

Instructor Linda Hobson Goes to Sea

Linda Hobson, adult basic skills/GED instructor at the Lebanon Center, participated in the Teacher at Sea project this past December, joining a team of scientists from Oregon State University along with several other OSU undergrad and grad students and community college instructors to study the sea waters off the coast of Mexico.

Dr. Marta Torres and Dr. Bob Collier, chemical oceanographers and associate professors at OSU, headed up the team studying chemicals and solid material in the ocean water and sediment on the ocean floor.

According to the group's website, one of the most important activities of this cruise was the retrieval of instruments moored in the San Clemente Basin during the December 2003 outing. The recovery was a process that lasted most of the day and involved the entire crew.

On December 3, Hobson participated in lowering a CTD, an instrument that measures conductivity, temperature, and depth as it collects water samples.

Hobson's students participated in the research by decorating styrofoam cups to be sent down to the ocean floor with the CTD. According to Hobson, the cups started out at 4 inches tall, but came back at 1 1/2 inches tall.

"When we pulled them up, the pressure from being on the ocean floor pushed all the air out of the styrofoam," said Hobson. "The cups shrank, but you could still read everything on them."

Hobson will use the data from the experiment in math problems using percentages and fractions and in classroom discussion.

Hobson said she learned a lot of interesting things on the trip and hopes the information will be useful in future teaching.

Hobson went to sea on the ship (R/V) New Horizon, which departed from San Diego, California on December 3, 2004. The ship proceeded south from San Diego to the San Clemente Basin, offshore of Tijuana, Mexico. The group returned to San Diego nine days later, on December 12.

Scientists and crew worked in an area of the Pacific Ocean between 31 degrees north latitude, 117 degrees west longitude and 33 degrees north latitude, 119 west longitude. To learn more, visit <http://literacyworks.org/ocean>.

When not teaching, Hobson enjoys kayaking, hiking, gardening, reading, and learning new things.



Linda Hobson

Printing Services Has Moved

Printing Services has moved to their new location in the recently renovated Luckiamute Center, formally known as the Workforce Education Building (WEB). This is a permanent location for the Printing Services Department (this will be their 5th location), with improved accessibility to loading docks for large quantity paper deliveries and better storage space.

According to Larry Cox, printing services supervisor, the floor space is similar in size to the old area, with approximately 3700 square feet of space. The ambient heat will be a constant 70 degrees throughout the area, which, Cox says, is ideal for paper storage.

"It was nice to have input throughout the process," said Cox. "The space is built specifically to handle printing services needs."

Ladder-type holders were placed across the ceilings to hold wiring to the equipment off the floor for safety. Work areas are well defined, and the new office space provides ample room for customers to hang out while placing or picking up orders.



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Board of Education: December Highlights-College Audit Receives High Marks

Mr. Kenneth Kuhns, college auditor, presented the audit results to the Board. LBCC earned high marks, and Kuhns commended the college financial staff for a job well done again this year. President Cavin presented a Certificate of Excellence to Jim Huckestein.

Richard Muller has agreed to serve another term on the Budget Committee. Mark McNabb and Patrick Malone were nominated and approved on March 17, 2004 to serve another 3-year term on the committee.

President Cavin presented the Vision & Values of LBCC for the Board members, stating that the Mission and Strategic Plan for the college, along with a foundation for the self-study necessary for accreditation, all spring from this document. President Cavin gave a short history, noting that a creative group, the Blueprint Team, made up of representatives from classified, faculty and management, created a first draft, which was sent to staff. Using the feedback that came back from staff, a second draft was created.

The second draft was sent out to all staff for comments. President Cavin asked for Board comment, noting that action by the Board will take place in January and that a new mission statement is the next step.

President Cavin updated Board members on the status of state funding and our capital campaign. She reported first on the uncertainty surrounding Governor Kulongoski's Budget: community colleges stand to lose \$20 million dollars in the governor's budget as announced.

At the Oregon Leaders Summit, Governor Kulongoski said that he gave community colleges \$20 million in his budget. Jim Huckestein said that it appears the governor is counting property tax and tuition as part of our income from the state, which accounts for how he can announce a \$20 million increase to community colleges.

President Cavin also reported that Chemeketa, Lane, LBCC and Oregon Coast Community College would be represented at a dinner with Oregon legislators that Dr. Holland is helping to organize.

Dr. Holland and President Cavin reported the Foundation's Capital Campaign has raised \$10,013,663 to date and 30 more pavers have been sold. Regarding new construction plans for AC and North Santiam Hall, the ground breaking started during the holiday break. The Board will be touring the newly renovated Luckiamute Center in the near future.

Linda Dompier reported that there are a number of Professional

Development activities in which Classified Employees have recently participated. Mike Bailey, student loans specialist and accounting clerk, recently attended the PDG 25TH National Student Loan/Receivables Conference. Several Classified employees attended the Oregon AAWCC conference in November.

Teresa Thomas, administrative assistant in Health & Human Services, coordinated the efforts of classified employees to serve as bell ringers in the community during the holiday season. The group participated in the annual Salvation Army bell ringing at the Heritage Mall on December 5.

