

Puss In Boots Brings Serious Fun to the Stage



This year's 30th annual children's play, adapted by Vera Morris from the original 17th century story by French writer Charles Perrault, was directed by performing arts instructor Jane Donovan.



14 cast members drawn from LBCC and OSU students performed 16 school matinees with approximately 6,000 school children attending. The group also performed two Sunday matinees.

LBCC music instructor Susan Peck composed the music, Bruce Peterson was technical director and designed the scenes, and Cynthia Mintun designed the costumes.



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LBCC Legislative Day at the Capitol

LBCC Legislative Day at the Capitol was Feb. 17. President Rita Cavin was joined by six local business leaders and two LBCC graduates to talk with legislators regarding state funding of community colleges.

In attendance were Larry Mullins, Samaritan Health Services; Bill O'Bryan, National Frozen Foods; Dan Capello, Marler Enterprises Inc.; Marcy Eastham, Hewlett Packard; Jim Denham, Wah Chang; and Rick Rebel, Western States Insurance. LBCC graduates Henry Hamel, a medical assistant at the Corvallis Clinic and Charleen Skipper, a nurse at SHS Lebanon Community Hospital, joined the group for student testimony.

Dr. Cavin spoke to legislators about how Oregonians appreciate Community Colleges, stating that community colleges are closely connected to their communities. Dr. Cavin also spoke about how community colleges help students get started in college at a reasonable cost, prepare workers for jobs and work closely with local employers to provide needed training.

Mike Holland spoke about the governors budget. Last year, community colleges received \$410 million, and this year the budget provides \$20 million less. One of the key points made was the need for continued funding, stating that community colleges can demonstrate-through very reliable enrollment forecasting-that a \$20 million reduction in funding will end the college dreams for hundreds of Oregonians.

Students Henry Hamel and Charleen Skipper were introduced by local legislators on the floor of the House and Senate. Each gave a moving account of the role LBCC played in helping them change their life course.

Hamel came to LBCC after being in the Navy for 20 years. He decided to change paths and go into the medical field, choosing LBCC's medical assistant program--a far cry from his anti-submarine warfare training in the military. He now enjoys his job working as a medical assistant at the Corvallis Clinic.

Skipper started college when she was young, but due to personal family circumstances had to quit. Fifteen years later, she came back to school at LBCC to become a nurse. Her children are now teenagers themselves, and her story has instilled in them the importance of an education and has inspired them to go to college.

In 2002-03, high school students accounted for 5% of the LBCC student population, with 1,284 students earning 9,957 college credits

Board of Education Highlights

Budget Committee Appointment-The Board appointed Lebanon resident Scott Simpson to fill a vacancy left by Bob Scott, who resigned due to conflicting schedules. Simpson moved to Lebanon in 1991, served two terms as Lebanon mayor, and currently serves on the Lebanon City Council and the Lebanon District fire committee. He worked in the aerojet industry from 1956 to 1965 as a thermodynamicist working on Titan and Gemini space capsules. He also taught at UC-Davis.

Revised Board policies approved - #2070 Board Work Session and #7075 Reporting Suspected Child Abuse. See revised policies on the staff paperless office.

Update on Carl Perkins Funding - Carol Schaafsma gave an update on the status of Perkins funding. Community colleges receive \$400 million annually in Perkins funds with LBCC receiving \$480,000. President Bush's budget indicated \$0 for Perkins loans this year. LBCC Perkins funding is secure for 05-06 because we are spending from the 04-05 federal budget.

The impact of the president's proposed budget cut will be felt in 06-07. There is a House bill and a Senate bill out that being supported. House and Senate committees have also been very supportive of putting funding back into the budget. If approved by the House and Senate, the new bill would adjust how we use Carl Perkins, but at least funding would be there.

Student loan money administered by LBCC through Perkins loans is federal money which we match, loan out, collect and then loan out again to new students. LBCC currently loans out approximately \$480,000 a year in Perkins loans.

