Wills Named VP for Students

Penelope H. Wills of Tigard, Oregon, has been named Vice President for Student Development, effective July 1. Dr. Wills has served since 1988 as Dean of Student Development at Portland Community College, a multi-campus district serving a metropolitan area of 1,500 square miles with a population of over one million.

Dr. Wills received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Cincinnati, a Master of Science degree in Personnel Counseling from Miami University of Ohio, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University.

In addition to her work in Oregon, Dr. Wills served as Director of Residential Programs at Reed College, and Associate Director of Student Development at New Mexico State University.

Dr. Wills will move to Rome with her husband Ron. She is committed to a number of professional meetings during the first part of July and is expected on campus by July 22.

Microbiology Lab Dedicated

Floyd College exhibited its newly-renovated Microbiology Laboratory at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, June 26.

The renovation project was supervised by Judy Perdue, chair of the Division of Science, Math and PE, and Barry Rogers, carpentry foreman.

The renovation of a classroom located in the Walraven Building, room 300, into the new laboratory began during winter quarter. The work was made possible through a $100,000 grant from the Board of Regents.

"The old lab," said Perdue, who oversaw the financial aspects of the project, "was far too small, very tight. It could only hold 16 students and they were always bumping into each other. The space in the new lab will make it easier for them to be careful with specimens, and allow the instructor to move between work stations to observe the students' work."

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Trimble, Lever Receive Awards

Richard Trimble, professor of Mathematics, and Mary Louise Lever, longtime chairman of the Floyd College Foundation, were honored by the college during graduation ceremonies June 14. Dr. Trimble received the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award by vote of the faculty. Ms. Lever received the President's Award for Meritorious Service.

Dr. Trimble has worked at the college for 26 years. The positions he has held include Professor of Math, Director of Developmental Studies, Director of Special Studies, Chairman of the Division of Developmental Studies, and Acting President (July 1991-November 1992).

Ms. Lever became a member of the Floyd College Foundation in 1979. She was appointed Chair of the Foundation in 1985 and served in that capacity until this year. She was awarded the President's Award for the countless hours she spent planning and participating in successful fund-raising efforts on behalf of the college.

George Pullen, newly retired Professor of History, was also honored by the faculty, as they selected him to carry the Mace at the graduation ceremony.
Folks

Tim Floyd has been named Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning effective July 1. Tim currently serves as Director of Evening Programs and Weekend Administration, and Assistant Professor of Mathematics. He will continue to work on campus in the evenings through the summer, and will remain an Assistant Professor.

Dorothy Morgan has been named Career Development Specialist in the Department of Counseling and Career Services. Dorothy has been serving as interim Director of Student Life for the past several months, and before that she worked at the NMTI campus as a Student Services Liaison.

Linda Dyer, secretary, HPER, will become secretary to the Vice President for Student Development July 1.

Welcome the following new employees: Michael Church, security guard, Gayle L. Harris, part-time secretary, NMT center, and Michelle Hall, Bookstore clerk.

President Lynn Cundiff will attend Harvard University’s Institute for Educational Management for three weeks this summer. Participation in the prestigious institute is selective and limited. The Institute “allows administrators to stand back from the pressures of work and take stock of strengths and opportunities.”

Keep the families of students Tanny Kim Sweeney who died last week, and Rick Perkins who died the previous week, in your thoughts and prayers.

Announcements

The Department of Continuing Education will offer the following courses during the month of July:
- Microsoft Word
- Introduction to Windows 95
- Microsoft Excel
- Drawing
- Pen and Ink Drawing
- Jujitsu
- Used Car Prelicensure
- Auctioneers Prelicensure Class
- Auctioneers Continuing Ed Class
- Dealing with Difficult People
- First Annual Gerontology Conference
- Beginning Golf
- Effective Cycling
- Comprehensive Spanish for Professionals
- Basic Sign Language
- Piano Magic Play By Ear Workshop
- Personal Development, Image Awareness and Visual Poise
- Professional Image Builder
- Cake Decorating I
- Faux Finishes - Decorative Painting Techniques
- No Sew Decorating
- Microsoft Access

The Small Business Development Center will offer classes on:
- How to Start Your Own Business
- How to Get $$$ for Your Business
- Home-Based Business Opportunities
- Understanding Your Company’s Financial Statements
- Successful Marketing Techniques for Professionals
- Employee Counseling & Performance

For more information or to register for a continuing education class, call 706.295.6324. For an SBDC class, call 706.295.6326.

Watch for information on a series of professional development workshops for staff members on topics such as the Banner system and the Information Technology Project. The workshops, scheduled for July, are being coordinated by Dana Marko, training specialist.

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Microbiology Lab Dedication (continued)

Rogers headed up the building and installing of necessary fixtures in the laboratory by the Physical Plant’s staff. New tables, benches and cabinets have been built for the facility. New plumbing was installed and the floor was retiled as well.

“We’ve planned to provide the labs with outlets for the laptops,” said Perdue. “We’re wiring the rooms for further capabilities, projecting for subsequent technological developments.”

The new facility has upgraded equipment from its predecessor’s. It has been furnished with new microscopes equipped with special lenses, video cameras and monitors, a new autoclave (used to sterilize any contaminated objects), an industrial laboratory refrigerator and a laboratory incubator to grow and support cultures and micro organisms.

“We’re very pleased to have the lab and will begin teaching in it on June 26,” said Perdue. “I think the Physical Plant employees did a beautiful job.”