

Clark 24/7



PRESIDENT KNIGHT DISCUSSES BUDGET IN COLLEGE-WIDE SESSION

Clark College President Bob Knight addressed the current state of the college's 2008-2009 fiscal year budget—as well as projections for the 2009-2011 biennium—during a college-wide session held Monday, Dec. 8 in O'Connell Sports Center.

Members of the college community gathered to hear Knight address the budget cuts being implemented for this year and the potential future cuts being considered for next year and beyond. "For this budget year we have been told by the governor and state board that we have a 4.1% cut to our budget," Knight said. "This is an approximately \$1.3 million cut to our budget." Knight went on to indicate that the cut could change once the governor releases this year's supplemental budget in the coming weeks.

Additional information Knight shared about current and anticipated future budget cuts included:

- The current hiring freeze and other cost-saving measures (reductions in goods, services and travel) should enable the college to achieve the \$1.3 million reduction without eliminating positions—provided the supplemental budget does not call for additional reductions.
- The current hiring freeze is projected to save the college approximately \$400,000 in this fiscal year (2008-2009) and more than \$800,000 each year of the next biennium (2009-2011).
- The legislature will be drafting the 2009-2011 budget during its session beginning in January. It will likely be late spring of 2009 before information regarding next year's fiscal budget is available.
- The state of Washington is currently projecting a revenue forecast decline of just over \$5.1 billion. Governor Gregoire told college presidents to prepare for a 20% cut in state funding for the coming biennium—although this number can change based on updated revenue forecasts.
- Overall, Clark College receives approximately 60% of its operating budget from its state funding allocation. The remaining 40% of the college's budget revenue comes from tuition and fees. As a result, the cuts—4.1% for this fiscal year, and the anticipated 20% for the next biennium—are to the 60% of the operating budget received from the state.

Knight was quick to acknowledge that the cuts have led to challenging times for everyone at the college. "Just because we aren't hiring replacements doesn't mean we didn't value the position—or the person that was in it," Knight said. "I also acknowledge that it makes many of your jobs more difficult because you will have to step in and fill the void. We will all have to sacrifice to get through this. My preference is to not fill a position that is open than to have to let a valued employee go."



Members of the Clark community gathered in O'Connell Sports Center to hear President Knight address the current and future budget cuts faced by the college.

Knight also acknowledged that, while a 20% cut has been projected for next year, there is also a great deal that is unknown. "There will be a lot of politics that will be played over the next several months," Knight said, ranging from postponing the implementation of new initiatives at a statewide level, to breaking campaign promises of not raising taxes, to changing community colleges' current policy of being open access institutions. "The important message for all of us in this room is we need to be going to Olympia with the same message...We are already the best value going and we are the solution to bringing this economy out much quicker. We are the ones teaching the skills to the workers who will bring us out of this mess. We are part of the solution," said Knight.

In closing, President Knight encouraged members of the college community to share their thoughts, ideas and input on ways to make cuts in their own work areas. A link will be placed on the Clark College Intranet to provide a channel for suggestions and ideas. Knight also assured those gathered that he will continue to keep the college community informed of the situation as he receives solid information.

THIS *PHOENIX* HAS RISEN TO THE TOP



Members of the 2008 *Phoenix* staff stand proudly with their work, which was unveiled at Clark College on May 13, 2008. From left: Dr. Rita Carey, literary advisor; Rachael Gregg, assistant graphic editor; Emily Antoine, assistant literary editor and business manager; Mary Kate Carmichael, graphic editor; Martha Lewis, graphic advisor; Erik Cummings, literary editor; Aaron Languell, assistant photography editor; Tara Batram, photography editor; and Molly Dotson, graphic team member. Not pictured: Emily Kilbourn, interactive editor.

Phoenix, the student art and literary magazine of Clark College, has been named the best college literary art magazine in the country by the American Scholastic Press Association. This is the first time that *Phoenix* has received the top award in its category (junior/community colleges with enrollment of more than 2501 students).

Earlier, the 2008 *Phoenix* had received a first place with special merit award in the annual magazine competition of the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA). It was the fourth first place with special merit award that *Phoenix* has earned in the past five years. The 2004, 2006 and 2007 editions of *Phoenix* also received first place with special merit honors in the ASPA competition.

