

Faculty profile: Julia Van Paepeghem

Many of the upcoming seven performances of *Peter Pan* are mostly sold out. Congratulations to Brian Tyrrell for staging such a grand production, and a friendly reminder to get your tickets right away. Call ext. 525 *today* to reserve yours.

Don't forget the Lower Columbia basketball game on Saturday—it includes the induction of four former Blazer sports stars into the **Hall of Fame** at halftime. See next page for sketches of the athletes.



The Muse

“Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for ‘tis better to be alone than in bad company.”

—George Washington—

Parent education program coordinator Julia Van Paepeghem is one of those people who can work comfortably and efficiently with either side of the brain. Art and science can co-mingle!

She was born in the Los Angeles area and raised on and around the beaches of Southern California. She met her husband, then a surfer, on one of those beaches. But when the reality of skin cancer became an issue for the sun-worshippers in the early 1970s, the Van Paepeghems moved to Lewis County.

Van Paepeghem worked for a while as a bookkeeper in Centralia, but that job didn't satisfy her artistic/creative needs and the couple had two youngsters. “I wanted to be involved in art,” she reflected, “but I always focused on work that was in the best interest of children. Having my own made all children a little more important to me.”

For the next few years, Van Paepeghem worked in the Child Nutrition Program for the USDA and monitored nutrition in daycare facilities in the surrounding four-county area. She then helped establish the handicapped children's programs for Headstart and ECEAP in the area. Both positions allowed Van Paepeghem to incorporate creative components in her structured social responses.

Recruited to the Thurston County Prosecutor's office as an advocate for children at risk, foster kids, and parents in distress, Van Paepeghem found a creative and rewarding place to spend several years. The job also gave her time to express herself in several creative arts techniques in the studio she and her husband

had built in Chehalis. She's enthusiastic about watercolors, piano, collage, and is a registered Yoga instructor.

Van Paepeghem began looking for something that better suited her compassion for youngsters, parents, and at the same time her growing passion for her art.

“When the position opened at Centralia College for a parent education specialist, it was as though a door had opened for me,” she smiled. “I would be working one-on-one with families that needed direction and with children at risk. All my education and experience had prepared me for such a challenge, and I frankly love the work.” It's easy to see the creativity she brings to many of the knottier challenges she sees. She counts that as one of the great advantages of the job at Centralia College.

“I'm allowed to plant seeds of success in parents

that never dreamed they could be a success,” she said. “While we are improving life for the children,” she explained, “we can also improve parenting skills among families in crisis, especially parents who don't want to work the way their parents did.”

Meanwhile, Van Paepeghem and her husband have opened an art gallery at their studio on Market Boulevard in Chehalis and she will have an opportunity to teach expressive arts as a way of personal healing and personal development for those who may need it. But she'll never be far from her primary focus; the parents and children who come here for help.

“I love the people I work with,” she summarized. “They share my passion for helping repair and rebuild families in our community!”





Birthday Party Dates

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| BARBARA HINS-TURNER | 2/24 |
| RUTH KNOLL | 2/24 |
| TONY PETZOLD | 2/24 |
| WINSLOW HOMER | 2/24 |
| LINDA FOSS | 2/25 |
| DICK LAMB | 2/26 |
| DON FORAN | 2/27 |
| KATHY GUENTHER | 2/27 |
| CHERYL KIMBEL | 2/27 |
| HENRY WADSWORTH | |
| LONGFELLOW | 2/27 |
| CONNIE ROBERTSON | 2/27 |
| ZERO MOSTEL | 2/28 |

Note: That's a little more like it. Root beer and ginger snaps for everyone!

Sports schedule

Men's basketball

| Date | Opponent | Time |
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| 2/24 | L. COLUMBIA* | 7 p.m. |

Women's basketball

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| 2/24 | L COLUMBIA* | 5 p.m. |
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*-Last game of the regular season
NWAACC Tournaments March 1-4

HOF A sketch of the four new Blazer Hall of Famers appears in the next columns at the bottom. Come out Saturday night to say hello to these past CC stars.

Lyceum

"Sex, violence, and the Devil." As if that wasn't enough to pique your interest, next week's (Feb. 28) Lyceum features the social cleansing of the European countryside of witches, tens of thousands of whom were simply murdered by superstitious and religious zealots.

The program, "**Witch Craze: History as Gothic Novel**" is presented by Laura Brener at 1 p.m. in Corbet Theatre.

During the 14th and 15th centuries early Christian dogma was enforced by fear and intimidation. An accusation of witchcraft was also a tidy way of eliminating a romantic or professional rival without the risk and mess of manslaughter. It should be a fascinating Lyceum event!

TransAlta community transformer grant will provide scholarships for fiber art program

The Centralia TransAlta Community Transformers (TACT) program is supporting the Centralia College art program through an \$800 grant that will provide scholarships for students taking a spring quarter class and special workshops on fiber art.

The workshops will be conducted by acclaimed weavers and are scheduled to take place on April 16 and 18, May 16 and June 6.

"We very much appreciate the support from TransAlta," said Liz Frey, assistant professor of art, who applied for the grant. "It might provide a means of fostering better understanding of the similarities – and differences – within our community." Frey, an internationally known fiber artist, will teach the spring class that includes the workshops.

"The willingness of this organization to assist by providing this grant makes a tremendous difference to the people who will benefit from receiving a scholarship. It could help rekindle interest in fiber art as well as help preserve an art form." Frey hopes to attract a number of Hispanic and

Native American students to the spring class, which features techniques and images that originated in the pre-Columbian Americas.

TransAlta, through a group of company employees who volunteer to make donations, provides about \$50,000 annually within communities in the Centralia area. In the past, TACT has helped the college initiate its Lyceum program, an on-going

weekly series of public forums.

"We certainly want people to attend the workshops," said Frey. "Those enrolled in the class, Introduction to Fibers, will be able to attend the workshops as part of the class but anyone may attend only the workshops." There is a fee of \$50 for those not enrolled or on a TransAlta grant scholarship. Frey said individuals who want



Barry Chappelle, representing TransAlta, presents a check to Liz Frey, Centralia College Assistant Professor of Art. Frey will use the funds to provide scholarships for a series of spring quarter workshops exploring fiber art.

a scholarship should contact her at the college by calling 736-9391, ext. 340. Workshop leaders include: Maria Gonzales, a backstrap weaver from Guatamala, April 16 and 18; Yvonne Peterson, a master weaver from the Chehalis Tribe, May 16; and Susan Pavel, a Salish weaver, June 6.



Lowell Wood set season and career records in basketball. He held top spot in field goals, free throws, and total points in a 2-year span (742), and averaged 14 field goals yearly.



Bruce Taylor lettered two years in baseball. He became a head coach at Rochester and Toledo High Schools and served as athletic director at Toledo and at W.F. West in Chehalis.



Michael Smith was also a basketball star. He held or broke four top marks and was considered one of the most effective scorers in the community college conference.



Sheryl Hasse played field hockey, basketball, and tennis. She played field hockey and tennis for EWSU. She went on to coach softball at several locations around the northwest and Alaska.