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Direction to students main goal for success committee

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"We would like to be able to give students a more directed goal, to be better able to help direct the student to achieve that goal," said Bernie Nolan, counselor and member of the Student Success Committee.

The Student Success Committee members are: Dave Arter, Nolan, Connie McFarland, Sharon Hartsell, Kim Faddis, Vince Fitzgerald, Alice Mayden, Larry Levi jr., Jan Stennick, Tom Richards, and Kate Adams was a member until she left the college in April.

The Student Success Committee was formed last year in October and their draft is now completed. "We will look over the responses from our draft," and those will be presented to the President's Council.

"When it is approved by the President's Council we will meet with Lyle Reese and Jim Roberts to assign responsibility to get the

plan in action," Nolan explained.

The committee came up with recommendations divided in four categories: Access, Assessment, Advising and Placement, and Intervention.

Access to the college means, according to the committee, that students should be aware that the college is available and has high quality programs. Access doesn't only mean getting into the college, but also into its services, "to get students into the system in a comfortable way," Nolan said.

Assessment is the evaluation of success. Advising and Placement is "to get into classes where you get what you need to succeed in them." The committee also concluded that because of the great variation of student goals the placement procedures require great flexibility.

Intervention includes that Clackamas Community College should offer a variety of intervention services, and be prepared to refer students to other colleges.

The recommendations were drawn from the results of a questionnaire, from brainstorming sessions, of examinations of literature, and of informal conversations between committee members and their colleagues.

The committee also concluded that the following points should be examined and discussed: Curriculum, Assessment testing and practices, Basic skills support, Placement and pre-requisite policies, Counseling and advising procedures, Retention and follow-up practices, Guided studies, and Faculty and staff development.

The main goal of the committee, according to Nolan, is to better direct students. "We are going to have students placed in a more directed manner."

"Students actually know less about available resources than those of us who have hung around here for a long time," Nolan concluded.



Junnins the butler, played by Rich Burroughs (middle), pours tea into the cup of Mr. Gilby, played by David Golden (right) as Mr. Know (Robert Ems) looks on in a scene from "Fanny's First Play." The production will be repeated June 5 and 6 at 8pm and June 7 at 2:30pm. See page 11 for related story.

Davis leaves Clackamas to go to Panama

by Heleen Veenstra
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"I'll be working at the University of Panama at Panama City," said Kay Davis, to explain what she'll be doing from July 1987 until July 1988.

Davis will leave Clackamas Community College for one year to go to Panama where she will be teaching ESL (English as a second language), ESL methodology and American literature. She will also do research in language acquisition.

Each applicant has four choices where to go. The choices concern which country one wants to go to, and what opportunities for teaching and research each country gives.

Davis said her first choice was the Bahamas, where she would have taught Remedial English. Her second choice was Panama, the third was Costa Rica and Mexico was her fourth choice.

Davis chose all South American countries "because I speak some Spanish and what I would be doing there (in those particular countries)."

Davis explained she was a finalist for the Bahamas, but

didn't get the job, "so I asked them to transfer my file to Panama." There were four finalists for Panama. "I believe I was the only one from a community college, the rest were four year colleges."

"This particular case Molly (Williams) suggested that I write for it," Davis said explaining why



Photo by Beth Coffey

Kay Davis- leaving Clackamas for one year.

she decided to apply. Her other main reason is to learn to speak Spanish fluently.

The selection is a National competition, a peer review that is conducted by a council for international exchange of scholars.

For the application process, Davis needed to fill out a four-page application, a statement of proposed activity, a curriculum vitae, a list of publications, a course syllabi, foreign language proficiency, and three references plus a teaching report reference. Davis pointed out, "my application was about 20 pages long. It didn't include references."

Davis said that she and her husband calculated that depending on each country one out of three to five people who applied would be selected. Figures from the Fulbright Scholar Program show that approximately 1,000 Americans will go abroad to lecture or conduct research in the 1987-88 academic year.

To be qualified for teaching, one must be an U.S. citizen, and in most instances must have a doctoral degree before application and post doctoral experience in teaching.

To be qualified for research one must have a doctoral degree or experience in a certain field. Experience, publication and composition are the main points. In some cases foreign language proficiency is necessary.

In Panama the program is to teach and research, so "that's what I'll be doing," Davis said.

Davis pointed out that what she thinks she will bring back to Clackamas College the year after is a, "heightened awareness of the difficulties of learning a foreign language and more knowledge plus sensitivity to living and working in a different culture."

The Fulbright Program is funded and administered by the U.S. Information Agency under policy guidelines established by the Board of Foreign Scholarships, a Presidentially appointed body. Financial support for the program comes from U.S. congressional appropriations and from the governments of 27 other nations.

"I really am excited, but I'm also flattered and honored that I got selected," Davis concluded.

ASG to work this summer

by Heleen Veenstra
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While most of us will take off the summer, Student Government will be working on some projects, which will be presented to the students during fall term.

The first project is trying to get affordable health insurance available to college students.

Neale Frothingham, ASG president, said that maybe next year health insurance will be available which will cost about \$30 a month, with \$250 deductible and major medical up to two million dollars.

"For the last year the college did not make health insurance available to students. We are looking into everything we can to make sure to make health insurance available to students."

Another goal of ASG for this summer and fall is to work on the bookstore. They will audit books and look at possible savings on new and used books.

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