

Today's Highlights

Newsletter for the Friends of College of the Siskiyous

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Interim President Carl Ehmann Reflects on his Year at COS



The first thing that comes to mind about my adventure at COS this year is the people who make this institution run. The first address at orientation in August was a brief “hello” to faculty, staff and administration. The welcome was very gracious and turned out to be a sign of what was to come.

Naturally, we have differences of opinion in this business, and that is part of the growing experience, especially if we can disagree without being disagreeable. And that certainly has been the case. Virtually everyone has been eager to reach a solution without “keeping score”. There doesn’t seem to be as much of the “wins vs. losses” philosophy as there has been the need to improve our service to students.

We started out by talking a lot about what we needed to be functional at the “excellent” level. The recipe seemed to be, among other things, a process that would allow for involvement of *all* constituent groups, including the governance of the College and the planning that is so necessary in the allocation of fiscal and human resources. Through the efforts of many, I believe it is safe to say that we have a process, and what’s really more important, a heartfelt understanding about the way we go about our daily business. It is one of respect for different opinions, celebration of achievement and consistency in our processes.

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COS Recognizes Retirees

Kenneth Goehring—Interim Vice-President Information Technology, Anthropology and Computer Science Instructor. Ken Goehring has served the College for 28 years, from 1974 to 2002. He has been the Interim Vice President of Information Technology twice, providing leadership to the staff and faculty. He has been instrumental in the development of the services provided by the Information Technology Department and in the development and operation of the campus-wide TeamWeb committee. His love of teaching showed through as he taught courses in biology, chemistry, anthropology, and computer science. As a member of the faculty, he served as Academic Senate President, Faculty Association President, and Chair, for a number of years, of the Academic Standards Committee. He has been an important faculty leader. Ken’s quick wit, good nature, and ability to lead are deeply appreciated by staff and students.

Nancy Lemos—Bookstore Services Coordinator. Nancy Lemos came to COS in 1984 and has been with the College for 18 years. She provided services to the staff and students in the Bookstore, always taking time to cheer and motivate the students. One of her key accomplishments was the relocations of the Bookstore to its current location and establishing it as a real college bookstore. She developed a store that is both well

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stocked and beautifully decorated. Nancy enjoys the camaraderie and working relationships that have been established with staff, faculty and students. And, she particularly enjoys the success stories of former COS students who return to visit us.

Robert Sanchez—Athletic Trainer / Physical Education Instructor: As the College's first athletic trainer, Robert Sanchez came to COS in 1981 and served 20 years. Over the years, Robert built an athletic training program that was "second-to-none" at the community college level. He is recognized by his peers as one of the very best athletic trainers in the profession. His biggest contribution to the campus has always been the personal relationships he formed with student athletes and staff. His legacy lives on in those he guided over the years. Robert was instrumental in the design and development of the Weed Campus' new Athletic Training Facility.

Tania Volhontseff—Mathematics Instructor, Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, and Assistant Superintendent—Business Services: Tania Volhontseff served COS for 19 years, from 1978-83 and then from 1988-2002. She is a well-prepared, excellent math instructor who explains math concepts so clearly that math looks easy and students actually enjoy it! She served as a math instructor for 22 years (14 at COS) and was the College's Assistant Superintendent for Business Services for six years. She worked hard to solve the College's roof problems (getting the project underway) and to oversee the construction of the Yreka Center. She is most proud of persistently maintaining academic standards to ensure student success and (except for a few rare occasions) returning exams to students at the next class meeting. She enjoyed working as an advisor to the local Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, as it gave her the opportunity to promote student visibility and encourage students to strive for academic excellence.

Kudos to...

