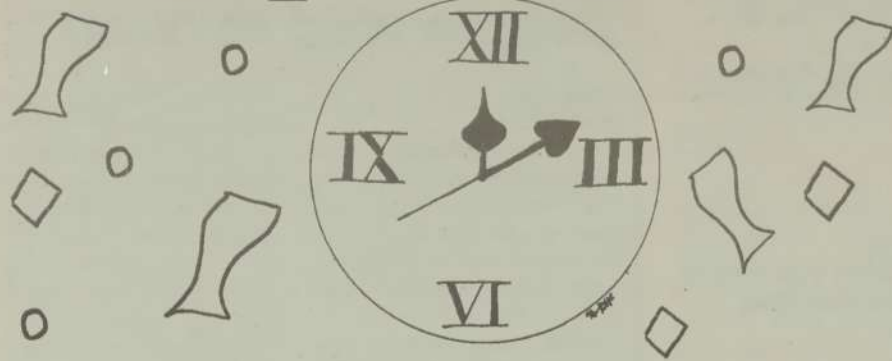


Accreditation is over ...

It's party time



(Right) Robin Robinson and friend dance to the sounds of the Accreditation Blues Brothers.



Clackamas given high praise in accreditation

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limitation measure.

She praised the college foundation's "Friends and Fund-raising" efforts as well as their efforts to enhance community perceptions of the college.

Tsunoda also noted the college's community partnerships with business, senior citizens, the school district and the general citizenry.

The school's scholarship and research efforts also drew acclaim. Both the liberal arts and technical fields were lauded for the quantity and quality of published works.

The college library, the campus communications network, the physical plant and the grounds maintenance and landscaping departments also received commendations.

"You're almost perfect," Tsunoda said before itemizing a much shorter list of recommendations.

She recommended a review of the faculty-evaluation process and the development of criteria to measure instructors' effectiveness.

She suggested increasing the frequency of student evaluations of instructors.

Tsunoda advised that the college should keep reliable data on students who transfer to four-year colleges or enter the work-place after graduating from CCC. She said efforts are being made now, but they appear "haphazard" and need to be pulled together.

She advocated increasing the relevance, consistency and assessment of information at both the program and the institutional level so that the two complement and strengthen each other.

Tsunoda suggested that the library develop and implement a plan to increase student use and enhance print and electronic resources as well as upgrading book collections that support instructional programs.

Regarding student services, she said new and enhanced information services were needed. She advised that the staff should upgrade their technology expertise and she said the faculty advising

committee should be reestablished.

Tsunoda noted that 45 percent of the faculty and administration will retire in five years and the college needs to plan for that.

"You've got a good thing going here. Make sure you maintain that," she said, referring to the retirement figures.

Tsunoda then concluded her recommendations and added one last commendation in the form of an anonymous poem from a committee person: "Our most vivid commendation goes to Joan Ryan who satisfied our cryin'," referring to the four "goody bags" a day provided to committee members.

President Keyser said after the exit interview that he was, "... very satisfied with the report. I'm delighted, almost euphoric about the commendations. And the recommendations will help us be a better college." He said that based on his past experience with exit interviews, this report was much heavier on the commendation side and much lighter on the recommendation side than most other reports he has witnessed.

"I feel very confident," Associate Dean of Instructional Services Dian Connett said. "It was one of the most gratifying set of

recommendations and commendations I've ever seen... In our own Clackamas way, we even enjoyed the accreditation (visit)."

Dan McCue, the college's Community Relations Specialist, got an early inkling of committee members' impressions of CCC's preparation for and concern about the accreditation review during the members' two days of reviewing the college. McCue chauffeured them from the Monarch Hotel in Sunnyside to the college each day, and overheard one committee member chuckling about how nervous the staff of one department was.

"They were all fidgety, pacing around, well dressed" McCue recalled him saying. He said another member replied that was better than a lot of colleges he had been to, where the staff didn't care and perhaps didn't even know why they were there.

But it was Tsunoda that left the biggest clues about the committee's impression of CCC's efforts when she concluded the exit interview with a quote: "Community is to be defined not only as a region to be served, but as an environment to be created. You really have made those words come alive."

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—Dian Connett
Dean of Instructional Services



(Left) Staff members look over materials created by CCC faculty.

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(Left) Instructor Bob Misely entertains the worry-free staff and faculty after the Accreditation Exit Interview.

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(Right) Becky Carnahan leads Suzy Alexander, Jeani Preble, Susanna Lundgren and Sara Simmons in a conga line.

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