

The Insider

LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STAFF NEWSLETTER

Student Named "Copper Chef"

Second-year Culinary Arts major Joseph Metts was crowned "2007 Copper Chef" at a competition held April 24 in the Commons kitchen.

The LBCC Copper Chef competition is a way for first and second year culinary arts students to test their ability to create dishes with limited ingredients and no formal recipe. Much like the popular TV series Iron Chef, each participant has to create a first course dish and an entrée from a list of ingredients they know nothing about until the competition begins.

Three judges from the LBCC community scored each dish on presentation, flavor, texture and degree of difficulty. Metts won the title with his Thai Rice Noodle Salad and Thai Shrimp Green Curry.

Five students participated in this year's event. They were first-year students Michael Cross and Andrew Amerson, and second-year students Nick Lower, Joseph Metts and Ray Lorenz.

This year's list of ingredients included shrimp, mushrooms, spinach, eggs, cream, milk, carrot, celery, onion, bread crumbs, lime, roma tomato and potato. Cilantro, basil, dill, salt and pepper could also be used.

Students could also use nonperishable ingredients of their choice, such as canned goods. Some of the chosen ingredients were mandarin oranges, diced tomatoes, pasta, rice noodles and coconut milk.



Second-year Culinary Arts major Joseph Metts was crowned "2007 Copper Chef." Besides the honor of claiming himself "Copper Chef," Metts received a certificate and a copper cataplana, which is a Spanish cooking dish used for steaming clams. He competed against four other culinary arts students for the title.

HOWE/Bookstore Ribbon Cutting

The Bookstore and the Health Occupations and Workforce Education Division officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony held April 25. Students and staff toured the newly renovated facilities and mingled in the new courtyard, which has patio tables and chairs and a large outdoor heater.

The Albany Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors along with LBCC board member Tom Wogaman and interim board members Doug Issac and Elaine Eastman participated in the ceremony.



The newly-renovated courtyard between HOWE and the bookstore as seen from the second floor (top) is now an inviting break area for students. LBCC Board members along with the Albany Chamber of Commerce greeters cut the ribbon to officially kick-off the reopening of HOWE and the bookstore.



Staff mingle in the courtyard outside of the Health Occupations and Workforce Education Division during the ribbon cutting ceremony held April 25.

Legislative Lobbying for LBCC

LBCC hosted a breakfast with local community leaders and legislators for LBCC's Legislative Day held at the Capitol on April 30. The focus of the day was to discuss community college funding and capital construction.

Representing Albany were Doris Johnston, Regional Community Manager for Pacific Power; Janet Steele, President of the Albany Chamber of Commerce; and Bill O'Bryan, General Manager of National Frozen Foods.

President Rita Cavin, Colleen Clancy, Fred Haynes, Mike Holland, Gary Price, Marlene Propst and Renee Windsor-White represented LBCC. The group met with Senator Frank Morse and Representatives Andy Olson and Sara Gelser.

"The day was very worthwhile," said Cavin. "We were pleased with the opportunity to meet with our legislators as a group and feel we had a quality discussion on the community college's needs."

On the agenda was a discussion on how local businesses and industry use the community college for training. O'Bryan and Haynes spoke about the LBCC Engineering and Industrial Technology division's proposal to start a new program designed to train plant mechanics to work with the newest electronic and technical equipment.

The new program is referred to as "Mechatronics" and will focus on a combination of mechanical and electronic skills. Since most equipment is run on computer technology, the program makes perfect sense for industry today.

The group also talked about capital construction funds for the science and health center project.

"We had a good conversation about funding," said Propst. "All three of our legislators support the community college and its role in the community."

Several LBCC students along with President Cavin and staff members have been spending considerable time at the state capitol as well, lobbying legislators in support of college funding.

LBCC students who recently participated on the college's behalf include incoming ASG President J.J. Quinlivan and student ambassadors Peggy Long, Michel Mouzong, Jamie Wilson, Caleb Leonard, Cosmo Prindle, Stephanie Olsen and Will Parker.

Quinlivan and Wilson were able to speak directly to the legislators, and represented LBCC well.

Addressing Safety on Campus

In light of the Virginia Tech shooting, the college has spent the past several weeks addressing concerns over campus safety. Several forums have been held, including a question and answer panel led by Dean of Student Services Diane Watson.

Panel participants included Contract and Risk Manager Sharon King, Dean of Health and Human Services Jim Bell, Director of College Advancement Marlene Propst, Security Manager Bruce Thompson, Director of Information Services Ann Adams and President Rita Cavin.

The college is looking at several things that can be done to increase campus safety including increased lighting, placing campus security phones throughout the parking areas and adding hot buttons at key locations that link directly to security.

Currently, the college has about 90 Building Emergency Coordinators on campus that are trained to help with evacuations and emergencies.