In their message to the college, ASPA officials noted that *Phoenix* scored 975 points out of a possible 1000. ASPA wrote, "Your magazine shows the efforts of talented and creative editors, writers, artists, photographers, layout designers, staff members and advisors. ASPA congratulates all on your first place with special merit award!"

Dr. Rita Carey, professor of English, is the literary advisor to the *Phoenix* staff. Dr. Carey said, "These awards testify to the talent of our students. From the student staff to the students whose literature and art was featured in the 2008 issue of *Phoenix*, Clark students once again demonstrated

their commitment to excellence in the fine arts. Both Martha Lewis, who served as the Art Advisor last year, and I are extremely proud of both the student staff and the student artists showcased in the 2008 *Phoenix*."

Art professor Kathrena Halsinger is the art advisor to the *Phoenix* staff. She said, "I am so honored to be a part of this program and to have the generous support of so many people across the college." Halsinger noted that *Phoenix* "is truly a team effort that begins with our talented students, who are so ably mentored and encouraged by our Art and English faculty and staff, supported and financed by the Associated Students of Clark College, and cheered on by our administration." Halsinger specifically cited the work done by Martha Lewis, who served as Art Advisor for the 2008 issue of *Phoenix*, Graphic Editor Mary Kate Carmichael and "all the rest of the wonderful, hard-working student staff."

Halsinger added, "We are already hard at work on the 2009 edition and hope, once again, that we will be able to produce a publication of which the Clark community can be proud."

Clark College President Robert K. Knight congratulated the *Phoenix* staff during remarks before the Washington State Board for Community and Technical College on Dec. 4. The editors and advisors will also be acknowledged during the Clark College Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 15.

QUARTERLY AWARD GIVES RECOGNITION FOR STAFF EXCELLENCE



Left: Library Director Michelle Bagley (left) presents the fall quarter 2008 Classified Excellence Award to Amy Waite (right), who had been unable to attend the reception. Right: Nominees for the fall quarter 2008 Classified Excellence Award (front row, from left): Roberta Roche, Jennifer Lea, Phoebe Molina, Linda Tuve, Suzie Taylor, Linda Healy; (back row, from left): Kirk Hawkins, Gayla Shanahan, Tim Majoros, Karl Johnson. Not pictured: Amy Waite.

*I*t was a slate of dedicated Clark College employees that brought the college community together on Dec. 10 for the quarterly Classified Excellence Award reception. Attendees were welcomed by Associate Vice President of Human Resources Katrina Golder, who noted that, despite hectic and uncertain times, “...we have one constant at Clark College—we have great employees.”

Nine nominations recognizing 12 employees were submitted for consideration for the fall quarter award:

- Grounds Crew: Karl Johnston, Kirk Hawkins, Gayla Shanahan, Tim Majoros
- Linda Healy, Advising
- Jennifer Lea, Business and Technology
- Phoebe Molina, Child and Family Studies
- Roberta Roche, Financial Aid
- Gayla Shanahan, Grounds, Plant Services
- Suzie Taylor, Corporate and Continuing Education
- Linda Tuve, Accounting Services
- Amy Waite, Cannell Library

Amy Waite was announced the winner of the fall quarter award. She has been at Clark since 1999 and currently serves as a library and archives paraprofessional 5. Some of the accomplishments mentioned by her nominees include relocating departmental policies to the new Cannell Library wiki, implementing an e-commerce module to allow students to pay fines online, relocating the ESL/ENL collection to better serve students, improving signage and converting display stacks for reuse. Waite was described as being, “relentless in her efforts to improve the environment for Clark students.” She has served as co-chair of the 2008 Combined Fund Drive and as interim library director.

Clark College President Bob Knight also recognized the efforts of the entire college staff, saying, “Classified staff don’t necessarily get enough recognition. We value and appreciate all that you do.”

The Classified Excellence Award was established in 2005 to recognize classified staff excellence and the contributions made in serving the college and its students. The award is offered by the college in partnership with the Clark College Foundation.

NOURISHING THE SOUL AND THE INTELLECT THROUGH POETRY



On Wednesday, Dec. 10, Clark College welcomed Washington state poet laureate Samuel Green as part of the college's Columbia Writers Series. Green was introduced by English faculty member Chris Luna, who noted that, "poets ask us to take a second look at the world around us."

