

AAWCC Board Election Results

The election for open positions on the AAWCC state board was held in January. This is conducted annually statewide, with ballots being mailed to all active members. Congratulations to Judy Sawser, Chemeketa Community College, elected Vice President for Professional Development; Virginia Moskus, Linn-Benton Community College, elected Vice President for Finance; Barbara Bessey, Linn-Benton Community College, elected Vice President for Special Projects; and Toni Partington, Mt. Hood Community College, elected Member-at-Large.

Thank you to the outgoing board members for all your contributions: Linda Blair, Chemeketa Community College, Vice President for Finance; Lily O'Rielly, Portland Community College, Vice President for Special Projects; and Marcia Keith, Clackamas Community College, Vice President for Professional Development. We'll miss you!

The Board thanks all the women who ran for an office: Betty Kay, Ellen Levin, Terry Arnold, Serena St. Clair, and Miriam Thompson. We hope you and others will be willing to take that risk in the future.

Linda Ericksen, President-Elec

Sussman Receives Leadership Award

Stephanie Sussman, Mt. Hood Community College, was selected as this year's recipient of the Oregon AAWCC Leadership Award at the annual conference in December. Stephanie was nominated by Dr. Pamela Transue of Portland Community College. In recommending Stephanie for the award, Dr. Transue said:

"I am delighted to nominate Stephanie Sussman for the Oregon AAWCC Leadership Award. In the six years that I have known Stephanie, she has demonstrated over and over again her dedication to the personal growth and professional success of women in community colleges. Stephanie has served as a mentor to numerous women at Mt. Hood Community College, both students and staff, and she has worked with her colleagues at other institutions to create and sustain strong programs for women statewide.

"I can think of no better choice for the leadership award..."

Stephanie has been one of the guiding lights in sustaining the vitality of our state AAWCC organization. Not only has she served in leadership roles, throughout the year she has acted as ambassador for the organization wherever she goes. Her role in developing the Oregon Leaders Program at Silver Falls is an example of her creativity and determination. Many community college women throughout Oregon have been reinvigorated, sustained, and encouraged by their experience at this gathering. As we all know, putting such an event together is a major task, one which Stephanie has been able to accomplish by making it a priority.

Stephanie has been active at the national level, working with Carolyn Desjardins and others to ensure a strong Leaders Program. She also has been supportive of women who are working on graduate degrees and, in her own Ph.D. program, is working on a thesis involving women and leadership.

I would not want to close, however, without mentioning Stephanie's leadership in the development of the Steps to Success program which has helped thousands of women to move from welfare dependency to family wage jobs and a new belief in themselves and their futures.

In short, I can think of no better choice for this year's Leadership Award than Stephanie Sussman."

Obviously, the committee agreed with Dr. Transue; and from the applause at the conference, everyone there did too!

Ninth Annual State Conference

The 1995 AAWCC state conference will be held Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 at the Benson Hotel in Portland. Conference registration will again be \$99; hotel rooms are \$95 either single or double occupancy. Committees are now being formed to prepare for the conference.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please join us at our "kickoff meeting" on Monday, April 24, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Chemeketa Community College. Lunch will be provided in the Avenue 34 Restaurant (located in Building 34). The college address is 4000 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem. Please RSVP to Judy Sawser, (503) 399-6982 (W), or (503) 390-7217 (H), as soon as possible. When you RSVP, Judy will let you know about parking arrangements. If you cannot attend, please let Judy know your committee preference and share your ideas for the conference.

Watch for conference updates in your mail this summer!

—Judy Sawser, VP for Professional Development



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Memories of our wonderful 1994 conference energize me as I look ahead to our organization's challenges for the coming year. We grow each year in attendance, membership and the expertise of our conference committees, which produce such a professional, well-run event. Thank you gain to Marcia Keith and the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes. I will be using the comments from your evaluations to help us in planning the 1995 conference.

Two major events have occurred since our last communication. You received and returned a record number of ballots to vote for new board members. I am delighted to welcome them to our board. They are: Judy Sawser, (Chemeketa), Vice President for Professional Development; Virginia Moskus, (LBCC), Vice President for Finance; Barbara Bessey (LBCC), Vice President for Special Projects; and Toni Partington, (MHCC), Member-At-Large.

