

CCC instructor wins award

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It's been said that her faith in the potential in every human being is unending. Anne Pardington, Instructor/Counselor for CCC's Life and Career Options Program, has lived a life full of personal rewards, but recently she obtained tangible evidence of a life dedicated to service when she received the 1995-96 Human Rights Award from the Oregon Counseling Association.

Carolyn Knutson, chairperson for the Family and Human Services Department, has worked with Pardington since 1983 and in a letter in support of her nomination said, "Anne uses her vast professional background, along with common sense and a deep concern for others to connect with all people from teenagers to great grandmothers, people of all races and religions and people with criminal backgrounds including prostitution, assault, etc."

It's possible that being the child of an Army officer helped fuel Pardington's love of diversity, because she was constantly introduced to new situations involving many different races and backgrounds even as a child.

As an adult, Pardington has been involved with human rights since the '60's. She was part of the anti-war movement in California during the Vietnam war.

"In 1978," says Pardington, "I marched in Washington D.C. with 100,000 others for the extension of the Equal Rights Amendment. I was living in Virginia and I made speeches about the issues of women." She even wrote a column for the local newspaper there that focused on the concerns of women.

Pardington's thirty years of civil rights activism and experience include work as a tutor for illiterate adults, coordinator of the Insights Project for new teen mothers, counselor for the YWCA, efforts to strengthen counseling services for survivors of domestic violence, instructor of Women's Studies in Virginia and she also served as an advocate for the needs of seniors, families and



photo by Josh Kehler

Anne Pardington received the 1995-96 Human Rights Award.

youth in a variety of ways. As if that lengthy sampling weren't enough, she is also co-founder of Displaced Homemakers, now called Life and Career Options (LCOP). LCOP began in 1983 and became part of the Clackamas Community College Family and Human Services Department more than a decade ago.

Recently, Pardington has upheld issues involving the rights of gay citizens and as a counselor and instructor, she advocates for students who are at risk, helping to make sure that they receive support and services needed for their continued education and success in vocational ventures.

In support of Pardington's nomination, by current LCOP board member Charlotte Udziela who won the Distinguished Service award at the conference, friend and colleague Penelope P. Kreinberg noted that "wherever Anne has perceived a need, she has stepped forward to fill it in either paid or volunteer positions.

"She is truly a model of compassion and service to the rights and dignity of others," added Kreinberg.

As a result of receiving the Human Rights Award, Pardington feels affirmed for the work she has done and the values she has upheld.

She explained that the support alone that she has received would have been enough recognition and that it was a rewarding experience in itself to sit down and list the things she has done in her 30+ years of service.

She said that her life's work includes "raising two wonderful children and moving around for a husband's career."

What has winning this award meant to Pardington? "I have enjoyed the responses of family, colleagues and students that were positive and caring," she said.

"In addition, I am actually a part-time faculty member...I am glad that the college can see how valuable part-timers can be, how well they represent the college."

She has been at Clackamas for ten years and hopes to stay until retirement because she is "proud to be a part of an institution which cares so much about student success and encourages its staff so fully."

New 'Dragonlance' book a change from first three

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Out of the mists of time comes "Dragons of Summer Flame," the unexpected fourth book in the Chronicles trilogy by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman.

The focus is different from the first three books. While there is the traditional war between Paladin and Takhisis, gods of good and evil, this book also deals with a conflict between good, evil, neutral and the forces of Chaos.

Readers of the Dragonlance novels were first introduced to Chaos in 1994 when a collection of short stories came out called "Second Generation." It included the tale of three brothers and the dwarven god Reorx and their attempt to retrieve the Graygem, in which a piece of Chaos was contained.

An ancient race of ogres has broken the Graygem allowing Chaos, also known as Father of All and None, to escape. It is never clear how it happened; Chaos was trapped in the gem when Reorx created it to stabilize the world instead of just a piece.

Not surprisingly, Chaos is less than pleased with his children for trapping him for millions of years.

Most of the book deals with the war between good and evil. This at first seemed strange since the first part of the book sets the reader up for a different plot, ie. Chaos vs. the god. However, it worked because of the way the authors wrote the book.

While there is plenty of action throughout, the first part develops the characters. Palin Majere, the son of Caramon and nephew of the dark mage Raistlin, along with Steel

Brightblade, son Kitiara and Sturm Brightblade, are the main characters along with a mix of old characters from previous books. As the "Summer Flame" goes on they must face their heritage and their own abilities.

Toward the end of the book, the Knights of Takhisis and the forces of "good" find themselves allied against Chaos. Old hatreds die hard. But, when the gods abandon their mortal servants to focus on their own defenses, mortals both good and evil must join together or face total destruction. Not surprisingly these changes in attitude are personified in Steel and Palin.

While the end is spectacular it is also familiar. Readers of "The Legend of Huma," an earlier Dragonlance novel, will find the ending a bit disappointing.

This book brings the entire Dragonlance multi-series tale full circle. Questions brought up as far back as a decade or more, real time, ago are answered. Also, new information is given that gives more life and detail to the already rich world of Krynn.

Those who haven't read any of the previous Dragonlance books should consider going back a book or two so they can understand all the details. However, it isn't impossible to start with this book alone; you will just miss some references and humor referring to previous events.

Because the rest of the book is good and the ending does have some new twists I give this book:



NEW MOVIES IN DECEMBER

by J. M. Roberts

This holiday season, there are, by far, some of the best movies of the year coming out!! Here are a few to look forward to in the next few weeks.

BROKEN ARROW: An action/thriller about two stealth bomber pilots who must save their own lives and retrieve a lost nuclear device (Broken Arrow) when their sabotaged plane goes down in the wilderness. Stars: Christian Slater, Samantha Mathis, John Travolta.

CUTTHROAT ISLAND: An adventure about a pirate's beautiful daughter who inherits command of her father's ship and sets sail to avenge his death. Stars: Geena Davis, Matthew Modine.

CITY HALL: A thriller about how the corrupt methods of a popular city politician are uncovered by a young deputy mayor. Stars: Al Pacino, John Cusak, Bridget Fonda, Danny Aiello.

THE CROSSING GUARD: A drama about a man's life that is torn apart after his daughter is killed by a drunk driver. Stars: Jack Nicholson, David Morse, Robin Wright, Anjelica Huston.

FATHER OF THE BRIDE 2: A comedy set four years after the first movie; the main character George Banks loses it again when both his daughter and wife announce that they are pregnant. Stars: Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, Kimberly Williams, Martin Short.

GRUMPIER OLD MEN: A comedy about Max and John, the grumpy old men from the first movie, and a vivacious Italian woman who proves to be their newest thing to fight over. Stars: Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Sophia Loren, Ann-Margret.

JUMANJI: A action/adventure about a New England town that is threatened by jungle hazards unleashed by a board game in this adaptation of a popular children's picture book. Stars: Robin Williams, Kristen Dunst, Bonnie Blake.

SABRINA: A romantic comedy about two wealthy brothers who fall for the same woman, the daughter of a chauffeur, which leads to romantic dilemmas. Stars: Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond, Greg Kinnear, Lauren Holly.


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