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Volleyball team places second at NWAACC tourney; see pages 10 - 11



Jami Duhrkoop accepts the second-place trophy for Clackamas.

Holly Coutts (3) and Carla Crowder (2) state down their opponents as they prepare between serves with Malia Kamahaohoa (8) during the 2006 NWAACC Tournament.

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President no longer: Johnson leaves campus

Wilson
in-Chief

College is now officially president. Dierdorff, vice president of services, is still authorized representative signator, and Joe is no longer college president. Information concerning separation agreement between and the college was made last week. According to Dierdorff and Board Chuck Clemans, both and former Vice President Instructional Services Dian separation agreements are standard as far as such agreements. Each had rights under their," said Clemans. "The agreement honoring those rights, and is some negotiating as well." will be on paid administrative leave for up to 18 months, according to the terms of the agreement. will be paid anywhere between \$150,000 to \$315,000 in compensation depending on how long he will be on leave, Dierdorff said. If the college secures other employment comparable pay before the 18 months are finished, the college is willing to pay from its agreement with Johnson. Money is coming from what has been Johnson's usual

salary, and also from a contingency fund set up in the college's budget. "[The fund is] there to cover unforeseen things," said Dierdorff. "Everything from if a boiler blew up to a faculty member retiring." Part of Johnson's agreement with the college states that no person acting on behalf of the college "shall disparage or impugn Johnson in any way." Likewise, Johnson has agreed that he will not disparage or impugn the college in any way. "It was a mutual and amicable separation," said Dierdorff. Johnson issued this statement to the college via e-mail: "To the campus community: I want to share with you that as of Nov. 15 I will be retiring. Serving as your president for the past five years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. I truly have enjoyed the opportunity to represent the students, the staff and the Board of Education. Clackamas Community College is dedicated to the success of its students and to the community it serves. This commitment to its mission ensures Clackamas Community College will continue to enjoy the

support of its constituencies and the Clackamas Community College Foundation. I join with you in looking forward to a legislative session that will stabilize educational funding and adequately fund Oregon's community colleges. "Ann and I are anticipating the arrival of our first grandchild next spring, and my retirement will facilitate spending time with our expanding family and friends. "Thank you for your support during the past five years." Connett's agreement is similar. She is on administrative leave until March 2008. She will continue to receive benefits as if she were still on active duty. Any unused vacation or sick time will be paid out to her once her administrative leave is finished. Dave Arter, full-time faculty association president, said that he thinks the faculty has been pretty comfortable with what's been going on and with the actions of the board. "They probably wish that they knew a bit more," he said, "but we all wish we knew more." The administrative department and the board have begun to take the steps to fill the empty leadership positions.

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Finding new leadership for Clackamas

The hunt will soon begin for a new college president. "The administrative staff of the college will recommend a process to the board of education at a meeting on Dec. 13," said Bill Dierdorff, vice president of college services and authorized signator. Last Tuesday in a meeting with the deans and association presidents, Board Chairman Ron Adams said he had been in contact with former President John Keyser and former Dean of Instruction Lyle Reese. They said they would be willing to help out in any way they could. There have been rumors that John Keyser may come back as interim president; however, Dierdorff told *The Print* that this was not the case as of yet and that Keyser had just offered to help out and not necessarily as an interim. The board will meet in a work session and select an interim president. After the administrative staff meets with the board, they hope to have an interim president sometime in December. The process to hire a new, full-time president could take 4 to 6 months. "We need someone in those positions," said a faculty member to *The Print*, speaking about the president and the vacant vice president positions.

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