put on the November ballot will be used to help fix it. It's a frustrating situation though, because even with all that potential money nothing will happen this year, he said.

"We know something needs to be done," Martineau said. "We just have to wait and see."

The track at Clackamas has gone from a place where athletes have the chance to compete and win, to a place where they can only practice—and only in some areas. This isn't an issue that came up recently either; it's been ongoing since the current track athletes were in grade school.

"It started to become an issue around 2000-2001," Keoni McHone, Clackamas track coach, said. "When

we're doing really fast stuff, we make sure we stay out of certain areas. Maybe we have to run in lanes three and out. There's definitely some things we don't do on our track that on other tracks you can do."

Forced to move because of the condition of the track, athletes compete at Oregon City High School for their "home" meets. Fortunately, it's not too far of a move for the track program, but it's still a nuisance. While money obviously isn't the most available resource, something should be done for a track whose injuries outnumber its home competitions, students said.

"The track is awful; most of us get shin splints," freshman Kennedy Rufener said. "We can't even hold meets on it."

The track isn't the only facility in need of renovation. The wrestling equipment is subpar at best, especially for a program that has produced five national champions since 2011. Wrestling coach Josh Rhoden is excited about the opportunity for new equipment, but like everyone else at Clackamas hoping for some improvements, he must wait until the bond is voted on late next fall.

One concern for coaches is the fact the bond doesn't actually say it'll provide help for the athletic facilities.

"I haven't seen it on the list [of improvements to be made]," college spokeswoman Janet Paulson said. "But as of right now the bond is just a proposal and there may still be changes and revisions."

Martineau expressed confidence the bond will go outside of its list of things to fix to help the track, and McHone reasoned that the athletic programs are part of the "infrastructure" the bond is supposed to address. In fact, McHone is doing what he can so the track can be renovated as soon as the bond gets passed. The track coach has met with an architect who designed the facility at the University of Oregon, among other schools, and has started planning for Clackamas' facility.

The bond could address the problem. If it does, students will have waited 14 years. Construction would take a long time; current athletes certainly won't see its benefits, and recruits may not see it either. However, some students may think better late than never. In the meantime, watch your step.



The track at Clackamas has been deteriorating to the point that the coach is taking precautions to keep his athletes from getting injured. "When we're doing really fast stuff, we make sure we stay out of certain areas," said track coach Keoni McHone.