During the presentation, Green read from his own works of poetry and others, interspersing the poems with explanation of the setting of the poem or how a particular work came into being. He commented on the importance of poetry, noting that it helps people understand and make sense of things that happen to them—and how it can especially be a tool to help returning veterans process through their own experiences, as it had for him. At the conclusion of the reading, Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard presented Green with a proclamation naming December 10, 2008, as Samuel Green Day in America's Vancouver.

In December 2007, Green was named by Gov. Chris Gregoire to a two-year term as the first poet laureate for Washington state. The position was established by the legislature to build awareness and appreciation of poetry across the state. "This job is an amazing job," Green told the crowd. "The poet laureate is a position where someone represents all poets in the state of Washington. It is more important that we have the position than who holds it," he noted.

"It is about all of us in writing—all of us who are using language to try to say something to others," concluded Green.

Far Left: Washington's poet laureate Samuel Green visited Clark College as part of the college's Columbia Writers Series.

Top Middle: Audience members listened and smiled in appreciation as Green shared poems—his own and others—dealing with issues ranging from death and suicide to children and the kindness of strangers.

Bottom Middle: Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard presented a proclamation declaring Dec. 10, 2008, as Samuel Green Day in America's Vancouver.

Right: English faculty member Chris Luna, who coordinated Green's visit to Clark, introduced him to a crowd that included members of the college community as well as Vancouver's writing and poetry community.

HOLIDAY RECEPTION BRINGS TOGETHER SMILING FACES OF CLARK COLLEGE



Members of the Clark College community—including current and retired employees—gathered on Tuesday, Dec. 2 for the annual holiday reception.

A saxophone quartet, led by music professor Rich Inouye, set a festive tone as Clarkers took a pause from their busy schedules to celebrate the conclusion of fall quarter and the upcoming holiday season. Images recounting the highlights of 2008 appeared on the screens in Gaiser Hall.

Clark College President Bob Knight welcomed attendees, including emeritus faculty and staff. Among those who returned to the college for the event were Barry Holbrook, Dave Halme, Barbara Simpson, Lynn Degerstedt, Bob Moser, Gaydena Thompson, Shirley Sackman and Doris Troxel.

“We have a lot to be thankful for,” noted Knight. “We have 13,000 reasons to be thankful for our 13,000 students...Students are here because they know we care about them—and those who came before us and continue to return to and support the college care.”

The reception was sponsored by the Clark College Foundation.

Top Left: Clark College President Bob Knight and Oswald greeted faculty, staff and administrators at the holiday reception.

Top Middle and Right: Emeritus employees Lynn Degerstedt and Shirley Sackman were among those who visited Clark College on Dec. 2.

Middle Left: Music Professor Rich Inouye and the Penguin Holiday Quartet rang in the sounds of the seasons on their saxophones.

Bottom Left: Financial Aid’s Karen Driscoll (left) and Nancy Heidrick (right) share smiles with the camera.

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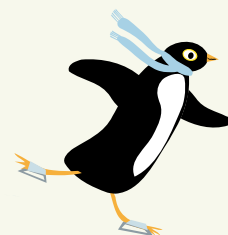
①: (from left): Miles Jackson, interim dean of Social Sciences and Fine Arts; Joy Horning, administrative assistant for Social Science; Vanessa Meyer, secretary senior for Communication Studies; Leann Johnson, director for equity & diversity; and Jack Burkman, trustee, enjoy the opportunity to visit and celebrate the conclusion of another successful fall term at Clark.

②: (from left) Jennifer Dean, Cheryl Mancini and Sally Demos of Cannell Library visit with Medical Radiography Program Director Kathleen Lesley and Dental Hygiene Professor Katy Graham.

③: Holiday reception-goers included (from left) Career & Employment Services' Cath Keane and Jody Shulnak, Communication Studies' Suzanne Southerland and Barbara Simpson, World Languages' Doug Mrazek.

④: (from left): Interim Vice President of Administrative Services Phil Sheehan, Director of Major and Planned Gifts for the Clark College Foundation Daniel Lee, and Business Administration Professor Stephen Walsh.

⑤: (from left): Instruction's Tyler Chen, Clark College Foundation board member and treasurer Patsy Eby, and the Foundation's President/CEO Lisa Gibert and Chief Financial Officer Barbara Chen.



