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Alice Rowe Learning Assistance Center

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Coming in 2005

- Reorganization of the BGCC Advisory Board
- Writer's Conference
- BGCC Awards Ceremony
- Regional Science Resource Center : Science Fair
- Annual Writing Contest

The Alice Rowe Learning Assistance Center (LAC) is part of the Academic Support Division at the BGCC. The primary goal of the LAC is to provide students with the resources they need in order to become successful, independent learners. Some of the services available to students include tutoring services (in English, Math, Accounting, Spanish, and History), word processing capabilities, reserved reference materials, Telecourse videos (for on-site viewing), and a quiet study room. All services are provided free of charge. Additionally, several workshops on basic skills are offered each semester and are presented by various members of the faculty. We have a friendly staff that is willing to help, and we encourage

students to drop by for assistance. No appointments are necessary.

Our operational hours are as follows:

Monday -- Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We are very proud of the expansion that occurred over the summer of 2004 when the Alice Rowe LAC became part of the Preston Student Success Center. The addition of a quiet testing room has allowed us to offer students a nice place to work on their own in a relatively noise-free zone. And, we needed the extra space! Over the past several years, the Learning Assistance Center has experienced tremendous growth. This se-



Dr. Alice Rowe, Faculty Emeritus of BGCC

mester, we will service approximately 9,000 student visits. This is *double* the number of students we processed in the Fall 2002 semester. We have extended our hours to include evening and weekend access and we have increased the staff to help meet the increasing demands. It is a dynamic center, and we are happy to be part of the overall mission of the Bowling Green Community College.

By: Shirley Bush, Coordinator of LAC.

Preston Student Success Center Computer Lab

Bowling Green Community College invites all students to check out the brand new Preston Student Success Center Computer Lab (PSSCCL). Conveniently located at the center of the building in room 141A, the new lab offers a spacious and

attractive study-friendly environment that truly sets the student up for success.

Stephen Lancaster, Tech Director at the PSSCCL, says, "The students seem very pleased with the new lab, I haven't heard any complaints." Stephen has worked

at WKU for 4 years, and just this semester he transferred from the hill. Most recently, he served as Assistant Manager for the MMTH Computer Lab. Optimistic that the lab is running smoothly, he is pleased that the lab offers a full staff, a comfortable, quiet environment, and forty-six new computers.

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Computer Lab, continued



**Preston Student Success
Center Computer Lab**

Well equipped with staff, the Preston Student Success Center Computer Lab employs eight student workers, 2 of whom are on duty during all hours of operation. The myriad benefits of a full staff are undeniable. The lab is always equipped with supplies, and the workers ensure that each computer is operating properly. Students with questions about various software applications are able to receive assistance when time allows. Most importantly, constant supervision allows for quieter study-friendly environment. One student commented, "There aren't cell phones ringing constantly."

A spacious and attractive environment, the new lab provides a comfortable place to study. "There's more table space," says Stephen. Large tables provide plenty of room for students to prop

their books beside the computer and study comfortably. "It's not as hot, and you're not shoulder to shoulder with the person next to you," remarked a student checking her email. Unlike last semester, the lab's new ventilation system is equipped to handle the large number of students and remains at a constant cool temperature. "It's very refreshing," another student commented. The modern look of the lab has its benefit as well, as an aesthetically-pleasing, stimulating environment is known to increase concentration. One contented student remarked, "It's cool, I like the artwork."

Forty-six new, state of the art computers are available at all times in the lab. Students no longer need to worry about not being able to get work done be-

cause there are enough computers for everyone. A satisfied student said, "I appreciate that there is always a computer available when I need it."

Overall, everyone is delighted with the Preston Student Success Center Computer Lab. It offers all the amenities of the labs on the main campus. Equipped with state-of-the-art computer equipment, helpful and informative staff, and contemporary study environment, Bowling Green Community College students are well prepared and ready for success.

By: Heidi Sanchez, SGA Senator, BGCC

China Comes to Bowling Green Community College



**Jean Nehm on the campus of
Chongqing Technology and
Business University**

For two weeks in May 2004, Jean Nehm, Assistant Professor of English, participated in the China Professional Development Seminar. Along with other members of the delegation from Western, she visited the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Terra Cotta Warriors, the Yangtze River, and other Chinese historical and cultural sites. A highlight of the trip was a week-long stay at Chongqing Technology and Business University (CTBU), visiting with faculty and students, teaching a class on two American authors, and touring the city of Chongqing.

When four professors from CTBU arrived at WKU in October 2004, we were delighted to welcome them to South Campus. Barbara Johnston presented the history of the community colleges; then the group toured Bowling Green Community College and also visited the Materials Characterization Center. Professor Yang Yulan visited Jean Nehm's English as a Second Language class and joined the BGCC Booktoppers book group at Barnes and Noble.



