

# Clark 24/7



# O'CONNELL SPORTS CENTER REOPENS

Students returning to Clark for spring quarter classes found the newly remodeled O'Connell Sports Center open for use. Among the improvements and additions in the building are an elevator providing second-floor access, new classrooms and faculty offices, and a new fitness testing center and athletic training room.

"O'Connell is an accessible building now, and I'm very happy about that," said Health and Physical Education Professor Lisa Borho. "The new classroom space helps with class scheduling, allowing us to have both health and health and physical education classes in the same building."



Renovation work on O'Connell Sports Center created new faculty offices – including that of Health and Physical Education Professor Lisa Borho.

While work continues on the men's and women's team rooms, the staging area fencing has reduced in size – making parking spaces in the Red 1 lot available for student and general use. Main entrances to the building are also open, providing access to the gymnasium, fitness center and faculty and Athletic Department offices from both the east and west.



Members of the Penguin Nation looking for a workout now enter Thompson Fitness Center from inside O'Connell. Borho notes, "It is wonderful to have a lobby area with tables where students can hang out and study."



An outside view of the renovated O'Connell Sport Center as students and visitors enter from the west.



## EDITORIAL CARTOONIST WINS REGIONAL JOURNALISM AWARD

Clark College student Nathan Childs recently received second place honors for the region in The Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) 2007 Mark of Excellence awards. The announcement was made during the society's spring 2008 conference, held March 28-29 in Portland, Ore. Clark was one of only three community colleges represented among the winners for the 39 categories of competition, which included print and broadcast media.

Childs, a second-year journalism student, is opinion editor and sports reporter for The Independent, Clark's student newspaper. His editorial cartoon, "Ozzie and Oswald," first appeared in The Independent on May 30, 2007, after President Bob Knight dubbed Clark College "The Penguin Nation."

"Winning the SPJ Mark of Excellence award means a lot to me," said Childs. "Part of being an artist and writer is recognition. Having an independent organization recognize what you do really means something – and receiving this award from SPJ carries weight with it in all academic institutions."

Nathan Childs, sports reporter and opinion editor for Clark College's student newspaper, The Independent, recently received second place honors from The Society of Professional Journalists during their recent 2007 Mark of Excellence awards, which were presented in March.

Childs has received the Edda McCordic Talent Award in Journalism three consecutive quarters and was nominated for a Penguin Award in 2007. He has been a member of The Independent staff since fall quarter 2006. "The Independent prepares students for the current debate happening nationally in journalism of liberty versus safety," said Childs. "It has reinvigorated my interest in civics and in being involved in civics."

The Society of Professional Journalists works to improve and protect journalism. The organization is the nation's most broad-based journalism organization, dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism and stimulating high standards of ethical behavior.



## Clark students spend spring break building houses

*Seven Clark College students traveled north last month to participate in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge. The group dedicated one week of their spring break helping to construct two homes in the small community of Sedro Wooley, Wash.*

The group stayed in the United Methodist Church of Sedro Wooley with a student group from Eastern Washington University. In addition to working with Habitat for Humanity, both groups worked in the evenings preparing meals for the local community.

Clark students who participated include Tay Seidel, Jason Strach, Corey Mitchell, Andrew Ford, Michelle Drury, Brett Smythe, and Carl Uhte-Stroben. Service Learning and Volunteer Programs Manager Jody Shulnak and Communication Studies Instructor Suzanne Southerland served as advisors on the trip. Renee Stoll served as an ASL interpreter.

The trip was organized by Clark College's Service & Leadership in the Community Program. ■



From left: Renee Stoll, Carl Uhte-Stroben, Corey Mitchell, Tay Seidel, Jason Strach, Brett Smythe, Michelle Drury, Suzanne Southerland, Jody Shulnak and Andrew Ford pause for a photo in front of one of two houses they helped to construct as part of Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge.



## In Memoriam: Karen Brown



*Clark College employee Karen Diane Brown passed away on Monday, April 7, 2008, following a long illness.*

Karen has been associated with the college as a student and employee since 1992. She made an impact working with students, first as Multicultural Student Affairs and Retention Manager in 2001 and later as Director of Student Life (August 2005 – July 2007). Most recently, Karen worked as an advisor and program coordinator at Clark College at WSU Vancouver.

Karen received an associate of arts degree in social science from Clark College in 1995. She also earned a bachelor of arts in social science from Washington State University and a master's in social work (MSW) from Portland State University. At the time of her death, Karen was working toward a doctorate in community college leadership through Oregon State University.