"Associations for women work all over the world!"

Several people have finished their board terms. Lily O'Rielly (PCC) has been on the board for four years as the Vice President for Special Projects. We are grateful to Lily for her work to organize and implement the Oregon Leadership Institute, which she and I co-directed. Virginia Moskus (LBCC) left the board as Member-At-Large, but was elected our Vice President for Finance. We are lucky to have someone as capable as Virginia in this position. Linda Blair (Chemeketa) the outgoing Vice President for Finance, is trying to finish up her degree through Eastern Oregon State University. Her goal is to become an elementary school teacher once she graduates. Marcia Keith (Clackamas), outgoing Vice President for Professional Development, gave her papers and files to Judy Sawser (Chemeketa), with a smile and look of relief. After planning two conferences, she seemed ready to move on to other challenges.

New Board members and several Campus Contacts met on March 3 at the Wayne Morse Ranch in Eugene. Every two years, we have come together for a planning retreat to evaluate our accomplishments, redefine our focus and set goals for the next two years. Much of our time focused on how we can better communicate with our members and our Campus Contacts. You'll be hearing more about this in other articles.

I recently returned from a trip to Thailand. Part of my travels brought me to some remote Hill tribe villages in the northern part of the country. While visiting one village, I was invited to enter one woman's hut where several women were busy reroofing the bamboo structure with fronds from coconut trees and bamboo plants. I asked if they always worked together? *"Oh no!"* said our interpreter. *"They realized a few years ago that everyone was working alone to redo their roofs. They decided to help each other out and make it more of a social event. The men laughed at them at first because they thought they would spend too much time talking and not enough time working on the roofs. Now they say the work goes much faster and they prefer doing it together. The older women can be a part of the project too. They keep an eye on the children while they weave the fronds together."* Associations for women work all over the world!!

The Oregon Institute for Leadership Development will hold its fourth Institute this June 25 - 28 at Silver Falls Conference Center. Barbara Bessey will be Co-directing with me as the new Vice President for Special Projects. She was the LBCC participant at the National Institute for Leadership Development in Port Angeles, Washington, in 1994. Barbara has a good deal of experience in training and development, which will help to keep our Institute growing.

Oregon Leaders June 25 - 28

If you are interested in attending this year, please reach your Campus Contact or college President. They each received a

packet of information about applications, time lines, etc. If you have an idea for a presentation, please call me at (503) 292-3377 or Barbara Bessey at (503) 967-6112. We will be working on presentations and agenda items in the next few weeks.

Also, if you are interested in leading our "Leaders" evening of entertainment, please call and let us know. Doreen Daily may not be able to come back to Oregon this June, and though we will miss her leadership, we will need someone new to keep us laughing!

—Stephanie Sussman, President

Leadership

*"If the best of me
can make more of you
Then the best of you
Will reflect on me."*



*"Do not follow where the path
may lead....
Go instead where there is
no path.....
And leave a trail."*

Electronic Job Board Systems Operator

In 1993, Oregon AAWCC identified a statewide job network as a project that the board should pursue. As Member-At-Large for AAWCC and a computer instructor, I took on the project. I developed a statewide electronic bulletin board over Ed-Net's Compass. On the board, I maintain information about AAWCC and its activities, along with articles of interest to professional women readers.

I no longer have time to be the sys op (system operator) of the electronic bulletin board. Also the job news never really reached me in any big way to make this a viable job network.

I feel committed that AAWCC should make use of the current technology in this way, so I am looking for a replacement. The woman who wants to do this job should be computer literate, but doesn't really have to be an expert on data communications--I can help you get started and it isn't hard. Also it would need a commitment of time to contact placement offices to receive job openings on a regular basis.

The potential for this type of interaction is limitless—daily contact with members around the state, up-to-date AAWCC information, board minutes could be made available electronically, campus contacts could post newsworthy items—this could be an exciting project for a woman who wants to be involved in AAWCC in a big way. If you would like to get more information, call me at (503) 343-9338.