**Left to right; Yang Yulan,
Zheng XuXu, Li Gang,
and Chen Xingshu**

Meeting With Logan Aluminum

A collaborative program between Logan Aluminum and the Bowling Green Community College is being discussed to begin in May 2005. A cohort of approximately 20 students at Logan are working towards completion of a Fire Technology degree program, and BGCC has been asked to provide the general education requirements for that program.

The program will be administered through DELO

(Division of Extended Learning and Outreach) and will involve administrators and faculty from BGCC. General education courses will be offered to the Logan cohort with the courses being a hybrid of on-line and face-to-face classes. Students and faculty will meet at Logan Aluminum once a week for on-site class time and will use Blackboard or other appropriate computer technology for the on-line component of the course.

General education offerings will include Math 109-General Mathematics, Biology 113-General Biology, English 100-Freshman English, SPCH 145-Fundamentals of Public Speaking/SPCH 161-Business and Professional Speaking, PSYC 100-Introduction to Psychology, Soc 100, Introductory Sociology, and CSCI 145-Introduction to Computing. Classes will be scheduled in 5 week blocks to allow these students to complete



Deborah Lively, Interim Chair, Liberal Arts & Sciences Div.

their general education requirements in 1 year.

We are very excited about this new collaboration, and its success will enable us to offer new opportunities to other local businesses.

Presentation by Dr. Charles Conrick IV

On October 26th, 2004, Dr. Charles J Conrick IV, recently appointed chair of BGCC's Business and Computer Studies Division, met with corporate managers of Huish detergents in Bowling Green. The purpose of Conrick's visit was to explore how BGCC business and computer study programs could best be of service to manufacturers in Bowling Green such as Huish. Daryl Judd, corporate training manager of Huish, stated that while BGCC offered many fine programs, Huish offers primarily in-house training

to its employees and may explore BGCC's programs in the future. Judd informed Conrick that a great area for BGCC to service the community might well be with manufacturers in the area citing the relationship BGCC and DELO currently have with Weyerhaeuser.

In addition, an excellent opportunity exists within the local Chamber of Commerce. Judd stated that he is co-chair of a committee with the Chamber that assists high school seniors decide on career and educational opportunities. Conrick

requested that Judd arrange to have Conrick participate or speak at the next meeting of this Chamber committee's meeting as this would be a great way for BGCC to serve the community as well as ensure that local high school students are aware of BGCC programs. Conrick states that he intends, along with faculty members, to get involved with the Chamber committee as well as continue to visit local manufacturers to increase BGCC's exposure to the community.

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Priority Initiative Project Award

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Division was awarded a Priority Initiative Award in the amount of \$500.00 from the Office of Academic Affairs.

The award was based on increasing student learning through student engagement in activities outside the classroom.

The division plans to purchase a bulletin board for its use

at the community college for displays that will continue to encourage student engagement and familiarize them with LAS faculty, policies and opportunities.



Congratulations Liberal Arts and Sciences Division

Additions to the BGCC Family



Kim Green and Lucas Bryant

Bryant and Kim Green, a full-time Nursing Instructor at BGCC, would like to announce the birth of their son, Lucas Bryant. He was born on October 22, 2004, 8 lbs, 6 1/2 oz, and is 20 1/2 inches long.



Victoria Anne Dilliha

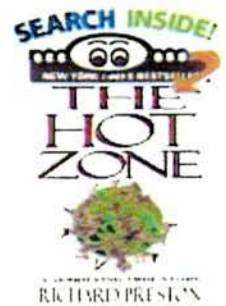
Mark and Michelle Dilliha, an adjunct accounting instructor, also would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Anne. She was born October 12, 2004, 6 lbs, 9.75 oz and 19 inches long.

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Booktoppers Book Club

The Booktoppers Book Club meets every 4th Friday of the month at Barnes and Noble at 3:00 p.m.

Our book for November is *The Hot Zone* by Richard Preston. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday we'll be meeting on December 3, 2004.



Book for November

Retired BGCC Faculty Publishes New Book

Jennie L. Brown, retired Associate Professor of English at Bowling Green Community college, has published her latest book, a work of children's literature entitled *Ethel's Great Discovery*. Turner Publishing Company's recent publicity praises Jennie's "magical story telling" and adds that the book is "universal, timeless, and educational for both children and adults in families as diverse, unique, and special as the persons who comprise them." While still here, she published a nonfiction book, *Blue Moon Rising: Kentucky Women in Transition*. Now, we congratulate Jennie, who loved teaching her Creative Writing class, for the publishing success of her own creative writing.



Jennie Brown

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