Karen taught human development classes at Clark College and has been recognized for her leadership skills by the Kellogg Foundation and the Portland State University Institute for Non-Profit Management. She had extensive experience working with diverse student populations, community groups and statewide associations; she coordinated numerous events at the college including the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, student of color luncheons, and a variety of women's conferences. She also worked on the Columbia River Basin Ethnic History Project through WSU Vancouver.

Karen worked at Clark College as a part-time employee from 1994 to 1997, at Portland State University as a graduate assistant (1997-1998) and at Washington State University as a research assistant and teaching assistant (1996-1997).

A former Clark colleague once said of Karen: "You provide a voice for those in our student population who are hesitant and need representation. And you encourage those who might otherwise not be successful."



Whether it was teaching human development classes or coordinating events such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and women's conferences, Karen made an impact in the lives of Clark students.

## SAKURA FESTIVAL CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

*Since they were planted in 1990, the cherry trees at Clark College have brought beauty and the symbolism of international friendship to the college and the community. On Thursday, April 17, Clark College hosted its third annual "Sakura Festival," a celebration of the cherry blossoms that bloom each spring on the college's main campus.*



Clark College President Bob Knight welcomed guests to the 2008 Sakura Festival, held Thursday, April 17.

The celebration included presentations by Clark College and regional high school students who recently traveled to Vancouver's sister city, Joyo, Japan. College and community officials, including Clark College President Bob Knight, Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard, former Vancouver Mayor Bruce Hagensen, and Consul General of the Portland Japanese Consulate Akio Egawa, participated in a brief program outside O'Connell Sports Center.

"The cherry blossoms represent the close relationship between Vancouver and Joyo, Japan," said Mr. Egawa. "I thank Vancouver and Clark College for caring for the gift of these trees."

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Students and visitors alike enjoyed cherry dessert, prepared by the Clark College Culinary Arts program.



## SAKURA FESTIVAL CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP



Consul General of the Portland Japanese Consulate Akio Egawa (right) stops for a photo with Jan Asai, who displayed her personal collection of Japanese keepsakes.



Yukiko Vossen performed three selections of traditional Japanese music on the koto, a stringed instrument.

City Council member Tim Leavitt read a congratulatory address from Joyo Mayor Hashimoto Akio, which said in part, "Since the City of Vancouver and Joyo City became sister cities on October 30, 1995, we have enjoyed many cultural and social exchanges...I am glad that the people in our two cities fully enjoy the sister city relationship."

Following the program, attendees were treated to cherry dessert, arts and crafts, games and haiku writing.

On Earth Day 1990, a gift of 100 Shirofugen cherry trees from John Kageyama, president of America Kotobuki, was presented to the City of Vancouver to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Washington's statehood. The trees were planted on Clark College's main campus in Vancouver's Central Park. The Sakura Festival is sponsored by Clark College's International and Continuing Education programs, in partnership with the downtown Vancouver Rotary Club. ■



Clark College students wear Japanese kimonos as part of the Sakura Festival.

## Foundation golf tournament moves to Camas; sponsorships now available



Clark College Foundation's annual golf tournament is on the move this year. The event will be held Monday, July 28, 2008, at Camas Meadows Golf Club, 4100 Camas Meadows Drive, in Camas. Online registration for the tournament will be available at [www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/golf\\_tournament](http://www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/golf_tournament).

There are some new aspects to this year's golf tournament. The tournament itself will be held in the morning; registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Also new for this year's tournament are increased sponsorship opportunities, which will occur in lieu of an auction. For more information on the benefits associated with each sponsorship level, contact Ara Serjoie, [aserjoie@clark.edu](mailto:aserjoie@clark.edu), or Rachel Stansbury, [rstansbury@clark.edu](mailto:rstansbury@clark.edu), with the Clark College Foundation.

