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# CLARK COACHES AND ATHLETES RECOGNIZED WITH END-OF-SEASON HONORS



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Biniam Afenegus, men's soccer head coach, and Troy Sletten, women's soccer head coach, were each named Southern Region Coach of the Year by the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC).

This was Afenegus's first season as head coach of the men's soccer team at Clark College, which ended its season by winning the NWACC championship in overtime on Nov. 18.

Sletten finishes his fifth year as head coach of the women's soccer team. This year's team ended its season in third place in the southern region and appearing in the NWAACC playoffs.

"It does not happen often that both [the] men's and women's coaches are named [coach of the year] in the same year. It speaks to the quality of the coaches that we have here at Clark," said Athletic Director Lisa Quednow-Bickler. "I think that both of these coaches have done an exceptional job with the whole picture of team building this year, as they recruited talented student athletes and did an excellent job coaching them throughout the season and into the playoffs."

Clark student athletes from both the men's and women's soccer team and the volleyball team were also honored as members of the NWAACC All-Star teams.

# VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM



Shyra Hoffman



Dani Kent

# VOLLEYBALL SECOND TEAM



Dani Nelson

#### Men's Soccer



Jesse Simerly



Eric Meland



Tyber Parson



Justin St. Pierre



Marc Meland



Sean Ervin

#### Women's Soccer



Brooke Koppi



Alyssa Hinton



Kristina Landon



Kristin Palmer

# International Education Week 2007 focused on exchange of cultural ideas

Clark College's observance of International Education Week 2007 was held Nov. 13-16, 2007. The theme for this year was "Exchanging Cultural Ideas."

The events arranged by the International Programs office and International Education Week (IEW) committee members for this year's observance included a showing of the movie "Pan's Labyrinth;" a Kyogen farce presented by representatives from the Portland State University Center for Japanese Studies; an intercultural communication workshop led by faculty member Barbara Simpson; and an International Programs open house.

Several faculty members also presented information on study abroad programs to more than 100 students interested in a variety of opportunities available through Clark during summer 2008. To facilitate students' ability to obtain passports, the International Programs office worked with the U.S. Postal Service to hold a "passport fair" as a part of the week's activities. Several students and community members took advantage of this opportunity to obtain or update their passports.

The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions international education makes to our nation. These contributions include study abroad programs, foreign language studies, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses and global approaches to U.S. education.



Lawrence Kominz, professor of Japanese Language, Literature & Drama at Portland State University, performs "Mountain Wizards & the Persimmons," a Kyogen farce.



Students listen intently to the study abroad presentations held in the PUB Student Lounge.



Staff, students and faculty enjoy some pumpkin pie at the International Program's open house event.

# Clark students participate in Dialogue for Democracy

Clark College's Club for Social Action assembled a team, including members Rachael Davies and James Owens and club advisor Jody Shulnak, to attend the Dialogue for Democracy forum at the Seattle Town Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Dialogue for Democracy is a statewide forum convening stakeholders from higher education, K-12, communities, and local and state government to dialogue, share strategies and develop action plans to address critical community and education issues.



James Owens, Rachael Davies and Jody Shulnak at Seattle Town Hall.



The team collaborated with other colleges to address questions such as:

- What is engaged democracy?
- How does an engaged democracy address critical community issues?
- What is the role education serves in fostering an engaged democracy?

Teams from throughout the region worked together to both identify key issues and share strategies to address them.

"It is my hope that the work we accomplished today will provide the framework for our college and community," commented Club for Social Action advisor Jody Shulnak to her team, "to organize partnerships addressing education and community issues of common interest within Clark County." Rachael Davies agrees, "I think that if more people were involved in our local politics, more change would occur for the county as a whole." Davies continues, "I would like to see less apathy and more action."

The forum was organized by Washington Campus Compact, a statewide coalition of college and university presidents who have united to further the civic purposes of higher education in an effort to foster and enhance service-learning and civic engagement in Washington state.

Club for Social Action members Rachael Davies (left) and James Owens (right) creating an action plan to create an engaged democracy.

# Lunch hour conversations encourage English language skills



Students in Clark College's English as a second language (ESL) and English as a non-native language (ENL) classes answered "Yes!" to both questions during fall quarter 2007. A new conversation group, Conversation Lunches, was created. Aimed at advanced ESL and ENL students wanting more opportunities to speak English, students met weekly in AA-5.

