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A $15,000 grant from the Greenhouse Program of the American Academy of Colleges of Nursing has received a Public Service Outreach Grant to help the college launch an initiative to upgrade its learning environment on campus. The grant will make new teaching techniques possible and improve the learning environment on campus. The grant will help the college launch an initiative to upgrade its classrooms by installing data projectors and electronic whiteboards and remodeling the spaces to reflect advances in learner-friendly design. It will also provide funds to hire an instructional technology specialist.

Glenna (Foley) Kruger ’68, a retired executive for Intel Corp., is the new chair of the Board of Trustees of Linfield College. Kruger succeeds Richard E. Ice ’52, retired president of the American Baptist Home of the West in Oakland, Calif., who has served since 1994. Ice has been named chair emeritus and remains a member of the board.

Kruger has served on the Board of Trustees since 1982. She was previously vice chair of the board and chair of the compensation committee.

In addition to her Linfield degree in literature, Kruger also holds a bachelor’s degree in management from Maryhurst College and a master’s in management and communication from the University of Portland. Her 30-year career in human resources included roles as diversity officer, compensation, employee relations and organizational development. Kruger retired from Intel in 2003. She previously worked for Fred Meyer, Inc., and Kenterox, a division of Platintronic, Inc.

Academy based on Portland Campus

Linfield’s Portland Campus has been selected to host the Summer Enrichment Academy for Careers in Health (SEARCH) this summer. SEARCH is an intensive six-week summer academy for 40-50 educationally and economically disadvantaged college-bound high school juniors and seniors from five Portland-area high schools. The academy provides college preparatory coursework in chemistry, math, human biology and medical terminology. The students also complete coursework in reading, writing, study skills and cultural competence in health professions. They receive tutoring and mentoring from current college students. Participants are selected through a competitive application process.

SEARCH is sponsored by the Oregon Health Care Center through a grant from the Health Careers Opportunity Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Presidential search under way, committee appointed

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Bull, who was named Linfield’s 18th president in 1992, has announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2005.

The search committee is composed of trustees, faculty, an administrator and a student. Eileen Bourassa, registrar, is the staff member for the committee, and Bruce Alton from Academic Search Consultation Services will assist with candidate screening.

Members of the search committee are: David Haugeberg, chair; trustee; Joan Austin, Dave Dillon ’89, Michael McBride ’72, Rodney Romney ’54, and Glenna (Foley) Kruger ’68 (ex-officio), trustees; Peter Richardson, professor of German; William Mackie ’71, professor of physics; and Jan Sellicken, associate professor of nursing, faculty; Bruce Wyatt, administration; and Melissa Galloway ’86, student.

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The Multicultural Adoption Advisory Program was developed by members of Linfield’s Black Student Union (now the Multicultural Student Club). The program pairs students with families who have adopted multiracial children, providing a support system for both the children and their parents and helping both to appreciate the culture of the children’s biological forebears.

Nancy Broshton, associate professor of biology at the Portland Campus, will return to Portland’s renowned Forest Park to conduct field investigations of threats to conifer seedlings. A $4,960 grant from the Oregon Department of Forestry under the Community Forestry Assistance Program will support the project which partners the Portland Campus with the Portland Parks and Recreation Department’s Ivy Removal Project and Stewardship Program. A team of two Linfield students and four high school students will be selected to help with the research, which will begin in earnest this fall.

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