

# NEWS *briefs*

## Record Enrollment Reaches 842

The uniqueness, even among Christian colleges, is driving Corban's record-breaking growth, administration officials say.

The numbers in every area are up over last—and all previous—years: more students than ever before; more buildings than ever before; more academic strength than ever before.



Corban being on the *U.S. News & World Report* list, and the perception that “we are a college on the move” are two of the reasons for the student population increase, said President Reno Hoff. The school's well-rounded athletic program, new dorm and worship center, and even its new name, also contribute.

“Obviously the name change has had an impact as well as the construction of the Psalm Center and Davidson Hall,” said Bryce Bernard, vice president for academics. “Adding the graduate program in education has enhanced our academic credibility and created excitement on campus.

“Most importantly, I believe that students clearly understand we are different from other Christian colleges,” Dr. Bernard continued. “Students and parents have a better understanding that we are a uniquely Christian college committed to teaching biblical truth in all disciplines.”

The numbers as of registration week

for students in the traditional program: 201 freshmen, up from 165 last year; 66 transfers, up from 57; 383 returning students, up from 347.

The Adult Degree Program, with 113 online and evening students, and the graduate program in education, with about 44 students, drive the total enrollment figures to 842.

Even though Davidson Hall opened just last fall, plans are underway for another residence hall to accommodate the growing student population. Planned to be a three-story structure situated next to Davidson, groundbreaking for the 110 occupant hall occurred September 26th.

Academic space needs were addressed this summer. Returning students found a rebuilt Pavilion with enlarged Student Center. In the Academic Center, the fourth floor faculty offices became three large classrooms, including one with electronic entry for the Computer Science department; the fifth floor became new faculty and secretarial offices.

Elsewhere on campus, the dining hall was expanded and remodeled, with financing borne by food vendor



ARAMARK; Farrar Hall received electrical wiring upgrades, and the PVG lounge received new carpet and paint.

Marty Ziesemer, dean of enrollment management, said all indications are that the enrollment will continue to increase.

“We’re educating our students to make a difference in the world,” Ziesemer said. “With more students, we’ll have more students making a difference. That’s what I get excited about.”

## Corban's in-service day sparks enthusiasm

By Karen L. Willoughby

Nearly everyone on campus who wasn't working on one of the Corban construction projects took part in the Aug. 16 in-service events. In-service at Corban brings together all employees for an informational/bonding time before the fall semester.

The day started in the newly remodeled Travis Memorial Dining Hall, moved into the Psalm Center, back to the dining hall for lunch, and ended with a tour of some of the construction areas: Pavilion, fourth and fifth floors of Academic Center, and the Psalm Annex (music classroom).

“Our story is very complex, very exciting,” said President Reno Hoff in opening remarks. “In a sense, now the die has been cast as to who we are as Corban College.”

Dr. Hoff's remarks, which throughout the morning spanned the past, present and future of the college, were interspersed with reports from each of the college's vice presidents.

“We are going to continue to change, continue to grow,” Dr. Hoff said. “We're young; we have a lot of challenges before us. We are entrepreneurial. We're going to continue to be in transition, but we have a great future.”

The 4,000 evangelical churches (which include 900 Baptist churches) in the Northwest “want a strong Christian college with solid biblical values, and with our name change, they can now identify more closely with Corban College, send their students here and also support us financially,” Dr. Hoff said.

“We essentially started over when we moved to Salem,” the president said, explaining that the college had been owned by Regular Baptists, but there were none in Oregon when the college moved from California to Salem in 1969. Today the self-perpetuating board of trustees owns the college and the college's support base has been broadened.

“We all have to be excellence-driven,” Dr. Hoff said. “We want everyone who leaves here to consider their lives a



Dr. Hoff addresses Corban employees in the Psalm Center during their in-service day.

ministry. That's very unique even among Christian colleges.

"Discipling is the business we're in," the president continued. "Colleges drift when they lose their center. We have core values based on biblical values."

"We're a para-church organization," Dr. Hoff said. "The most important thing about our college is our mission. We're mission-driven, and we market our mission, which is to educate Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ."

"You're the ones who make Corban happen," Dr. Hoff said to employees in his concluding remarks. "We are people and an organization dedicated to God. What greater mission is there? I could write a song about it!"

**If you have any news to share about alumni who are making a difference, please send your story to:**

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Referrals from alumni are a way for us to continue to enroll outstanding college students. It is exciting to have prospective students tell us that they heard about the college from a satisfied former student. We appreciate the many ways that alumni support us. Your help in referring students to us will ensure that our future students will once again be among our best and brightest.

Our current freshman class of 201 is the highest in the history of the college which amounts to a 22% increase from the previous year. The average GPA and SAT for our freshman was 3.57 and over 1100, which were record numbers. Not only did we increase in quantity, we increased in quality. We were able to establish a waiting list for students which was a first for Corban.

**If you are aware of a student that might be interested in more information about Corban, please fill out the form below and send it back to us. This will help us continue to enroll great students who will fulfill our mission of making a difference in the world for Jesus Christ. Thank you in advance for your contribution in this effort. Please feel free to call, write, or email if you have any questions or comments: 1-800-845-3005 / [admissions@corban.edu](mailto:admissions@corban.edu).**

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