



Staff profile: Heidi Dearborn of the student activities and admissions team

Linda Foss reports the 2007 edition of *Beyond Parallax* has gone to press. A list of contributors is available, and the publication party is set for Thursday, June 7, from 2-3 p.m. in the Writing Center.

The party will also honor winners of the annual Writing Contest. Mark your calendar and drop by to meet the authors.

New this spring to the SAAT program at Centralia College is Heidi Dearborn, admissions outreach specialist. She arrived in March to help the student team members work with area high school students interested in attending CC.

Dearborn was raised in the Puyallup Valley, where she attended Riverside High in Auburn. She enrolled at Western Washington University, where she earned a BA in sociology and psychology. "I intended to go into high school teaching," she explained, "but along the way my career goals changed a little. I worked at several jobs at Bellingham, mostly in admissions. That experience led me to look more at academic counseling or possibility other phases of student advising."

Dearborn worked in student housing, advising, and performed general admissions work after graduation, spending almost five more years at WWU. She was still looking for a more direct student exposure that would allow use of her sociological skills.

Dearborn's move to Lewis County was as much family-motivated as anything. "My husband's family came from East Lewis County, and mine was still in the Puyallup Valley," she said. "When he was offered a job as a geologist with a materials testing lab in Centralia we made the move. The location was reasonably close to both our families."

Soon after settling in the area, Dearborn heard of the SAAT opening at Centralia College. "I jumped at the chance," she recalled. "It gave me the direct student contact and the opportunity

to help potential students overcome the social roadblocks most feel when thinking about going to college." Her first months on the job have been especially rewarding parts of her career. She is also impressed with the college community.

"Many of the faculty and staff have been here a long time," she noted. "So I figured there must be something good going on here. It didn't take me long to discover the sense of community that makes Centralia College so much different from other two-year colleges in the northwest."

Dearborn maintains that the element of community and communications has made her adjustment easy. She's working on a graduate degree, and says the level of support and encouragement she gets from the rest of the CC "family" has solidified her concept of the college as a caring association.

Dearborn and her husband like to spend time outdoors, and she enjoys "just reading for fun," but the demands of a ten-month-old daughter have reduced the available time for such recreational pleasures. As summer approaches, however, she expects more time for activities to which her youngster will be introduced.

Meanwhile, Dearborn is working with new members of the SAAT team and gearing up for a full schedule of outreach and informational meetings with potential HS students this fall. "The outreach programs are enjoyable and productive," Dearborn says, "and it's fun to watch our SAAT students connect with high school students as they begin to plan for their own college lives."



The Muse

"The fact of evolution is the backbone of biology, and biology is thus in the peculiar position of being a science founded on an unproved theory. Is it then science or faith?"

—Charles Darwin—



Birthday Party Dates

SHARON MITCHLER	5/18
MEREDITH WILSON	5/18
ANNIE BOLEYN	5/19
“HO HO HO” CHI MINH	5/19
RUSSELL PARKER	5/20
HONORE DE BALZAC	5/20
MARY CASSAT	5/22
RICHARD WAGNER (aka Reeckard Vogner)	5/22

Ever notice how many of our celebrants share a birthdate with an illustrious personage? It isn't necessarily uncanny, but it's a lot less canny than your editor expected!

Therefore, root beer and pomegranates for everyone.

Sports Schedules

Baseball and softball are over for another season, but the lady Linksters continue to seek the NWAACC championship in golf. The Blazer team is at Green River on May 19-21 to take on the rest of the field.

Championship matches will be played on the Washington National Country Club layout for a three-day test of individual and team scoring.

Lyceum

The spring quarter is winding down, but Lyceum hasn't lost any of its appeal in the final three weeks. Again, programs of lasting interest are on the docket, and we expect many of you to use that Wednesday hour to your own benefit.

On May 23, county commissioner Ron Averill, a retired US Army colonel, will speak on the origins of Memorial Day, as it is now celebrated.

May 30 will see Laju Nankani on the Lyceum turf as she discusses the ins and outs of Intercultural Communications.

The spring schedule ends on June 6, as Liz Frey revisits the very popular Lyceum programs on historic and native uses of textiles and weaving. Her program on Fiber Art puts the many techniques in the proper cultural perspective.

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in WAH 103.

Don't miss the special Charlie Albright concert in Corbet Theatre on June 1!

Our own, homegrown piano virtuoso—Charlie Albright—will present a special concert to support the Centralia College Foundation on June 1 in Corbet Theatre. Try not to miss this special talent; it could be the last time you will have the chance to see Charlie in person for a long while.

Albright began playing at the age of three, which makes him a prodigy in anybody's book. More to the point however, is that Charlie has drawn national attention and acclaim for most of his young life.

Among his accomplishments are the first place award at the prestigious 2006 Eastman International Piano Competition at the University of Rochester. At that competition, Albright collected the Best Performance in a Master Class, Best Performance of a 21st century work, and the coveted Audience Prize.

Charlie was first place winner in both solo and ensemble divisions of the New York Piano Competition at the Manhattan School of Music, took the same top spot in the International competition at Kansas

University, and was the youngest pianist selected for the Hilton Head International competition and the TCU/Van Cliburn Piano Institute in Fort Worth. In short, Charlie Albright is the cream of America's crop of piano virtuosi.

This fall, Albright will enter a unique program at Harvard University and the New England Conservatory of Music, where he will earn a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and a master's in music. He is

the first pianist ever to be chosen for that honor.

The Friday concert at Corbet is first-come, first-served, with a requested donation of \$10 or more per person. There are no reserved seats; in fact, no tickets will be printed for this unique performance. You just have to be there, and early is recommended.

The doors open at 6 p.m. for the 7 p.m. concert, and we suggest you

may want to be in line well before the 6 p.m. opening. Demand is expected to be intense for possibly the final Albright concert in Centralia for some time to come.



Sparkling Seven for Tenure



Seven faculty were honored at a brief reception and were awarded tenure at last week's Board of Trustees meeting. Those earning tenure status were (from left): Susanne Weil, Michael Threapleton, Chuck Hill, Karen Greffe, Jody Peterson, Sue Gallaway, and Jennifer Dressler. Hearty congratulations to all!