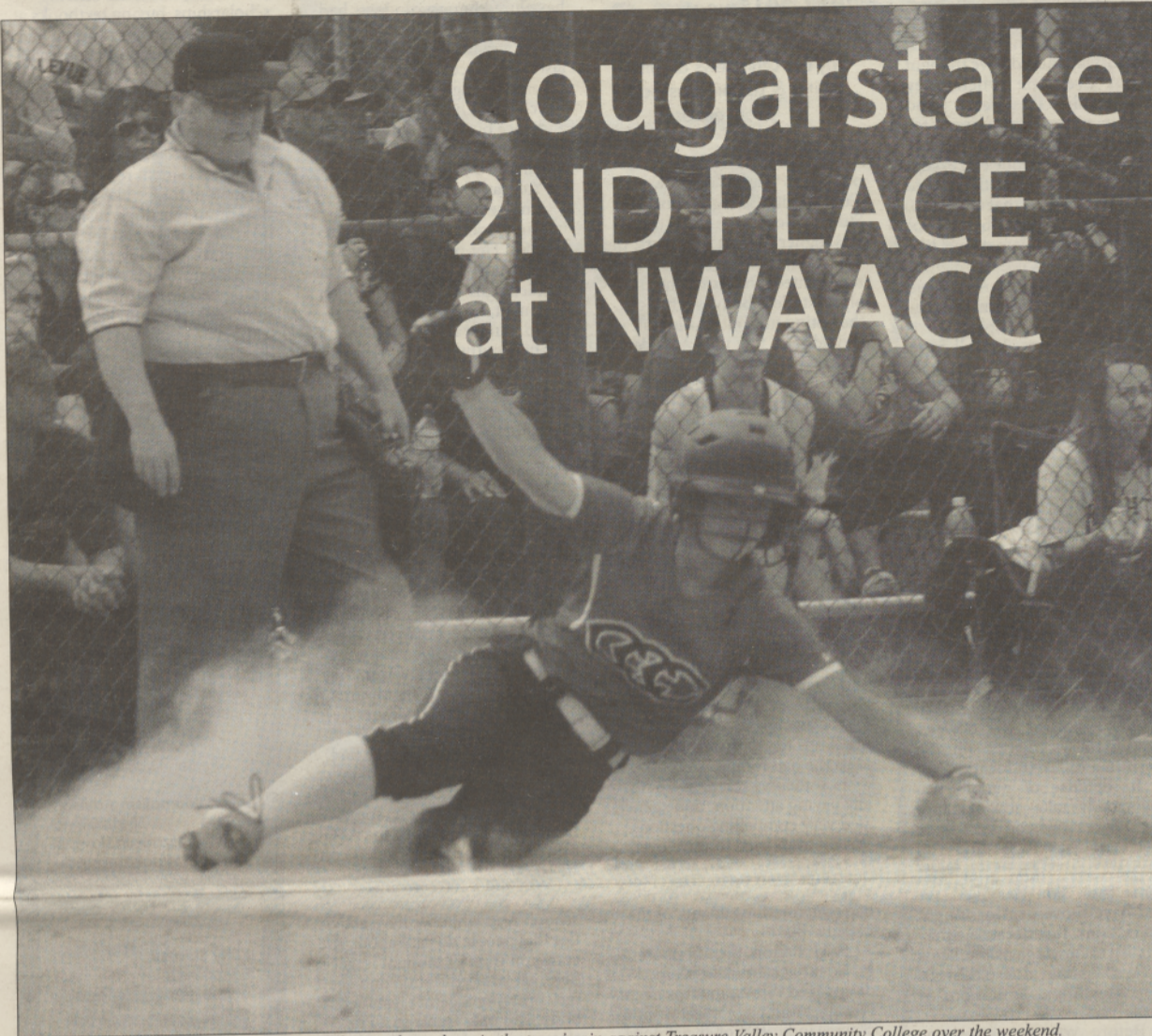


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Cougarstake 2ND PLACE at NWAACC



Cougars utility player Cassidy Edwards slides into home base in the team's win against Treasure Valley Community College over the weekend.

by **BLAKE THOMASON**
sports editor

For the fourth time this year, the Clackamas Community College Cougars' softball team faced off against the Mt. Hood Community College Saints. This time around, the NWAACC championship was on the line.

These two teams were so evenly matched; the point total heading into the finals was 18-16 in favor of the Cougars. The two regular season doubleheaders were both split and their first tournament matchup was a one-point win for the Saints. Monday's championship game was a similar story with the Saints narrowly beating the Cougars 4-2.

