

Clark 24/7



APPERT WINS THIRD NATIONAL AWARD

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For the third time in his career, Clark College music professor Donald Appert has been honored with the ASCAPPLUS Award, presented by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). Appert also received ASCAP awards in 2005 and 2006.

Appert is currently in his nineteenth season as music director/conductor of the Clark College Orchestra. He was honored for international performances of three of his works: Nara Variations in Japan and Spain, Elegy for Strings in Italy, and Prism in Romania. News of the award comes as Appert celebrates his 30th year as a member of ASCAP. He was accepted into membership in 1978. Appert said, "It's always a pleasure to have one's work recognized, especially by such a prestigious organization as ASCAP. My busy schedule teaching and conducting



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rarely allows me time to compose, so this award is all the more meaningful to me." Appert said that he is currently composing his first work for a large symphony orchestra.

ASCAP is a membership association of more than 330,000 U.S. composers, songwriters, lyricists, and music publishers of every kind of music. The ASCAPPLUS awards program pro-

vides cash and recognition to active writers in the early and mid stages of their careers and to established writers whose main activity is outside of broadcast media. ASCAPPLUS Awards are determined annually by a panel of distinguished music experts who are neither members, nor employees, of ASCAP and are completely independent in their award adjudication.

SUPPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS EARNS SCHWARTZ RECOGNITION AS “ACCOMPLISHED & UNDER 40”

Shirley Schwartz, scholarship program manager for the Clark College Foundation, was named one of 20 individuals recognized as “Accomplished & Under 40” by the Vancouver Business Journal.

As scholarship program manager, Schwartz, who joined the Clark College Foundation in 1999, has responsibilities including overseeing all aspects of the foundation’s expanding scholarship program — including writing agreements to confirm donor wishes, creating application processes for scholarships, and awarding scholarships to students through committee efforts. Her duties also include scholarship distributions of amounts over \$500,000 as well as planning the annual scholarship reception to introduce scholarship recipients to donors and providing information to donors about students.

“In a position that necessitates so much attention to detail and such great responsibility, she also maintains a great sense of humor and is always polite, collegial, helpful, and professional,” wrote one of her nominators. “Shirley’s expertise in scholarship management has contributed to her community involvement in several organizations and various capacities where she has helped them with establishing and/or fine-tuning their scholarship processes.”

Schwartz’s work experience at the Clark College Foundation also includes serving as special projects manager. Prior to joining the Clark College Foundation, Schwartz was a loan coordinator at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. She earned a bachelor of arts degree at West Coast Christian College in Fresno, Calif., and is currently pursuing a master’s degree at Multnomah University in Portland.

Her volunteer efforts include leading efforts to establish a



Shirley Schwartz (third from right) was recognized by the Vancouver Business Journal as “Accomplished & Under 40” on Nov. 4 during a luncheon at the Hilton Vancouver Conference Center. Joining her in celebration were (from left) Karen Crosland and Barbara Chen of the Clark College Foundation; Goldie Schwartz, her mother; Donna Lund and Kim Lee, also of the Foundation.

scholarship program at Life Change Christian Center in Portland. Schwartz chaired the committee that established an application and distribution process for church members who are working on any degree, any major, and attending any accredited college. As a result of the work done by Schwartz and the committee, the church was able to provide three scholarships in 2008.

Clark College President Bob Knight said, “Shirley Schwartz brings our mission to life every day. She is passionately committed to providing financial support for our students and our college. This honor is a wonderful recognition of her talents and her contributions to Clark College and our community.”

Lisa Gibert, president and CEO of the Clark College Foundation, said “The Clark College Foundation is very fortunate to have Shirley Schwartz facilitating its scholarship program. She believes in helping students obtain the resources they need and delights in satisfying the goals expressed by donors.”

“I am very honored to have been selected as a recipient of one of the 2008 Accomplished and Under 40 awards,” said Schwartz. “The Vancouver Business Journal did a great job of making the award special and memorable.”

HONORING VETERANS AND THE FLAG THEY DEFEND



Top Left: The flag was raised on the newly dedicated flagpole by Vancouver VFW Post #7824 Color Guard members as the Clark College Band played the National Anthem.

Middle Top: Members of the Clark community gathered as the college's new flagpole located outside the Welcome Center was dedicated on Friday, Nov. 7.

