

College president candidate seeks switch from private to public

Experience at Concordia in Portland

By EDWARD STRATTON
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After spending almost his entire collegiate education and career at private Christian schools, Glenn Smith said he is ready for a change.

Smith, the first of four candidates for Clatsop Community College's presidency, toured the region Monday and met with staff, faculty and community members.

For the past 25 years, Smith, 57, has held various adminis-

trative positions at Concordia University, a private Christian university in northeast Portland. He is the university's executive vice provost for student services and enrollment management.

His wife, Jane Graves Smith, is a professor of psychology at Concordia. The two have a grown daughter and son, along with two grandchildren.

Smith grew up in the southern suburbs of Los Angeles, in a family with parents he said did not initially attend college. He attended the evangelical Azusa Pacific University in the Los Angeles area for his bachelor's in communicology and master's in social sciences. He

served as assistant dean of students and director of student services at Whitworth University, a Christian liberal arts college in Spokane, Washington, from 1983 to 1989. Since then, he has worked at Concordia, during which time he earned a doctorate in educational leadership from Portland State University.

"I have a very strong affinity with the mission of the community college, creating access for everyone to go to school," Smith said.

Much of that affinity, he

said, came after his mother attended community college over a 10-year period, graduating around the same time as he and a brother earned their initial degrees.

Having lived in the Pacific Northwest since the early 1980s, Smith said he does not want to leave the region. Although he could see finishing his career at Concordia, Smith said he sees a presidency as the next logical step. Two years ago, Smith was a finalist for the presidency of Portland

Community College's Cascade campus, located near Concordia.

"I'm pretty good friends with Greg Hamann," Smith said of the former Clatsop Community College president, who preceded Lawrence Galizio and is now president of Linn-Benton Community College. "When this position came up, he strongly encouraged me to apply."

Smith said that besides fiscal challenges, sustainable enrollment seemed to be on the minds of college board members.

"I do come from a background that has fought for enrollment," he said, noting Concordia has gone from 400

to 8,000 students during his time there.

Ron Liss, the vice president and special advisor for workforce, community and economic development at Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio, visits the college today, including a public meet-and-greet from 3 to 4 p.m. in Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave.

The other candidates are Christopher Breitmeyer, the vice president for academic and student affairs at Saint Charles Community College in Missouri, and Christopher Dyer, the CEO and president of University of New Mexico-Gallup.



Glenn Smith

Window damaged during attempted escape

By KYLE SPURR
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A Clatsop County Jail inmate is accused of damaging a window in the jail last week and attempting to escape.

Logan Douglas Holt, 27, of Warrenton, pleaded not guilty Monday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to second-degree attempted escape and second-degree criminal mischief.

The incident occurred last Monday. Holt was trying to break out a window in the jail.

He damaged the window, but did not break it out. A passer-by saw it happening from outside the jail and reported it to the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.

Holt was in custody after being convicted of assault, theft and drug charges. He is due back in court later this month for an early resolution conference on the new charges.

Holt's attempted escape is the second incident in



Logan Douglas Holt

less than a year. Two inmates tried to escape in July by breaking off a shower drain grate, tying it to a bed sheet and swinging it against a window until the window shattered.

The only other escape attempt on record occurred more than a decade ago, when an inmate jumped from the roof of a recreation area and was caught a day later.

Clyde to fight recall drive

President of fire district won't resign

By R.J. MARX
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CANNON BEACH — Sharon Clyde, the president of the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, will fight a petition calling for her resignation.

Clyde is the first director identified for recall to submit a response to the Clatsop County Clerk.

Directors Clyde, Linda Beck-Sweeney and Garry Smith are named in a recall petition.

The recall drive is a response to the fire district's dismissal of Mike Balzer as fire chief last October.

Clyde's statement, delivered to County Clerk Valerie Crafard, cited

the board's "fiduciary responsibility to those who elected them to provide a high level of oversight, particularly in matters of management and administration."

Clyde said Balzer was let go "when the majority of the directors, elected by district voters, became concerned about his ability to perform the administrative skills required of the head of a public agency."

Clyde said the recall drive had a "chilling effect" on public awareness of the events prior to the termination.

Balzer has filed a law-

suit against the fire district over his firing.

"As is typical in pending litigation, the guidance by legal counsel is to limit and restrict public comment on the matter," Clyde said. "Indeed, it could be argued that a recall effort is premature, as the details of the events leading up to the chief's termination won't become public knowledge until such time as a civil trial is held."

Beck-Sweeney and Smith have until 5 p.m. Wednesday to either resign or submit a written statement of justification to the Clerk's Office.

Lyra Fontaine contributed to this report.



Sharon Clyde

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Jack Hogan

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Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The speaker will begin after the dinner service is complete and non-dinner members and guests of the audience take their seats.

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