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A QUICK LOOK AT SPORTS ON CAMPUS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Coach - Jason Hunter; Team Record - 11-9
After five years as head coach for the women's soccer team, Jason Hunter has an impressive 59-17-3 record. In 2007 he led his Chaparrals to N4C and Region IV championships. Midfielder Kelsey Muruato led the team with 19 goals and 17 assists and was named First Team All-American.

MEN'S SOCCER

Coach - Jim Kelly; Team Record - 11-8-4
After winning third place nationally in 2006, the men's soccer team was gunned for by opponents. They played many close games and couldn't get into a rhythm.

In the Region IV tournament, head coach Jim Kelly's team impressively won two tight road games before losing to South Suburban in the finals. Defender Jake Gerlach was named First Team All-American and received numerous awards.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Coach - John Pangan; Team Record - 9-29
The women's volleyball team struggled early in the season but turned it on late. They beat Triton in the playoffs and narrowly lost to nationally ranked Rock Valley in the regional semifinals. The team learned from the defeat and will try to win regionals in 2008.

MEN'S FOOTBALL

Coach - Fred Fimbres; Team Record - 6-4
The football team hasn't played well from 1999-2006 since being reinstated as a competitive sport at the college.

This year, second year head coach Fred Fimbres led the gridgers to the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

Quarterback Thomas Specia threw 16 touchdowns and running back Nick Booth rushed for 15 touchdowns and over 1,000 yards. Fourteen players received scholarship offers to four-year institutions. Fimbres is optimistic that his team can keep improving in 2008.



COD's athletic trophies are displayed in the Physical Education building.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach - Jane Vatchev
Men's team - Finished second in the national tournament. John Fisher was named All-American.
Women's team - Becca Smith finished fifth at the national tournament.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Coach - Jim Bowers; Team Record - 9-4
For the second consecutive year, the 2007-08 Chaparrals won the national tournament. Three athletes won first place awards at the tournament.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach - Don Klaas; Team Record - 17-14
After starting the season 7-10, the men's basketball team came to life, winning 9 of their last 12 regular season games.

They beat Harper in the Region IV playoffs but fell in overtime to Joliet in the championship. Tim Niles and John Shodipo were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Shodipo and fellow freshman Rob Odumuyiwa will lead the Chaps next year with the departure of sophomores Otis Scarver, Ryan Tyszkiewicz and Niles.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach - Cris Cotton; Team Record - 23-12
In Coach Cris Cotton's first year as head coach, he led the women's basketball team to a 23-12 record.

Behind the dominating play of sophomore guard Bonnie Nge, the team claimed the Region IV championship and a third place finish in the national tournament. Cotton was named Region IV Coach of the Year.

SWIMMING

Coach - Marc Gamble
Men's Team Record - Finished sixth place for non-scholarship at nationals.
Women's Team Record - Finished second place at nationals in the non-scholarship division.

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There have been many of athletes from the college who have tasted the professional limelight, which should help add testament to the fact that current Chaparral athletes' dreams can come true.

Most recently, Adam Ruud - who played his sophomore season for the Chaparrals - is playing soccer with the Charlotte Eagles in the USL Soccer League.

Tom Pukstys began his career as a javelin thrower in high

school and carried it in to College of DuPage where he threw an American junior record his freshman year with 234' 1".

Heralded as the top U.S. javelin thrower for almost a decade, Pukstys was on two U.S. Olympic teams and is a six-time U.S javelin champion.

On the gridiron, several Chaparral athletes have been drafted into the NFL. These athletes include Aaron Bailey, Paul Spicer and most recently Fred Evans.

Evans attended COD in the 2002-2003 seasons, where he

earned Second-Team All-North N4C honors. From here Evans went on to Texas State. Evans is playing for the Minnesota Vikings.

Aaron Bailey played five seasons with the Indianapolis Colts, and as a wide receiver when the Colts took the AFC Championship game in 1995.

Paul Spicer spent eight years with the Jacksonville Jaguars and emerged as a solid defensive end. From 2001 to 2007, Spicer played in 99 games, recording 225 tackles, 25 sacks and six recovered fumbles.



Students entertain in the Oasis Lounge

Relax at Oasis

Located in SRC 1750, the Oasis Lounge is where students can access e-mail, use the Internet, chat and partake in a slew of social activities.

A game of pool costs \$1, Ping-Pong is subject to changes, but costs a quarter for 15 minutes. Board games are free but to rent them a COD student ID is required. There is also a big screen television.

A COD student ID is required to rent any of the equipment.

The area is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Oasis Lounge is closed for the summer.

Achievements equal trophies

Five glass trophy cases house about 180 different trophies from winning traditions over four decades.

