

# Student conference termed success despite turnout

Although over 50 people from nine community colleges in Oregon attended the Community Colleges of Oregon Student Associations and Commission's (CCOSAC) spring workshop last weekend, the turnout was disappointing, according to Associated Student Government President Mike McCarty.

Generally at least 11 colleges are represented at CCOSAC meetings with Clatsop Community College in Astoria not represented, said McCarty. This time Clatsop attended but there were no representatives from Umpqua, Treasure Valley, Blue Mountain or Southwestern Oregon.

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However, McCarty feels that those who attended learned something and that the workshops and meetings were a success.

The conference was designed to facilitate the transitions between old and new student body officers at the community colleges and to familiarize them with CCOSAC and its functions.

Workshops on parliamentary procedure, how to conduct an effective meeting, legal aid, publicity and improving communications and feedback were held on Saturday.

Student government representatives were also given the opportunity to preview entertainers and do preliminary bookings for concerts and other entertainments to be held on their campuses next year.

On Sunday, the Board of Presidents, which is the voting body of CCOSAC and is made up of the president or other official CCOSAC representatives from the colleges, held a three hour meeting to recap last year and set goals for next year.

They discussed the problem of improving the credibilities of student associations and whether or not to push for legislation that would guarantee funding for these associations at all community Colleges.

"The idea of improving credibilities is a new one," said McCarty. "I think the other schools need to do what we've done so the administration doesn't view student government as an evil force to be dealt with."

McCarty said that the fact that more people did more work here this year is the reason why student government at the College has more credibility than at some other schools.

They also heard reports on the dissolution and reorganization of Linn-Benton's student association and from each president about the happenings on their respective campuses.

The next CCOSAC meeting is tentatively set for late July or August and will be hosted by Lane Community College.

## ASG retains Bixler as senate advisor

Associated Student Government made a precedent-setting decision by voting ex-vice president Don Bixler an ex-officio member of the senate, at its May 18 meeting.

This decision will allow Bixler to continue to work with the senate and advise them although he will not have voting power.

"The senate wanted the continued benefit of his knowledge and expertise, but rather than vote him in as a senator for two weeks they voted in two people who will be here next year," said Mike McCarty, ASG president.

ASG also discussed the goals and objectives for the 1978-79 school year which were set at the officer's retreat May 13 and 14.

Professionalism in several areas is the main focus of the objectives. They are game room management, business-like work-

ing areas and images for senators and ASG officers, and better organization of ASG committees.

Other objectives discussed were the development of a comprehensive publicity program, information and training for ASG senators, and the establishment of a visual-verbal communications system among all facets of the College's community.

Although these goals seem to be complex and wide-ranging, McCarty expects the senate and cabinet to have them operational by next September.

In order to implement the plans, McCarty proposed the addition of another publicity director and another presidential assistant to the cabinet. This would create the need for two additional tuition waivers.

The senate is expected to make a decision on this at its next meeting.

