

# van der Bijl named as new associate dean



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**Baldwin van der Bijl, formerly the department chair for computer science, was named an associate dean for math, science and allied health at the April 8 Board of Education meeting.**

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After 20 years at Clackamas, Baldwin van der Bijl was named the associate dean of instruction for math, science and allied health on April 8 at the Board of Education meeting.

Van der Bijl will be in charge of the hiring and evaluation of faculty in math, science, allied health, computer science and engineering. He will also be in charge of facilities planning and "mentoring" of new faculty for the departments he oversees.

There are 39 faculty members in the departments van der Bijl will be

overseeing. Additionally, he will also oversee the implementation of new curriculum and the budgets for those departments.

Van der Bijl became the department chair of computer science in 1986 after computer science split away from the math department and became its own department.

"When I started here in '78, the math department included computer science, which wasn't much then," van der Bijl said. "As more and more computer courses were offered and more and more sections became apparent, it just got too big, so math and computer science split from each other. Because I was, at that time, the only full-time member, I became the department chair."

Since van der Bijl started at Clackamas, he has taught a variety of computer science courses, including FORTRAN programming, assembly language, computer literacy and computer architecture.

Van der Bijl obtained a Bachelor's in math from the University of California Santa Cruz in 1972 and obtained his Master's of Math in 1976.

Van der Bijl said that he did not have any management or business training other than two accounting courses he took in the early 1980s at Clackamas.

"I think a lot of it [managerial tasks] is just finding out what the various terms are and how they work," van der Bijl commented. "Planning is a big part, too. Planning is a lot, in an abstract way, like programming. You have to think ahead and plan out the big scope and

then get to the details."

Van der Bijl says that as the new associate dean of instruction he is going to be making quite a few big decisions in the near future. Specifically, Clackamas is getting ready to hire three new math faculty and two new computer science faculty.

In addition to hiring new faculty, van der Bijl says that Clackamas is considering implementing new curriculum, including an environmental sciences sequence, as an alternative to the biology sequence, and possibly starting some Microsoft Certified Engineer training classes. Currently, Portland Community College is offering an MSCE "brush up" 88-hour class to get technicians ready to take the MSCE tests. PCC's class is being offered for nearly \$3,000.

Van der Bijl said Clackamas might also look at offering some Novell certification classes but that any new classes Clackamas decided to offer would depend on whether staff is available to teach the classes.

In the more distant future, van der Bijl also said that the math department might consider acquiring a new building and that several people would be retiring towards the end of the year.

As for van der Bijl's future at Clackamas? He isn't sure but he did comment that "I don't want to be president."

"I see the teacher's role as being one to help students learn," he continued. "As an administrator, I see my role as helping teachers help the students learn. We always need to keep that in sight. That's kind of been my motto."

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## PSTC: well on its way to becoming an education tool

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lead level in our blood is not going up," said Chandler.

To shoot at the range you must be 18 or older, or 12 and over if accompanied by an adult. There will be a membership fee; no prices have yet been determined.

The dedication focused on Brouillette's vision for the PSTC. The center is a realization of his dream for students to have a facility which will serve not only as an asset to Clackamas County, but also to people from around the nation.

"We will be able to have students come in and take various types of courses," said Rick Stone, director of the training center. "Clackamas County as a community college has a good reputation for having a very good public safety training program and we'll be a part of that down here."

According to Judy Hammerstad, chair of county commission, "It is an entrepreneurial adventure here for Clackamas Community College, being able to open this up for education

for the public, and we certainly do hope that people take advantage of it in safety training."

The community will be given the opportunity to enhance their knowledge about firearms with use of the PSTC.

"The value that it's going to have to the public and law enforcement is the fact that it will train citizens to use weapons," said Sheriff Ris Bradshaw.

"In this county there are well over 10,000 people that are authorized to carry concealed hand guns. We hope that we can get almost all of them down here and a lot of the other folks here that are carrying guns."

The PSTC is well on its way to becoming a valuable tool for education. The carefully designed center has soundproofed viewing rooms, conference rooms, firearms available for rent, safety eye and ear wear, moving targets, video screens to shoot at, and a latex screen which "heals" itself. The elaborate facility has gone through years of planning to become a promising tool, whether its use is for recreation or education.

## International Week: Estonian Choir to sing Thursday

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Thursday will focus on Japanese and Native American cultures. The Richmond Grade School has been invited from the Japanese Emersion Program to perform.

In addition, the Native American Club, Coyote Circle, has arranged to welcome Tom McCormack, a storyteller. While telling his stories he incorporates the flute, rattle, drum and clapper stick to enhance the mood.

Katherine Quartz is also a flute player and she will be playing for the opening and closing ceremonies on Thursday. Quartz is a Walker River Paiute and former Clacka-

mas student.

Music director Lonnie Cline and his Estonian choir will sing Estonian tunes as well as some other international music.

Japanese students will be serving Teriyaki and Bento while Coyote Circle will be serving Fry Bread.

Each day the festivities will begin between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and run until approximately 2 p.m.

International Week has been celebrated at Clackamas for over 15 years. Students should plan to attend some or all of the many events offered to help Clackamas learn about and experience international cultures.



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**South Albany contestants David Nofziger and Chris Perkins hard at work troubleshooting during the Ford/AAA Auto Skills Contest.**

## Vale H.S. wins troubleshoot

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Kevin Roner and Brian Belnap, two seniors from Vale High School, won last Friday's Ford/AAA Auto Skills Contest held at the college.

The contest, or "troubleshoot," ended by 11:30 a.m. and results were in by 12:20 p.m. It was no surprise to anyone that Vale won.

"Vale has won the troubleshoot for about the last 10 years," said Ray Conklin, auto mechanic instructor.

When asked why Vale always surpasses the other contestants, Conklin informed that the Vale auto mechanic instructor, Merle Saunders, is a very "dedicated instructor who focuses on the contest."

Saunders starts training students for the troubleshoot contest when they are freshmen.

"The focus is accuracy over speed," Conklin said.

A written exam qualifies the contestants for the hands-on competition. What has consistently taken Vale to the top is their exceptional written exam score.

Another reason for Vale's success, according to Conklin, is the environment that the students come from. Vale is located in eastern Oregon and students there, most out in the country, have grown up tinkering with and repairing farm machinery.

"There are no dumb farmers," said Conklin. Out on a farm, "when something breaks, you don't call a mechanic, you fix it yourself." That, according to Conklin, is a factor which attributes to Vale's success.

In June, the national competition will take place in Washington, DC. Vale holds the 1997 championship.