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Dean of Students Dian Connett has a background in alternative education. She is currently working to obtain her Doctorate in Community College Administration.

Connett gets acquainted

by Jennifer Soper
Feature Editor

Dian Connett, the new dean of students, prides herself on breaking away from tradition.

"I think I do look at things a little differently," she said.

"I enjoy tossing ideas around. I have a creative side. I have an interest in people."

Connett's interest in people and difference in view point have lead her away from the mainstream educational system.

"There are lots of ways of learning. There are a lot of ways to be successful," Connett said.

Connett has always worked with alternative education programs, she explained.

"From the time I was in college on, I've had a really different experience with education."

She began her career as an elementary school teacher. She taught a combined classroom of fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Connett did not have a traditional classroom. Instead, there were several different learning stations set up in the room and students learned through hands-on involvement.

Four years later, she decided to move to the West Coast and began substitute teaching through Clackamas Education Service District.

In 1980, Connett began her work at the college.

"It was really different coming from public education where people are always looking over your shoulder to a community college where people say 'You are a professional; we trust your judgement.'"

Connett now oversees education and career planning, the financial aid department, the registrar's office, student activities, the information office, alternative programs and the continuing education program.

"I see my overall responsibility as trying to oversee all those areas," said Connett. "I want to build on the successes we already have."

"I see myself as staying in this position for awhile," she continued.

Connett earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Ohio State University. Currently, she is completing her dissertation in a Tri University Doctoral Program with an emphasis in Community College Administration. The program includes classes at Portland State University, Oregon State, and the University of Oregon ending with degrees issued by each of the schools.

Wiseman loves law, order

by Jennifer Soper
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"I came here as kind of a trouble shooter. That's my history," began Jim Wiseman, the new Chief of Public Safety at Clackamas.

Wiseman was hired July 1 to replace retired Chief Stan Johnson.

Director of Public Services James Brouillette has only positive things to say about the new chief.

"I know him as a true professional," said Brouillette. "He's doing a fine job, and a rather difficult one. He's trying to transform the department into something better than it was."

Wiseman brings to the job a long history of both public and private service. He was employed by the Portland Police Bureau for 13 years. He also worked for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a Narcotics Intelligence Agent.

When he left PPB in 1977, Wiseman went into business for himself, but he never quite got law enforcement out of his system. He has been a private consultant to business and industry for the last 13 years.

"This is an information business and you're drawn into this business by curiosity," Wiseman explained.

Working on a college campus may give Wiseman a different outlook on young people and educators alike.

"People who are educators are interesting. They have a strong desire to do good and help their fellow man," he said.

"I really can't emphasize



Photo by David Van Keuren

Chief of Public Safety Jim Wiseman is implementing a cadet program in hopes of making the campus safer for students and staff.

enough the drive and generally pleasant demeanor of the students we've encountered here," Wiseman continued. "Young people out here are quality people. They're committed and they are concerned about the future and their future. That's refreshing to see."

Throughout the summer, Wiseman was able to formulate an over-all needs summary of the Public Safety Department.

"We effectively identified a number of problems we are currently resolving," said Wiseman.

"There are a lot of changes, both in operations and administration, this year. All of those occurring in other departments as

well as Public Safety has caused a turbulent effect, but that's sorting itself out. The school and campus are going to be much better for it."

One of the new ideas that will be implemented this year with the assistance of Wiseman is the Public Safety Cadet Program. Currently, Wiseman is preparing to train the 12 cadets.

"We've seen it (a cadet program) used in several settings and found that it was useful," explained Wiseman. "It will help provide a peer support image."

"Cadets will walk around campus and be observational points," he said.

Benjamin, Patterson receive Banyan Tree Award

by Jane C. Wilcox
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Two custodial service employees, Kerry Benjamin and Jimmy Patterson, have recently been honored with the Banyan Tree Award for their work on the "You are here" signs currently displayed in campus buildings.

On Sept. 21, at the Staff Recognition Banquet, the Banyan Tree Award was presented by President John Keyser to Benjamin and Patterson for excellence here at Clackamas Community College. The roots of the banyan tree symbolize the way staff members support the main body of the school. This award is given only to those who go above and beyond the call of duty.

Benjamin and Patterson are responsible for the new "you are here" signs found in all the campus buildings. While the initial idea can be traced to Dave Madsen, Department Chairperson of Drafting, Manufacturing and AutoCAD, input was sought from administration, faculty, classified employees and students; all the actual designing and work was done by Patterson and Benjamin.

"Both these men are very modest, very behind the scenes," commented Carol Patterson, Custodial and Grounds Service Manager, "so it is difficult to get



Photo by Jillian Port

Kerry Benjamin and Jimmy Patterson of custodial service constructed the "You are here" signs for the campus.

them to take credit."

Madsen originally came up with the idea to create new directional signs on CAD so that they could be easily updated as the remodeling progressed.

Patterson then persuaded Benjamin to take the AutoCAD class with him; they got interested in the sign project and took it from there.

"All of the work on these signs was done on our own time; it took about three months," said Benjamin. The work had to be

done after midnight and on Saturdays, as that was the only time the AutoCAD classroom was free.

"I think that it was a great cooperative effort that we could have two classified employees take advantage of classes at Clackamas, and I think it is credit to Dave (Madsen) who could take these guys with no experience and teach them to do this," Carol Peterson further commented.

"It's what the college is all about."



Which of the college faculty is having his/her 60th birthday on Oct. 20?

The answer: Ray Bentley of the Machine Shop.