"I think we played well, it's just a tough team," pitcher Breann Morrison said. "Mt. Hood has been our biggest competitor all year. I think we just didn't execute when we needed to."

Both teams threatened early but failed to take advantage. Clackamas loaded the bases in the first inning but were unable to score any runs. Mt. Hood had runners in scoring position as well, but could not capitalize. Clackamas was first to get on the board in the second inning; catcher Kandace Furlong scored from second off of a double by utility player Cassidy Edwards. Mt. Hood got on base with their first at bat in the second, but Clackamas got the next three batters out to end the inning.

Facing two outs with only a runner on first, it looked like Clackamas wasn't going to add to their lead but back-to-back singles by outfielder Morgan Brown and utility player Cassie Cruz drove in first baseman Kiara Vasquez to extend the lead to 2-0. It was three up and three down for Mt. Hood in the bottom of the third, and it started to look like Clackamas was gaining momentum.

Liz Gomes

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2014-15 ASG ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN

by **PATTY SALAZAR**
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Clackamas Community College students voted last week for their Associated Student Government president and vice president for the 2014-2015 school year.

Current president Erick Breton ran unopposed but still racked up 244 student votes. The vice presidential candidates ran a tight race, but Johnney Russ snagged 197 votes, beating Candice Stauffer by a mere 23 votes.

Now the training begins for the new vice president Russ. "I feel like I'm on cloud nine," Russ said. He's

ready to hit the road running. His first order of business is to start training under current 2013-2014 vice president Susi Escobedo to hire his staff for the upcoming school year.

The Print has reached out to Breton over the last week but he has yet to return calls or emails.

Russ on the other hand received a text from Escobedo Thursday morning, "Good morning Johnney, or should I say Mr. Vice President," the text read, according to Russ.

Russ joined ASG in fall term as the clubs senator and saw he could make a difference in students' college experience, he said. In winter

term he was torn between running for presidency and vice presidency but ultimately decided to run for vice president.

"I felt that my skills are better suited and I can work closely with students, as well the members of ASG [as vice president]," Russ said. "I always felt like I could be a leader."

One of the large projects Russ will be taking over is establishing a "lending library," which will offer book rentals for students for \$20. He also wants to expand cultural awareness, which was Stauffer's platform for vice presidency.

"The main plan right now is to

be present for the students," said Russ. "To be someone they know they can come to with a problem."

Matt Wandschneider, a CCC sophomore, said he kept bouncing back and forth between voting for Russ or Stauffer.

"Ultimately it was his biography [that was placed around campus]," said Wandschneider. "Being an older student myself I felt like he would be suited for the position."

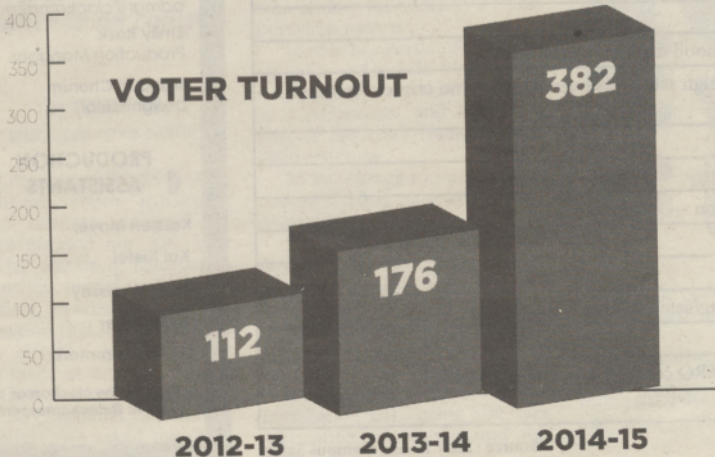
Some students who wanted to vote were unable to because of confusion on how to actually cast a ballot.

Melisa Ford, a CCC freshman, was one of the students who

believed Stauffer's 'bubbly personality' would be the right fit for vice president, but was unable to vote because she was never informed on how to vote.

"No one said how to vote," said Annie Cannon. "They really need to because a lot of us are freshmen and I never heard how to do it."

Cannon believes her voice won't be heard and saw a lack of participation from candidates. "They really needed to make a bigger effort to incorporate more people," said Cannon. "Not just a select few. The only thing I saw or heard was a few posters about the election."



VICE PRESIDENT VOTES

Johnney Russ
197 votes

Candice Stauffer
174 votes

