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It’s been a busy spring at the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing. The school was granted accreditation for the next 10 years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the academic arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The school was in compliance with all standards and the commission made no recommendations.

Beverly Epeneter, associate professor of nursing, has been named interim dean. She replaces Brenda Smith, who resigned in April. Epeneter, who has been a professor of nursing and vice chair of the School of Nursing, taught at the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing prior to the establishment of the Linfield BSN program in 1983. She joined the Linfield faculty the following year. She has a BSN and MSN from Oregon Health and Science University and her Ed.D. from Portland State University. Peggy Wnos, associate professor of nursing, has been named associate dean of nursing. Wnos has been a leader in curricular innovation in nursing on the Portland Campus and has been on the Linfield faculty since 1991.

Both appointments are for two-year terms. A national search for a permanent dean of nursing will be held during 2005-2006.

**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 seniors from five Portland-area high schools. The academy provides college preparatory course work 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 Career 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**

A search committee has been appointed to begin the process of identifying candidates to succeed Vivian A. Bull as Linfield’s president. Bull, who was named Linfield’s 16th 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 liaison for the committee, and Bruce Alston from Academic Search Consulting Service will assist with candidate screening.

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

Information on the presidential search will be placed on the college’s web site as it becomes available.
Students, local community to benefit from grants

Linfield students will benefit from three grants the college has received in recent months.

A $200,000 grant from The Collins Foundation of Portland will help Linfield better harness technology to 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 to 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.

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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 Brosht, 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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