Top Right: From left: Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Rachel Ruiz, Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard and trustees Sherry Parker and Jack Burkman attended the dedication ceremony.

Above: Jenny Grimani, president of the Student Veterans of America at Clark College, shared how the flag represented the support and love of her grandparents as she served in the armed forces.

In honor of Veterans Day, Clark College hosted a dedication ceremony for the college's new flagpole, located near the Penguin Union Building, on Friday, Nov. 7.

Speakers at the dedication included Clark College President Bob Knight, Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard, Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) President Patrick Mehigan and Jenny Grimani, president of the Student Veterans of America at Clark College.

Mayor Pollard described the flag as a symbol known throughout the world. The mayor said that the flag is loved by some and hated by others for the same reason: "because it symbolizes freedom and liberty." Grimani noted that, when she entered the armed forces, her grandparents put a flag in front of their home so that, no matter where she was, she would know that the flag was flying and that she "was supported and loved."

Following the remarks, the flag was raised by Vancouver VFW Post #7824 Color Guard members Richard Alvarez, Ben Asanova, Ben Long and Maj. Bill Wegledge. The Clark College Band, under the direction of music professor Rich Inouye (who served 20 years of active duty in the United States Air Force), performed the National Anthem as the flag was raised.

The college relocated the site of its primary flagpole from in front of the Baird Administration Building to its new location next to the Welcome Center. "Gaiser Hall and the Penguin Union Building are the hub for student life at Clark College," said President Bob Knight. "We changed our street address to 1933 Fort Vancouver Way to reflect that and we are doing so again through the presence of our new flagpole, which will now greet students, staff and guests to the college."

CELEBRATING COLLEGE HONORS AND COMMUNITY PRIDE

The renovation of central Gaiser Hall has been honored with a 2008 Community Pride Design Award. The renovation was one of nine regional projects that earned the award, which is presented annually by Clark County and the City of Vancouver.

President Bob Knight served as emcee for the 2008 awards ceremony, which was held at the Clark County Public Service Center on Nov. 10. Interim Vice President of Administrative Services Phil Sheehan accepted the award on behalf of the college.

Project Manager Mike Moran worked with LSW Architects and Emerick Construction to create the new central Gaiser building. As the award organizers noted, the building creates “a gracious northern gateway to the [main] campus and is now the hub of student services for Clark College.” Gaiser Hall is also home to the college bookstore and the Ellis F. Dunn Community Room.

Construction crews began to demolish the old registration offices in Gaiser Hall (now the Clark College bookstore)

on Dec. 5, 2006. A grand reopening ceremony for the new building was held on June 13, 2008. To see a video highlighting the design aspects of Gaiser Hall and featuring Clark College President Bob Knight, visit http://www.cityofvancouver.us/cvtv/cvtvarchive/Community_Features/2008_Community_Pride_Design_Awards_Profiles/4_Gaiser_Hall_Renovation.wmv. The recognition ceremony is also available on the Clark-Vancouver Television Web site at <http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/cvtv/cvtvindex.asp>.

Since 1996, more than 100 projects have received the Community Pride Design Award. Organizers say the awards are given in recognition of “outstanding contribution to the community’s livability, economic vitality, and overall quality of life.”

This is the second time that Clark College has received a Community Pride Design Award. The first award was presented for the construction of the Penguin Union Building.



Clark College’s Gaiser Hall renovation was honored with a 2008 Community Pride Design Award, given Nov. 10, by Clark County and the City of Vancouver. Interim Vice President of Administrative Services Phil Sheehan (second from left) accepted the award on behalf of the college; he is joined by (from left) Jason Olson, Casey Wyckoff and Ralph Willson of LSW Architects, the firm that designed the project.

POLITICS AND THE PRESS LEAD OFF 2008-2009

FACULTY SPEAKER SERIES

Clark College's 2008-2009 Faculty Speaker Series kicked off on Tuesday, Nov. 4 with a presentation by journalism professor Christina Kopinski entitled "Politics, the Press and Polarization: How Journalism and Ethics Impact our Culture."

Kopinski, who has experience as a journalist and educator, shared her reflections on the current state of the media and ethics. Early in the presentation, Kopinski noted, "The information that a journalist puts together is for the benefit of the public." She highlighted the various types of journalistic ethics in practice, the First Amendment, and whether hate speech is protected as "freedom of speech."

