

Green to retire after 27 years

by Andrea Smith
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Rena Green, secretary to Dean of College Services Gary Dirmm will be retiring after 27 years at Clackamas Community College.

Green began at CCC when the campus consisted of a few temporary buildings on Warner-Milne Rd. Since then, she has seen many positive changes.

"The campus has become a thriving place compared to what it used to be," Green said. "I've seen tremendous growth and (I) am happy to have been a part of it."

"My plans are to do something different. After 27 years, I'm ready for a change. I love it here, but I just feel I'd like to do something else."

"I'll probably work part-time after a while," Green continued. "I've recently become interested in genealogy, so I plan to look into my family's history. I want to visit some long-lost relatives I met through my search. Right now genealogy is just a hobby, but I hope to be able to spend more time at it later."



photo by Chad Petteason

Rena Green, secretary to Dean of College Services will be retiring from Clackamas Community College after 27 years of service.

Green plans to spend time with her four children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in the area.

Green is a native Oregonian who grew up in Medford. She graduated from Medford High School and worked for both Pacific Northwest Bell and First National Bank before starting at Clackamas as a secretary.

"Clackamas has been the

best place I've ever worked. I suppose that's why I've stayed so long! The people have been wonderful," Green commented.

She's enjoyed her career and the relationships she's built at CCC.

"I know I'll miss all the friends I've made here, and I'll be sure to think about them while I'm at home and they're working," Green said.



photo by Anjanette Booth

Clackamas drama students joined forces with local middle school drama students to perform two shows in which they voiced their concerns about the challenges faced by today's youth. Susan Joyce, an Oregon poet, songwriter and author, worked with the middle school students on their writings for the presentation.

ELC provides taste of spring 'right in our own backyard'

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Spring has sprung and it is time to remind everyone of a very special resource right in our own backyard. It is the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center. For those of you who are familiar with the attractions and services available, this is just a reminder to take some time and wander the paths and bridges of the 15-acre nature area or revisit the Birds of Prey exhibit. For those of you who are not familiar with this unique resource, I'd like to take a little of your time and introduce you to an interesting way to spend some time.

Also known as the Wildlife and Technology Museum of the Pacific Northwest, the ELC, which is located in the northeast corner of the campus between the Art Center and Clairmont Hall, is the product of a long-term effort which reclaimed an old industrial site. Today it covers over 15 acres of landscaped terrain including a large fish-bearing pond, all built with nature in mind. The center features over a mile of nature trails which wander through a park-like scene filled with native shrubs and plants designed to enhance the wildlife habitat.

Additional attractions at the center include a demonstration wetlands area and stream rehabilitation project, a Native Plants and Wetlands Nursery, a fish hatchery that raises salmon and rainbow trout, a River Resources Museum and an astronomical observatory featuring the second-largest reflecting telescope in the Pacific Northwest. A Birds of Prey facility provides a home for many non-releasable raptors

including hawks, owls and bald eagles which are available for public viewing and educational presentations.

For recyclers, the center provides a full-line recycling center and a newly opened Resource Conservation Institute and Museum which features exhibits and technological information on resource conservation and recycling.

For businesses, clubs or private individuals, the center features a lake-side education hall which can be rented. With a capacity of 200 and audio-visual aids, the hall, which overlooks the serenity of the pond, trees and wildlife, is an ideal location for meetings, seminars or social gatherings such as weddings.

The ELC also conducts nearly 100 college-level classes in the areas of resource conservation, plants and animals, and lo-

cal geology and history. Over the coming summer, the center will feature many new classes, including such diverse subjects as hummingbird and butterfly gardens, cooking with herbs, astronomy and animal tracking. In addition to these onsite classes, several summer field trips are scheduled as well.

As I mentioned at the outset of this feature, for those of you who are familiar with the ELC and the many things it offers to the college and the community, stop by and say hello.

For those of you who have yet to visit this unique and valuable area resource, take some time to drop by and discover all of the things I have mentioned and more.

Questions regarding ELC services or classes will be gladly answered onsite or call 657-6958, ext. 2351.



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