—Linda Ericksen

AAWCC Planning Meeting Held

Every two years the AAWCC State Board, including out-going Board members, newly elected Board members, Campus Contacts, and Presidents of local campus chapters, come together for a day-long planning meeting facilitated by the President Elect. The focus for the day is to identify projects or improvements to on-going projects that Oregon AAWCC should concentrate on for the next two years.

This year, women from all over the state met at the Wayne Morse Ranch in Eugene on March 3. After a short Board meeting, the day was spent brainstorming ways to improve existing projects—such as the conference, the Oregon Leadership Institute, and the newsletter. One new project under discussion was the mentor program.

One area in which you will see improvements is the role of the Campus Contact.

The board acknowledged that the Campus Contacts provide a valuable service, yet have little or no guidelines or recognition. A lunch with the President-Elect, whose job it is to coordinate the Campus Contacts, is being planned for the conference next winter. Also look for an information packet which is currently being prepared, to help make the Campus Contact's job easier.

Extensive evaluation of the annual conference took place (as it always does). Every comment members made on the conference evaluations provided an excellent place to help make the next year's conference even better. Feedback about the Oregon Leadership Institute was discussed and an advisory board to the institute was proposed.

The electronic job network and the newsletter also were evaluated and discussed to help improve these services.

The day was very worthwhile. We were especially grateful to the Campus Contacts and the local Chapter Presidents who provided other perspectives for the board.

—Linda Ericksen

Chapter Receives Recognition by National AAWCC

Clackamas Community College has transformed its existing Focus on Women Program into the CCC chapter of AAWCC and has been granted campus chapter status by the national AAWCC!

Activities of the chapter include credit classes focusing on issues of concern to women; cultural events, such as trips to plays and concerts; Lunch and Learn brown bag seminars; women's book group; line dancing; and an occasional European trip.

Clackamas is delighted to have received the campus chapter status and expects to continue its already excellent women's programming. The current President of the CCC chapter of AAWCC is Bernie Nolan.

*"Woman must not accept;
she must challenge.
She must not be awed
by that which has been
built up around her;
she must reverence that
woman in her which
struggles for expression."*

—Margaret Sanger



*"Far away in the sunshine
are my highest aspirations*

*I may not reach them,
but I can look up
and see their beauty,
believe in them,
and try to follow
where they lead."*

—Louisa May Alcott

A Long Way To Go

The following Kindergarten Awards were given out in a graduation ceremony in New Jersey last year:

Boy's Awards—Very Best Thinker, Most Eager Learner, Most Imaginative, Most Enthusiatic, Most Scientific, Best Friend, Mr. Personality, Hardest Worker, and Best Sense of Humor.

Girl's Awards—All-Around Sweetheart, Sweetest Personality, Cutest Personality, Best Sharer, Best Artist, Biggest Heart, Best Manners, Best Helper, and Most Creative.

The parents of one of the girls wrote a letter of complaint to the school and have been told the awards will be changed next graduation.

—JW

Blue Mountain CC

Betty Johnson-Udy, from Blue Mountain's Small Business Development Program, attended the AAWCC conference in December. It was the first time Betty has been involved with AAWCC, and she tells me she enjoyed herself immensely. Cindy Lenhart and Beth Condon, permanent part-time Basic Skills Department instructors, are now doing some academic advising. Cindy also is a member of the statewide task force on proficiency-based learning and assessment. That group will be developing a three-year plan that addresses the professional development needs of community college instructors in terms of proficiency-based education and admission standards.

Cynthia Hilden, Shelly Lott and Amy Spiegel from BMCC and Carrie Swanson from Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution participated in the statewide meeting of the Oregon Association of Higher Education and Disability. This meeting facilitates networking among Oregon's two- and four-year college and university providers of services for students with disabilities. Sue Nolen, math instructor, presented a six-hour Ti-82 calculator workshop for Pendleton public school math teachers. With the advent of the CIM and CAM, communication between BMCC and public school teachers is crucial. Workshops like Sue's are helpful in that process.

In early November, Crystal Patton participated in a consortium held in Portland to discuss the testing changes with the Oregon Board of Dentistry and the American Dental Assistant Association. In July, Tina Moore from our nursing department attended the National Conference on Research in Women's and Perinatal Nursing. From this she will be able to integrate new information about women's disease into the women's health curriculum.

