

Hartley-Linse's nursing position proves susceptible to budget cuts

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After nearly 14 years of service with Clackamas Community College, Nurse Bonnie Hartley-Linse will not be returning to her job next fall.

Hartley-Linse's full-time position was included in the numerous budget cuts that were made in November and December, in order to help save money by cutting back on costs to the College's Student Health Center, Student Activities Director Debbie Baker said.

Baker explained the College will still provide emergency care for students and staff, as the elimination of Hartley-Linse's job does not mean the elimination of the health center.

"Our intent is not to eliminate, but to change the focus (of the health center). We're certainly not going to leave students out on a limb," she said.

Plans will be made by the College to fill in Hartley-Linse's position, and although nothing definite will be decided until next June, Baker said the fill-in will most likely be in the form of a full-time Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Should Hartley-Linse's job be filled in by an EMT, Baker said the College hopes to save approximately \$15,000. Costs for the College's health services this school year amounted to \$46,685.

In response to having her position eliminated from the

College's health center, Hartley-Linse said, "I'm very proud of Clackamas Community College, in the very fact that the health service has existed this long, but I'm disappointed that it's going to become less than what it has been."

Hartley-Linse, who will have worked at the College for 14 years in June, said "I do think that they (students, staff) will probably lose something" should her job be filled by an EMT.

"I've worked with them (EMTs), and I think they fulfill a need, but I doubt whether they have the comprehension to grasp all the medical things that come into a college health service," she said.

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EMTs are employed in jobs such as fire fighters and ambulance drivers, and their medical training is divided into four levels. The higher the level of an EMT, the more advanced the amount of the training. For example, an EMT Two has more training than an EMT One, while an EMT Four has the most training of all the four levels.

Director of Admissions and Records Chuck Adams, who has taught courses on the subject of EMTs and has served as an EMT One, explained that EMT Ones are concerned with basic life support, and are defined as having a more advanced form of first aid than the type the Red Cross teaches. EMT Twos, Threes and Fours are concerned with advanced life support.

EMT Twos differ from EMT Ones in that they can start intravenous infusions (I.V.s). The differences between EMT Threes and Fours are slim. Adams said EMT Threes undergo roughly 1,000 hours of training, whereas EMT Fours have between 1,300-1,400 hours.

Hartley-Linse said her job as the College's nurse entails more than putting Band-Aids on cuts or giving out aspirin for headaches. She explained that she encounters many serious illnesses, from stomach ulcers to cancer. In treating these illnesses, she acts as a psychologist, as she takes into consideration and deals with a person's feelings toward his or her illness.

It is this added task of handling the emotional as well



FAREWELL IN JUNE—Student Health Nurse Bonnie Hartley-Linse stands inside doorway of College's health center. The center will undergo changes when Hartley-Linse finishes out her job in June.

Photo by Duane Hiersche

as the physical side of patients that generates Hartley-Linse's concern as to whether EMTs are sufficiently trained, since their job duties are geared more toward life and death emergency situations instead of illness treatment.

"I see more illnesses than I do accidents. It's not that I question their (EMT's) ability, it's just that it (handling illnesses) hasn't been a part of their training," she said.

Although Baker said the College's health center will not be the same without Hartley-Linse, the cutback will enable the College to explore options that haven't been looked into

in order to make the best use of available resources.

Baker added that many College students have medical coverage through their parents or job, therefore, the overall need for College health care may not be as great. Furthermore, should any major emergency situation occur, the College is only three to four minutes away from Willamette Falls Hospital.

Baker also added that after examining a study of Oregon community colleges, she said "My impression was that only half of the community colleges have a health service of any sort."

Blood drive nets disappointing 73 units

Clackamas Community College's third blood drive, held at the College Monday, yielded 73 units of blood; less than the anticipated amount of 80 units.

"This (73 units) is the lowest (amount of units) from this year. Last year, the lowest was 60 units," Nancy Perman, Associated Student Government chairperson of the blood drive, said.

Perman believes that the different time schedule for the blood drive may have been a factor in its loss of donors. The blood drive has usually

been held in the past from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year it was held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Perman feels that students were either in class or off campus at that time of the morning. The rush of students occurred between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The next blood drive will be held in the fall. The school is planning on hosting it in the Fireside Lounge from now on, because it allows for more privacy for both the nurses and donors.

"I'm going to suggest to try a few more tactics to get

people to give blood. Maybe they'll start a committee to ask people why they don't give blood. We did everything we've done in the past to publicize the drive. Maybe we needed to publicize that it isn't dangerous to give blood. There are a lot of people that are still afraid to give blood," Perman said.

"The College made 91 percent of the total expected. It wasn't quite as good as we had hoped," Public Information Coordinator for the Portland Blood Center Kathleen Larson said.

Easter Sunday is April 22

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Oregon City Church of the Nazarene
716 Taylor
Oregon City, OR
656-6536

Easter Drama with Music
"No Greater Love"
April 20, 21, 22
7:30 PM
Easter Services
11:00 AM

Willamette Christian Church
2014 S.W. 7th Avenue
West Linn, OR
656-2328

Easter Services 9:30
and 11:00 AM
6:00 PM Film
"Mating, Dating and Waiting"

Atkinson Memorial Church
6th and John Adams
Oregon City, OR
656-7296
Continental Breakfast
10:00
Worship at 11:00

Victory Baptist Church
Corner of S. Meyers Road
and Gaffney Lane
655-7390

Easter Service 11:00 AM
Easter Play at 6:00 PM
"Pontius Pilate"

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