Two recent examples of polarization, politics and the press were discussed in detail. The first centered around the DVD entitled "Obsession" recently distributed by The Oregonian (and other newspapers across the country) as a paid advertising insert—and the accompanying news story that ran in the same issue. The second example—one fitting for the Election Day discussion—was of the recent attention given to an Ohio man who became known as "Joe the plumber" in the final days of the presidential campaign—including having his tax records and other information examined by the press.

The Faculty Speaker Series, established by Clark College with support from the Clark College Foundation, honors individual faculty members and celebrates academic excellence. Each fall, winter and spring quarter, the Faculty Speaker Series showcases experiences that have enriched both the life and teaching of a Clark faculty member.

REMAINING EVENTS IN THE 2008-2009 FACULTY SPEAKER SERIES ARE:

"The Genetics of Breast and Ovarian Cancer: Are You at Risk?"

presented by nursing professor **Laurie Brown**

Friday, March 6, 2009

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

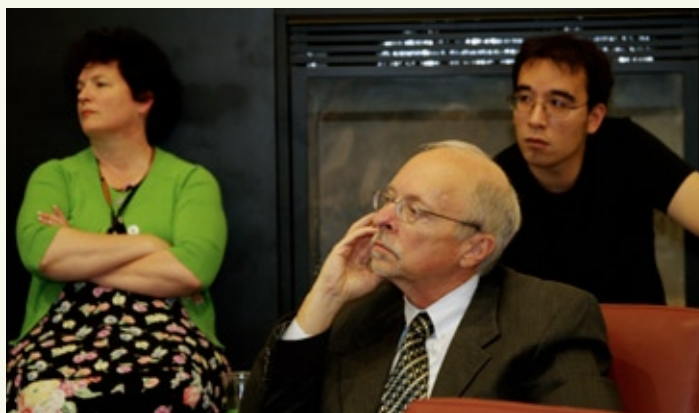
"Dick and Oswald's Excellent Australian Adventure: Voyage to the Southern Skies and Hear the Scientific and Cultural Stories Told by the Stars Down Under"

presented by physics professor **Dick Shamrell**

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Lecture: 7:00 p.m. in the Penguin Student Lounge

Star Party: 8:30 p.m. at the Clark College Chime Tower



Top: Clark College journalism professor Christina Kopinski presented the first installment of the 2008-2009 Faculty Speaker Series.

Middle: Students, faculty and staff attended the Nov. 4 presentation of "Politics, the Press and Polarization."

Bottom: (from left) eLearning's Kathy Chatfield, trustee John White and Instruction's Tyler Chen all listen closely as speaker Christina Kopinski discussed recent examples of the questions and challenges arise when journalists face ethical decisions in covering current events and people.

BUDDING SCIENTISTS BRING CURIOSITY TO ELEMENTARY SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



Clark College showed its support for science and learning by hosting the Elementary Science Olympiad (ESO) on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the college's main campus.

The ESO is an inquiry-based, hands-on program covering science, technology, engineering and math. Through the Science Olympiad format, students are given the opportunity to participate in highly engaging activities that naturally generate interest, enthusiasm and passion for scientific exploration.

Teams of students participated in five events during the ESO:

- **Mystery architecture:** build a freestanding tower as high as possible from mystery materials to support a tennis ball at the top;
- **Straw egg drop:** make a device of straws and masking tape to hold a raw egg, which will be dropped from a fixed height to a target;
- **Metric mastery:** estimate and measure different objects using metric units;
- **Gunk:** design and test a ball of gunk (made from glue, liquid starch and salt) that will bounce a certain height; and
- **Aerodynamics:** build two paper airplanes to be flown a distance of at least five meters, landing on a predetermined target.

Nearly 200 elementary students from area schools participated, while more than 40 Clark College students assisted with the event.

Since 1993, Clark College has hosted the Southwest Washington Regional Science Olympiad or the State Science Olympiad. This has provided opportunities for middle and high school students to be engaged in science learning opportunities that are engaging, inquiry-based, hands-on, and team-oriented. The Science Olympiad program has proven to be an effective tool for increasing knowledge and interest in science and science-related careers.