College Survey Report-Dr. Jean Adamson and Dr. Laura Wisecaver with Institutional Research presented a report regarding how Oregon's 17 community colleges have met state goals, and how LBCC compares to the other colleges and the statewide benchmarks. The report can be found on the staff paperless office under board meeting handouts.

Next Budget and Board Meetings

The next Budget Committee meeting is Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. - The regular Board meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Rooms, Albany Campus.

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Campus News and Events

New Faces

- **Arash Kamalinejad**, Classified, replacing Denise Richards, Retail Specialist 2, Bookstore, effective 02/14/05.
- **John McArdle**, Management/Exempt, replacing Douglas Keck, Development Director, College Advancement/Foundation, effective 03/01/05.
- **Charlene Pott**, Classified, replacing Nancy Vitus, Health Occupations Specialist, Nursing, effective 03/01/05.

Goodbyes

- **Richard Carter**, Faculty, Machine Tool, Machine Tool and Non-Destructive Testing Technology, retirement effective 07/01/05.

What's Happening

- **March 8**, Tuesday, 2-3 p.m., International Working Women's Day Tea, Multicultural Center. This teatime interlude recognizes the accomplishments and contributions that women have made over the years. March is Womens History Month. Music, tea and refreshments will be provided.
- **March 9**, Wednesday, noon-1 p.m., Soup with Substance: Should There Be a National Language?, Multicultural Center. The number of non-English speakers has risen in the USA. We will tackle the question of national languages. Join us as we tackle this issue over a lunch of soup and bread.
- **March 10**, Thursday, noon-1 p.m., AAWCC-Good Food on the Run,--Boardroom. Janice Gregg, OSU Home Economics Agent, will talk about food that's good for you and good tasting too.
- **March 12**, Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 22nd Annual Family Resource Fair, LBCC Commons cafeteria. This year's theme is "Raising Creative Children in a Hurried World" with over 20 workshops on a variety of family topics. Author and educator Nancy Blakely will serve as keynote speaker. Cost for the workshops are \$1 per adult and lunch is \$2. Childcare is available for ages six months to ten years through Family Resource Center at a cost of \$2. Pre-register by contacting Family Resources and Education, ext. -4897.
- **March 17**, Thursday, 9:30-11 a.m., Staff Reception, Multicultural Center
- **March 18**, Friday, 3-4 p.m., Spring Break for Diehard's Reception, President's office.
- **March 21-25-Spring Break!**



Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

(Thursday, March 17)



Dual Enrollment Summit Registration Forms On-line, Fees Paid by LBCC

It's time to register for the Dual Enrollment Summit held May 2-3 in Corvallis. Registration forms can be found on-line at <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/dualenrollmentsummit2005> - click on "Registration".

All LBCC folks interested in attending need to register. The registration fee will be paid by the Educational Partnership Department, and meals are included. When registering, please indicate in the "Additional Comments/Dietary Restriction/Special Needs" box the words "LBCC-fees waived."

It's also important to select the meals that you want included and any dietary requests when registering. The form has a place to check your choices. It is requested that you only check meals that you're sure you will be eating.

When you come to payment information on the second page of the form, choose "non-credit card"—the "type" can be left as is (it doesn't matter). This way, Educational Partnerships will be billed. Click on continue at the bottom, and your registration is complete.

This conference will be useful to anyone involved in developing and implementing enrollment partnerships, particularly institutional and central coordinating staff. For more information or if you have questions, e-mail Patsy Chester.



Construction of North Santiam building begins as workers lay the foundation on a foggy January morning. Additional photos of the ongoing construction can be viewed at the Capital Planning website.

HELP!-- Let's Rename this Newsletter

Have you ever got mixed up when referring to the staff newsletter "The Communicator" and the student newspaper "The Commuter?" Meant to say one but said the other, meant to transfer a call to one and got the other. The Communicator, The Commuter...it's all clear as mud, right?