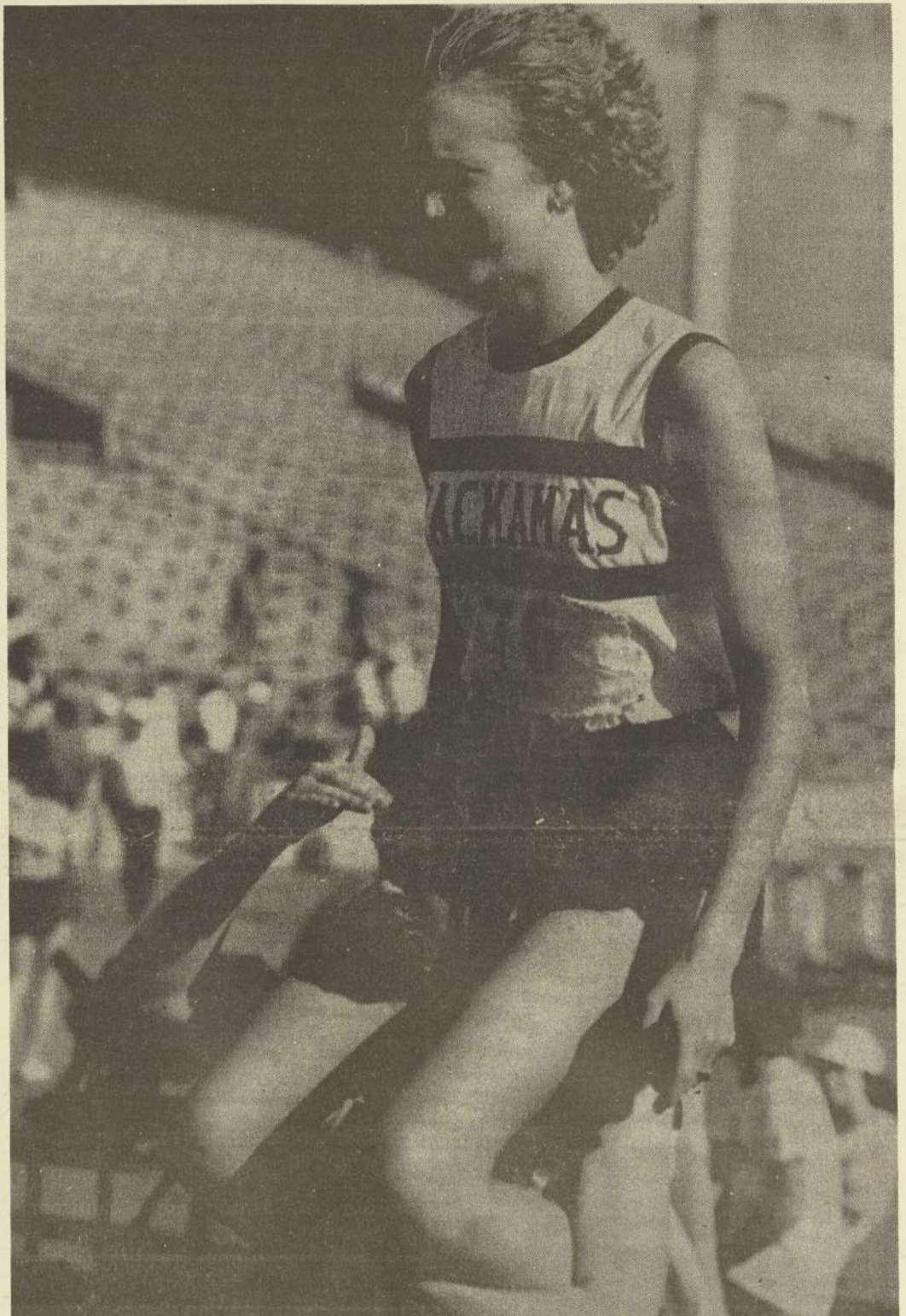


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## Women on top of the world

Clackamas women tracksters have again made themselves known as they captured the National Junior College Athletic Association title at Champaign, Ill., last weekend. This makes two national titles for the women athletes this year. Above,

Barbara Young receives a bird's eye view of events from the shoulders of fellow track member Angela Cotton. See related story and photos on Page 11.

## Editors form state association

Preliminary bylaws were drawn up for an organization of community college newspaper editors as a result of last weekend's editor's workshop held at the College.

Although only six out of 13 community colleges were represented, the rest of the college newspaper editors indicated that they would be interested in participation in such an organization, according to Happie Thacker, editor of The Print and organizer of the workshops.

"Several schools were unable

to send representatives because of scheduling conflicts," Thacker said. "However, I talked to all of them over the phone and they all seemed interested."

The organization, which will be called the Oregon Community Colleges Newspaper Editor's Association (OCCNEA), will provide a forum for newspaper staffs to meet and discuss mutual problems and provide for organized efforts in dealing with some of these problems.

"If one paper is having trouble with its administrators or with things like staffing, it

will be able to draw upon the common experience of all the schools instead of going it alone," Thacker said.

The organization will also provide the advertising community with a comprehensive rate sheet in order to develop national advertising within the community college papers.

At its next meeting, scheduled for next fall at Chemeketa Community College, the association will attempt to finalize its bylaws and begin the necessary steps for recognition at the state level, Thacker said.