—Cynthia Hilden

Chemeketa CC

The Chemeketa Women's Forum continues to grow. At our campus meeting at the AAWCC Conference in December, we selected topics for winter term trainings and assigned facilitators. The January training, facilitated by Linda Sulkin and Sondra Crandall, was on "Women's Safety On Campus."

In addition, we opened up the campus contact position to Chemeketa AAWCC members. Taking on campus contact responsibilities in February was a team of members including Carolyn Guthrie and Mary Lucas from Media Services, Sue Johnson from Allied Health, and Conie Riecke from Nursing Education.

CCC women were involved with the 1995 Oregon Women in Higher Education Conference. Phyllis Leonard, Math faculty, staffed a poster session on CCC's Opportunity Center for Teaching and Learning; Vickie Higemann, Coordinator of the Opportunity Center, served as a moderator; and Meg McGill, Regional Education Services Coordinator, served on the planning committee.

Chemeketa staff is always very involved in the Student Success Conference. Connie Green and Nancy Green served on the planning committee. This year 48 CCC staff attended with over half presenting or serving on committees. Women presenters included: Sara Dinsdale on *Workplace Classroom Issues*; Kay Gerard on *Business Internships*; Bobbie Bowman on *Special Need Students*; Janie Crossler-Laird and Kathy Corey on *Linking Auto Tech and ESL*; Barbara Kirk on *Distance Science Education*; Phyllis Leonard on *New Techniques for Teaching Math*; GwenEllyn Anderson and Robin Rose on *High Maintenance Students*; Cleo Alvarez on *Assisting Migrant Students*; and the team of Louanne Whitton, Carol Brownlow, Georgina Seals and Lorene Vollmar on *Bridge Programs and Applied Academics*.

—Meg McGill



Clackamas CC

Counselor Donna Ford has begun serving a three-year term on the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. She was appointed by Governor Roberts before Roberts left office.

Joan Ryan, Business Administration faculty, has coauthored a test book with Mike Lawrence from Portland Community College. "Essentials of Accounting" is a vocational community college-level book in introductory accounting. Joan has another book coming out this spring, *Governmental and Not-For-Profit Accounting*. This summer will see the fourth printing of her first book, *Personal Finance*. As if this hasn't been enough to keep her busy, Joan has recently completed her doctorate in Business Administration.

Beginning with what was her National leaders project, Marcia Keith, Associate Dean of Business, is seeing Talking About Teaching take on a life of its own. Taking over this idea and turning it into a full-time project is Loretta Mattlich, English faculty. Loretta is creating much interest and enthusiasm among faculty at Clackamas. This faculty-led, faculty-driven forum is dealing with topics such as: group learning, the disabled student in the classroom; strategies for presentation of class content; evaluation of students; motivation and participation among students; and gender discrimination and support for skill background for women students. One of Loretta's goals is to establish at CCC a Teaching Excellence Center where resources and materials on teaching can be housed and easily accessed by faculty.

Roxie Hobart, Controller, recently became a Certified Financial Manager. Only about 500 people nationwide have earned this distinction from the Professional Certification Board of the Association of Government Accountants. Way to go, Roxie!

Chrysalis, the on-campus women's writing group, is now into its second year. This writing support group meets every week and is open to any woman, student or staff, expert or beginner.

Focus on Women winter offerings this year included: Country Line Dancing, Communicating With The Cognitively Impaired; Family Dynamics; Women and Depression; Women's Book Group; A Lunch and Learn: Exploring Our Dreams; a June tour of Greece and Italy; and workshops on Job Search, Resume Writing, Career Views and Interviewing.

Staff movements: Jodi Stapleton, Secretary in the Customized Training and Development, moved to a new job as Cooperative Education Specialist; Kathleen McKnight, Nursing Secretary is the new Executive Secretary for College Advancement; Suzy Alexander moved from Executive Secretary for College Advancement to Assistant to the Dean of College Services.

Janet Martin, Music department faculty, has served for the last five years as President of the Part-time Faculty Association. She is now stepping down and passing that honor on to another. Her biggest job has been working to maintain communication links necessary between the part-time faculty and the rest of the staff. She has done an admirable job. Thanks to all her efforts, the college is now enjoying a very active part-time association and has many people across campus working even harder to involve the part-time faculty into the campus communication groups and activities. Thank you, Janet.