STATE BOARD VENTURES SOUTH, MEETS AT CLARK COLLEGE



Left: Associate Vice President for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Shanda Diehl (left) visits with Clark College Trustee John White. Middle: (from left): SBCTC Deputy Executive Director of Education Jan Yoshiwara, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Rassoul Dastmozd and board member—and Clark alumnus—Tom Koenninger. Right: SBCTC Operating Budget Director Denise Graham (left) and Interim Vice President of Administrative Services Phil Sheehan.

The Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges (SBCTC) held its most recent meeting at Clark College on Dec. 3-4.

During the regular meeting on Dec. 4, Clark College President Bob Knight gave a presentation highlighting the many positives of the college. Among the accomplishments achieved by Clark students and employees that Knight shared were:

- 100% first-time pass rates on national examinations for nursing and dental hygiene students.
- Clark's first class of medical radiography graduates.
- Being the first college in the state to be tobacco free.
- High enrollments in Running Start, putting Clark as one of the top two programs in the state for enrollment.
- Offering COMPASS testing to high school students.
- Increases in eLearning enrollments.
- Clark's health, wellness and recycling efforts.
- Growth in the college's Service Learning program.
- Improved signage, lighting and wayfinding.
- Completion of the Gaiser Hall renovation.
- Smart classroom upgrades.
- Joint meetings between Clark and K-12 partners.
- Phoenix magazine's award for best college literary art magazine in the country.

Knight's presentation also outlined two issues that challenge Clark College in particular: funding for Running Start and Disability Support Services. In both cases, the college does not receive funding equal to the level of services it provides students in these areas. Knight also addressed some of the impacts the 20% reduction called for by the governor would have on the college, noting that, if it goes through, "the college's mission is at risk."

Knight closed his message to the board with a call to action: "We have to be there [Olympia]— we have to tell our story," Knight said. "We have to go to the legislature. We have to develop a strategic plan. And we have to do it for our students."



Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) Executive Director Charlie Earl (left) visits with Clark College Trustee Addison Jacobs following SBCTC's first day of meetings at Clark College.

CONVERSATION WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IDEAS, CONCERNS

State Representative Deb Wallace, Chair of the House Higher Education Committee and representative of Washington's 17th Legislative District, visited Clark College on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Rep. Wallace visited the college to hold an open conversation and receive input from members of the college community on their priorities and interests as the legislature considers significant budget cuts in its 2009 session. The visit was hosted by the Office of Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs.

Budget cuts and funding were the bulk of Rep. Wallace's opening comments to the group of faculty, staff, students and administrators who attended. She shared how, for several days, she carried copies of newspaper articles bearing headlines of cuts at Clark and neighboring WSU Vancouver—headlines that made her angry because, in her words, “you don't cut the solution.”

Rep. Wallace continues to advocate for education—from K-12 through higher education—amid the talk of budget cuts; however, she also acknowledges that cuts will occur. “I'm a realist, too,” she said, “and cuts will be made.” She went on to say that the current economic situation may force the state to consider, “ways of doing education differently”—everything from new programming designed to shorten the time to degree, to cost of administration versus cost of instructional offering, to accountability and return on educational funding.

A question from the audience addressed the question of whether there are jobs available for students after they complete their program or degree. “In some cases, yes—and in some cases, no,” responded Rep. Wallace, explaining that it depends on the industry and need. Her response also focused on encouraging better communication between schools and businesses to determine what the needs are and how to fill them.

Rep. Wallace expressed her thanks and gratitude to all who participated in the event for providing valuable information and feedback. “This is the time to weigh in—right now—before the budget is set,” she said.



State Rep. Deb Wallace visited Clark College on Dec. 2 to hold an open conversation with faculty, staff, students and administrators on issues relating to higher education.

WORKFORCE PARTNERS EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS



Left: Clark College Director of Workforce Education & Economic Development Danette Randolph (left), Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council Executive Director Lisa Nisenfeld (center), and Worksource Co-Director Nona Mallicoat. Right: Members of the Clark community—including Business Technology Professor Mary Evens, Executive Director of Corporate & Continuing Education Todd Oldham, and Career & Employment Services Program Coordinator Suzanne Thayer—attended the Workforce Partners Celebration to foster partnerships between the college and area agencies.

Clark College and the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (WDC) co-hosted a Workforce Partners Celebration—an event designed to celebrate the various resources available to students and community members.