- **Ron White**, former COS track athlete, who set an Eastern Illinois University (EIU) and Ohio Valley Conference javelin record to lead the EIU to their 6th track and field championship. He was named the Athlete of the Year after his 248' 10 1/2" throw eclipsing the previous EIU record of 232'8". At present White is the number 1 collegiate Javelin thrower in the US and ranks 2nd as a Top USA behind Number 1 ranked Breaux Greer.
- **William Cushman**, of Yreka, and **Timothy DeRoss**, of Weed, on their selection as members of the All USA Academic Team. They were two of 71 California Community College students honored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at an event hosted by the Community College League of California (CCLC) in Sacramento. The students each received a cash stipend from the CCLC.
- Board of Trustees President, **Alan Dyar** on his selection by the Siskiyou County Association of California Administrators as one of three Siskiyou County educators honored as an Administrator of the Year.
- Faculty member, **Bill Hirt**, upon his research being presented at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America. His research is entitled: Anatomy of a Fossil Magma Chamber: Zoning and Closed-System Fractionation in Whitney Pluto, Sierra Nevada, California.
- **Brenda Nystrom**, on being elected as the Student Trustee 2002-2003.
- **Sandy Pfeiffer**, of Weed, named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in Nursing by the United States Achievement Academy. This prestigious award is presented to fewer than 10% of all American college students.
- **Mika Pico** for setting a school pole-vaulting record of 15' 6" breaking the former school record of 14' 8" set in 1981 by Corey Wilson.
- Three Eagle Baseball athletes were named to the first team all-Golden Valley Conference Team – freshman centerfielder **Ryan Brown**, who was one of the top hitters in the conference; sophomore rightfielder, **Mark Serriano**; and, sophomore **Silas Ahsui**, a pitcher, designated hitter and first baseman who made the all-GVC lists as a utility player. Pitcher **Jake Coatney** and second baseman **Shane Tadini** were named to the all-GVC second team.
- **Valerie Roberts**, MESA Director on being selected as the Phi Theta Kappa 2002 Teacher of the Year.



Paramedic Class a Huge Success

Nurse, Richard Daly and Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic, Gary Grow. The medical team demonstrated and explained aeromedicine and usage of the helicopter, how to request helicopter service, flight safety requirements and landing zones. The paramedics received instruction on the appropriate ways to mark a helicopter landing zone and how to safely approach the helicopter. In addition, the paramedic students learned to load and unload injured or ill patients from the helicopter; how the patients, equipment and crew are configured inside of the helicopter for optimum use of space; and how to use night vision goggles and the many advantages the goggles bring to the helicopter team.

The EMT/Paramedic Program began fall 2001. The program has become one of the most popular offerings in many years. On the first day of registration, the eager students lined up in the early morning hours to be able to register and reserve a space in the program. The intensive 32-unit Program began with EMT 55 and continues with EMT 56 and EMT 57. Each section is highly interactive. When the students completed all classroom theory, they began a two-month rotation in local hospital emergency departments, and then will complete a three to four month ambulance training internship. Once they begin their internships, the students will begin to personally use all information they gained from all the training. With Siskiyou County's rural environment, aero-medical services are extremely important for prompt transport, especially when life and death situations are present, and immediate services are needed.

COS Director of Occupational Education, Dennis DeRoss, expressed his appreciation to the Mercy Medical Center in Redding for sending their Air Medical Team and the loan of the helicopter, for this critically important training. Speaking of the Program, Instructor Beth Dahl said, "The EMT/Paramedic students are doing a great job. They have covered a lot of information in a short period of time. They just completed their training in advanced cardiac life support and came through with flying colors. We have great lab instructors, excited students, wonderful equipment, and the full support of the College." Anyone interested in pursuing a career in the EMT/Paramedic field should contact Debbie Dutcher at 938-5206.

Technology Fair a Success

The College of the Siskiyou Assistive Technology Club and Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S) held the 2nd annual Assistive Technology and Resource Fair at the Weed Campus, on Thursday, May 2nd, on the Weed Campus. The goal of the Resource Fair is to expose teachers, school administrators, librarians, students, parents, agency service providers, and all other interested persons, to the wealth of resources, information and adapted technology that is available to assist individuals with disabilities. A number of vendors and resource agencies were on hand to share information, give demonstrations regarding their products and services and answer questions. This resource fair was held last year in May and was the first of its kind held in Northern California. It is an invaluable resource for consumers and those who teach and serve individuals with disabilities. For more information contact the Weed Campus Disabled Students Services Office at (530) 938-5297



WELCOME NEW STAFF & FACULTY

The College welcomes the following new staff and faculty members (January—May 2002):

New Staff & Faculty:

W. David Pelham—Superintendent/President

Changing Places:

Nancy Miller—Director of Personnel

Loretta Clements—Coordinator of Bookstore Services

Kate Mahar—Resource Development Officer & Foundation Dir.

