Horitculture instructor receives award



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by Margy Lynch Staff Writer

Elizabeth Howley, horticulture instructor at Clackamas, has recently received the "Green Thumb" award from the Master Gardeners Association.

The Master Gardeners Association is an organization that instructs plant care and provides various services in the nursery area, and the "Green Thumb" award is the highest award given by the Master Gardeners Association.

Howley has been teaching at Clackamas for seven years. She worked at the Harvard University Arnard Arboretum before coming to Clackamas and she also worked at the Britannic Gardens in Massachusetts. At the Arnard Arboretum, Howley worked in the nursery caring for trees and shrubs while also studying them.

"I have always been interested in plants," said Howley. "My first career choice was horticulture, but I was also interested in arborculture (the study of trees).'

Howley moved to Oregon eight years ago. The size of the nursery industry is what attracted her to Oregon.

"Oregon is the third largest state in terms of horticulture," said Howley. "Oregon grows 60 percent of this country's trees. The size of the industry is much bigger here, which means there is more of an interest and I have more peers.'

Howley enjoys her career because she has the opportunity to "help people make better decisions about the plants they grow and how they grow them.'

Howley also appreciates the nursery industry in Oregon because it is the one thing that the state actually benefits from.

"Ninety-two percent of the productivity takes place in the state," said Howley. "The plants are grown and sold in Oregon, which means local people are being paid to grow them.'

Clackamas has a "good reputation in horticulture," and according to Howley this is why the Master Gardeners Association asked her to teach for them.

Howley began her involvement with the Master Gardeners four years ago instructing insect and house plant care in different areas for 10 weeks. Howley has also done other services for the Master Gardeners, and has won the highest award for outstanding

Howley encourages people to get involved in horticulture if they are interested. She expressed the "wonderful mix of people involved" and there is "great job placement."

"There are about five jobs available for every student enrolled," Howley said.

Chase goes on vacation

Piller's Picks

by Rick Piller

Since this is my last article because I'm going to PSU next term, I figured I should use Matt Groening's guide on "How to be

a Clever Film Critic." Some people will say that I've been using it all along, but this isn't so.

This week's movie is A Christmas Vacation.

It was not richly haunting nor stunningly original. It also wasn't oddly touching. It was idiotic, unoriginal, and moronic. Chevy Chase was miscast. This is strange since he was in the first two "Vacation" movies.

The movie was poorly written by John Hughes, a personality that I usually like. He did, after all, bring us "Ferris Bueller's Day Off' and "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." But, today Idon't like him; to me he is like fire is to Frankenstein. I also thought it was ironic that the movie was directed by a rookie director who cut his teeth on commercials, since Christmas is the most commercialized of all holidays.

Now I shall use this article as a soap box to give you all, well some, of the wisdom I have gathered over the three years I have attended CCC.

Teachers are knowledgeable

most of the time; that is why they are the teachers. I know this seems idiotic, but a lot of you don't seem to understand this. As

students it is our job to try to take as many different instructors as possible. This will give us a large base with which to base our deci-

sions on in the future. For example, if you consider yourself a liberal, you should try to take a conservative teacher once in awhile. Doing this will help give you a different view on life and maybe help you to become more understanding of other people's

The previous paragraph was directed to the students. This one is directed to the faculty, staff and administration. Students are adults; most are 18 or older. That isn't to say that they act like they are, but they should be treated as if they were. Sometimes, it is possible for people to forget this and the students end up getting treated like children. This is both degrading to the teacher and the student

Goodbye Perry, and to everyone who thinks I'm a jerk or an idiot, or some more degrading term, thank you for being so open-minded. See you in the popcorn line.

McClellan plays keyboard, Blaine

Moody Plays bass, and Jeff

back to about 1969 when the bass

player and I played for a folk group

in high school. Later in college, I

played in bands with the keyboar-

dist," explained Misley. "Finally,

when I came here, I started a blue-

grass band with Loren Ford (in-

structor) called "Goldrush"

through the late 70's and early

"The roots of this ba nd stretch

Woodruff plays drums.

Misley masters the science of music by Brenda Hodgen the guitarist and the vocalist. Hugh

Staff Writer

"People hear our name and

ask 'What kind of music do you play?' and I answer 'both kinds:' good and better," said musician and Life Science Instructor Bob Misley

Misley started the band

"Saddle "Saddle Lites" is a " dance and party playing at the in boogle band, with a country twist," Lite," about 1986.

During the past year, the band has performed in Maupin twice, and at The Barlow Trail near Zig Zag to name a few.

"We literally blew the roof off of Maupin over the Fourth of

> July at their three day White Water Festival, and went back by popular demand over Labor Day weekend," said Misley. "We also played at Barlow Trail by Zig Zag, and we will be

URS Club in Portland in

Misley says "Saddle Lites" is a mixture of his former bands. "This band is an offshoot of 'Goldrush' that evolved through swing and degenerated into classic hits."

Misley concluded, "We're basically a dance and party boogie band, with a country twist."



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