

Connett named national board member

JENNIFER KANE

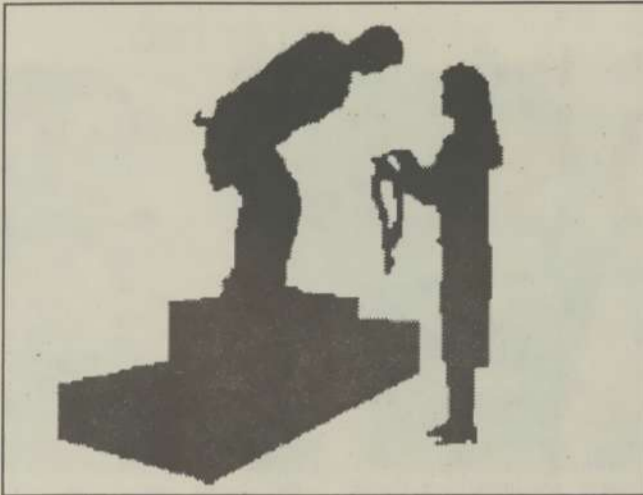
Staff Writer

Earlier this year Dian Connett, dean of instructional services for Clackamas, was named a national board member for the American Association of Community Colleges. The AACC is an organization that represents all of the community colleges around the United States. She worked with the National Council for Instructional Administrators before coming elected to the board. The NCIA has about 5000 members, and their job is to provide information for the AACC.

Each board member is elected by region. Her name was placed on the ballots that went out in February due to her long-term work with the NCIA. The previous member for this region was from Montana, and so in electing Connett, they were looking for somebody to better represent the Pacific Northwest.

"I do a lot of work in the region," Connett says. "So I'm guessing that accreditation and working with the NCIA helps." This region includes Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana, and it's part of Connett's job to speak for all of them.

The major job of the AACC is to try to see what the big issues



are that community colleges are being faced with. Connett attended her first meeting this past April. Topics of concern at the meeting included the transfer process to universities, and

maintaining the two-year nursing program. The meetings take place quarterly, so Connett will be off to her next one in June.

Dian Connett is not just an outstanding member of the community college scene. She also plays on a woman's recreational soccer team, runs, and enjoys golf. She is a member of the Workforce Investment Council of Community Colleges, and was on the Chamber of Commerce Board for several years. "Different years I do different activities," she pondered. "So I thought this one would be good to take up for the next four years."

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Remembering fellow reporter, Sandy Lupo

Sandy Lupo is a former staff member of *The Clackamas Print* who passed away last week from cancer.

"Sandy was a great asset to The Print. I worked with her a couple of years ago when she was our Copy Editor. She always had a kind word to say about people. She really noticed if you were having a bad day. She will be greatly missed."

Salena De La Cruz, Design Editor

"I always admired Sandy's commitment to the paper. She was always there for everybody and always willing to help. Sandy was a wonderful person and I will always remember her."

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