"The college policy is always safety first," said King. "Jim Bell is our resident expert in the Incident Command System, and we have several teams that operate around that."

Different Incident Command Teams are trained to respond to safety issues such as threats and hazardous spills. The college has a chain of command and a security procedure in place with back-up people ready to step in, said King.

According to Thompson, there is a zero tolerance for firearms on campus, including those carried by people with a concealed weapons license. College policy is in line with state law that prohibits firearms within 1,000 feet of school property. The policy on knives is currently under review.

LBCC's crisis planning document states that the first and best line of defense against many emergencies is a well-trained and highly alert staff and student body. Cavin talked about how knowing and trusting each other, be it staff, students or instructors, will help us to respond quickly and work together to hopefully mitigate any damage.

"The thing that I have learned from the Virginia Tech incident is that one of the best protections we have is to be a community before an event occurs," said Cavin.

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Campus News and Events

New Faces/Promotions

- **Richard Ground**, Classified, new position, Security Officer, Campus Security, temporary, effective 04/04/07 to 06/30/07.
- **Michelle Slay**, Classified, replacing Carol Raymundo, Clerical Specialist 3, Career Services, effective 04/09/07.
- **Chris Wade**, Classified, replacing Carl Sorensen, Security Officer, Campus Security, effective 04/01/07.

Good-byes/Leaves of Absence

- **Lawrence Cox**, Management/Exempt, Supervisor, Printing Services, Fiscal and Auxiliary Services, effective 04/04/07.
- **Michelle Dermody**, Faculty, JOBS Program, LEDD, effective 06/30/07.
- **Elizabeth Fox**, Management/Exempt, Director, Linn and Benton County RSVP, effective 06/30/07.
- **Mindy Lowden**, Classified, Secretary 1, Family Connections, effective 04/03/07.
- **Denise Magee**, Classified, Program Assistant 3, RSVP, effective 06/30/07.
- **Denise Martin**, Classified, Accounting Specialist, Accounting Services, effective 04/06/07.
- **Nathan Wallin**, Classified, Security Officer, Campus Security, effective 04/27/07.

What's Happening

- **Tuesday, May 8, Excellence in Communication: An Overview of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP Series), noon to 1 p.m., Siletz Room.** Do you want to learn more about the non-verbal side of interpersonal communication? This brown bag series will expose you to Neuro Linguistic Programming. Joseph Bailey will share his monthly learnings from his training in NLP. Advance registration is requested. Contact Vickie Keith at ext. 4968 or by email.
- **Tuesday, May 8, "Chicana Artists: 1960s to the Present," 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., Benton Center, room BC-246.** Analee Fuentes will present this lecture which is designed to enrich your understanding of the Latino culture, expose the audience to an area of art not commonly experienced in our region and to underscore the universality of the creative experience. The lecture is open to the public.
- **Friday, May 11, Sharpening Your Interviewing Skills: A Session for Classified Staff, noon to 1 p.m., Siletz Room.** Interviewing can be tough. This lunchtime workshop will give you tips for improving your interviewing skills to help you land that next job. Presented by Catherine Quinnett with Human Resources.
- **Wednesday, May 16, Dare to Repair Your Car, noon to 1 p.m., Courtyard.** Dare to Repair is back! Join some of our female students in the Automotive Technology Program as they help us shift gears and get us moving on the road to maintaining our own cars. Sponsored by the Non-Traditional Careers Program.

- **Wednesday, May 16, Conversational Skills Follow-Up Session, noon to 1 p.m., Willamette Room.** Why do people do what they do? Alice Sperling will host this brown bag follow up session from the Conversational Skills Manual. Bring your manual and join in for good conversation and ideas. Everyone is welcome.
- **Wednesday, May 23, Spring Fling, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Courtyard.** Join in for an afternoon of fun during the annual Spring Fling. Activities include a dunk tank, mini golf, a pie eating contest, a silent auction and a BBQ. Courtyard lunch of hamburgers and veggie burgers including potato salad, fruit, cookie and beverage will be served by the Student Programming Board. Cost for lunch is \$4 for employees, \$3 for students.
- **Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25, 34th Annual French Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Commons Dining Room.** The theme for this year's Culinary Arts French Banquet is "Oregon's Tribute to Burgundy, France." LBCC culinary students will produce a beautiful menu that incorporates Oregon's bountiful agriculture with preparations that reflect the culinary styles of Burgundy. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available for purchase in the College Center, room CC-214 or by phone at 917-4391 through Friday, May 18, or until gone.
- **May 25, 26, 31, June 1, 2 at 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, June 3, 3:00 p.m., Spring Play "Lend Me A Tenor," Russell Tripp Performance Center.** Directed by George Lauris. Through a hilarious series of mishaps, world famous tenor Tito Morelli (Il Stupendo), is given a double dose of tranquilizers which mix with the booze he has consumed and he passes out. Saunders and his assistant Max believe he is dead. What to do? Max is an aspiring singer and Saunders persuades him to get into Morelli's Otello costume and try to fool the audience into thinking he's Il Stupendo. Max succeeds admirably, but Morelli comes to and gets into his other costume. Now two Otellos are running around in costume and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with Il Stupendo! Tickets are \$9 adults, \$7 students and seniors age 62 and older. For more information, contact the box office at 917-4531.