Left: Mixing glue, liquid starch and salt gave students the opportunity to test the bounce factor of their "gunk" during the Elementary Science Olympiad, held Nov. 8 at Clark

College. **Right:** First the building... **Top:** Then the testing of devices made from straws designed to protect a raw egg during its drop onto a target.

Elementary Science Olympiad Results

Results of the ESO events were as follows:

Mystery Architecture

First place:
Team #12, Helen Baller
Second place:
Team #1, Lacamas Heights Yellow
Third place:
Team #11, Captain Strong
Top group:
Group 1-C, Lacamas Heights Yellow

Straw Egg Drop

First place:
Team #6, Union Ridge
Second place:
Team #7, JD Zellerbach White
Third place:
Team #3, Jr CAM
Top group:
Group 13-D, Hockinson

Metric Mastery

First place:
Team #13, Hockinson Intermediate
Second place:
Team #5, Maple Grove Green
Third place:
Team #11, Captain Strong
Top group:
Group 13-A, Hockinson Intermediate

Gunk

First place:
Team #11, Captain Strong
Second place:
Team #12, Helen Baller
Third place:
Team #13, Hockinson Intermediate
Top group:
Group 8-D, JD Zellerbach Black

Aerodynamics

First place:
Team #6, Union Ridge
Second place:
Team #10, Dorothy Fox Black
Third place:
Team #5, Maple Grove Green
Top group:
Group 4-D, Maple Grove Yellow

COMMUNICATING SUCCESS

For their work in publications, design and photography, Clark College communications specialists were honored by District VII of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) in the 2008 Medallion competition. Clark College won one gold medallion, two silver medallions and three bronze medallions for its entries.

The gold medallion award recognized the college's 2007-2008 athletics media guides, created in partnership with the college athletics department.

The college received a silver medallion award for a bilingual program created for a performance tour in South Korea by the Clark College Concert Band, Women's Choral Ensemble, and Vocal Jazz Ensemble. In addition, the college earned a silver medallion award for a photograph taken at the college's 2008 GED Graduation Ceremony.

The college earned bronze medallions for the college's class schedule, a promotional series for the college's "Road Less Graveled" event which was held to provide information to women about nontraditional career fields, and the college's Healthy Penguin Nation logo.

Clark College President Robert K. Knight said, "It's exciting to me that these projects were designed to support our students and staff and to reach out to our community and even audiences overseas. Coming during our 75th anniversary year, recognition of the high quality of this work is exciting for our Communications and Marketing department and for Clark College."

The NCMPR Medallion Awards competition recognizes outstanding publications, advertising, and promotional campaigns created by college relations professionals from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory. The district includes more than 70 community and technical colleges and university colleges (Canada). The awards were presented during the District VII annual conference in Yakima on Oct. 23.



Members of the Clark College Communications and Marketing department were honored by District VII of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR), receiving one gold, two silver and three bronze medallions for their entries in the 2008 competition.

LOCAL QUAD RUGBY PLAYERS BRING AWARENESS TO CLARK COLLEGE

Clark College's Disability Support Services office, in conjunction with Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs, sponsored an awareness event featuring local quad rugby players on Oct. 30 as part of Disability Awareness Month.

The presentation began with a showing of the 2005 documentary "Murderball," which follows the stories of several quadriplegic rugby players as they train for and compete in the 2004 Paralympics in Athens.

Following the film, three members of the Portland Pounders wheelchair rugby team spoke of their own life experiences and involvement in quad rugby. Pounders Head Coach Ed Suhr and players Dave Kammeyer (who is also a Clark College student) and Will Groulx answered questions about the sport—such as whether it hurts to fall when playing quad rugby—and their own lives—including some of the challenges in perception they face.

Some thoughts they shared with the audience included their need to be more patient as tasks and traveling take more time; feelings of frustration as they transitioned from able-bodied to life in a wheelchair ("I went from six foot four to four foot six," said Groulx); and how others often

do not understand different types of disabilities – including how individuals with developmental disabilities are different from individuals who are quadriplegic. In addition, Groulx, who was a member of the 2008 Paralympic quad rugby team, brought his gold medal that the team won in Beijing.