We here in the marketing department have a plan to alleviate that confusion. We want you to get your creative juices flowing and give us your suggestions for a new name for The Communicator.

Send your suggestions (clean and politically correct) by e-mail to Lori Fluge-Brunker, editor of The Communicator (don't send them to Nick...he's editor of The Commuter).

Nominees Sought for Classified Executive Board Positions

It's almost time to vote again! Are you interested in being on the Executive Board for The Classified Association? The Classified Association will hold elections for the following positions in April:

Two-year commitments:

President
Vice President
Operations Officer

One-year commitment (all area reps):

Benton Center
Bus/Arts/Printing
CC South
CC North
Leb/Sweet Home
Takena Hall
Hosp/FoodSer./Stud.Life
Science/Industry
HO/PE/Workforce
FRC/JOBS
LRC 1st
LRC 2nd
Facilities

You must be a member of the Classified Association to run for an office as well as vote. For more information on the duties of a position, or if you would like to run for or nominate someone to a position on the Executive Board, please contact Julie Richardson by March 14 at ext. 4852.

Mary Sue Reynolds Awarded BPW Woman of the Year

Mary Sue Reynolds, director of the Sweet Home Center, was recently awarded the Business and Professional Womens' Woman of the Year Award at the annual Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Awards Banquet.

Mary Sue is very involved in her community, as a SAFE party organizer, dance team chaperone, chair for the Trees for Scholars program and serving on the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation board of directors. She is currently the education chair for PEO Chapter FA, has volunteered at the Jamboree, the Logger's Olympics and has chaperoned the Sportsman's Holiday court.

Mary Sue has worked at LBCC for over 20 years. She is married, has five children and enjoys camping, traveling and home improvement projects.

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through 33 high schools. The LBCC/OSU Dual Enrollment program has earned nationwide recognition for innovation.

According to a recent socioeconomic benefits study of post-secondary education in Oregon, the existence of LBCC explains \$216 million of all annual earnings in the Linn and Benton county economy. Findings also indicate that a community college education lessens the demand on tax-supported health services, welfare and unemployment benefits, and public safety services.

In the last two years alone, state support for community colleges has declined by \$62 million, a 12.5 percent decrease. Community colleges in Oregon have raised tuition an average of 20 percent with additional increases likely.

Oregon Community College Legislative Day at the Capitol is Tuesday, April 5.

From Vaudeville to Acid Rock: Poster Art from 1935-1969 on Display in the LBCC Albany Library

An exciting, informative, and beautiful collection of 15 original music posters will be on display in the LBCC library display cases through Friday, March 18.

The posters are from the personal collections of Jim Creighton and Gary Westford, and are a cross-cultural representation of American musical styles and important artists including 1930's big band (Eli Rice and his Orchestra), 1950's blues (Little Willie John), country western music from the 1950's (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, Hank Snow), early 1960's rock (Fats Domino, Duane Eddy) and psychedelic music from the later 1960's (Grateful Dead, Big Brother and the Holding Company, Santana, The Doors).

Jim Creighton's collection comes from the Cottonwoods Ballroom, originally located between Albany and Lebanon on Highway 20. It was built in 1930 and operated as a music venue until 1961. Though located in the rural Willamette Valley, over the years it played host to many of the greatest names in music including Tommy Dorsey, Johnny Cash, and Nat King Cole. Jim is currently documenting the history of the Cottonwoods Ballroom and has plans for a book on the subject.

Gary Westford's collection of rock posters comes from concerts presented at the Fillmore Auditorium, Avalon Ballroom, and other venues in San Francisco. Many of the area's best-known graphic designers produced images used in these "acid rock" posters.

Initially these posters were tacked on telephone poles and placed in storefront windows as advertisements for the featured performers.

In recent years, their value as significant works of art has been established and these posters have been featured in many museum exhibitions across America. They represent a real coming together of many divergent cultures and musical styles, and as such provide a mirror to the heart and soul of American culture.