AAWCC's 7th Annual Silent Auction

The American Association of Women in Community Colleges will hold its 7th Annual Silent Auction in conjunction with Spring Fling on Wednesday, May 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard.

Proceeds from this event fund \$500 scholarships awarded to several of our students each year. The appreciation expressed by scholarship recipients helps drive the desire for the continuation of this annual event.

Please deliver any items you wish to donate for the auction along with a donation form to CC-110 (office of Gail Wise). Deadline for donations is Friday, May 20. If you have any questions or need a form, please call Gail Wise at 4354 or Lori Fluge-Brunker at 4411 or contact by email.

Nominations Due for Distinguished Staff and Pastega Awards

It's the time of year to nominate your peers for the annual Distinguished Staff Award, Pastega Faculty Excellence Award and Pastega Classified Excellence Award.

The Distinguished Staff Award is given as recognition for a substantial contribution of both time and energy to the college over an individual's career. This award is often given to staff at retirement, but can be given at any time.

The nominee must have completed a minimum of 10 years of continuous employment by the college. A candidate with less than 10 years of employment may be considered at retirement or demise. The winner(s) will be announced at fall in-service.

The Mario and Alma Pastega Faculty Excellence Award is intended to provide recognition and encouragement for academic excellence by a continuing contracted faculty member. The emphasis will be placed on recent excellence in facilitating the learning process and is not necessarily related to longevity and career achievement.

The Mario and Alma Pastega Classified Excellence Award is intended to provide recognition and encouragement for superior performance by a contracted classified employee. The emphasis will be placed on recent performance and is not necessarily related to longevity and career achievement.

Both the faculty and classified Pastega Awards are for one individual each. Nominations of groups of employees will not be considered. Award recipients will be announced during fall in-service, where they will each receive a \$1,000 honorarium from Mr. Pastega.

The selection criteria and nomination process for each award is outlined in the nomination documents. The nomination process includes gathering signatures and writing letters. Please address the selection criteria in the letters to the best of your ability.

Nomination materials are available in the Foundation office and are due in the College Advancement/Foundation Office (CC-105) by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 20. For more information, call or e-mail Marlene Propst.

Benton Center Ceramics Sale

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 8 and help support the Benton Center ceramic studio. Ceramic faculty, students and instructional assistants from LBCC will showcase their work and offer raku, high fire, salt, and wood fire pieces for sale. Selection includes vases and flowerpots, a wide variety of decorative items, usable tableware, small sculptures and more. Prices range from very affordable to collectable. A portion of all sales is used to purchase wheels, kilns and other studio equipment. For more information, contact Lin Olson at 757-8944 x5114.



Campus Closed
Monday, May 28
for Memorial Day

Library & Learning Center Moves

Renovation of the Library and Learning Center is scheduled to take place starting in June. The Library's temporary location will be in Industrial B, IB-120. The Learning Center will be housed in several locations on campus. A complete list of locations can be found on the home page under the News and Events link on the left hand side.

Both the Library and Learning Center will offer services at their current locations through June 13. Both should be open for business in their temporary locations by June 27. Renovation is scheduled for completion in December.

Improvements to the Library and Learning Center will include group study rooms, an additional computer classroom, an enlarged Reading/Writing/Study Skills Lab, a larger testing area, a larger Math 20 classroom and additional office space. The Learning Center will gain an additional 5,200 square feet, and an internal stairway and new elevator will provide better access between the two.

Foundation Paver Reminder

June 29 is the deadline for reserving your paver for this year. New pavers will be installed in the College Center entryway this summer.

Pavers can have up to three lines of 17 characters per line and are available in four donation levels of \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1000. LBCC payroll deductions can be used to reserve pavers each year – so if you've established a donation through payroll, don't forget to get your paver order in by June 29.

You can place your paver orders through the Foundation Office, CC-105, or visit the web site www.linnbenton.edu/foundationpavers to download a pdf form.



Join in for the Foundation Teddy Bear Tea on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Commons. \$10 adults, \$8 for school-age children. Advance reservations by May 4 please. Call the Foundation 917-4209. Baskets such as the ones above will be auctioned at this fund-raising event. Bears L-R: Melissa's Arts Greeting Cards "Benton", LBCC Culinary Arts/Food Service "Chef Grim N. Beurette", Salem Harley-Davidson "FXTB: Soft Tail Teddy Bear", The Berry Basket "The Beary Bear", Pastime Antiques and Clockwise, Inc. "Pastimes Tick-Tock"