Now in its 17th year, the tournament raises support for scholarship funding. Last year's tournament raised more than \$48,000, providing \$36,000 in support of scholarships and more than \$12,000 in support of athletics. The scholarship funding is awarded to students who apply through the Clark College scholarship application process. ■

### 2008 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Platinum Sponsor	\$7,500
Gold Sponsor	\$5,000
Silver Sponsor	\$3,500
Luncheon Sponsor	\$3,000
Hole-in-One Sponsor	\$2,500
Collective Bid Sponsor	\$2,500
Breakfast Sponsor	\$1,500
Golf Ball Sponsor	\$1,500
Golf Cart Sponsor	\$1,200
Game Sponsor	\$1,200
Pin Sponsor	\$1,200
Tee Marker Sponsor	\$1,200
Putting Green Pin Sponsor	\$1,000
Wine Sponsor	\$1,000
Beverage Cart Sponsor	\$1,000
Driving Range Sponsor	\$1,000
Driving Range Sponsor	\$500
Cup Sponsor	\$500



Gaydena Thompson (left) and Mary Lou Potter (right) extend their support of Clark College to service at the annual Clark College Foundation golf tournament. Thompson and Potter are both former Physical Education department faculty members.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College Web site: [www.clark.edu/news\\_events/college\\_calendar/](http://www.clark.edu/news_events/college_calendar/)

*(Unless otherwise noted, all events take place on the Clark College main campus. If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in an event, contact the Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-992-2835 (TTY), or visit PUB room 014.)*

## EcoTronics Drive

Monday, April 21, 2008 - Friday, April 25, 2008  
Bins found in Scarpelli, Bauer, Foster, and Gaiser Halls

## Medical Radiography Information Session

Monday, April 21, 2008  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
PUB 258B

## University of Washington Bothell Information Table

Tuesday, April 22, 2008  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Penguin Union Building, Main Level Concourse

## Critical Thinking

Tuesday, April 22, 2008  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
TBG 301

## Clark College Bookstore Grand Opening

Wednesday, April 23, 2008  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Clark College Bookstore, Gaiser Hall  
On Wednesday, April 23, the Clark College Bookstore will hold a grand opening celebration with food, prizes, bargains and photos with Oswald. The celebration begins at 9:00 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The first 1,000 guests will receive reusable goodie bags filled with assorted items, coupons and information. Store specials will be available on "Clark" imprinted merchandise and reference study aids; vendors will also be on hand offering samples.

## Portland State University Advising

Wednesday, April 23, 2008  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Advising Center, "T" Building

## Service-Learning Workshop

Wednesday, April 23, 2008  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Teaching and Learning Center

## Annual Financial Aid Information Night

Wednesday, April 23, 2008  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Gaiser Student Center

## Career Center Orientation

Thursday, April 24, 2008  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
TBG 162

## Faculty Speaker Series: Kathleen Perillo

Friday, April 25, 2008  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Penguin Student Lounge  
The Faculty Speaker Series event for spring 2008 will feature Kathleen Perillo, acclaimed ecologist and biology professor at Clark College. Perillo, who co-chaired the college's recent teach-in on global warming, will share her sabbatical journey through Switzerland, France and Mexico as she explores sustainability issues and their relationship to the United States.

## Stress Management

Friday, April 25, 2008  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
TBG 301

## Spring Ski @ Mt. Hood Meadows

Saturday, April 26, 2008  
6:10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort  
The ASCC Intramural Sports Program invites 46 students/faculty/staff members to the Mt. Hood Meadows ski area for a day of skiing and snowboarding. For \$20, the trip will include travel to and from Clark College via a luxury liner bus. Students/faculty/staff may choose between an all-day lift ticket at Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort (with equipment rentals if necessary), or beginner skier or snowboard package (includes a 90-minute ski or snowboard lesson, ski or snowboard rental, and Buttercup lift ticket). Eligibility & Policies: Must be a currently enrolled Clark College student or faculty/staff member of the college. Must be 18 years old or older. Sign-up forms and additional information can be found in the Clark College bookstore located in Gaiser Hall.

## Softball vs. Lower Columbia

Saturday, April 26, 2008  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Clark Home

## NWAACC Decathlon/Heptathlon Championships

Monday, April 28, 2008 - Tuesday, April 29, 2008  
Vancouver, WA

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Orientation for new Fall Running Start students, last name A-C**

Monday, April 28, 2008  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Gaiser Hall Student Center

## **Time Management**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.  
TBG 301

## **Conversation Cafe ~ Sustain-a-vision Cafe**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Foster Hall Breezeway  
Sustain-a-vision Cafe is an invitation to sit down with friends, employees, students and even strangers, to reflect, explore and share with others what matters to you about living and working better, in a sustainable way here at Clark. Ideas and desires will be recorded in the form of a mural which depicts the hopeful vision we collectively have for the future. The murals created as part of this café will be displayed at Clark.