Members of the Portland Pounders wheelchair rugby team visited Clark College on Oct. 30 as part of a Disability Awareness Month event sponsored by Disability Support Services and Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs. From left: Head Coach Ed Suhr, team member and Clark College student Dave Kammeyer, and team member Will Groulx.

COLLEGE ART COLLECTION NOW AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY

Cannell Library and the Clark College Art Department have unveiled the college's new Digital Visual Resources Collection. To date, more than 5,600 art department slides have been digitized for the collection, creating a database that is available to all members of the Clark community with a college identification number.

An anonymous donation to the Clark College Foundation provided the funds to purchase Contentdm, a digital collection management software, which was used in the creation of the database. The Digital Visual Resources Collection also has the potential to become a comprehensive repository of images and data about many artifacts of Clark

College, including college artwork and statuary, grounds features, facilities, college archival documents, newspapers, and yearbooks.

"The Digital Visual Resources Collection provides new opportunities to share and use the unique collections housed at Clark College," said Director of Library Services Michelle Bagley. "This collaborative project enhances online access to instructional materials that will benefit the entire college community."

To access the Digital Visual Resources Collection, visit the Cannell Library Web site at www.clark.edu/library.

HALLOWEEN HORRORS HAUNT CLARK COLLEGE



Nine different ASCC clubs came together to create the haunted house, building and decorating the rooms—as well as staffing it for maximum spookability!



Despite the scares, there were also smiles as students enjoyed the ASCC Halloween event on Oct. 30.



The requisite ingredients for any good Halloween scare—bones and body parts.

The Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) sponsored a Halloween event—complete with haunted house, candy and vintage monster movie—on Thursday, Oct. 30 in Gaiser Hall.

More than 25 students from nine different clubs were involved in bringing the haunted house to life. During the work night, they built walls, organized props, and restored and repainted a decorative coffin. Students who worked in the haunted house had their makeup airbrushed, presenting frightening faces to the 90+ individuals who dared enter the house of horrors.

Magician Adam the Great also entertained the crowd of 120 who attended, providing both a short on-stage show and performing tricks at each table. A costume contest was also held; the classic 1931 monster flick “Frankenstein” played in the background throughout the event.

ASCC clubs who participated in the Halloween event included the Japanese Language club, Students for Political Action Now! (SPAN), the French Club, the German Club, Realm Runners, the Clark Tech Club, Queer Penguins and Allies, the History Club and the Feminist Club.

IN MEMORIAM: ELEANOR FEMLING

Eleanor Femling, who worked at Clark College from November 1973 through her retirement in October 1999, passed away on Friday, Oct. 17, 2008.

Eleanor began her nearly 26-year career at Clark as a registration clerk. She worked part-time in Registration, Admissions and Health Occupations advising until 1980, when she was appointed to a permanent position in Admissions. Upon her retirement, Eleanor was working as a program support supervisor and had taught an orientation to health occupations class. In 1997-1998, Eleanor was the first recipient of the now-annual Classified Excellence Award.

In hearing of her passing, coworker and current Clark employee Roberta Roché said, "Eleanor was an inspiration to so many and gave so much of herself to all the health occupation programs and Clark College." She was dedicated to serving health occupations students and touched the lives of hundreds of students who now work in health care professions in Southwest Washington.



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IN MEMORIAM: KAY MARCZYNSKI

Emeritus Professor Kay Marczynski passed away Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008, after a recent illness.

Kay joined Clark College in October 1970 and served as the Tutoring Center coordinator for many years. In 1988 she became an English instructor; she also served as co-advisor for Phoenix, Humanities Division Chair and English Department head during her tenure with the college. Kay retired in June 1997.

Kay attended Clark College, Portland State University and Reed College. She loved music and was an original member of the Vancouver Choraliers and the Brahms Singers.



Emeritus Professor Kay Marczynski, whose career at Clark College spanned 27 years, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008.

Battlefront valor, *Homefront Dreams*



In August 1941, Clark Junior College was preparing to open for fall in its new home—Vancouver's old Franklin School building. To mark the occasion, the Vancouver Evening Columbian and The Clark County Sun newspapers each printed a 12-page special section about the college.

Just four months later, students sat on wooden benches in the college hall, listening to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech to Congress and the nation on the day after Pearl Harbor was bombed. His words would send America into a new era, and Clark Junior College along with it.