An average of 20 students from around the world – including China, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Georgia, Guatemala, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Romania, Russia, Taiwan, Thailand and Ukraine – attended each week to work on their English conversation skills over lunch. Conversations centered on a variety of topics including politics, natural medicine, the nursing field, American culture and current events. Lunch turned out to be international fare as students and facilitators brought in treats to share.

ESL faculty Sara Gallow, Susan Torres and Joan Yu facilitated the conversations along with tutors Jess Baker and Russ Erdman. Nursing faculty Carol Bisbee and ESL faculty Shula Karr, Laura Bolster and Terri Dudek also joined the lunches as their schedules permitted.

Members of the Clark community are invited to join us as our guests in winter. Conversation Lunches will begin on Thursday, January 14 and run through the eighth week of the quarter. If you are interested, please contact Sara Gallow at 992-2218.



Sosina Terefa (third from right) demonstrates how to prepare traditional Ethiopian coffee to fellow students (from left) Laura Chen, Olya Young, Mirna Abraham, Pi Lien Kung and Azizeh Ghotb.

# CLARK STUDENTS RECEIVE THANKSGIVING MEALS COURTESY PTK



Members of Alpha Sigma Phi include (front row, from left) Trang Tran, Georgia McClary, Tori Cox, Diane Haraldson, Kathy Brown; (back row, from left) Patrick Anthony, Blaine Hashimoto, Estancia Cota, Darric Lowery, Danjie Yin and Katrina Burch (chair).

Members of Clark College's Alpha Sigma Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) distributed approximately 190 vouchers to Clark students to receive a complete Thanksgiving meal on Monday, Nov. 19. Partnering with Fred Meyer, the honor society students provided a turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, rolls and a gallon of milk to each student. Clark's Culinary Arts department provided the pumpkin pie. The Health and Physical Education department provided a healthy eating guidelines pamphlet and 24 Hour Fitness provided a seven-day free pass to their facilities for each of the students.

Monetary contributions from members of the Clark community totaled approximately \$1855; an additional \$500 was received from Sharp Micro-Electronics.

Alpha Sigma Phi thanks the college community for their involvement – both in supplying student names and monetary donations – and expresses its appreciation for the many staff who assisted with the coordination of the project.

# SNACC provides Thanksgiving baskets to medical center families

Members of the Student Nurses Association of Clark College (SNACC) delivered Thanksgiving baskets and gift certificates to Southwest Washington Medical Center (SWMC) on Nov. 20. The baskets were then delivered to two families receiving treatment through the medical center's oncology department.

Bettina Fitzgerald, vice president of SNACC and Laurie Brown, professor of nursing at Clark, worked with Oncology Nurse Coordinator Gail Helland and Oncology Center Volunteer Coordinator Sherilyn Brown at SWMC to coordinate the project.

While the recipients were anonymous, the families were notified that the baskets came from SNACC – giving them an opportunity to personally experience the impact that Clark students are having in our community.



Members of the Student Nurses Association of Clark College (SNACC) gathered and delivered two Thanksgiving baskets to Southwest Washington Medical Center for families receiving treatment through the oncology department.

# SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY RECEPTION AND TREE LIGHTING

The annual Clark College holiday reception and tree lighting will be held Tuesday, December 4, 2007, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Please join us in the Gaiser Student Center for refreshments and entertainment, followed by a walk to the tree lighting (outside the Music Building and Frost Arts Center).

ACE (All Clark Employees) will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages and will provide a drop box at the reception. All toys will be donated to a Vancouver-area women's and children's shelter for the holidays. (Additional drop-off locations include the Penguin Union Building, "T" Building and Baird Administration; donations will be accepted until December 13.)





# Alumni award nominations now being accepted

# Nominations for the 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award are now being accepted by the Clark College Alumni Association.

Members of the Clark College community are invited to submit nominations for the 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award. Given annually by the Clark College Alumni Association, the award recognizes individuals who display outstanding professional qualities, contributions to the community through service or volunteer work and contribute to the spirit and values of Clark through continued involvement with the college.

Nominations for the Outstanding Alumni Award may be submitted through the Clark College Foundation's Web site: <a href="www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/alumni\_award\_nomination.php">www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/alumni\_award\_nomination.php</a>. The deadline for nominations is December 31, 2007. The 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award recipient will be recognized at the annual Student-Alumni Dinner in the spring.

