

Science Club Takes a 'Crater Crawl'

For the past four summers, LBCC Physical Science Instructor Greg Mulder and the LBCC Science Club have made a three-day expedition to the top of Mt. St. Helens. This past summer, the Science Club had the opportunity to enter the exclusion zone around Mt. St. Helens and actually go into the crater of the volcano. This is one of the first times a non-research/non-media group has been allowed inside the volcano.

Some of the highlights of the trip included recently formed glaciers, 300-meter waterfalls (one of them of hot water), and unique views of the remains of a mountain that self-destructed. One of the group's guides was a USGS/Forest Service guide—Cynthia Gardner—who is one of the world's leading scientists in volcano research.

Mulder's group consisted of three LBCC faculty, 12 LBCC students, three Clatsop Community College faculty, and two support people along with three guides from the USGS and the Forest Service. They descended into the crater on Saturday, Aug. 21. The initial plan was to also visit the crater via helicopter Sunday, but bad weather made it impossible.

One of the students on the trip described the lava dome and surroundings in a report to Mulder, writing, "The lava dome has a height of 900 feet and is continuing to grow. Occasionally, clouds of steam could be seen near the top of the dome. Life has slowly been regenerating itself in this area. Plants of several types as well as insect life can be seen, and grasshoppers were very common."

Mulder plans to use images, videos and information gained from the expedition in his GS 106 class. "I will also work on using this and future trips in order to increase science awareness and enthusiasm for our pre-service teachers as well," Mulder said.



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Two Chosen for Distinguished Staff Award

Rosemary Bennett and Kathy Clark tied for this year's Distinguished Staff award. The award, given yearly at fall inservice, is for substantial contribution of both time and energy to the college by an employee with a minimum of 10 years of continuous employment at LBCC.

Bennett has worked for LBCC since 1971, spending most of her career as a counselor with Counseling and Student Services. Nominating comments included "Rosemary's dedication and love for her job has won her the respect of those who have the privilege of working with her," and "She is a role model whose dedication to the college is surpassed by none."

Clark, who has been with LBCC since 1975, is currently the department chair for Developmental Studies for Student Services. Nominating comments included that "She is a master teacher, one who is often sought after for advice," and "Her positive attitude, teaching expertise, willingness to work hard, and knowledge of developmental studies and LBCC make her a true asset to our community."

Both winners received a plaque engraved with their name and a brief summation of nominating comments. An additional plaque with photo, dates of service and statement of recognition will be hung in the College Center Distinguished Staff Gallery.



Pastega Award Winners Announced

Each year at fall inservice, Mario and Alma Pastega give two \$1,000 awards—one for faculty and one for classified staff—to honor their outstanding contribution to the LBCC community. The awards are intended to provide recognition and encouragement for academic excellence and superior performance.

Scott Anselm and Theresa Ezell are this year's winners of the Pastega Faculty and Classified Excellence Awards. Scott, who is the faculty award winner, has been Culinary Arts Instructor since September, 1986. Those who nominated him praised his high standards for student achievement and his leadership and mentoring abilities.

Theresa is the contracted classified staff award winner. She has been employed at LBCC since July, 1994 and is currently the office coordinator for the Career and Counseling Center. Those who nominated Theresa praised her ability to facilitate communications and organization skills as well as her high standards of personal performance and student involvement.

Both winners received \$1,000 to use however they wish.

The Pastegas started the awards through the LBCC Foundation in 2000. Mr. Pastega says he enjoys giving back to the communities he serves. The Pastegas own and operate the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company in Corvallis.

The criteria and emphasis of the Pastega Awards is based on recent excellence and outstanding performance, not necessarily longevity and career achievement at the college. The Pastegas believe that employee recognition is important, and this is their way of helping the college do just that.