Jan 16th is Staff Appreciation Night with special activities at that night's basketball game. The next Board of Education meeting will be January 19, 2005 in the Albany Campus boardrooms.

Rad Tech Program Holds First Graduation

LBCC's first Radiological Technology graduation was held on Thursday, Dec. 16 2004. Twenty one students received their two-year Certificate of Completion in Radiology Technology.

According to Ann Malosh, Workforce Education Division Dean, all of the graduates have jobs or job offers waiting for them. They first have to pass the Oregon State Certifications exam through the American Registry of Radiological Technologists. Some students are already working in the field in a limited capacity.

The Rad Tech program was developed through a partnership with Samaritan Health Services and the Health Career Center at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.

SHS provides the classroom facilities and LBCC provides the educational and training component.



First graduating class-LBCC Radiological Technology Program

Hobson with fellow shipmate and Clatsop Community College Instructor Marian Tyson with the CTD.

Campus News and Events

New Faces

- Deana Culbertson, classified--replacing Kelli Dunleavy, Human Resources Specialist 2, Human Resources, effective 11/18/04.
- Amy Huskey, classified, replacing Karri Byram, Secretary 1, Family Connections, temporary, renewable-dependant upon continuation of funding, effective 12/06/04 - 6/30/05.
- Toni Klohk, classified--new position, Clerical Specialist 3, Administrative and Student Affairs, effective 11/29/04
- John Krueger, classified, replacing Eric Fischbeck, Custodian, Facilities, effective 12/01/04.
- Stacy Wren, classified--replacing Susan Brubaker, Financial Aid Assistant, Financial Aid Office, effective 11/08/04.

Promotions

- Karri Byram, classified--replacing Theresa Ray Broughton, Clerical Specialist 2, Printing Services, promoted from Secretary 1, Family Connections, effective 11/15/04
- Kelli Dunleavy, classified--replacing Joy Maloney, HR Analyst, Human Resources, promoted from Human Resources Specialist 2, Human Resources, effective 12/01/04.
- Barbara Horn, classified--replacing Catherine Quinnett, Tutor Coordinator, Learning Center, promoted from Clerical Specialist 3, Hewlett-Packard Contract Services, effective 11/09/04.

Goodbyes

- Amanda Raab, classified, Early Childhood Teacher, Child and Family Studies Program and Family Resources Center, resigned effective 11/12/04.
- Jennifer Wade, faculty, Associate Degree Nursing, Health and Human Services Division, resigned effective 12/10/04.

Honorable Mentions

- Pat Atteberry Award Winner -- The 2004 Atteberry Award winner for Outstanding Professional Technical Advisory Committee Member is Tresa Mitchell, Business Technology Committee. Mitchell has been a member of the committee for 11+ years. Her contributions to the committee include giving valuable input on curriculum development and the outcomes process. Mitchell also arranged and hosted an annual field trip for business orientation students and served as supervisor for numerous CWE students. Mitchell works as office manager for Weyerhaeuser. She was given a plaque of recognition and a name plate was placed on the Atteberry Award plaque in the LBCC boardroom.
- The Dental Assistant Program passed the American Dental Association's(ADA) accreditation at the end of November "with flying colors", according to Sheri Billetter--Dental Assistant Department Chair. Two representatives from the ADA conducted the once every seven years test. One representative focused on LBCC curriculum and the other focused on staff.

- LBCC Training and Business Development landed a \$150,000 contract with Hewlett Packard to offer 18 of their employees training in the chemical technician field. The year-long training began in September and is using established math, chemistry and physics courses in an accelerated, integrated format. The training is a partnership between the Math and Science Division and the Workforce Education and Training Division.
- The LBCC Foundation reached their five-year \$10 million goal, ending the fund drive in December. The funds will be used for a variety of purposes, such as scholarships, teacher and staff assistance and program support. The Foundation is grateful to all who donated and participated to make this a successful campaign! Thank you!

What's Happening

- January 5, Wednesday, Noon--1 p.m. Multicultural Center "Re"opening House--Join us as we "re-" open the newly remodeled Multicultural Center. We will be providing tours as well as snacks and refreshments. Come grab some cookies and punch and see what the center has to offer.
- January 12, Wednesday, Noon--1 p.m. Multicultural Center Soup with Substance: Is There Hate at LBCC?--The first of our series of conversations about important issues, join us for a conversation about hatred on our college campus. We will be discussing our community over a lunch of soup and rolls. All are welcome at these discussions.
- January 19, Wednesday, Noon, Multicultural Center, Social Justice & Equality Photo Contest--Let your imagination fly and enter this consciousness raising contest. This event is open to staff, faculty, students, and their guests. Great prizes and refreshments will be provided. Photo submissions are due by noon on Jan 18. For more information contact Beto in Student Life and Leadership, 917-4963.
- January 20, Thursday, 6--8 p.m., LBCC Commons, Hunger Banquet The Hunger Banquet is a special event brought to LBCC in collaboration with Oxfam International. Guests to the banquet will be given a ticket containing a name and a short life story of an individual from across the globe. Throughout the night, banquet participants live the life of their individual- meal included. Few leave a Hunger Banquet with full stomachs, but all leave filled with a greater understanding of the problems of global hunger and poverty armed with simple tools to do something about it. Space is limited, so please RSVP at 917-4461 by Jan. 18.
- LBCC will host it's fourth annual Future Teachers Conference on Saturday, February 26. Sharon Roadcap is again the faculty coordinator for the event. Students from LBCC, WOU and OSU have already met to start planning the conference activities.



