

Lorraine Seiffert retiring from Clark College after helping over 200,000 students



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The first week of school is also the last week on campus for **Lorraine Seiffert**, Clark College registrar, who retires September 24.

A reception at 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17, in the Central Gaiser Conference Room at Clark College, will honor her over 25 years of service at Clark College during which her work touched more than 200,000 men and women who became students at the community college.

A Columbia River High School graduate, Seiffert took classes at Clark and from 1969 to 1970 she worked in data processing, returning in 1980 beginning a career in the registration office that took her from office assistant to support supervisor and ultimately to being named registrar in 1998.

When she began work at the college, registration forms, because of lack of automation, were handled eight times to complete the process for each student. Under her leadership Clark has become one of the most technologically advanced community colleges in the state with online registration, electronic prerequisite checking, schedule planning and degree works credential evaluation fully automated.

Active in 4-H, Seiffert helped build the equestrian center at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Jane Cote 2004 Athena Award winner

Jane Cote, associate professor of accounting at Washington State University Vancouver yesterday was named winner of the 2004-2005 ATHENA Award by Women In Action at their Emerging Leaders Forum.

Cote was lauded for having helped students develop professional and leadership skills. She was instrumental in forming the Student to Professional Mentor Program, involving alumni as mentors and providing students with more than 30 mentors each semester. She also helped create the New Student Orientation Program at the university.

Cote is a past president and member of the board of directors of the YWCA of Clark County, where she helped create the YWCA endowment program. Cote is also a member of the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington, American Red Cross, National Association of Investors Corporation, and American Accounting Association. She is co-organizer of the Portland-Vancouver Accounting Research Colloquium.

Vigil for Naomi Collins is this evening

A vigil and recitation of the rosary for **Naomi Ruth Bush Collins**, who died at home Sunday at the age of 78, is at 6 p.m. this evening in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S. Andresen Road. A funeral mass is at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

Ms. Collins, whose humanitarian work over the past 60 years in Vancouver was laced with a salty sense of humor, was a member of St. Joseph Church, where she was active in education and liturgical ministries and she was one of the founders of the Vancouver Sausage Fest. She was a chaplain for the Credit Women's International Association.

Ms. Collins was an avid bowler, having bowled a 300 game, and was active in Democratic politics.

After working several years as a nursing assistant at the Vancouver Veterans Administration Hospital, Ms. Collins attended and graduated from Clark College, where she worked in the accounting department until her retirement in 1981.

Survivors include a son, **Michael**, Vancouver, a sister, **Beverly Hooten** and her nephew **Richard Runabear**, with whom she lived, and a sister, **Donna Hughes**, Culver City, Ore.

Contributions may be made to the Clark College Foundation, specifically designated for the Women's Study Program.

Three vacancies on the Vancouver

Design Review Committee to be filled

The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants for three positions open on the city's nine-member Design Review Committee. The committee reviews plans for new and remodeled buildings in the city's downtown, waterfront and Central Park areas.

There are no residency requirements but applicants are sought who have experience in design-related fields.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8. For further information, call **Carol Hansen, 696-8001**.

People

Zach Kutkey, Pacific Middle School seventh grader, has won a part in the Portland Opera production of **Kurt Weil's Street Scenes**, which will be shown March 25 and 26, and April 2, 2005, in the Keller Auditorium.

News brief

The Council for the Homeless will present its annual Community Awards at a luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, in the Water Resources Education Center. The speaker is **Greg Shaw**, director of Pacific Northwest Program for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. For further information, call **993-9571**.