



| DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

On March 1 at the annual Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) Symposium, I participated in a panel presentation outlining the work of the Higher Education Funding Commission. I was joined on the panel by President E. Gordon Gee of The Ohio State University, Jack Hershey from the OSU President's office, and two other community college presidents participating on the commission. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview of the Governor's challenge to the commission, our guiding principles, and the final recommendations, which were accepted in total and included in the Governor's biennium budget proposal.

Dr. Ron Abrams, president of the OACC, will be a guest at the March board meeting and will provide an update on the major issues affecting the state's community colleges. As you know, the OACC represents both the trustees and presidents of the state's community and technical colleges.

The Appalachian Regional Commission worked with the American Association of Community Colleges to fund the attendance of several community college presidents who serve distressed counties of Appalachia at the AACCC's annual Workforce Development Institute in San Diego. I had never attended this particular meeting before, so the funding truly did make a difference in my decision to invest this time. At this meeting, I met the executive director of the Rural Community College Alliance, who in turn invited me to attend their advocacy day in Washington, D.C. At that meeting, we met with the White House Rural Council and with high ranking officials at the Departments of Education, Agriculture, and Labor. The enclosed article

covering this meeting describes the different funding sources available to rural community

Dr. David Garippa, SSCC Instructor of Biology, has once again designed a biotechnology workshop including agricultural and food sciences. The workshop will include hands-

sending out information and registration forms to those students who will most benefit from these workshops.

Training

Six new tutors have completed Level 1 training by attending workshops scheduled in January and February. Susan Long, Kari Simpson and Stephanie Bartley provided the training.

game, Jessica Sexton ranked 23rd in assists per game, and Megan Sword ranked 25th in points per game.

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball is currently 22-3 for the season, with one game remaining. Currently, the team is ranked sixth in the USCAA Division I Power Rankings, and 11th in the USCAA Division I Coaches Poll. The Patriots sit with the second best record in USCAA Division I Men's Basketball, and are having the best men's basketball season in Patriots history. The Patriots are represented in the USCAA individual statistical leaders with Ty Harris ranked first in assists per game, 13th in steals per game and 25th in points per game; Isiah Walton ranked seventh in rebounds per game, 21st in blocks per game and 25th in steals per game; Brandon Whitlock ranked seventh in blocks per game, 23rd in rebounds per game and 24th in points per game; Diondrey Holt ranked 18th in steals per game; and Kam Harris ranked 19th in rebounds per game. Congratulations to Martise McLaurin for being named USCAA's Men's Division I Basketball Player of the Week for Feb. 12.