The 1942 issue of The Galapagon yearbook noted the nation's war effort in its dedication:

We, the students of Clark Junior College, in order to express a small part of the deep sentiment which fills our hearts, take pleasure in dedicating this 1942 issue of the Galapagon to our students, among the few to whom we owe so much, the former students of Clark Junior who are now serving the armed forces of the United States of America.

Enrollment dwindled as U.S. involvement in World War II increased. For a short time, high school teachers took over for Clark instructors on leave for war-related duty.

By June of 1943, Clark Junior College was running ads for its classes to support the war effort. That fall, with attendance declining, the college focused on evening classes. Those classes were held in Vancouver High School.

By December 1943, the focus was on the future and plans for a new campus for the college in the McLoughlin Heights area of Vancouver.

By January 1944, attendance was still declining. The college made plans for its next semester but warned that it might have to temporarily close its doors unless registration increased.

Historical records are unclear as to exactly when the college closed. Newspaper stories reflect limited activities during 1944 – primarily exhibits by art students at the college.

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This year, Clark College celebrates its 75th anniversary. Each month, Clark 24/7 will feature a look back at the college through the decades. This month: the 1940s.

1940s Battlefront valor, *Homefront Dreams*



In fall 1945, with the war ended, the college made plans to reopen. When Clark opened its doors on January 21, 1946, students could choose from courses in economic geography (taught by Dean Lewis Cannell), modern literature, English composition, economics, psychology, shorthand and art. The college also introduced a vocational program—titled engineering drawing.



The college received an additional vote of confidence when, on December 13, 1948, the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools (known today as the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities) announced that it had granted accreditation to Clark Junior College.

All of these factors, along with an influx of returning veterans and legislative changes making Clark part of the Vancouver School District, would propel the college and the community into a booming post-war direction.

COMING IN DECEMBER, IN CLARK 24/7:
The Fabulous Fifties



UPCOMING EVENTS

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College Web site: 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 Gaiser Hall Rm. 137.)

ARCHER GALLERY EXHIBIT: PACIFIC CURRENTS

Now – Friday, December 5, 2008
Archer Gallery

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: OPEN HOUSE

Monday, November 17, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Office of International Programs, PUB 012

Meet Clark College students from around the world at an open house to launch International Education Week 2008.

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY: IMPLICATIONS OF WAR

Monday, November 17, 2008
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Gaiser Hall Student Center

War affects both those who serve and those who wait at home. Jim Sardo, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist with the VA Medical Center who has himself been deployed to Iraq. He will discuss the implications of war and its affects on returning vets and their loved ones.

NEW FACULTY RECEPTION

Monday, November 17, 2008
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Penguin Student Lounge, PUB 161

TEST TAKING TIPS

Monday, November 17, 2008
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
GHL 214

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: STUDENTS OF COLOR LUNCHEON

Tuesday, November 18, 2008
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Penguin Student Lounge, PUB 161

Clark College alumna Carol Lopez-Gustin, the first Clark student to win both the Penguin Award and the Clark College Presidential Scholarship, will be this year's guest speaker.

PRESIDENT'S OPEN DIALOGUE

Tuesday, November 18, 2008
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Penguin Student Lounge, PUB 161

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY ADVISING

Wednesday, November 19, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Advising Center, Gaiser Hall

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: ASCC DIVERSITY DAY

Wednesday, November 19, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Penguin Union Building Student Lounge 161

ASCC welcomes Eric Davis, vice president of DMG Associates, to Clark College to present a workshop focusing on valuing diversity.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, November 19, 2008
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
GHL 213

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: PENGUINS AROUND THE WORLD

Thursday, November 20, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Penguin Student Lounge, PUB 161

Find out about study abroad opportunities and faculty-led trips at a series of presentations:
10 a.m. Japan 1:15 p.m. Germany
2:15 p.m. Spain 3:15 Korea

CAREER CENTER ORIENTATION

Thursday, November 20, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
GHL 108

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY INFORMATION TABLE

Thursday, November 20, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Gaiser Hall, Main Level Concourse

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: PENGUINS AT THE PYRAMIDS

Thursday, November 20, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Gaiser Student Center

The Clark College History Club shares experiences from their summer 2008 travels to Egypt.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: PENGUINS ABROAD

