

The Insider

LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STAFF NEWSLETTER

Central Willamette Community CU Donates \$25k to Science & Health Project

Central Willamette Community Credit Union donated \$25,000 to the Foundation for the Science and Health Project. The donation will go towards sponsorship of a classroom as part of the college's \$4 million science and health renovation.

"Renovation of our 33-year-old science and health labs is the number one priority for facility update at LBCC," said President Rita Cavin.

LBCC science and health labs have been the same since they were built in 1973. Today, they are in constant use due to a steep increase in the number of health career and engineering preparation students. Approximately 5,000 students enroll in science classes each year, with classes often filling within the first few minutes of registration.

Elaine McLain, Central Willamette's President/CEO, stated "I recently toured the Science and Technology building. I was surprised to observe that the classrooms, offices and labs have never been remodeled or

updated in the 33 years since it was built. The classrooms are still designed for older teaching methods and primitive technology and will continue to negatively impact students preparing for a career in today's job market unless these improvements are made."

The Science and Health Project will improve lab space for physics, general science, computer, chemistry and biology and provide additional classroom and support areas. Current classrooms and labs have little space for new technology or computers.

The total capital project will cost approximately \$4 million. LBCC has currently invested \$1 million towards the project and is seeking a federal appropriation of \$2 million. The LBCC Foundation is working to raise \$1 million privately for the project along with an additional \$1 million for student scholarships.

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and marketing, she changed directions completely, and went to work in the horticulture industry for a local nursery.

After working in the field for a time, she decided to learn technical writing for horticulture, and college was the next logical step. Bergh is currently enrolled in LBCC's Technical Writing program, with plans to transfer to OSU into their new Horticulture Communication program.

"It's great how things have worked out," said Bergh. "I hope to continue on to graduate school after OSU, and teach others to write about horticulture as well."

Max M. Lizotte; Hometown: Seattle, WA. GPA: 3.75

LBCC Activities: Vice President, Alpha Tau Upsilon, Phi Theta Kappa.

Honors: LBCC Honor Roll, 2004-05.

Lizotte's story: Lizotte came out of high school, like many students, not knowing what career path to take. What he did know is that he liked dealing with the human psyche and how people interact. Lizotte's grandfather offered to pay for his college, but only if he agreed to attend community college first, as Lizotte says, "to test his resolve." As part of the deal, he works on his grandfather's farm to help offset the cost.

Lizotte says community college has helped him define a clear career path without incurring the steeper cost of going to a university. He has narrowed it down to two choices; social psychology or health psychology.

"I love dealing with the mind," says Lizotte. "I know the benefits of higher education, and the more I get under my belt, the better."

FYI . . .

Board of Education minutes will now be posted on the staff paperless office at <http://po.linnbenton.edu> and click on Board of Education.

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USA Academic Team Scholars Named

Jennifer Bergh and Max Lizotte have been named All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team Scholars for 2006 representing LBCC.

Both students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a plaque presented to them by the governor at the state Capitol in April.

Bergh is a Technical Communications major, and will graduate this spring with an AS degree. She plans to transfer to OSU.

Lizotte is a Psychology major, working on his AAOT degree with plans to transfer to either University of Washington or OSU.



Jennifer Bergh



Max Lizotte

Both students say they were honored to receive the award. Below are their student stats and stories.

Jennifer Bergh; Hometown: Longbeach, CA. GPA: 3.91
LBCC & Community Activities: Private tutoring in writing, algebra & software applications. Work study, LBCC English department. Corvallis Horizons Band, clarinet player. Corvallis Rose Society, previous member. DaVinci Days event volunteer.

Honors: Essay Contest Winner, Long Beach City College. Deans List, Honor Roll, three terms, Long Beach City College. Arts & Communications Department. Scholarship, LBCC. Honor Roll, LBCC 2004-05.

Bergh's story: Working for years in a job that you don't like can have an influence on what you do next. For Bergh, that meant finding a job doing something she really loved. After 14 years in advertising

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New VP for Academic Affairs Named

Carol Schaafsma has been selected as Vice-President of Academic Affairs. She will start her new position July 1.

Carol joined LBCC in 1994 as a Training Specialist in the Training and Business Development Center, where she was in charge of designing and assessing curriculum and training for business and industry. She also implemented a computer-based basic skills education program for local manufacturing businesses.