—Lynda Myers

Lane CC

Lane Community College is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year with the theme "Celebrating Lifelong Learning."

Lynne Swift and Patti Lake of Training and Development are the authors of the most recent Leadership Abstracts published by the League for Innovation in the Community College. The article "The Department of Labors 'One Stop Shop' and The Community College," provides the reader with information about the Department of Labor's proposed "one-stop-shop" career centers to provide students, worker and employers with a common point of access to employment, education, and training information and services. LCC's dislocated worker program is cited as a model that community colleges should

consider in helping shape this new development. Leadership Abstracts is sent to community colleges across North America.

Naomi Soules, Continuing Education, and Carol Lynn Morse, Counseling, have been appointed to the Board of the Older Adult Services and Information System (OASIS). This is a national organization offering classes and activities for adults age 55 and older.

Carol Lynn Morse is one of six Oregonians named a "Champion of Children" by Children First of Oregon, a nonprofit advocacy group.

Nan Phifer, Adult Basic and Secondary Education/Adult High School instructor, has a workbook titled "Writing Your Life: Developing Skills Through Life Story Writing," published by Glenco/McGraw-Hill. Phifer also has an article about teaching the novel, *Jack*, published in the March 1994 Alan Review, a publication of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Judy Bender Bachman, Business Office Administration instructor at the Cottage Grove branch of Lane, was named 1994 Teacher of the Year by the Oregon Professional Technical Development Association last October. She consistently receives high marks from students, employers and colleagues. Her projects have included working with Cottage Grove High School to develop education reform programs that help students "seamlessly" go on to college from high school. This is Bender Bachman's second state teaching award in as many years. She was named Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Oregon Business Education Association in 1993.

—Julie Baker

Linn-Benton CC

LBCC's AAWCC chapter has grown to 75 members. During our meetings this year we covered topics ranging from "Ballot Measures" and "Conflict Resolution" to "Holidays Your Way." Our Book Lovers group was busy reviewing books, and many of our members were very active with the state conference. We are currently seeking women to run for chapter offices for next year.

On Wednesday, March 8, LBCC celebrated International Women's Day by providing a free performance by Motherlode open to everyone. Lunch was served to AAWCC members.

Planning is in progress for the "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," to be celebrated on Thursday, April 27. Women are encouraged to bring their daughters, granddaughters, niece, neighbor or friend to enjoy the day. Currently of the 480 identified possible job categories, 33 percent of all women are clustered in only 10 job areas. Girls need the opportunity to envision a future that includes many options before the "programming" establishes in their minds that there are only a few choices for them. The Gender Equity Committee and LBCC's AAWCC chapter are sponsoring the event. Activities begin at 10 a.m. with a video and discussion about gender differences in the workplace and nontraditional careers. After a catered lunch, participants will tour several nontraditional programs on campus, including Auto Technology, Welding, Water/Wastewater, and HVAC.

Tammi S. Paul Bryant is enrolled in a master's program leading to a degree in Intercultural Relations. It is a jointly sponsored program between the Intercultural Communications Institute and Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio. It requires almost two years to complete. David Bezayiff, LBCC's Dean of Student Services, is her on-campus committee member and Dr. Janet Bennett is her Chair. Dr. Bennett is the cofounder and co-director of the Intercultural Communication Institute and also Director of the Masters in Intercultural Relations for Antioch University.

Mary Ann Lammers, faculty in Business Technology, is the 1994-95 President of the Oregon Professional Technical Development Association. This organization represents all professional technical education teachers in the state. She recently attended the American Vocational Conference in Dallas, Texas, as one of Oregon's representatives and attended the National Policies Seminar in Washington, D.C., March 5 - 8.

—Joan White

Mt. Hood CC

Stephanie Sussman recently returned from Thailand, where she traveled for a purely pleasure trip with husband Stephen.

Congratulations to Marcia Truman, who was recognized for her "outstanding contribution to the field of community education for 1995," at the 23rd Annual Oregon Community Education Association conference in February. Marcia is the Coordinator of Community and Professional Development at MHCC.