Friday, November 21, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Penguin Student Lounge, PUB 161

Information sessions on faculty-led summer learning opportunities:
10 a.m. Korean culture
12:15 p.m. History Club tour to Turkey and Greece.
1:15 p.m. German Club annual trip to Berlin
2:15 p.m. Spain 3:15 p.m. Japan

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: PASSPORT FAIR

Friday, November 21, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Penguin Student Lounge Hallway, PUB 161

A U.S. Postal Service representative will be on hand to provide information and accept passport applications on a first-come, first-served basis. The fair is open to community members as well as Clark students, staff and faculty.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Friday, November 21, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Gaiser Hall

The Clark College Jazz Ensemble will present a concert of big band jazz. This concert will be the first of the 2008-2009 jazz@clark concert series. It is free and open to the public. Highlights of the concert will include performances of original compositions by internationally known jazz composers, Maria Schneider and Greg Yasinitsky. Featured will be Clark College's Field Scholarship award winner, Brandon Battey.

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY: MEDITATION

Monday, November 24, 2008
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Penguin Student Lounge, PUB 161

And save the date for...

HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Tuesday, December 2, 2008
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Gaiser Student Center

FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

2009 OPEN ENROLLMENT

The 2009 open enrollment period for state employees' medical and dental coverage is October 27 through November 30. Open enrollment is an opportunity to make changes in plans and to reinstate previously waived coverage for yourself or your dependent(s) and add eligible dependents. Changes are effective January 1, 2009. Additional information is available on the HCA Web site: www.pebb.hca.wa.gov

New 2009 monthly premiums for medical:

KAISER CLASSIC	2008	2009
Employee	101	76
Employee & Spouse	212	162
Employee & Child(ren)	177	133
Empl & Spouse & Child(ren)	288	219
KAISER VALUE	2008	2009
Employee	59	33
Employee & Spouse	128	76
Employee & Child(ren)	103	58
Empl & Spouse & Child(ren)	172	101
AETNA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PLAN	2008	2009
Employee	104	112
Employee & Spouse	218	234
Employee & Child(ren)	182	196
Empl & Spouse & Child(ren)	296	318
UNIFORM	2008	2009
Employee	28	26
Employee & Spouse	66	62
Employee & Child(ren)	49	46
Empl & Spouse & Child(ren)	87	82

SAVE ON GAS – TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

Automobiles are one of the most significant sources of air pollution in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area. Reducing the number of people who drive to work alone may be the most important and most effective measure we can take to help preserve our environment.

There are a number of ways that Clark College employees can participate in the commute trip reduction program. Most options include the additional feature of a guaranteed ride home:

- Bike riders will find bicycle racks and bike shelters on the main campus. Bike riders may also 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 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.



FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLASSIFIED, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

A VEBA plan allows participating employers to transfer funds equal to a retiree's unused sick leave remuneration (paid at 25%) to a VEBA trust. The funds can then be used to pay medical premiums and other uncovered medical expenses incurred by that retiree and the retiree's spouse and qualified dependents. The primary benefit of a VEBA plan is that the compensable amount of a retiree's unused sick leave that would be transferred to the plan would be tax free, while the usual payout of unused sick leave to an employee would be taxable.

Because of the "tax free" status, the plan is mandatory, unless eligible retirees of each employee group vote not to have the plan for a particular calendar year. A vote will be conducted the first week in December.

Eligible employees (faculty, classified, administrative and exempt employees) who are retiring in 2009 must notify Human Resources by November 30, 2008, of their plans to retire in order to participate in the voting for their employee group to participate in a VEBA plan for 2009.

If you have questions regarding VEBA or retirement, please contact Katrina Golder, 992-2325 or Page Pallamouter, 992-2119.

"WHISTLEBLOWER PROCEDURE"

The Whistleblower Act, enacted by the Washington State Legislature in 1982 and significantly amended by Chapter 361 Laws of 1999, provides an avenue for state employees to report suspected improper governmental activity. The Act does not authorize the State Auditor's Office to investigate personnel actions for which other remedies exist, such as employee grievances.

Any Washington state employee may report a suspected improper governmental action through the Whistleblower program. This includes temporary employees, classified and exempt civil service employees and elected officials. The Act does not cover employees of state contractors.

