

Top community college teams

MHCC hosts championships

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An estimated 98 women and 168 men are expected to compete in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championship track meet Friday and Saturday on the Mt. Hood Community College track.

The meet will showcase the best junior college track athletes from Oregon and Washington.

"This is the biggest meet of the year," said MHCC track coach Jim Puckett. "We have some real top people coming here."

The MHCC women's team looks to be in contention for the NWAACC team title. The Saints took second in the Region IV championships, just eight points behind Lane Community College.

"We're hoping that the other schools will take points away from them and not from us," Peterson said.

Spokane Community College is the defending NWAACC champions, but

a drop in numbers may hurt the Sasquatch this year.

"Spokane is traditionally tough," Peterson said. "But they are really down this year. They had a real good group of sophomores last year and they had to rebuild this year."

Individually, the Saints are looking to dominate on the track with both the 400- and 1600-meter relay teams expected to clean up shop. Both teams have the top times coming into the meet.

Laurie Williams and Sonda Strong are expected to contend for the 100 and 200 championships, while Leisa Puckett is one of the contenders in the 400.

"Laurie and Sonda have been back and forth this year," said Peterson. "One week Laurie will win and Sonda will win the next."

Karen Stone has the conference's top time in the 800 and along with Tammy Phillips the duo hopes for a 1-2 finish in the 1500.

"That's another one that is back and forth all the time," Peterson said. "There's a little rivalry, like

there is with Sonda and Laurie, but it is not a hate rivalry. Everybody likes to be No. 1, and as long as they keep it at that perspective — just your teammate beating you is all right."

Phillips is also expected to be a force in the 3,000 and Karen Case is favored in the triple jump.

With the Mount Hood Conference track meet last Wednesday and Thursday and the Class AA state track meet last weekend, the Saints have not been able to have their usual workouts.

"The kids have been doing some running, but not throwing or hurdling or jumping," Peterson said. "Some of the people who have been officiating at the meets have not been running at all. I hope it's not a factor."

Peterson sees Lane dominating in the field events but the Saints have the edge on the track.

She added that the Saints should score in all but three events — the high jump, high hurdles and possibly the 5,000.

For the MHCC men's team, things

are not as bright. High jumper Tom Thompson is the favorite in the high jump, but the rest of the Saints will be hoping for upsets.

"We only have 10 guys in the meet, which is the lowest number we've ever had here," Puckett said. "I'll tell you what, though, they will compete very hard and give their maximum effort."

Thompson, a Columbia High School graduate, took third last year at the NWAACC meet, but Puckett said the sophomore high jumper won't have it too easy.

"There are a couple of guys who have jumped 6-foot-10, so he can't lay back," Puckett said.

Puckett sees Spokane and Highline (Midway, Wash.) community colleges in contention for the men's title while the Saints have hopes of making the top six.

"We'll be battling for places," Puckett said. "It would be a real accomplishment to get sixth."

The championship meet will be on the MHCC track Friday and Saturday, starting both days at noon.

Saint batsmen nab fourth in tourney

With two wins and two losses, the Mt. Hood Community College baseball team took fourth place in the eight-team Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges tournament last weekend in Yakima, Wash.

The Saints, who finished 26-16, were eliminated from the tournament Saturday when Columbia Basin Community College of Pasco, Wash., dumped MHCC 9-1. Earlier Saturday, the Saints edged Bellevue 7-3 to

stay alive in the loser's bracket.

MHCC opened the tournament last Thursday with a 12-6 win over Columbia Basin. But the Saints entered the loser's bracket when they fell 14-4 Friday night to Lower Columbia of Longview, Wash.

"It was a good tournament," said MHCC coach Dale Stebbins. "We would've liked to get first, but we'll take fourth. We feel good about it. We had a good year."

Spokane Falls Community College

took the title with a win over Lower Columbia. Columbia Basin captured third place.

COLUMBIA BASIN 9, MHCC 1 — The Saints were held to just two hits while the Hawks collected nine hits.

"He wasn't that good," said Stebbins about the Hawk pitcher. "He threw strikes, he was effective. But he was the type of pitcher we usually hit."

Frank Wakayama and Rudy

Espinoza each had singles for MHCC's only hits.

MHCC 7, BELLEVUE 3 — The bats were hot earlier Saturday as the Saints ripped Bellevue pitchers for 13 hits.

Saint second baseman Dan Stupur hit for the cycle, with a home run, triple, double and single. He scored three runs and had one RBI. He hit his homer in the sixth inning to complete the cycle.

In the military

Timothy Pullen

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Timothy M. Pullen, son of Lawrence and Connie Pullen of Sandy, was recently deployed to the Republic of Korea for exercise Team Spirit aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, which has its home port in San Diego, Calif.

During the two-month deployment, Pullen will participate in exercises to increase the defensive capabilities of the Republic of Korea and the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps units from both countries are involved and will work together to improve understanding and cooperation between all participants. Ap-

proximately 26,000 Seventh Fleet sailors and Marines are part of the exercise.

Pullen, a 1984 graduate of Sandy High School, joined the Navy in June 1984.

William Stout

Marine Lance Cpl. William R. Stout, whose wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of James Balderson of Sandy, recently participated in exercise Sardinia 87 with the 26th Marine Amphibious Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the week-long operation, which took place on the island of Sardinia, Italy, Stout participated in a combined landing and cross-training

exercise with Spanish and Italian military forces.

The exercise featured participation of all elements of the Marine Amphibious Unit. Following the tactical phase, Marines trained together with their allied counterparts to improve their abilities with individual- and crew-served weapons systems as well as individual and unit tactics.

A 1981 graduate of Aloha High School, Stout joined the Marine Corps in January 1986.

Douglas Crane

Marine Pvt. Douglas B. Crane, son of Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Crane of Sandy, has completed recruit training at

Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

During the 11-week training cycle, Crane was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Crane, a 1986 graduate of Sandy High School, joined the Marine Corps in January 1987.

School lunches

Sandy Elementary District June 1-5

Monday: Fish nuggets, tartar sauce, french fries, applesauce, cinnamon bun and milk.

Tuesday: Hot dog on a bun, Tater Tots, orange wedges and chocolate milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, buttered corn, fruit crisp, bread and butter and milk.

Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, fruit salad, cookie and milk.

Friday: Chicken nuggets with sweet and sour sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable salad, bread and butter, apple cake and milk.

Welches School

Monday: Spaghetti, peas and carrots, mixed fruit, cornmeal roll and milk.

Tuesday: Porcupine meatballs, rice, green beans, whole wheat roll, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday: Taco salad, raisins

and peanuts, fruit cocktail, slush and milk.

Thursday: Pork gravy, whipped potato, Mexi-corn, carrot coins, peanut butter sandwich and milk.

Friday: Hamburger on a bun, buttered carrots, french fries, cookie and milk.

Students receive degrees

Students from the area were among the 900 degree candidates eligible to participate in Portland State University's spring commencement exercises.

Among the PSU graduates are: From Sandy, Linda C. Bunnell, who will receive a bachelor of science degree. From Boring, David Alan

Gradin, bachelor of science degree; Nichole Christine Murtaugh, master of science degree; and Paul Edward Weber, bachelor of arts degree.

From Welches, Scott K. Bender, bachelor of science degree; David James Olson, master's degree in public administration; and Bonnie Jean Stevenson, bachelor of science degree.

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