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Dian Connett - Acting Dean of Students



Photo by Lane Scheideman

Dian Connett was approved as acting Dean of Students at last Wednesday's board meeting. Connett formerly served as assistant dean of alternative programs, continuing education and vocational options programs.

Department merges with Criminal Justice Wiseman new Chief of Public Safety

by Jennifer Soper
Feature Editor

The Criminal Justice Department merged with the Public Safety Department last June following the retirement of former Chief of Public Safety Stan Johnson.

The new department is headed by Director of Public Services James T. Brouillette. Jim Wiseman was hired as the new chief of public safety.

"The Public Safety Department is in a period of transition," explained Brouillette. "We're moving cautiously to a Board of Police Standards and Training certified program."

One of the changes that is being implemented with the new program is an index of all criminal activities on campus.

"We'll be taking a close look

at the kinds of problems this campus has so we can better focus our protection in future school years," said Wiseman.

"A major concern of the department is the safety of female students and staff during the hours of darkness," Wiseman continued. "This campus is a social magnet for members of our society that most of us would deem predators."

"In one social setting, this is where the women are. Why not come to a place that has trees and shrubs, long walks and poor lighting?" said Wiseman.

Two and a half weeks into the school year, the problems encountered have been minimal according to Wiseman.

"The kinds of problems that concern me are the anti-social behaviors - behavior that can get

someone into trouble," Wiseman said. "Probably 99 percent of the students here are motivated by the desire to get the best education. They have no desire to be anti-social or to cause any problems."

"The philosophy of Public Safety is to provide the staff and students with the services that will assist them and enhance their educational opportunities," said Wiseman.

Brouillette echoed the service aspects of the job.

"The key for any service oriented agency is training," Brouillette said. "That's my goal... to make these the best trained officers around."

"If we can be looked upon as being more help than hinder, than we've done a good job," Brouillette continued.

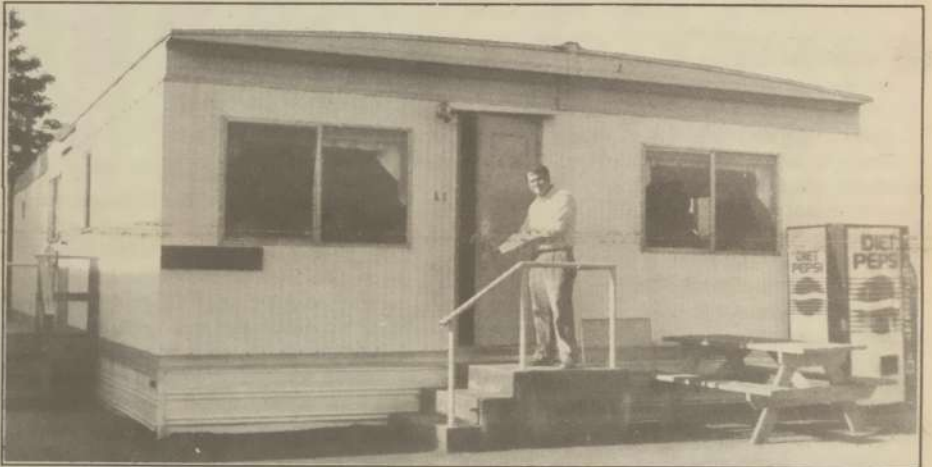


Photo by Jillian Porter

Student Programs Specialist Paul Kylo views the former Public Safety trailer, which has been approved for use as the new Recreation Center. The approval was voted in unanimously at last Wednesday's board meeting.

College classes crowded

by Jennifer Lessard
Staff Writer

Enrollment at Clackamas has increased 11 percent in the last year, which is creating close quarters for some students in classrooms through out the school.

The college administrators were expecting a 3 to 5 percent increase in enrollment this year, and they were surprised with the almost 11.5 percent. Lyle Reese, dean of instruction at the college, remarked that the school was not at all prepared for the jump in numbers and said there was really no way to plan for the increase.