Dawna Cozzalio—Public Relations Director

Farewell to:

Carl Ehmann—Interim Superintendent/President

Ken Goehring—Instructor and Interim VP of Information Technology Services, Retired—May, 2002

Nancy Lemos—Coordinator of Book Store, Retired—June 2002

Justi Entenmann—Retention Coordinator for Upward Bound

Gail Renwick—Administrative Secretary for Upward Bound

Patrick Prindle—Psychology Instructor

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These basic ideas of how we work together have begun to reap benefits. I believe we have a better idea of the needs of other departments, and perhaps a better sense of what others do. This is especially important as we face some very difficult financial times ahead. We will be successful in keeping the proverbial wolf from the door if we are consistent in our planning and governance processes. And of course, we will have to constantly change them to work for us.

I applaud the staff, faculty, administration and the trustees for the commitment made to making ourselves more effective. It is a primary factor in working well together.

Thank you for allowing me to be a brief part of your lives here at College of the Siskiyous. My very best to you.

Carl Ehmann

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- 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
- 1 would own a computer

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

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Did You Know?

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, the US population would look something like this:

57	Asians
21	Europeans
14	from the Western Hemisphere (both North and South)
8	Africans
52	female
48	male
70	non-white
30	white
70	non-Christian
30	Christian
89	heterosexual
11	homosexual
6	people would possess 59% of the entire worlds wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.
80	would live in substandard housing
70	would be unable to read
50	would suffer from malnutrition
1	would be near death;
1	would be near birth;

Tools for Tolerance Training Comes to COS

The Tools for Tolerance Workshop will be held on June 27-28, 2002, at Callahan's Lodge. The facilitator for the workshop is Stephanie Graham who will provide training and leadership in all areas of tolerance training. This important training will provide the skills needed to help participants to become familiar with personal obstacles that often stand between individuals and their acceptance of others. All campus employees were invited to apply to participate in this important training workshop. Twenty-five staff members were accepted into the fun and intensive program.



Picture of Distance Learning Center taken May 29, 2002.

Progress Continues on New Distance Education Building

The roof beams are in place and the walls are going up. As the new College of the Siskiyou Distance Learning Center makes its three-dimensional debut, the faculty and staff working on the project are busy finalizing room layout, color schemes, and furniture and equipment lists.

Initiated in early 1998, the Distance Learning Center will introduce new educational technologies designed to improve student learning and reach students taking COS classes from off-campus locations. The College has, for many decades, recognized the need to reach students who reside in the most remote and isolated communities within Siskiyou County.

Videoconferencing will be used to connect classrooms in Weed, Yreka, Happy Camp, and Tulelake in a two-way interactive mode, allowing students from several locations to attend class together. This technology can also be used to share courses among colleges and for meetings with individuals and other groups across the state, nation, and even internationally. The College also teaches online classes over the Internet, a viable alternative for students whose schedule or distance from campus prevents them from taking classes at other times. Outreach-independent study courses allow students to work at their own pace through a correspondence-type program tailored to fit individual needs.

Completion of the project, slated for Summer 2003, will allow the College to enhance its existing distance learning program, which now includes a total of 45 courses serving more than 700 students each year. Of those 45 courses, 18 are taught via two-way videoconferencing, 15 online over the Internet, and 12 via outreach-independent study. One course each semester is received from Shasta College for nursing students involved in the LVN to RN upgrade program. To find out more about the Distance Learning Center project and see updated photos of the building site, visit the web page at www.siskiyous.edu/distancelearning/building/.

Where Are They Now?

