

President's Report July 2007

In my announcement to the campus community following the June Board meeting I wrote regarding our facilities development directions that, while it may seem to some as if we have changed our course, it is nonetheless clear to me that we have never changed our destination – of providing the best possible learning environment for our students. In fact, providing the best possible learning environment for our students has always been at the core of our efforts to improve our campus facilities, whether by moving to a new location or by redeveloping at the current Jerome Avenue site. This was never more evident than when, at our June Board meeting, we discussed our various options and finally decided to direct our future facilities planning efforts toward the redevelopment of the current site. The discussion has at times been difficult, but only because we passionately want what's best for our students and for our community and never because we have differed from one another in our goal. With the decision to redevelop our Jerome Ave. campus, we have taken another important step toward that goal. Thanks!

Of course, the defining goals of Access and Quality, resulting in the real opportunity for educational success for all of Clatsop County's citizens, take more than good facilities for us to achieve. It's what we do in these facilities that matters most. And for this reason I want to take a moment to remind us all of some of the successes we celebrated this past month.

On June 15th we began our day here at Clatsop with our annual Employee Recognition Event – A celebration of all our shared successes, individual years of service, a few retirements, and some special recognitions.

- **Innovation Award: Kristen Shauck, Terry Sund, Richard Rowland, and Royal Nebeker** – for their organizing Clatsop Community College's FIRST EVER International Art Show: Au Naturele. This was a great and innovative event that drew international attention to our Art curriculum and our area's growing art community, while at the same time giving our own Art students an opportunity to see and learn from examples of fine artistic work.
- **Synergy Award: Lucien Swerdloff, David Myers, Kris Hamrick, and Greg Dorcheus** – who were the key players in the design and implementation of the new Macintosh-based graphics lab. Faculty members worked hand in hand with Computer Services and Maintenance to create a lab environment that serves the needs of art, photography, and graphics design students, as well as RAIN Magazine and The Bandit staff in a Mac environment.
- **Ordinary Excellence Award: Toni Middleton** – one of my favorite awards because it recognizes normal, everyday, sometimes thankless work that is performed in an exemplary, conscientious manner, exhibiting world class customer service, hard work and care.
- **Faculty Excellence Award: Joanie Dybach** – for her extraordinary work in transforming our Criminal Justice Program. Joanie has brought great energy to the criminal justice program; she is creative in exploring new ways to promote the program - integrating many new strategies and activities that help to increase campus

- awareness of this program. She is an example to all of us in motivating students to become active, responsible learners.
- **President's Award: Bill Pierson** (and his staff, which he quickly points out) – for his extensive and consistent exploration of ways to serve citizens of Clatsop County for whom basic education will provide entry into the mainstream of American life, and providing true access and for many who are unable to create that access on their own.

That same afternoon we celebrated the successes of about 35 Nursing graduates in our Nurse Pinning Ceremony and then on Saturday, June 16th we celebrated the successes of our GED students with a ceremony in our Performing Arts Center. But of course, the grand celebration was the celebration of achievement at our 47th Clatsop Community College Commencement at the Liberty Theatre. The grandeur of the setting and the grandeur of so many personal successes being brought together and celebrated at that one moment – and what an amazing moment it was when we saw in the success of our 130 graduates, our success as well.

I am looking forward to many shared successes still to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Hamann'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'G' and a distinct 'H'.

Greg Hamann