## **Power Hour**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
PUB Student Lounge

## **Orientation for new Fall Running Start students, last name D-J**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Gaiser Hall Student Center

## **Value of Volunteering**

Wednesday, April 30, 2008  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
TBG 301

## **Consult with a Counselor**

Wednesday, April 30, 2008  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Teaching and Learning Center

## **Orientation for new Fall Running Start students, last names K-N**

Wednesday, April 30, 2008  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Gaiser Hall Student Center

## **Resume Workshop**

Thursday, May 1, 2008  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
TBG 301

## **Clark College Clothing Closet**

Thursday, May 1, 2008  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 2, 2008  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Penguin Student Lounge (PUB 161)

## **Choosing a Major/Career**

Friday, May 02, 2008  
9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
TBG 103

## **Softball vs. Chemeketa**

Friday, May 2, 2008  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Clark Home

## **Softball vs. Lower Columbia**

Saturday, May 3, 2008  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Clark Home

## **Spring College Fair**

Monday, May 5, 2008  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Gaiser Hall Student Center

## **Listening Salon Refresher**

Monday, May 5, 2008  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
TLC

## **President's Open Dialogue**

Monday, May 5, 2008  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
PUB 161, Penguin Student Lounge

## **Orientation for new Fall Running Start students, last name O-S**

Monday, May 05, 2008  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Gaiser Hall Student Center



## FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

### COMPENSATORY TIME CASH OUT FOR WPEA-REPRESENTED OVERTIME-ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

All compensatory time must be used by June 30 of each year. If compensatory time balances are not scheduled to be used by the employee by April of each year, the supervisor shall contact the employee to review his or her schedule. The employee's compensatory time balance will be cashed out every June 30 or when the employee:

- Leaves state service for any reason,
- Transfers to a position in their institution with different funding sources, or
- Transfers to another state agency.

### REMINDER REGARDING MEAL PERIODS/REST PERIODS FOR WPEA-REPRESENTED OVERTIME-ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Unpaid meal periods for employees working more than five (5) consecutive hours, if entitled, will be a minimum of thirty (30) minutes and will be scheduled as close to the middle of the work shift as possible, taking into account the employer's work requirements and the employee's wishes. When an employee's unpaid meal

period is interrupted by work duties, the employee will be allowed to resume his or her unpaid meal period following the interruption, if possible, to complete the unpaid meal period. In the event an employee is unable to complete the unpaid meal period due to operational necessity, the employee will be entitled to compensation, which will be computed based on the actual number of minutes worked within the unpaid meal period. Meal periods may not be used for late arrival or early departure from work and meal and rest periods will not be combined.

Employees will be allowed rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes for each one (1) half shift of four (4) or more hours worked at or near the middle of each one (1) half shift of four (4) or more hours, taking into account the employer's work requirements and the employee's wishes. Rest periods do not require relief from duty. Where the nature of the work allows employees to take intermittent rest periods equivalent to fifteen (15) minutes for each half shift, scheduled rest periods are not required. Rest periods may not be used for late arrival or early departure from work and rest and meal periods will not be combined.

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# FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

## MAXIMUM ANNUAL LEAVE ACCRUAL

The amount of vacation leave classified employees are allowed to accumulate is limited. Once a year, on each employee's anniversary date, the computer system checks leave balances and automatically eliminates any hours in excess of 240. Classified employees whose vacation balances (shown on paycheck stubs) exceed, or are approaching, 240 hours on their anniversary date, should plan to use excess vacation hours by the end of the month in which their anniversary date occurs.

For further information or assistance, contact Pagean Pallamouter in Human Resources at 992-2119.

## SAVE ON GAS – TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

The college is committed to reducing the effects upon the environment and infrastructure of the single occupant vehicle as a means of commuting to the college by its employees and students. There are a number of ways employees can participate in the commute trip reduction program. Most options include the additional feature of a guaranteed ride home:

- Bike riders; there are bicycle racks and bike shelters on campus and bike riders may receive a helmet.
- Walkers are eligible for an umbrella.
- Bus Riders are eligible for subsidized transit passes (free for one-zone travel!).
- Riders and Van Poolers are also eligible for the guaranteed ride home.

Other services in support of the commute trip reduction program include guaranteed ride home, personal laundry pick-up and delivery on the main campus and use of lockers on the main campus.

Adjunct faculty and temporary employees who work at least 40 percent time for the college are eligible to participate in the subsidized transit pass program (up to 20 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis).

To sign up for the Commute Trip Reduction program feature that meets your commuting needs, call Laura Elwood-Klein in Human Resources, 992-2381.



## OPEN POSITION

**REGISTRAR:** full-time administrative position – reopened.  
Closing date: TBA

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