Trophies are spread out over 19 different sports, ranging from baseball to cheerleading. Men and women's track hold approximately 30 trophies, while 21 belong to volleyball, 2 to softball and 26 to women's basketball.

The college's swim team has brought home 35 plaques from championships over the years. Twenty-nine banners from national winning teams, grace the arena. The first came in 1980 when the college's hockey team took the National Championship. In 2006-2007 women's tennis took first at nationals.



The entrance of the Physical Education building has an elaborate art display and also has photos and trophies of athletic achievements by College of DuPage teams and players of the past and also the present.

New orientation educates athletes

Athletic adviser Stephanie Rose and the athletic department developed a new athletic orientation for the 2008-2009 athletes entering the college.

The orientation was developed by Rose and athletic director Paul Zakowski. It has two hours of general orientation that every student receives. However, there is an extra hour devoted to athletics.

This part of the orientation for future student athletes consists of athletics, academics, code of conduct, transferring to four-year institutions and eligibility. A booklet with

these topics will also be distributed.

"Our primary objective is to give (athletes) the opportunity to excel both academically and athletically," Zakowski said.

The initial orientation will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. on June 16 through 18 at the P.E. Building. Future student athletes need to coordinate with a coach in their prospective



Stephanie Rose

sport or talk to Rose.

If an athlete is unable to attend, there will be more orientations in the summer. In the fall, there will only be the one-hour session on student athletics.

With students required to take 12 credits per semester to remain eligible, Rose said that besides the athletic orientation, there are other services for student athletes.

Most sports require a study hall for their athletes. Peer tutors in various subjects are available upon request to help with homework and study skills.

Courier best athletes from COD nominees

Women's tennis player Abby Conover and women's cross country runner Becca Smith are the Courier's Co-Athletes of the Year.

For the contest, each coach nominated an athlete to represent their respective sport. The nominees were Marian Cardwell (swimming), Conover, John Fisher (men's cross country), Jake Gerlach (men's soccer), Kristen Heckert and Ben Kerrigan (track and field), Kelsey Muruato (women's soccer), Bonnie Nge and Tim Niles (basketball), Smith, Thomas Specia (football) and Trisha Stock (softball).

Each nominee then had the chance for an interview on the Courier's Web page iCourier.

Students, athletes, coaches and faculty voted with their COD email. Each voter had only one vote. Conover and Smith tied when the votes

were tallied. The Courier then decided that both athletes should be honored with this award.

Conover was an impressive 11-1 in singles matches and 11-2 in doubles matches as the team's number one player.

She finished in second place at nationals and helped her team win their second consecutive national title.

Smith led the women's cross country team this year on the field and in life. She was First Team All-American and Team MVP. She finished a solid fifth at nationals against 83 athletes.

For next year, Conover will be finishing her associate's degree at the college.

Smith will be transferring to North Central College where she will compete on both the cross country and track teams.

Community events claim P.E. arena as area venue

The college's P.E. arena is not just for COD students, nor is it reserved strictly for sporting events.

In fact, a wide variety of community events are held in the P.E. arena, mostly on weekends, and over the past year everything from railroad shows to cart and home shows have been held in the P.E. arena.

Local high schools also take advantage of the ample flat-

seating capacity of the arena, by using it to host their graduation ceremonies. Wheaton-Warrenville South, Wheaton North, Waubonsie Valley and Neuqua Valley are all schools whose graduation ceremonies have been held here.

For information on future events or questions about scheduling community events contact Bonny Balfanz, P.E. event specialist at 942-3319.



The Albert Zamsky Natatorium in the Physical Education building contains both a lap pool and a diving pool for students, faculty, staff and community use.

Work your brain and your body

Catering to over 340 athletes and about 300-400 daily users the P.E. and Community Recreation Center is a popular place to exercise your body after a day of stressful class work.

Available for community and college use, facilities include the strength complex, the arena, the diving and lap pools and the racquetball court.

In order to use these facilities, students must be enrolled in 6 credit hours, have a P.E. card which can be purchased for \$5 at the Athletic Office (P.E. 205), and have paid the \$10 usage fee each semester.

For the following prices community members may purchase annual membership cards that allow use of all facilities:

- Regular \$350
 - Senior \$175
 - Alumni \$262
- Six-month membership

passes are available at the following prices:

- Regular \$100
- Senior \$50
- Alumni \$75

Please call 942-2364 for more information.



Community Recreation Center Facilities are open to students, faculty, staff and community.

COD SNAPSHOTS



Marked by the Chaparral logo and the familiar SarkMobile moniker a fleet of small buses carries COD sports teams and the Field Studies Program to off campus events. They were named after the late Professor/Softball Coach Sevan Sarkisian.

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