Under the 1999 legislation, the asserted improper activity(ies) must have occurred within one year of the filing of the assertion(s).

Improper governmental activity is defined as any action by an employee undertaken in the performance of the employee's official duties which:

- Results in mismanagement or gross waste of public funds or resources.
- Is in violation of federal or state law or rule, if the violation is not merely technical or of a minimum nature.
- Is of substantial and specific danger to the public health or safety.

Assertions of improper governmental activity must be filed in writing with the State Auditor's Office.

They can be reported using the Whistleblower Reporting Form, available in Human Resources, or in a separate letter.

In either case, the report should include:

- A detailed description of the improper governmental action(s).
- The name of the employee(s) involved.
- The agency, division and location where the action(s) occurred.
- When the action(s) accrued.
- Any other details that may be important for our investigation – other witnesses, documents, evidence, etc.
- If you know it, the specific law or regulation that has been violated.
- Your name, address and phone number.

A whistleblower is entitled to protection from reprisal or retaliatory action. If a whistleblower believes he or she has been the subject of such action, the whistleblower may file a claim with the Washington Human Rights Commission. The commission shall investigate the claim and take appropriate action.

If the employee who has reported the improper governmental action wishes to be informed of the results of the investigation, he or she must include a name, address and telephone number in the original whistleblower letter addressed to:

State Auditor's Office

Attention: ED

P.O. Box 40021

Olympia, Washington 98504-0021

For further information about the provisions of the Whistleblower Law, please contact Human Resources, or the Office of the State Auditor at www.sao.wa.gov.

FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

WELCOME NEW CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Amanda Brown was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as Library and Archives Paraprofessional 2 in the Cannell Library effective November 12, 2008. Amanda has previous work experience with Jack in the Box, Standard Parking and Clark College.

Peggy Maloney was appointed to the part-time, 75 percent, 9.5 month classified position as Early Childhood Specialist 3 in the early Intervention Program in Child and Family Services effective October 7, 2008. Peggy has an AA from Monterey Peninsula College, a BA from San Jose State in Home Economics and Child Development, and an MS in Special Education from Pacific University. She has previous work experience with Columbia Willamette YMCA, Beaverton School District, Sunshine Montessori Preschool, Yokohama International School and Discovery Bay Preschool.

Vladimir Skoko was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as maintenance Mechanic 2 in Plant Services effective November 3, 2008. Vladimir attended Portland Community College and has previous work experience with Ventura Foods, Portland Bottling Company and DAS Subaru.



OPEN POSITIONS

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST 3:
part-time, 75% 9 month position. Open until filled.

DIRECTOR OF ADVISING AND COUNSELING:
full-time administrative position. Open until filled.

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF NURSING:
full-time administrative position. Closing date:
November 25, 2008.

DIRECTOR OF NURSING: full-time administrative
position. Closing date: January 15, 2009.

**DEAN OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,
AND MATHEMATICS:** full-time administrative position.
Closing date: January 23, 2009.

AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUCTOR: tenure-track faculty
position. Closing date: TB

COMPUTER SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR: tenure-track
faculty position. Closing date: January 23, 2009.

**MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR/CLINICAL
COORDINATOR:** tenure-track faculty position. Closing
date: January 15, 2009.

MUSIC INSTRUCTOR: tenure-track faculty position.
Closing date: January 23, 2009.

**MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING INSTRUCTORS (2
POSITIONS):** tenure-track positions. Closing date:
January 15, 2009.

**PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSING
INSTRUCTOR:** tenure-track faculty position. Closing
date: January 15, 2009.

MATERNAL-CHILD NURSING INSTRUCTOR: tenure-
track faculty position. Closing date: January 15, 2009.

PHARMACY TECH INSTRUCTOR: tenure-track faculty
position. Closing date: November 24, 2008.

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS INSTRUCTOR: non tenure-
track faculty position. Closing date: December 9, 2008.

**CLASSIFIED POSITIONS: INTERNAL RECRUITMENT –
ONLY PERMANENT COLLEGE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES
MAY APPLY:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 2 IN THE NURSING
DEPARTMENT.** Closing date: November 17, 2008.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR IN BASIC EDUCATION.
Closing date: November 18, 2008.

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