Designed to help introduce the community to new members of the college community as well as new college facilities, the celebration was held at Clark College on Monday, Dec. 8. Representatives of both Clark and WDC were on hand to strengthen existing and foster new partnerships with community and state agencies in and around the Vancouver area. More than 50 people attended, representing faculty and staff as well as community agencies throughout Clark County—including the Department of Social and Health Services, Employment Security, Worksource, the Vancouver School District and Clark County.

Among the speakers at the event were Clark College President Bob Knight and WDC Executive Director Lisa Nisenfeld. “We’ve got to work together for the betterment of the community,” said Knight. “In this tough economic time, we’re the solution...We need to be holding hands together on this.” Following the welcome, attendees were given tours of the Clark College main campus, with stops highlighting

health occupations, advanced manufacturing, science, math and technology.

“In difficult times like we are approaching, with budget reductions and limited resources, it is more important than ever to utilize our partnerships with community agencies and state agencies to support Clark County residents and our quality of life here in Southwest Washington,” said Director of Workforce Education & Economic Development Danette Randolph. “This event was to celebrate the commitment that Clark College and our partners in the community have in creating access and opportunities for our residents.”



Agency representatives and Clark College faculty and staff listened as WDC’s Lisa Nisenfeld described the challenges and opportunities of our times.

THANKS TO TRAINING, CLARKERS NOW MORE CERT-AIN HOW TO HELP



Left: Clark College employees who participated in the Thursday evening CERT training sessions (from left): Peggy McVay, Jean Roniger, Mary Welch, Kathy Chatfield, Jeri Kemmer and Kim Lee. Right: Clark employees were also members of the Saturday training sessions. Front row, from Left: Bev Vogler, Damon Grady, Ruby Moore, Suzie Taylor. Back row, from left: Edward Schroeder, Christian Latham, Andrew Elliot, Richard Sakaida. Middle: A four-story drill tower at Clark County Fire Station 81 provided training opportunities for CERT trainees to practice evacuating buildings.

Seventeen members of the Clark College community recently completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training offered by the Clark Regional CERT Program. They are the first at the college to complete the training as a group and will comprise Clark's emergency response team.

The training included nine units focusing on various aspects of emergency and disaster preparedness, including fire suppression, triage and first aid, and search and rescue techniques. CERT is designed to provide a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens' and employees' actions can make a difference.

"The training classes were great," said trainee Joanne Savage. "The last day—the demonstration day—was a real eye-opener as to why good communication is the key in any disaster situation."

"The training made me realize what actually happens during regional emergencies," said trainee Jean Roniger. "For example, there may be no ambulances or police where you are because they are already swamped or cannot get to where you are...The training is done by fire personnel who have experienced emergencies; the data they base the training on is a combination of what they learned from past catastrophes. It was time well spent—plus we had a great Clark group there."

Plans are currently underway for another group of Clark College employees to undergo CERT training when it is offered in spring. For more information, or to learn how to participate, contact Environmental Health & Safety Program Coordinator Rebecca Benson at 992-2965 or rbenson@clark.edu.

Fall 2008 CERT participants

The following Clark College individuals recently completed the nine-unit CERT training:

Rebecca Benson,
Environmental Health & Safety

Kathy Chatfield, *eLearning*

Andrew Elliot, *Security*

Damon Grady, *Security*

Jeri Kemmer, *Workforce Education*

Christian Latham, *Security*

Kim Lee, *Foundation*

Peggy McVay, *Basic Education*

Ruby Moore, *Business Services*

Jean Roniger, *Plant Services*

Richard Sakaida, *Security*

Joanne Savage, *Instruction*

Edward Schroeder, *Security*

Suzie Taylor, *Corporate
& Continuing Education*

Bev Vogler, *Advising*

Mary Welch, *Security*

Bruce Wells, *Machining*

EMPLOYEES BOOST STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Since the start of the fiscal year in July, staff and faculty have been charitably supporting a wide variety of programs and student needs at Clark College. These include the general scholarship fund, memorials and honors, athletics, music lessons, individual programs, or area of greatest need (unrestricted)—to name a few.