Carol Schaafsma

Carol was promoted to director of Professional and Business Development in 1997, serving in that capacity until 2001, when she was promoted to her most current position as Director of Curriculum and Instructional Programs.

"I am very pleased to have Carol provide leadership to LBCC's academic programs and initiatives," said President Rita Cavin. "She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this position."

In her role as curriculum and instructional programs director, Carol worked collaboratively with faculty to develop new programs, promote the use of technology, and provide staff development opportunities, including the new Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence.

She recently facilitated the development of a new five-year strategic plan and an accompanying vision, core values, and mission statement for the college.

Carol has a Master of Science degree in Industrial Relations from University of Oregon. She began her career in community colleges at Chemeketa, working in the Child Development Center and teaching part-time in the Early Childhood Education program.



Admissions threw a Valentine's Tea Party complete with fancy tea pots and cups and lots of goodies.



Matt, Student Life & Leadership, delivers Valentine flowers to Sandy Corliss, business office.

Campus News and Events

New Faces/Promotions

- **Kathleen Coffman**, Classified, Clerical Specialist 3—HP Learning Center, Hewlett-Packard Contracted Services, transferred from Clerical Specialist 3—Logistics, Hewlett-Packard Contracted Services, temporary, renewable—dependant upon continuation of funding, effective 01/30/06—06/30/06.
- **Vickie Keith**, Classified, replacing Virginia Peterson, Staff Development Assistant, Staff and Organizational Development, transferred from preferred hiring list effective 02/09/06.
- **Barbara Jean Nicoletti**, Management, replacing Jean Adamson, Manager, Institutional Research and Grant Support, Institutional Research, effective 02/13/06.
- **Virginia Peterson**, Classified, replacing Sheila Faulkner, Administrative Assistant, Business and Computer Systems Division, promoted from Staff Development Assistant, Staff and Organizational Development, effective 02/06/06.

Good-byes/Leaves of Absence

- **John Haytas**, Classified, Information Support Specialist, Information Services, resignation effective 02/28/06.
- **Amy Huskey**, Classified, Secretary 1, Family Connections, reduction in position effective 02/23/06.
- **Linda Kihs**, Faculty, Dental Assisting, Health and Human Services Division, retirement effective 07/01/06.
- **Shannon McCord**, Classified, Clerical Specialist 3, Hewlett-Packard Contracted Services, end of temporary contract effective 02/15/06.
- **Claudia Palmer**, Classified, Senior Applications Analyst, Information Services, retirement effective 04/01/06.
- **Darla Shiopen**, Classified, Instructional Assistant 2, Dental Assisting, Health and Human Services Division, retirement effective 07/01/06.
- **Edwin Watson**, Management, Vice President, Academic Affairs, early retirement effective 07/01/06.
- **Charles Weyant**, Faculty, Librarian, Student Services Division, retirement effective 07/01/06.

Honorable Mentions

- **Gary Price**, Director of Business & Economic Development, received the 2005 Business Leader of the Year award from the Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce. The award was given for exemplary leadership of an individual in advancing the fulfillment of the chamber mission and goals.

What's Happening

- **March 4, Saturday, Valley Writers Series Presents *The Art of Composing Drawings* with Gwenn Marchese, 1–3 p.m., Activity Room, Albany Senior Center.** In this workshop, Gwenn will explore the need for composition in creating a viable, artistic whole. Gwenn will guide participants in discovering frame and focus, point of view, and perspective. Contact the Jane White at whitej@linnbenton.edu for more information.