- **Kellie Suetta Amaru**, (1986) sent a letter to Gerri Fedora thanking her for the excellent instruction she received at COS. She currently a LVN working in a sub acute unit.
- **Robin Jones**, Morgan Hill, CA, (1999) is now employed at a consulting firm that collaborates and works with the Federal Drug Administration, National Cancer Institute and numerous colleges and institutions world wide.
- **Jake Nowdesha** and **Cory Wilmer**, two former welding students, are employed as welders with Raytheon Polar Services. Raytheon is constructing a new National Science Foundation Research facility at the South Pole. Both credit their employment on the welding certifications received from COS.
- **David Rodriquez**, Sacramento, CA (early 90's) has completed his Master's degree and is teaching at McClathcy High School in Sacramento. He is working toward completing his Ph.D. in Spanish.
- **Greg Taylor**, (1999) football player originally from Pomona, who earned a scholarship to San Diego State, and in June 2002, he will be the first person in his family to graduate from college. He has been accepted into San Diego State's Master's Program and may also be able to play some professional football.
- **Isiah Tennaci**, of Grenada, for his position as a trainer for the USA Ski Team, at the Salt Lake City Olympics.
- **Nikki Bressett**, (1996-97), transferred to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ where she graduated in 2001, with a BS in Aeronautical Science. She is a pilot with her multi engine ratings and has recently moved to Redding where she will be flight instructing with Hillside Aviation.

Alumni & Friends Association Sets Goals & Welcomes Officers

The COS Foundation welcomes the following new Alumni Association Officers for 2002: James Ray, president; Michael Carpini, vice-president; Dodi Dickson, secretary; and, Ronda Gubetta, treasurer. The new Alumni & Friends Association will focus its attention on building an active Alumni Association and is preparing to invite all alumni to the COS Homecoming Football Game in the fall. Alumni and Friends are invited to join the Association. Membership dues are \$25 per person and should be sent to the Foundation Office. Alumni and Friends are those individuals who graduated or transferred from COS, received a program certificate, part-time students, active or retired faculty, staff and administrators, community members serving on the Foundation or any COS Advisory Boards, and all community members who wish to join the Alumni Association. For information contact any one of the officers.



Foundation President Ann Kaster is pictured introducing the new members to the Board of Trustees at their May meeting. (L to R: Ann Kaster, Rand Roselli, Kent James, and Morris Eagleman)

Three Join Foundation Board

Three Siskiyou County residents were recently appointed to the COS Auxiliary Foundation Board. The three new members are: Morris Eagleman, of Mt. Shasta; Kent James, of Lake Shastina; and, Rand Roselli, of Weed. Mr. Eagleman is the Vice-President of Mercy Medical Center in Mt. Shasta. He works closely with the College on the Nursing Program. The Mercy Medical Center also offers a work-study program for COS students enrolled in healthcare programs. Mr. James, was one of the original COS Foundation Board members in 1992, however, he retired from the Foundation Board when he moved to Portland, Oregon. With his recent retirement and return to Siskiyou County, he has again agreed to serve on the Foundation Board. Mr. Roselli, is a retired CALTrans Supervisor, and fairly new to Siskiyou County. During the summer of 2001, he and his wife managed the Foundation's Farmers Market. The Foundation Board welcomes the new members.

June / July / August Dates to Remember

- **June 15, 2002**—7:30 p.m. Shasta Taiko • **June 29, 2002**—7:30 p.m. Kenneth Ford Concert, Kenneth Ford Theatre, Weed Campus Theatre, Weed Campus, An Evening with Michael Gerber, best-selling author of The E-Myth and The E-Myth Revisited, Tickets are \$10 or \$20 at the door..
- **June 17, 2002**—Summer Session Begins at the Weed and Yreka Campuses
- **June 23, 2002**—8 p.m. Boyz Nite Out, Pop/Rock A Cappella Sextet returns to Kenneth Ford Theatre, Tickets are \$10, at the Theatre Box Office.
- **June 29, 2002**—12 noon, Foundation Summer Barbecue, \$10; and, Vocal Jazz & Show Choir • **July 4, 2002**—Campus Closed for Fourth of July Holiday
- **August 19, 2002**—8 a.m. **Kenneth W. Ford Theater**, New Student Orientation
- **August 20, 2002**—Instruction Begins, Weed & Yreka Campus