The reasons for giving are as different as the areas receiving the gifts. Employee generosity helps Clark remain on the cutting edge of education and keeps the community vital, especially in the tough economic climate. “I believe that what we do at Clark College benefits everyone. We should take care of one another, for this is our community, country, and world,” says Saundra Solis, program coordinator for Running Start. “My Clark family has given me and many others so much. I am happy to continue that legacy.”

Because faculty works closely with students, they are often more aware of the many struggles that students face. “As a Clark College employee I donate to the foundation because I believe in the students,” said Mathematics Division Chair Paul Casillas “I’m with the students every day and I see the tremendous obstacles they overcome to be successful. A donation to the foundation is a small sacrifice on my part compared to the huge sacrifices the students make toward their own education.”

The recent employee giving campaign helped build awareness about internal giving opportunities to college programs and students. Anyone making a gift by Dec. 5 (including payroll

deductions) was entered into a prize drawing; the following details the drawing winners and their prizes:

- Handmade jewelry by Priscila Martins-Read: Linda Calvert, Tina Guier, Ray Korpi
- Estate Planning Service/Will from Read and Read Attorneys at Law: Chris Beaudin
- Waste Connections (one year free garbage, recycling, and yard debris service): Don Gonser
- \$20 in Shari’s gift certificates: Charles Cummons
- \$20 in Shari’s gift certificates: Kris Barnum
- \$20 in Red Lobster gift certificates: Heather King
- Cocoa gift pack from Clark College Bookstore: Saundra Solis
- \$25 Karen’s Karrousel hair care gift certificate: Ronald Lajoy
- 10 certificates for a medium CheeseSteak at Bruchi’s CheeseSteak and Subs: Sam Triebs
- Golf umbrella from Kiewitt Corporation: Donna Wittmayer, Randy Wulff
- Picture frame and Iranian table cover from Ara Serjoie: Sue Williams
- Pistachios and saffron spice from Ara Serjoie: Lori Jimerson
- Decorative Iranian box and turquoise jewelry from Ara Serjoie: Katy Graham
- Framed picture of Clark College: Sandra Brookhart, Steven Clark, Dix Dixon, Nancy Johnson, Kanchan Mathur, Phil Sheehan, Lloyd Smith, Rebecca Wale, and Victoria Wood



(from left): Saundra Solis and Linda Calvert received early holiday gifts when they were presented their prizes from the employee giving campaign. Prizes were presented by campaign committee member Lindsey Walling (right), secretary senior for Student Affairs.

The Fabulous Fifties



As the 1950s began, huge changes were in the works for Clark College. By September 1951, the college proudly announced that its enrollment would top 525 students. An evening program also began in 1951, the same year in which students first reported to the Applied Arts Center on Clark College's future main campus.

Most liberal arts classes continued to be held at the Ogden Meadows campus through 1958, with technical/vocational courses taking place on the new site.

By the summer of 1958, the college boasted six new buildings for nursing, science, humanities, social science, art, physical education and a student center with administrative offices and a library.

Administrative changes in the 1950s affected both locations. Dr. Paul F. Gaiser, who had service for 11 years as both district superintendent for Vancouver Schools and president of Clark College, resigned the superintendent's position in March 1952 and became Clark's first full-time president.

Dr. Gaiser had already made his mark on the college in wartime. He'd been instrumental in acquiring large amounts of machinery from the Kaiser Shipyard, thereby giving a huge boost to the school's ability to provide vocational education.

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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 1950s.

1950s *The* Fabulous Fifties



During the 1950s, the college gave bragging rights to community men and women when Clark won state basketball championships three out of four academic years spanning 1952 to 1956. That accomplishment was followed in 1956 by Clark scoring a baseball state championship against the favored Yakima Junior College. The series took place on a field east of Mill Plain Blvd. and Fort Vancouver Way. Led by coach Claude “Skeet” O’Connell, the Clark players bested reigning champion Yakima in two straight games (2-1, 2-1).



Another source of Penguin pride began at Clark in 1951 with the advent of practical nursing courses. Interest in this area would burgeon throughout the decade, and by 1960, Clark College could boast of being the first to have an accredited associate of arts professional nursing curriculum in Washington—one of only 19 in the western United States.

COMING IN JANUARY IN CLARK 24/7: EXPANSION & EVOLUTION—CLARK COLLEGE IN THE 1960s



VOLUNTEER FOR COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY—AND HELP A FUTURE (OR CURRENT) PENGUIN COME TO CLARK COLLEGE!