The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an egg-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved', the pig was 'committed'.

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Coming To Terms: LBCC Naming Terminology

As initial work on our Accreditation Self Study approaches, please take note of some LBCC terminology to be used in all official materials.

The main campus will now be referred to as:

Albany Campus

The extended learning centers will now be referred to as:

Benton Center, Lebanon Center, Sweet Home Center

The phrase "extended learning" is being phased out. Albany Extended Learning will now be referred to as:

Albany Community Education Office

Also of note is the name change of the Workforce Education Building (WEB) to:

Luckiamute Center

The changes take affect immediately. Questions on naming conventions can be referred to the presidents office.

LBCC Christmas Trees Benefit 125 Local Families

Thanks to the generosity of the LBCC community, 125 local children and seniors benefited from the gifts given through the Linn Christmas Greeters.

The tree in the presidents office provided 75 gifts, while the student government tree in the library provided 50. According to the Greeters, 850 local families total were helped this year. More than half of the gifts needed are provided by people who take a name tag from the Greeters sharing trees.



College Transfer Day is Coming

College Transfer Day, an information fair for students interested in transferring to four-year institutions, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Takena Hall on the Albany Campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Information and representatives will be available from 21 public and private four-year colleges in Oregon: Concordia, Eastern Oregon University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical, George Fox, Hawaii Pacific University, Linfield (McMinn), Linfield (Continuing Ed), Marylhurst, Northwest Christian, Oregon College of Art & Craft, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon Student Assistance Commission, Oregon State University, OSU Cascades, Pacific, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, University of Oregon, University of Phoenix (Portland), Western Baptist and Western Oregon University.

For more information, contact Nancy Morrill at 917-4816.

Correction to November Communicator:

The bio on board member Marshall Johnson, Sr. was incorrect. The updated bio should read;

Marshall Johnson has 30 years of experience in radio and television broadcasting, 20 years of which have been in the Willamette Valley. He is a published author, conference speaker, trainer, and teacher. He also does occassional consulting. Johnson holds an AS in Broadcasting, welding and holds an advanced liscense for amateur radio.

Art on Display at Lebanon Center & Albany Campus

Lebanon Center--Lebanon artist Shirley Gorman has artwork on display at the Lebanon Center through the month of January. There are six pieces in the hallway downstairs and six upstairs.

Gorman is a native Oregonian born in Eastern Oregon who moved to Western Oregon at the age of thirteen. She has enjoyed drawing for most of her life. In the spring of 1991, she enrolled in a watercolor class and has taken numerous watercolor and drawing classes through the LBCC Centers since then. Gorman has also worked with Caroline Buchanan and has attended many workshops and master classes given by William Herring, a Texas artist and mentor.

"Art is my passion," says Gorman. "My techniques evolve as I discover different ways of seeing and using my tools. I hope you enjoy looking at my work as much as I enjoy making it."

If you are an East Linn County artist and would like the opportunity to have a display at the Lebanon Center, please contact Gwenn Marchese to apply and make arrangements at 259-5808

Albany Campus--Five local photographers offer their personal interpretations of the Eastern Oregon landscape in an exhibit at the Art Gallery in AHSS.

The show explores how the same subject is perceived through different eyes with more than 60 prints in various photographic media. The prints will be on view from Jan. 3-28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A public reception will be held at the gallery on Thursday, Jan. 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Photographers Owen Bentley, Rich Bergeman and Allan Doerksen, all of Corvallis; and Kurt Norlin and Bob Ross, both of Albany, have been traveling together and separately to various locations in Eastern Oregon over the past several years. The show includes scenes from Steens Mountain, Summer Lake, the Painted Hills, Catlow Valley, Malheur Refuge, Harney Basin, Warner Valley and the Alvord Desert, among others.

Doerksen and Bergeman offer classic black-and-white studies of weathered wood-plank buildings, abandoned interiors and other scenes taken with large-format cameras. While Doerksen uses the traditional silver-gelatin papers to print his work, Bergeman prints in the historic platinum process and also shows some small manipulated color Polaroid prints.

Ross, a well-known nature photograher, presents color photographs made with a digital camera. His work reveals a fascination with the land and a wide-ranging interest in subject matter, from aials to closeup details.

Norlin is showing two distinct styles of work—a selection of panoramic color prints that reveal the breadth of the Eastern Oregon landscape, and a set of photographs made with a toy camera, whose soft focus and distortion add a dream-like quality to the images.

Bentley presents large-format black-and-white prints that find the ironic and playful in the small towns and deserted homesteads that dot the desert landscape.