—Sharon Lannigan

Oregon Coast CC

Pat Ashley, Registrar/Director of Community Education/Assistant to the Dean of Instruction, is embarking on a great adventure that has been a dream of hers for many years. She has tendered her resignation with our college, purchased a little purple Tracker and is moving to Maui, Hawaii! Pat has been with the college since 1988, the second year of operation as a Service District, and in that time has worked in many areas of the college.

For the past two years, she has been the campus contact for AAWCC, and with Dawn DeWolf, has worked at establishing a local chapter of the organization. In 1994, Pat attended the Oregon Leaders conference at Silver Falls and came away refreshed, renewed and ready to take on the world. Unfortunately, this has led to her decision to "go for the gusto" in Hawaii. Although she will miss her many friends in Oregon, Pat is ready to put the Tracker on board ship, herself on a plane and begin her new life. We will surely miss her exuberance and positive attitude and all send our fondest wishes for great success in her new environment

—Dawn DeWolf



Portland CC

Alice Jacobson, Executive Dean of PCC's Sylvania Campus, was elected president of the Board of the National Institute for Leadership Development last fall.

Pricilla Loanzon has been appointed Faculty Chair for Nursing. She replaces Maurice McKinnon, who recently became Dean of Health and Family Studies.

Susan Hereford, PCC's Media Relations Officer, published an article in the October/November issue of the Community College Journal. In it she describes the Straight Shooting photography project, a joint venture between PCC, community agencies and several local businesses. The goal is to help gang-affected youth by introducing them to the excitement of photography.

Due to the hard work of Deborah Evind, Cynthia Gettman and a strong group of supporters, PCC's Sylvania Campus celebrated the opening of a Women's Resource Center in January. The center's mission is to provide services to women students in support of their academic and employment success.

Staff Excellence: Eight of nine PCC staff members who received special recognition for excellence in 1994 were women. Winners received a cash award and a plaque from U. S. Bank and the PCC Foundation. Women recipients were Jean Ady, Angie Berdahl, Peg Doherty, Mimi Eick, Judy Heumann, Helen Howe, Lynn Mayer, and Roberta Wald.

PCC welcomed Jennifer James, noted columnist for The Seattle Times, as a featured speaker for Women's History Month in March.

In celebration of the opening of the new Forum/Theater Building on the Sylvania Campus, an all-star cast from the PCC faculty and staff presented an evening of song, dance and dramatic readings in October. Participants included Diana LoVerso, Bob Wimmer, Jane Zunkel, Bill Dobson, Sue Parks-Hilden, Pinky Dale, Dan Hays, and Margaret Carter. Executive Dean of the Sylvania Campus, Alice Jacobson was the emcee.

Lanore Robertson, Director of Dental Programs at PCC, took part in two programs at the NASA Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama, last summer. First was a Space Camp for adults, followed by an Aviation Challenge Program. During

the latter, Lenore experienced the exhilaration of being at the controls of a naval training plane during dogfight maneuvers. Call 1-800-63-SPACE for information about these programs.

—Berniece Owen

Rogue CC

Jan Davis, long-time employee at the Jackson County Center, retired in January. She had been involved in the whole operation of the Jackson County center, serving under nine supervisors in her 11 years of employment. Her official title was Advanced Secretary, but her duties covered much more.

She registered students, helped put schedules together, took care of staff contracts and time cards, and managed the GED testing program. She also served on job interview committees, the JCC Total Quality Task Force, and a quality improvement team to automate purchase requisition flow.

In addition to her physical duties, Davis offered emotional and moral support to hundreds of students and served as a mentor for new faculty and classified staff. Her sincere, caring attitude helped create a reputation for the college as a great place to be a student.

Davis began working for RCC in September 1983. With the recent retirement of her husband Dwain, she decided now would be a good time to travel. Her staff gave a retirement dinner for her on Jan. 6. She will be missed, but she has promised to stop by from time to time.

Evelyn Short, Director of Developmental Studies began a new job Jan. 23 in Washington. Short accepted a position as Basic Skill Programs Administrator with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in Olympia. She oversees Adult Basic Education, General Education

Educational Development, English as a Second Language and High School Completion programs for the state's 32 community and technical colleges.

