

# After 8 years of working part-time Bown achieves new full-time status

**Luke Mahan**  
Photo Editor

Jennifer Bown, life-science instructor and faculty adviser for the Cooperative Work Experience program for science, was officially made a full-time employee at Wednesday's Board of Education meeting.

Although she has been working full-time hours at Clackamas for eight years, while also instructing at Portland Community College, Bown was only informed that she was chosen for a full-time position three weeks ago. She is excited about her new status for reasons such retirement benefits, but also because of freedoms the position will allow her.

"Potentially I get summers off, which is great for me because I would like to get out and do some research," said Bown. "Maybe work for nature conservancy or fish and wildlife."

She also stresses the importance of coming through her previous position: "It's an invaluable experience, being a part-timer."

Bown, who started as a part-time instructor in 1995, has been involved in many programs and courses, including two she created herself: Navigation using GPS technology, and Applications and GIS, which she designed through the ELC.

A well-rounded instructor, she has taught at least nine different courses at Clackamas, including all sciences except Microbiology and Botany.

She is also involved in off-campus courses like the annual Death Valley trip, which she has attended for 11 straight years, and will be heading up the project after this spring when current coordinator John Snively retires.

One of her main projects is the mitigation of a wetland off of Harmony Road. For the past five years, Bown has been working with students and the Army Corps of Engineers to monitor the area to make sure it has been restored to a fully functional wetland. This will be the last year she has to monitor the progress of the successful project.

Even though she is very excit-



LUKE MAHAN Clackamas Print

*Instructor Jennifer Bown lectures from the front of her Environmental Science class. She was officially made a full-time employee after eight years of working full-time at CCC in a part-time position, as well as instructing part-time at Portland Community College.*

ed about the full-time position, Bown expressed her happiness with working for Clackamas as a part-timer, citing the leniency of the college in letting her teach and

create many different courses. She is also happy about the hours she was allowed to work.

"Clackamas has been wonderful in allowing us to work a full-

time number of hours as long as there's enough classes for all the full-time [instructors]," she said, "and that's something you don't see at PCC."

## Gain work experience, credits and possibly earn money with Cooperative Work Experience program

**Sadie McCarthy**  
Staff Writer

Getting involved with the Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) department may secure students' chances for a successful career, and earn credits towards their degree, according to Cheryl Willemse, occupational skills specialist.

"When a relationship develops [between student and employer], it turns into an opportunity," said Willemse.

Students who are involved in the CWE program, whether they are being paid or not, gain valuable work skills and on-the-job training. This gives CWE students a better chance at obtaining a successful career.

With support from the advisers in the CWE department, students set

up interviews with potential employers. They may also be able to use a job they are currently working in. Once placed in a job, they will enroll in a CWE Seminar. The designated Co-op instructor and the seminar will help students establish three to five goals that they will accomplish during the term, which will set up the basis for evaluation of their work performance.

"Not only will you earn credit during that term, but a letter grade for your transcript," explained Willemse.

There is a system for determining the amount of credits a student can earn in one term.

"Essentially, the numbers of hours you work a week determine the amount of credits you earn at the end of the term," said Karylenn Echols, a CWE specialist. Students can earn up to six credits per term.

"For instance, if you want to earn

two credits, you will be required to work 6-8 hours a week," said Echols.

Before applying, students must declare a major and complete nine credit hours at Clackamas Community College within their program.

CWE can apply to almost all majors offered at CCC. According to current enrollment statistics, the most popular programs include

Business, Criminal Justice, Computer Sciences, and Education.

Willemse, Echols and Lauren McDonald, CWE department secretary, along with CWE Specialist, Christy Wheeler, encourage students to apply for a Cooperative Work Experience position.

"Students need to realize their chances for getting a job in today's society. Employers are not willing to train," said McDonald. "Training

takes time, time takes money, and employers are not willing to sacrifice that."

The program is open-entry/open-exit; students can add the credits at any time during the term provided they have enough time to work the required hours and complete the seminar.

Those interested in earning college credit for working, contact the CWE office at ext. 2273.

### Doctor John's Pub

Your Prescription for fun! Come celebrate your next bash here.

Enjoy NBA basketball on our 144" monster vision screen.

- Monday Bud Night (\$2 Bud/Bud Light)
- Tuesday 3/\$1.50 taco night.
- PBR buck night. \$1/pint
- Thursday, Ladies' night.
- Sundays, FREE POOL!

Welcome back  
**Hiram Street**

February 21-22



New Menu!!  
Check out the new  
cheap eats!

720 Main Street, Oregon City

503-650-0400

### SAVE MONEY!

**Meal Deal Coupons**  
**Non Fat Espresso Milkshake \$1.75**  
On Sale!

ONLY VALID WHEN COUPON IS PRESENT

Only in the Cougar Cafe, Clackamas Community College  
Offer valid thru Feb. 28, 2003

### Try a Brownie Delight Sundae!!!

Give the Starbucks Barista a brownie and they will  
make a sundae for you!

Topped with chocolate sauce and whipped cream!

ONLY VALID WHEN COUPON IS PRESENT

Only in the Cougar Cafe, Clackamas Community College  
Offer valid thru Feb. 28, 2003

**COUGAR CAFE**  
FINE HOST CORPORATION