Campus News and Events

New Faces

- Frances Beck, classified, replacing Cheryl Seadors, Library Specialist 2, Library, effective 9/14/04.
- Roberta Bronson, faculty, replacing Douglas McCready, Associate Degree Nursing, Nursing, effective 9/07/04.
- Katherine Donegan, classified, replacing Jane Rider, Outreach and Retention Specialist, Student Life and Leadership, temporary, renewable-dependent upon continuation of funding, effective 9/01/04 – 6/30/05.
- Brooke Hoisington, classified, new position, Instructional Assistant 1, Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences, effective 9/15/04.
- Alan Heywood, exempt, replacing Paul Snyder, Director, Media Services, Distance Education and Media, effective 9/01/04.
- Dominique Kovacs, classified, replacing Cody Hutchison, Shipping and Receiving Clerk, Bookstore, effective 8/10/04.
- Jason Miller, classified, replacing Susan Prock, Multicultural Center Coordinator, Student Life and Leadership, temporary, renewable-dependent upon continuation of funding, effective 9/01/04 – 6/30/05.
- Trista Ochoa, classified, replacing Lynnette Wynkoop, Family Connections Consultant, Family Connections, temporary, renewable-dependant upon continuation of funding, effective 8/23/04 – 6/30/05.
- Brian Ort, faculty, new position, Biological Science, Math and Science, effective 1/03/05.
- Christina Plumlee, classified, replacing Kathleen Martinak, Financial Aid Assistant, Senior Financial Aid, effective 8/16/04.
- Jeanee Reichert, faculty, replacing Mary Browning, Developmental Studies, Developmental Studies and Adult Basic Skills Development, effective 9/14/04.
- Bruce Thompson, classified, replacing Carl Sorensen III, Security Officer, Campus Security, effective 9/02/04.
- Jane Walker, faculty, new position, English/Composition, Arts and Communication, effective 9/14/04.
- Lori Weedmark, classified, replacing Heather Ohana, Publications Assistant, Marketing and Public Relations, effective 8/11/04.
- James Wixson, classified, replacing James Schilling, Maintenance Specialist 1, Facilities, effective 9/14/04.

Promotions

- Theresa Ray Broughton, classified, replacing Rachell Carlisle, Events and Meeting Coordinator 1, Conference Services, promoted from Clerical Specialist 2, Printing Services, effective 8/09/04.
- Dagmar Johnson, Faculty, replacing Jeanee Reichert, Life Skills, Life and Employment Development Department, transferred from

Manager, Secondary Wood Products Training System, Temporary, renewable-dependent upon continuation of funding, effective 9/03/04 – 6/30/05.

- Alfred Price, classified, replacing Daniel Phelps, Computer Lab Specialist 1, Engineering and Industrial Technology Division, promoted from Media Technician 1, Distance Education and Media, effective 9/14/04.
- Catherine Quinnett, exempt, replacing Laurie Trombley, Manager, Employment Services, Human Resources, promoted from Tutor Coordinator, Developmental Studies and Adult Basic Skills Development, effective 8/23/04.

Goodbye

- Susan Brubaker, classified, Financial Aid Assistant, Financial Aid, resigned effective 9/14/04.
- Eric Fischbeck, classified, Custodian, Facilities, resigned effective 8/27/04.
- Douglas Keck, exempt, Director, Development, Administrative Offices, retirement effective 8/31/04.

What's Happening?

- The Art Department is hosting its annual faculty art exhibit from Sept. 27–Oct. 29 in the AHSS gallery. The exhibit includes works by Rich Bergeman, Analee Fuentes, Dori Litzer, Kurt Norlin, Gary Westford, Jay Widmer, Erik Land and Rebecca Chance. Six exhibiting artists are donating one piece of art each to be raffled off. Tickets will be sold for \$3 each or four for \$10 and are available through the Art Department. The proceeds go to the Foundation Art Fund.
- The music group Pink Martini is coming to the newly renovated Russell Tripp Performance Center on Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the theater box office, admission is \$12. Pink Martini represents what is refreshing and new in pop music, respecting the traditions of classical, jazz and Latin beats. Come and enjoy the new theater and great music.
- Student Life and Leadership will kick off the new year with an all-campus picnic Oct. 6 from 11:30a.m.–1p.m. in the LBCC courtyard. There will be music, information, and club booths to check out. The menu includes burger or veggie burger, veggie sticks, chips, cookies and soda—\$3 for students and \$4 for staff.
- LBCC Foundation will hold its annual Fund Drive Kickoff and Paver Project dedication on Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. in the paver courtyard outside the College Center.



Horses Donated to LBCC Horse Management Program

Three horses were recently donated to the LBCC Animal Technology/Horse Management program for use in classroom instruction and breeding. Andy Anderson of Corvallis donated a



Instructor Jenny Strooband with Meadowwood Sleek

4-year-old registered paint gelding named Felix. According to Jenny Strooband, horse management instructor, the horse is well-bred but a bit wild and will be a great project horse for students to train and get ready to sale. The horse will then be sold in the spring with the proceeds going back into the program.