As director of RCC's Developmental Studies for the past three and one-half years, Short was responsible for many changes in the program, which last year served 4500 students. But, she said, she is most proud of assuring consistency among delivery of programs in the three counties RCC serves.

RCC's chapter of AAWCC held a raffle to support its annual student scholarship and raised \$150. The prizes this year were a beautiful dried flower wreath and an RCC sweat shirt.

—Dixie Samples

Treasure Valley CC

Mother-Daughter Choices Program

Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario is helping today's girls and young women prepare for tomorrow's realities. The college has joined two other groups in bringing the special program to the area. Small groups of women and young women are meeting on a weekly basis in area schools, churches and homes to strengthen communication between mothers and daughters, according to area coordinator Joan Sucorowski. The staff member at TVCC has single-handedly taken on coordination and recruitment for the program, which is designed to prepare girls for the kinds of decisions they will be making as they move into young adulthood.

The Mother-Daughter Choices Program is being sponsored by TVCC, Malheur County Education Service District and the American Association of University Women. The local groups are part of a program developed by Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara, California, with national implementation made possible through a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indiana.

Sucorowski said the program will continue through May. The goals of the program are to tackle psychological, physical and social problems of puberty and the teen years and to counter the increased pressure and decreased respect for parental opinion that

usually accompany those years. It was originally intended for sixth through eighth grade girls, but groups with older daughters also are possible. The program teaches valuable life skills, such as goal planning, problem solving, decision making and assertive, responsible behavior.

The coordinator encourages mothers and daughters to consider participating in the program that brings mothers and daughters closer together. The groups of three to eight pairs meet with a group facilitator whose lesson plans are organized but flexible. The books used and provided are: *Choices: A Teen Woman's Journal for Self-Awareness*. Mothers use the companion journal for women, *Changes*. Sucorowski is looking for agencies, organizations, churches or individuals to help with donations or collectorship so that each journal could be purchased for \$10 each instead of \$18.95.

"We hope to introduce this program to fifth grade parents later this spring in preparation for groups next year," Sucorowski said. She extends her thanks to all who have volunteered to facilitate and/or donate to the program. Sucorowski says, "The time spent with a daughter or young woman would make all the difference in the world to a life-reflected with clear, wise choices and sensible decision-making." Sucorowski can be reached at (503) 889-6493, ext. 327.

—Cathy Yasuda

Umpqua CC

Berta Dargen, Vice President for Instructional Services, has been accepted to the National Institute for Leadership Development, April 29 - May 5.

Margaret Ellis, Admissions and Records Manager, is working on her master's degree and expects to complete it this spring.

Jacky Hagan, Vice President for Student Services, is chairing the UCC Self Study.

Julie Londo, Custodial Supervisor, reported increased professionalism in her position since attending the summer Oregon Institute for Leadership Development.

Kathy Sharman, JOBS Community Resource Specialist, recommends two excellent books by Ann Rand: *Fountain Head* and *Anthem*.

Jan Shipley, Business Department Chair, recommends an excellent book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hanson. She also is chairing the Education Committee of the Self Study.

Kelly Stelzer, Social Science Instructor, has been approved for a staff development leave for next year. She will produce an instructional CD on medical terminology.

Kay Tano, JOBS Manager, secured the JOBS contract for UCC for the next six years.

Sonia Wright, Director of Community Relations, applied to the University of Oregon College of Education for graduate school and to the AAUW Educational Foundation for a Career Development Grant. Doris Johnson, Director of Adult Basic Education, was listed last year in *Who's Who In The West* and will be in the new edition of *Who's Who In The World*.

—Sonia Wright

*"I didn't belong as a kid,
and that always bothered me.
If only I'd known
that one day my differences
would be an asset,
then my early life
would have been much easier."*

—Bette Midler

Notice To All Members—

If you know of anyone who attended the AAWCC Conference in December and did not get a ballot to vote for our officers, please call Linda Ericksen, President-Elect, (503) 343-9338. Some names appear to be missing from our master list. Attendees at the conference pay the membership fee with the registration and are eligible to vote and should receive a copy of this newsletter.

If you would like additional copies of the newsletter, please call (503) 967-8868.

—Joan White



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