

# Career Fair serves purpose

"Really successful," were the words Career Development Specialist Sue Jacobs used to describe the student interest in the Career Fair held Nov. 12 and 13 in the Community Center.

Students were given a chance to "shop around for careers." Career advisors found

most students quite interested. Questions involving salary and job availability were quite common. Advisors gave honest answers.

Commented Chemist Andrew Held, "Sometimes it

wasn't too optimistic. I had to tell them there weren't too many jobs."

Jacobs noted that this was the first career fair at the College. She also stressed that suggestions for different approaches to career development are greatly appreciated and should be turned into Trailer D-2.

In the idea stage is the possibility of specialized workshops that deal with a specific career. For further career questions, Jacobs can be reached at the trailer or ext. 396.



**CAREER MAN--Member of Lewis and Clark College's Education Department, chats with student interested in teaching**  
Staff photo by Duffy Coffman

## Egg and Poultry Scholarship offered

Applications for the Egg and Poultry Association scholarships can be obtained at the Financial Aide Center, until Feb. 25. Two scholarships

worth \$750 each are available.

Winners will be selected on scholastic achievement, financial need, and personal interest in the poultry field.

# Displaced homemakers acquire confidence

It's important to know that your job is necessary. You can't just go in and take a job just to work, or just for the income. A person can make a job into an extension of him or herself."

This is how Jane Green, the director of the Confidence Clinic, explains the purpose of her organization. The clinic, which is funded by the State Department of Human Resources and the College, is a center that helps displaced homemakers.

Said Green, "We work with women who are divorced, widowed or whose children are graduated and away. It's a very emotional situation. You find yourself alone, with no money, and no survival skills," said Green.

The Confidence Clinic is neither an original nor in-

novative idea. In fact, it is based on a highly successful Roseburg based organization. The Clackamas County clinic was designed three years ago by an assembly of welfare mothers who contacted CETA (Comprehensive Education and Training Act), the College, and several other federal and state agencies. The idea was to create a program for women who were unable to transition to the job market because of lack of confidence. For two years it ran successfully. In 1979, severe cutbacks crippled the original plan.

Green became the director of the clinic in 1979, and it changed directions. The emphasis is now on "displaced homemakers," said Green.

"It's not necessarily for women. Some men have never worked outside of the

home. Also it is mostly older women, but with the divorce rate now, that's not always true."

It's not a mental health counseling. We're focused on problem solving." According to Green, "Jobs are a serious problem today. A great many stress-related problems are a result of your job," she said. "So it's finding something you want to do, knowing where to look. After a life of homemaking, isolation can be pretty severe."

How did Green become the director of the clinic?

"Well, I had my 'school of life.' I was a displaced homemaker myself. I had a bachelor's degree in philosophy, which helps you with absolutely nothing. No organization like this existed for me." Green is an ad-

ministrator, not an instructor. The Confidence Clinic has two full-time counselors, Valerie Lawson, and Judith Nelson. Lawson has an associates degree and ten years experience working with battered women. Nelson is a Ph.D.

"We have two workshops," explained Green, "One is a two-week program. It emphasizes problem solving, and helps people to set goals for themselves. The other takes three days and is a career assessment program. It's mainly vocational testing and information on the job market."

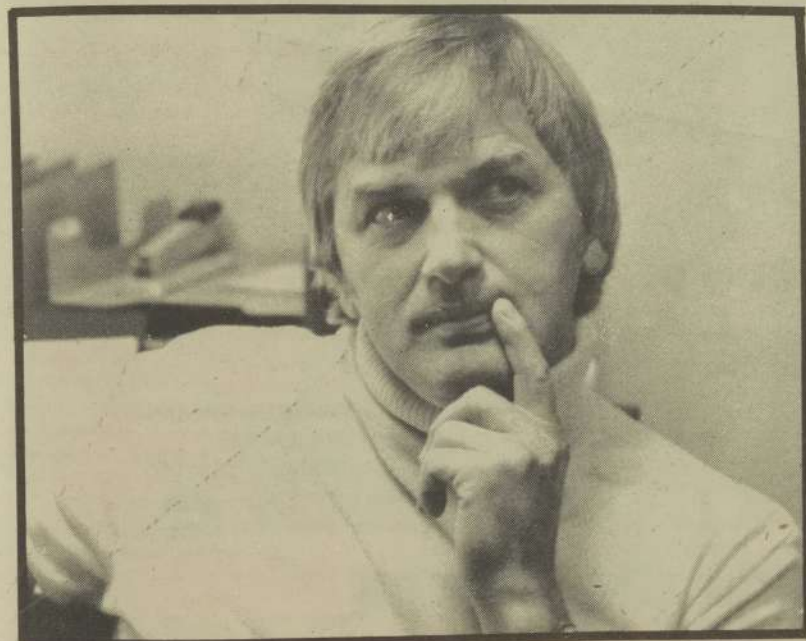
The clinic does not usually find jobs for women but is beginning to do so. Also, they are developing a short-term training program. Said Smith, "It'll be on Underwriting and Rating Insurance. Garnet Weyhrich will teach it. She is

retired from the insurance business and teaches continuing education classes." The College has agreed to give credits for the class. There will be the regular tuition for the class, but, said Green, "We think we can get waivers for it."

Said Green, "Clackamas County has a lot of excellent resources for people making transitions in their lives. We try to cross-refer whenever possible."

The Confidence Clinic is located on Beaver Creek Road, a half-block from the College. Those interested should contact Green, at 656-2091.

"We're successful, I think," explained Green, "With a small amount of money, an organization like this can avoid long-term, expensive problems."



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## Bob Wynia begins Service to College

Bob L. Wynia, a former professor of Public Administration at the University of Oregon, has been hired by the College with the title of Assistant to the Dean of Instruction.

Wynia will be assisting Dr. Ronald Kaiser, Dean of Instruction, in a variety of areas, including statistical analysis of computer data relating to space and staff allocation at the College. He will also be coordinating the annual County Skills Contest between the

College and local high schools, and will also be involved in the Credit for Prior Learning program.

Dr. Kaiser pointed out Wynia's wealth of experience in administrative areas. Besides his years at the University of Oregon, he also served as head of Lane County's Department of Housing and Human Services, as well as five years in the State's Department of Education.

He has a twelve-month contract with the College.