- **March 6, Monday, Islam and the Culture of the Middle East, noon–1 p.m., Alesa/Calapooia rooms.** Join OSU history professor Jonathan Katz as he talks about the Islamic faith and the culture of the Middle East.
- **March 8, Wednesday, Comedy Night, 6:30–8 p.m., Commons.** Bob (the Rabbi), and Ahmed (the Muslim) will bring good clean comedy to LBCC for a fun-filled, entertaining and maybe even educational evening. Delicious desserts will be served as well. Admission is \$5 each at the door. Children under 11 not admitted. For more information, contact the Multicultural Center.
- **March 9, Thursday, How to Instill Citizenship in Your Students Using Your Curriculum, noon–2 p.m., Alesa/Calapooia rooms.** Nationally known speaker Gail Robinson, Service-Learning Manager for the AACC, will lead a workshop for faculty and staff involved with providing instruction to students. Pre-registration is required, seating is limited. Lunch will be provided. Call 917-4968 to register. For more information, contact Sherry Rosen at ext. 4778.
- **March 9, Thursday, Digital Imaging, 2–3 p.m., Media Zone Lab. (WH-110)** Using images from a digital camera or scanner, learn how to crop, rotate and do contrast adjustments with Adobe Photoshop 6. If you can't attend the workshop and need help with digital imaging, contact Kate Johnson at ext. 4656. Pre-register by calling 917-4968.
- **March 15, Wednesday, Soup With Substance, The Power of Words: Power and Privilege, noon–1 p.m., Multicultural Center.** Join Christy Stevens and Alice Sperling to discuss the role that privilege and power play in western culture. This is the second discussion in a three-part series about the power that words contain.
- **March 15, Wednesday, LBCC Concert & Chamber Choirs present *Everybody Suddenly Burst Out Singing*, 7:30 p.m., Russell Tripp Performance Center.** Under the direction of Susan Peck, the concert and new chamber choirs present their winter term concert. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale at the box office and Gracewinds Music in Corvallis or at the door.
- **March 18, Saturday, 23rd Annual Family Resource Fair, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Commons.** This year's theme is "Celebrating Families" with a focus on creating joy and creativity in your family. More than 20 workshops will be offered on a variety of topics. Singer, storyteller and educator Anne-Louise Sterry will be the keynote speaker, delivering an entertaining and inspiring message on bringing joy and creativity into your home. Workshops are \$1 per adult. Lunch is \$2. Limited child care is provided for a fee. Pre-registration is required for lunch and child care. Contact the Periwinkle Child Development Center at 917-4897.



North Santiam Hall Grand Opening Celebration

Albany Chamber of Commerce, President Cavin, board members and staff filled the atrium in North Santiam Hall February 23 for the Grand Opening of the new NSH. The building is now official, complete with a permanent "chandelier" art piece hanging from the upper floor. Graphic designs by students along with famous quotes were incorporated on acrylic panels that are lit with colored LED lights. Additional gallery space is located in halls and display cases on both floors.



l to r; Board member Wes Price, Albany Chamber members John Owens, Nancy Whitley, President Rita Cavin, chamber members Jo Henshaw, Mike Martin, & Chamber President Janet Steele.



Pat . . .very interesting.



Fish Fryday!

Jan Huskey was the lucky winner of "Hat Friday" Feb. 17 with her straw hat. She even shared her winning hat with President Rita Cavin who joined in the fun at the lunch table.

Don't forget the next "Fish Fryday" will be March 10. The theme is country western duds. Be the first to show up in your western duds and win a \$10 LBCC food coupon!

Dr. Ed Watson Looks to Retirement



Dr. Ed Watson

Dr. Ed Watson, vice president of academic affairs, announced plans to retire at the end of June, after more than 36 years in public education. Ed has been an instrumental part of LBCC since 1993, when he started with the college as associate dean of the Liberal Arts and Human Performance/Athletics Division.

He then moved into the position of dean of the same division, and in 1996 moved into his current position. Ed said he has enjoyed the challenge of the positions he held here.

"I've enjoyed my time working at LBCC," he said. "It's people oriented and family-like, and very student oriented. And I like that kind of atmosphere."

Ed has been in the education field most of his adult life, taking his first teaching position right out of college at the age of 21. Although he has enjoyed the journey, he's looking ahead to possibly doing something outside the field of education.

"I'm ready to go down a different path," says Ed. "I have a sense of restlessness and I'm ready to move on. It's not so much an intellectual decision but rather an intuitive one."

Looking ahead, Ed has no immediate job plans, but hopes to keep himself busy by traveling more, playing a little more golf and a little more piano, and maybe doing some volunteer work.

"That's the plan for now . . . not to have a lot of focus," says Ed.

As far as his time here at LBCC, Ed says "It's a wonderful place to work. The people here have a positive can-do attitude, and they always find ways to make it all work."

REMINDER: Distinguished Alumni Nominations Due March 31

Please remember the deadline to submit nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award is March 31.

See the Foundation Alumni Web site for further information at www.linnbenton.edu/foundation and click on Alumni.