Members of the Clark community are needed as volunteers for College Goal Sunday—an event designed to help families of current and prospective students with the financial aid application process.

College Goal Sunday will be held Sunday, January 25, 2009, from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at WSU Vancouver. This year's event is one of several being held throughout the state to support students by helping to reduce barriers in paying for college and connecting them with financial aid opportunities. The events are staffed with volunteers to provide students and their families free, on-site professional help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—so they can get money for college.

There are several ways to volunteer at College Goal Sunday:

- Assisting students and their families with the FAFSA;
- Supporting marketing and outreach efforts;
- Greeting or registering students at event;
- Offering translation services;
- Assisting with event planning and logistics; or
- Providing general administrative support.

“The Clark volunteers helped at College Goal Sunday in many capacities last year,” said Assistant Financial Aid Director Nancy Heidrick. “Financial Aid staff worked as experts in the interest sessions and computer labs—helping attendees and their parents file their FAFSA forms that day. Other volunteers helped with greetings and registration, giving directions and escorting attendees to the labs and session, and collecting evaluations. There was even a need for mascot support, as we had all three mascots—Clark’s beloved Oswald, Lower Columbia College’s Red Devil, and WSU Vancouver’s Butch T. Cougar—on hand to greet students and their families.”

Volunteer sign up for College Goal Sunday is available online at <http://www.collegegoalsundaywa.org/volunteerForm.cfm>. For more information on College Goal Sunday, e-mail: collegegoalsundaywa@nela.net or call 88-758-2253.

Know the deadlines—help Clark students

Deadlines are everything in the financial aid world. Many university deadlines are as early as February 1. Clark has rolling priority dates for each year, but institutional and state funds are usually allocated with the first priority dates. For the 2009-2010 academic year, the priority dates are as follows:

Summer Quarter: April 17, 2009

Fall Quarter: May 2, 2009

Winter Quarter: October 16, 2009

Spring Quarter: February 6, 2010



College mascots from Lower Columbia, Clark and WSU Vancouver helped lend a fun and friendly tone to what can sometimes be a daunting process for new students and their families – filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Red Devil, Oswald and Butch T. Cougar were all part of the 2008 College Goal Sunday. Volunteers are needed for the next College Goal Sunday, to be held Jan. 25, 2009.

WPEA/UFCW MEETING SCHEDULE

The classified employees WPEA/UFCW union meeting is held every third Wednesday of the month from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Scarpelli Hall room 214. The next meeting will be held Dec. 17, 2008.

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.)

KNITTING LESSONS

Monday, December 15, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

RUNNING START SPRING 2009 RETEST & APPLICATION DEADLINE

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Running Start Office, Gaiser Hall, room 216

KNITTING LESSONS

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. LINN BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

O'Connell Sports Center

CROCHETING LESSONS

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

CROCHETING LESSONS

Thursday, December 18, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

KNITTING LESSONS

Tuesday, December 23, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

CROCHETING LESSONS

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

MEN'S BASKETBALL HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Saturday, December 27, 2008 through

Monday, December 29, 2008

O'Connell Sports Center

KNITTING LESSONS

Monday, December 29, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

KNITTING LESSONS

Tuesday, December 30, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

CROCHETING LESSONS

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

NEW FULL- AND PART-TIME WINTER ORIENTATION

Friday, January 2, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Gaiser Hall 205

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Saturday, January 3, 2009

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

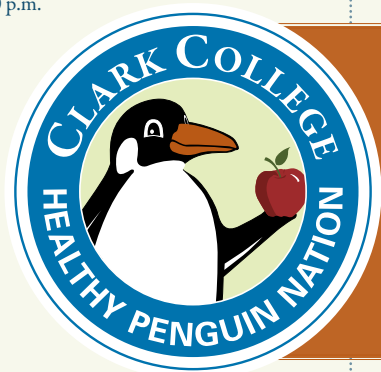
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Coming soon—your chance to get fit with Oswald!

Make an early new year's resolution to get fit with Oswald in 2009!

Watch for more information coming in January on how you can get involved in Penguin Nation Destinations—the 2009 fitness incentive program of the Healthy Penguin Nation initiative.

Free t-shirt to all who get fit with Oswald—plus the reward of being a healthier you!

FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

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.



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.

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: January 23, 2009.

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.

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