Some staff members attribute the unexpected large increase to the fact that Mt. Hood Community and PSU have cut off the enrollment due to budget cuts. Some area students are coming to Clackamas to get the required classes that they couldn't get at another nearby college.

The class size, due to the large number of students enrolling, has lead to students sitting on the floor in some classes. Reese explained that the college simply doesn't have any classrooms to hold other classes in.

"There is never a reason to have students sitting on the floor," Reese said.

On the other hand, Annabel Spencer, Reese's secretary added, "we don't want to turn students away."

Students have the right, if their required classes are full, to

ask for the instructor to sign an over load. This term, the instructors have accepted overloads with the expectation that some students will drop out or be absent so there will be places for students to sit.

In accommodating one student's needs, we are stepping on another student's toes," Reese commented.

Some staff members at Clackamas have noticed, though, that the drop out rate is not as high this term. This is accredited to students observing the Oregon block transfer programs. It inspires students to stick to a class for a three term sequence. Students need the sequence classes to block transfer to any state four year college or university.

According to Reese, "fall term is always our heaviest term. The crowding should be alleviated by winter term." The enrollment usually drops 5 percent for winter term and another 5 percent for the spring term.

College administrators are looking at alternatives for class hours and construction of four additional class rooms is in the process. That construction will be completed some time in the spring or summer of 1991. Plans are also being made for eight to ten additional classrooms in the upstairs of McLoughlin hall. The remodeling project is scheduled to be finished by the fall of 1992.

"Until then," Reese said, "things will be a little tight."

Recreation Center to be relocated

by Jennifer Soper, Feature Editor
Jim Spickelmier, News Editor

A proposal to move the Recreation Center (game room) from the Community Center to the former Public Safety trailer was unanimously approved at the Oct. 3 college board meeting.

"It offers both a short range solution and some opportunities for some real creativity," said Assistant Dean for Research and Information Lee Fawcett.

The move is being initiated because the shortage of space for student services in the Community Center, Fawcett explained.

"We couldn't do anything effective unless some function was removed," Fawcett said to the board. "The most logical function to remove from the Community Center was the Recreation Center."

The need has arisen to consolidate all of the staff and functions of the new Educational and Career Planning Department, stated Fawcett in a memorandum to the President's Council. The move will also provide space for additional staff in Community Center departments.

According to a memorandum sent to Lee Fawcett from Associated Student Government President Tony Franklin and Director of Student Services Debbie Baker, the students understand the overcrowding issue in the Community Center building and are willing to cooperate with the move of the Recreation Center.

Franklin explained that until the completion of the phase three remodeling, which is scheduled for 1993, the quality of admission/education planning services would be compromised due to overcrowding. Under the proposed phase three remodeling plan, the Recreation Center will eventually be located in McLoughlin hall.

While addressing the board, Lee Fawcett said "It would be a smaller space than the current Recreation Center, but it would open up some other opportunities."

Under the proposal, the trailer would be refitted to support two pool tables, video games, and an office for the attendant to monitor game room activities. Also, there would be a TV view-

ing room along with meeting and storage space for campus clubs.

Fawcett's memorandum to the President's Council further stated that Director of Plant Services Carol Patterson and her staff have reviewed the proposed move and determined that the move would not involve significant additional cost for 1990-91.

Patterson's major concern is whether the trailer will need major roof or other repairs in the near future. She believes it will probably be OK for one year, but the chances of major costs increase with each year of additional use.

Board member Larry Wright was the only person to speak out against the proposed move.

"It's almost a self defeating purpose to move it that far away from the center," said Wright.

"The location is really undesirable," continued Wright. "It's away from the central hub of everything."

All parties involved do expect a net revenue loss and decrease in proceeds for ASG. The board has agreed to compensate the ASG budget up to \$5,000 for the difference.

ASG needs student and staff support...

It's not too late to donate blood at the ASG Red Cross Blood Drive being held today. Volunteers are still needed to help with voter registration. Inquire at the Student Activities Office.