The second horse, donated by Parker Paints out of Scio, is a registered American Paint Horse Association stallion named Meadowwood Sleek. He will be used to breed mares and for class riding instruction. Strooband says the horse is very gentle, but needs some work to get back into riding shape.

The third horse, donated by Irving and Nancy Hawkins from Medford, is a brood mare named Docs Triple Remedy. According to Strooband, she can't be ridden, but will make a great breeder. Her line is from a famous stallion called Docs Remedy.

The college's Horse Management program has three main parts: Riding and training, breeding, and management. Strooband says it's a popular program and classes are full this term.

"We put out well-trained, smart 'horse people', and most of my students graduate and stay in the field," said Strooband "Some go to other states, but many stay in the area so we definitely support the local communities need."

The college's seven-acre horse facility, obtained through a purchase/donation 2 1/2 years ago from the Miebach family, is located 1.5 miles from campus. The arena bears the Miebachs family name. LBCC currently owns 10 horses, all of which were donated. The program also allows a limited number of paying borders, bringing the total to 30–35 horses at any given time.

Staff's Generosity Gets Heartfelt "Thank You"

Janet Converse extends a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone at LBCC who contributed items for the people in Tanzania. The group Janet traveled with in June distributed boxes of clothing, school supplies, medicines, household items and toys to households in a country where the average annual income is only about \$250! She is pictured here with children in an authentic Masai boma, or village, where her group was welcomed with singing, dancing, and a feast of roasted goat. (Some small children actually were frightened because they had never seen white people!) Janet is already making plans for a return trip to Africa next summer. Drop by Janet's desk at CC-109 if you want to see some great photographs from her trip.



2004 SERVICE AWARDS

The following employees received service awards during fall inservice 2004:

5–YEAR AWARDS: Adero Allison, John Alvin, Bridgid Backus, Richard Bobbitt, Marcia Bollman, Michelle Boswell, Michael Brawn, Steven Carrow, Bruce Clemetsen, Janeen Creighton, Ronald Dennis, Sheila Faulkner, Dana Gorman, Karen Green, Robin Havenick, Michael Houser, Earl Jambura III, Kate Johnson, Paul Jorgensen, Sharon Ketchum, Janice Konzack, Wendy Major, Shannon McCord, Patricia McMenamin, Jonathan Pedersen, Ramon Pena, Gary Price, Debarah Rainey, Theresa Ray Broughton, Amy Sadowsky, Linda Samet, Janice Stover, Rob Williams.

10–YEAR AWARDS: Joanne Apter, Jerry Boaz, Thomas Bohmker, Larry Carter, Diana Curwen, Patricia Gail Dameworth, Michael Holland, Kristen Jones, Janice Legris, Denise Martin, Faye Melius, Wanda Pennington, Barbara Rossi, Bryan Schiedler, David Schmitke, Mary Seeman, Lori Skarda, Susanna Stone.

15–YEAR AWARDS: James Bell, Susan Bewley, Bradley Carman, Joyce Condit, Annette Easdale, Janice Fraser-Hevlin, Cynthia Hylton, Sharon King, Rick Klampe, Nona Knauss, Kevin Lacey, Kathleen Martinak, Tammi Paul, Elizabeth Pearce-Smith, Carla Raymond, Joseph Sherlock, Vernon Smith, Patricia Standage, Mark Weiss, Michael Weiss.

20–YEAR AWARDS: Arlie Bell Jr., James Burnett Jr., Angelina Klampe, Judi Madarus, Laurie Trombley, Charles Weyant.

25–YEAR AWARDS: Jane Donovan, Richard Horton, Steven Lanham, Stephen Lebsack, Janet Modin, Ronald Sharman, Lynn Trimpe, Linda Versteeg, Jason Widmer.

OVER–25 YEARS: 27 years: Teresa Patterson. 28 years: Irene Allen, Jackie Grenz, Donna James, Carolyn Lebsack, Kevin Nicholson, Marlene Propst. 29 years: Richard Bergeman, Gary Ruppert

30–YEAR AWARDS: Katherine Clark, Ann Marie Etheridge, Susan Sheythe (pictured below with President Rita Cavin).

