

Shannon closes final chapter at Bookstore

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Whether you have been a student or faculty at Clackamas, you have inevitably crossed paths with Doug Shannon, the bookstore manager for the last 26 years.

Shannon, a CCC student in 1968, first worked at the bookstore part-time for money to get through school. Today is the last day of his 29th and last year at Clackamas.

When Shannon began here, there were no calculators, computers or anything to do any of the students' work for them, so different than the electronic age we are in today.

"When calculators came out, we were trying to sell them for \$1.10, for a calculator that could only do 4 functions," said Shannon. "You know, that costs \$3.95 today."

"We were quite unsure these calculators were the wave of the future, and now we are way beyond that, we use computers and such now."

Shannon never set out to be a bookstore director, though he always loved books.

"I had a positive reaction to the retail and business side of the bookstore, so it just kind of evolved," said Shannon. "It's one of those things you never set out to do. I just kind of stuck with it and decided to do it. It's been interesting over the years, because I've seen a lot of people coming through here who are trying to acquire their educational goals. Being part of the bookstore is providing those other educational tools to people."

Not just operations have changed during Shannon's tenure, however. The bookstore's operating style as a whole has changed.

"It started as an over the counter operation in Clairmont Hall, then moved to this location in 1972," said Shannon. He said the current location was originally intended to be an art classroom. Eventually the bookstore became self-serve, along with

virtually all retail shops.

Shannon has also been with the bookstore through two separate remodeling jobs, one in 1981 and one in 1991.

Currently Shannon manages about 20 workers, does the hiring, implements the rules and procedures and creates the budget. The bookstore is self-supporting in that it pays its own expenses from its receipts above cost for textbooks, supplies etc.

Shannon is proud of some of the programs he has implemented at the bookstore, such as the buy-back program.

Shannon says his primary focus has been to provide good customer service and make the CCC Bookstore prices competitive.

Shannon said he has enjoyed his years at Clackamas and is ready for new challenges.

"There are parts I will miss, but I have made my decision and it is time to move on," he said. He added that what he has enjoyed most is "selling



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Bookstore Manager Doug Shannon is retiring after 26 years of managing the bookstore.

to students and meeting their needs."

Shannon looks forward to his retirement, and plans to travel in Europe and perhaps do some genealogical research.

Shannon credits others, also, for the success of the bookstore.

"My good staff is what makes this operation shine," he said. "We are committed to the students."

Fulmore: long-term devotion and dedication will be missed

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Not many people have a college endowment named after them, but Beverly Fulmore of the Clackamas "Foundation" received that precise honor last June when the third "Joint Board Endowment" was established in honor of her and another employee.

When Fulmore came to Clackamas, she was a single mother struggling to balance work, school and children, so she is touched that the 1999 "Joint Board Endowment" will be dedicated to childcare grants. The first, three years ago, was for students who are the first in their family to attend college; the second was dedicated to a scholarship for the Associated Student Government (ASG) president.

Fulmore, assistant director/gift planning coordinator for the Foundation, is retiring after 23 years at Clackamas. She will leave campus at the end of this year, but continue working for the college through the winter from her home.

Fulmore glows when she talks about the Foundation and the good it does for Clackamas students with its mini-grants, emergency and childcare grants and scholarships (\$224,000 this year).

She is especially proud to have been part of the Foundation growth during the last 14 years since John Keyser became college president and made the Foundation one of his first priorities.

"He knew what the Foundation could do to better the college (and) has devoted so much of himself to what the Foundation stands for. Without his vision we could not have had the growth," Fulmore said.

Indeed, Foundation growth has been spectacular since then, with endowments increased from two, worth \$26,000, to 90 individual en-



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Beverly Fulmore is retiring after 23-years at Clackamas including 14 with the College Foundation.

dowments and an investment pool of more than \$3 Million today.

The Foundation built the Family Resource Center; created the Heritage Society for persons who have bequeathed gifts to the college upon their deaths; and began "endowment recognition," such as the "Endowment wall," in the Gregory Forum.

Fulmore is exuberant about every Foundation program and event that raises money for the students and the college. But she says she will miss most the people she has had the opportunity to work with these last 14 years, especially the volunteers who dedicate so much time and energy to the Foundation.

She calls them the "message carriers," these community leaders and representatives from the college student body, faculty and administrative staff.

"Our Foundation group is second to none. They are so generous in their hearts and their actions. It's not easy out there asking the world for money- it takes a special kind of person to do it and do it successfully and to stay with it."

Fulmore grew up in Montana, and attended college one year in

Idaho, but when her father died she and her mother moved to Oregon and she got a job at the University of Oregon.

"Girls in my era were encouraged to get a trade to fall back on when your husband left you, not to go to college. I didn't get back to school until I came here," Fulmore said of the certificate in nonprofit management she earned at Concordia after being hired at Clackamas.

Fulmore and her husband Grant have a large blended family, including two sons living locally and four grandchildren. Grant plays golf and Fulmore plans to learn that game, and the two look forward to "time to be together again" and seeing the country in their RV.

About leaving Clackamas, Fulmore said, "You don't go to a company thinking you're going to finish your career there... it just developed that way and I was just so lucky to have stayed here as long as I did and learned as much as I did and been treated the way I have been. I hope I have been as good to Clackamas as they have been to me."

With tears in her eyes, she added, "Thank you."

Johnson retires after 23-years at Chartwells

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Elvina Johnson, the hot-line chef and one of Chartwell's finest, is retiring after 23-years of service.

"I'm ready to sit back and relax. I have rooms that need painting and some unfinished knitting projects I'd like to get to."

Before Chartwell's, Johnson was a full time mom taking care of her five children. Once they were all old enough for school she set out for a job. With the help of her friend Peggy she obtained her job at Chartwell's in 1976.

"I started out making salads, working at the register, and waiting on tables, then I just moved up over the years," she said.

"I remember making the salads and actually pouring the Coke; everything has changed so much."

Johnson has enjoyed her years at Chartwell's because of the interaction with students, and the atmosphere overall.

"I wish I would have kept a diary of all the co-workers," she said. "Chartwell's has been a great job, after all, it's paid my bills!"

With summers off and a decent daily schedule, she has been able



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Elvina Johnson has worked at Chartwells since 1976.

to spend time with her children through the years. Now, after retirement, she'll have even more time with them, as well as her 11 grand children.

When asked what place in the whole world she would visit if money didn't matter, she said, "Hawaii, that would be nice; and Nashville—I'm a country girl and I'd like to go see The Grand Ol' Opry." As for now, she's going to just take it easy and wait for her husband's retirement. Who knows, they may end up going to see that Opry after all.

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