

Maureen Jones

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Maureen Jones will be retiring from her position as facility reservations specialist as of June 30.

Jones has been at the college since 1975, when she was a student. After taking a few classes, she was hired to work for the college in July 1976.

Working full time as the assistant to the college president's secretary, Jones found her job very stressful with three children to take care of at home.

So, she found a part-time position working for the *Clackamas Print*. She did the billing and many other secretarial duties. Soon she found herself also working for the student health center.

Eventually, she was ready to try full time again, so Jones began working for the director of Community Services, Bill Hargadine. She was a secretary as well as the planner for community recreation.

When Hargadine became a dean Jones followed him to become division secretary.

For 19 years Jones has always done part of what she does now.

When Hargadine retired, Jones took over more of the department.

"I was pretty much responsible for the facility scheduling and event coordination," Jones explained.

Jones's current supervisor of seven years is Gale Miller.

"I'm responsible for making sure it happens. I'm part of the total event," Jones explains of her posi-



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Maureen Jones has been working for the college for 22 years.

tion at the college.

Like others, Jones has seen many changes at the college.

"I see women in higher positions," she explained. "Everything seems to go full circle."

She commented that a lot of the college's departments and programs have dissolved, and "computerization is amazing from 10 years ago."

Jones admits that she will miss the college.

"I love this place so much. It's going to be the hardest thing for me to leave," she added.

Jones will have six months after her retirement when she will work part-time on a very light schedule.

After her retirement Jones hopes to travel to New Zealand, take a Mediterranean Cruise and participate in the house-exchange program that will take her to England so she can study her native country.

On the lighter side, she plans to do some gardening, hiking, and she'd like to spend some more time with her grandchildren.

"I've made so many friends here, I just have a tremendous admiration for all of them."

Jones said all of her experiences with the college have been positive.

"I'm sure I'll be incredibly emotional when it's time to leave," Jones admits.

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Retiree

Bernie Nolan

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Bernie Nolan started at Clackamas as a student and is now retiring 26 years later as a counselor.

Although Nolan is a counselor now, she has also taught a variety of classes including math, psychology and reading. Nolan also helped develop Psychology 142, the Personal Development and College Success course. For Nolan, the most enjoyable part of working at the college was the teaching.

Nolan hopes to travel and be more active with her grandchildren's schools. She also plans to reactivate her massage therapist license.

Recently, Nolan's family was featured at the Trail's End Gallery in the Trail's End Museum. The exhibit featured Nolan's great grandparents on her mother's side who came to Oregon on the Oregon trail. Nolan also wrote a chapter in the book *Our Proud Past* which tells of her family



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Bernie Nolan has been with the college for 26 years.

coming to Oregon.

She remembers the college as growing from trailers into a large campus with a diverse student population and class structure.

"The growth that I experienced as a student is reflected over and over again in the students I see," said Nolan. "That is the joy of CCC."

Peggy Hess

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Cashier Peggy Hess will register students this fall for the 92nd time during her career at Clackamas.

Hess will work her last day on September 30.

She has been employed at Clackamas for almost 24 years.

Hess worked for almost 16 years in the Registrar's Office before transferring to the cashier.

"I needed a change, I was ready for a change," Hess said.

To date, Hess has been with the college 23 full-time years, and one and a half part-time years. Her 24 year anniversary will be November 17, just two months after she retires.

"I started over in Clairmont building with Terri Acker, keypunching," Hess explained.

Acker talked Hess into applying for a position at the college.

"I was coerced into applying; I had no intentions of coming back to work full-time," Hess said.

Hess has witnessed quite a few changes at Clackamas. Mainly, she has noticed how much the college has grown by size and the number of students.

"I've seen a big change in the students more than anything," she said. "I see a different attitude in the students that was not their 25 years ago."

Her favorite thing about working at the college is the commute to and from work. The total distance both ways is two miles.

After her retirement, Hess and her husband, who is a third-year retiree waiting for his wife, will travel across the United States in their new motor home.

In order for the two to come home occasionally, they are renting their home to their son and daughter-in-law.

"One of our goals is I would like to see every mall and casino in the United States. Everybody and anybody that knows me knows that 'Peggy likes to gamble,'" Hess said.



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Peggy Hess has been employed by the college for almost 24 years.

They plan to spend a lot of time in Nevada. They have relatives all over the United States, so they will have a place to park their motor home.

The Hess's would like to travel for five years and see where it takes them. If they do settle down, it will probably be near Prineville.

Hess and her husband and her have been planning their long trip for 10 years.

"When I started working here, they didn't realize that I was dyslexic. The college has only known about it for the past nine years. The support that I got from everybody was absolutely outstanding," she said.

Through people learning she was dyslexic, Hess was able to help students with their dyslexia. She feels that is the most satisfaction she has in her job.

"A lot of these students here in the last 23 years have been like my children, and they've come back to see me and that's been nice. I love the contact with my students," she said.

Some students will only register with Hess; they say she is their good luck charm.

Hess will be missed by the college students and staff.

"There has to be a life outside these walls, and I'm going to find it!" Hess said.

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Richard Ramsperger

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Richard Ramsperger retiring after 26 years as an instructor in Anthropology at Clackamas.

In addition to Anthropology, Ramsperger also taught classes in film studies which featured discussions and lectures about different film genres.

"He dearly loves teaching," said his wife, Sharon. "He has always kept up in his field and has kept

his lectures up to date."

One staff member said that former students have described Ramsperger as a "quietly enthusiastic instructor."

The Ramspergers recently bought a new home. Ramsperger plans to garden and is currently landscaping the property.

The Ramspergers plan to travel to Holland and Germany. They are also thinking of travel to China, South America and Indonesia.

Life begins at retirement

The retirement reception honoring these faculty and staff members will be held in the Randall Lobby on Wednesday, June 11 fom 2 to 3 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"I'll be doing the things I want to do when I want to do them."
- Sharon Stahlnecker