# RECENT RECIPIENTS OF THE CLARK COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD INCLUDE:

Doris Groth Troxel (class of 1942, 2007 recipient)

Robert M. Schaefer (class of 1950, 2006 recipient)

Roger Daniels (class of 1975, 2005 recipient)

Colonel (retired) Nancy Wessels Henderson (class of 1971, 2005 recipient)

Gregg Herrington (class of 1965, 2005 recipient)

Dennis Huston (class of 1961, 2005 recipient)

John Marshall (class of 1957, 2005 recipient)

Tony Bacon (class of 1948, 2004 recipient)

Steve Dearborn (attended 1984, 2004 recipient)

Commander Harley H. Hall (class of 1957, 2004 recipient)

Daniel Morasch, DDS (class of 1954, 2004 recipient)

Betty Mage (class of 1966, 2004 recipient)

# A correction...

In the Nov. 5 issue of *Clark 24/7*, the story "Young hoopsters get support from Clark College employees" failed to recognize the Washington Public Employees' Association (WPEA) as co-sponsors of the 2007 Hoops on the River basketball camp held August 17-19. The editor regrets the omission.



(from left) Cody Asper, Austin Flessas, Amaya Pressley and Caysen Pressley were sponsored by Clark College employees to participate in the 2007 Hoops on the River basketball camp, co-sponsored by the Washington Public Employees' Association (WPEA).

# FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT



# Accepting nominations for classified recognition award – fall quarter 2007

The Classified Staff Quarterly Recognition Award has been established to recognize classified employees who have demonstrated exemplary work and dedication to serving students, the public and the college community.

Nominations are now being accepted for the fall quarter 2007 award. To be eligible, the nominee must be a current permanent, temporary, part-time or full-time classified employee; departments can also be recognized as a group. Nomination forms are available through Human Resources, 992-2105.

#### Nominations will be evaluated based on:

- Exemplary work performance;
- Outstanding customer service to students, the public, the community, co-workers, etc.;
- Demonstrated cooperative spirit and initiative in maintaining a positive campus environment; and
- Special achievements or contributions to the college community.

Please recognize the value of the contributions made by classified staff by completing a nomination form.

Due date: Monday, December 10, 2007 Submit to: Human Resources, MS: BRD 133



# **OPEN POSITIONS**

**CUSTODIAN 3:** Full-time classified position in Plant Services. Closing date: December 17, 2007

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR:** Full-time classified position in Workforce Operations. Only permanent classified employees may apply. Closing date: December 7, 2007

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College Web site: <a href="www.clark.edu/news\_events/college\_calendar/">www.clark.edu/news\_events/college\_calendar/</a> (unless otherwise noted, all events take place on the Clark College main campus)

## Career Exploration Resources Workshop

Monday, December 3, 2007 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. "T" Building, Career Center

## **ASCC Holiday Festival**

Tuesday, December 4, 2007 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Penguin Student Lounge PUB 161

#### **Test Taking Tips**

Tuesday, December 4, 2007 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. "T" Building Room 301

#### **ASCC Native Visions**

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Gaiser Student Center

## **Admissions 101**

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. PUB 258B

## "South of the Border" Orchestra Concert

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 7:30 p.m. Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics

## **Smart Classroom Orientation**

Thursday, December 6, 2007 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Teaching and Learning Center, Cannell Library, room 212

## Phi Theta Kappa Informal Induction

Thursday, December 6, 2007 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. PUB 161 Student Lounge

#### **IBEST NAC Orientation**

Friday, December 7, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Building AA5 Room 205

## Concert Choir & Concert Band Performance

Friday, December 7, 2007 7:30 p.m.

Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics

## Student Book Buyback

Monday, December 10, 2007 - Friday, December 14, 2007 Near the Bookstore Mon-Thur 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Admissions 101

Monday, December 10, 2007 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. PUB Lounge

#### Men's Basketball vs. Mt. Hood

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 7:00 p.m. O'Connell Court

# **Annual Financial Aid Information Night**

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Gaiser Hall Student Center

#### **IBEST NAC Orientation**

Friday, December 14, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Building AA5 room 205

# **Running Start Open Registration**

Monday, December 17, 2007 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Gaiser Hall Student Center

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