



## PRESIDENTIAL ART INSPIRATION

Clay tinted with shoe polish was used by Miss Sandy Fennimore in her sculpted busts of Dr. Paul Gaiser (left) and Dr. Dwight Baird. The men, Clark College's

former and current presidents, accepted their likenesses in brief ceremonies Tuesday afternoon before faculty and guests.

# Clark leader image shaped

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The history, and in a way the future of Clark College has been shaped to a large part by the two men who have been its only presidents.

The images of those two men, Dr. Paul F. Gaiser and Dr. Dwight C. Baird, have now been shaped in clay to serve as a tribute to their service.

Brief ceremonies Tuesday afternoon in the college's Gaiser Hall, named for Dr. Gaiser, commemorated this service and paid tribute to the two men.

Sculpted heads of the former and current Clark presidents were presented them by the artist who created the sculptures

and the editor of the magazine that commissioned the special project.

Dr. Gaiser, Clark president from 1941 to 1958, accepted his likeness from Miss Karen Wilson, editor of the 1968 Galapagon. Miss Wilson and the student magazine commissioned the two heads for use on the cover of its fall-winter edition.

Dr. Baird, Clark president since 1958, also accepted his clay image from Miss Wilson.

Both men then joined in paying tribute to the young sculptress, Miss Sandy Fennimore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Fennimore of 6215 N.E. Bonner Dr., Vancouver.

Miss Fennimore is a 1965 graduate of Columbia River and

graduated last quarter from Clark with an art major. She currently is employed locally while planning and saving to continue her education.

The sculpted busts of the two Clark presidents were done in clay which was later fired and stained with brown shoe polish, according to Miss Fennimore. The young artist also has worked in plaster and relief sculpture, as well as doing wood sculpture and tempera painting.

The busts, however, will be her first major permanent display.

In presenting the art work to Drs. Baird and Gaiser, Miss Wilson cited the presidents for their election to the highest of-

fice in the two-year college world, president of the American Association of Junior Colleges. Both men were elected to this position during their Clark tenure.

Dr. Gaiser became part-time president of Clark in 1941. After his 1958 retirement he became a professor of higher education at the University of Portland, a position from which he recently retired.

Dr. Baird also has served over major periods of growth at the college, including multimillion dollar expansion programs and the historic Community College Act of 1957 which created an entirely new system for community colleges in this state.