

Keyser receives national honor Engineer Benton remembered by friends, associates

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Clackamas Community college President John S. Keyser received another honor in his career recently when he was named vice chair in the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges (AACJC).

A vice chair in the AACJC is a chair-elect, spending a year training to chair one of five committees in that association. A vice chair is also an ex-officio (non-voting) member of some committees.

"It's a great opportunity for me to grow," said Keyser. "The national agenda, in contrast with the local agenda is much more complicated. It's a new dimension for me."

The AACJC is an organization which aims to represent the interests of community and junior colleges throughout the nation.

"It is the most aggressive and largest post-secondary organization in the country," said Keyser.

The organization has grown from 22 members in 1920 to 1,087 members this year.

Among other things, the AACJC works with funding or-



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ganizations to ensure that colleges receive "a substantial portion of financial support from the agencies," according to their 1989 report.

According to the report, during this school year, grant money was directed to more than 130 colleges, which are members of the organization.

The AACJC also collects data

from community, junior and technical colleges, such as enrollment (both part-time and full-time). Using these figures, they advise the United States Department of Education, and other national research agencies who are charged with analyzing higher education.

The AACJC is working to make the transfer from a two-year college to a four-year college easier on students.

They are attempting to reduce barriers which impede student transfers to a four-year school.

They are combining all the resources of the community, junior and technical colleges to improve the student development.

by Mark A. Borrelli
Sports Editor

Clackamas lost a long-time employee and a good friend Sunday, May 14 when engineer Dale F. Benton died from complications of cancer.

Benton served in the Navy for 21 years as a chief petty officer before retiring in 1971 and coming to Clackamas in 1973. His Clackamas career started as a custodian, but made the jump to stationary engineer in 1975 and stayed there until his death.

"He was a loyal employee. He was loyal to the college; loyalty was worth a lot," said Paul Roeder.

Roeder was Benton's supervisor, but was also his close friend. The two spent a lot of time together outside of work, including holidays.

"I've had (Benton) at my house for Christmas, Thanksgiving-all of the holidays. He was like part of the family, my kids all liked him. He appeared to be a tight person, but he had a good heart. He helped a lot of people on campus," said Roeder.

Benton was divorced and the father of two. He spent most of his time at Clackamas, whether working or socializing. He was

eligible to retire last year, but wasn't scheduled to retire until this July.

"He was losing money working, but he loved this school. This was his social life. Dale was a strong supporter of women's basketball. It was like he adopted the women's team," said Roeder.

"Dale has always helped out with athletics all the time that I've been here, since 1980. He was always supportive of athletics and willing to help in any way he could," said Phil Garver, long-time friend and head women's basketball coach.

The women's team is planning on honoring Benton by dedicating their season to him next year.

"We're going to dedicate our season to him. We're going to wear black arm bands in respect for him and were going to have a page for him in our program next year," said Garver.

For those who didn't know Benton, he was a humorous man who could often be found hanging around Randall Hall, his second home, smoking a cigarette and telling jokes.

"He loved to tell jokes. He will be missed; he was definitely a character of this school," said Director of Personnel Jim Painter.

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