

# Clark 24/7



## STUDENT WORK TAKES CENTER STAGE DURING UNVEILING EVENTS



Left: Members of the 2009 *Phoenix* staff (back row, from left): Emily Antoine, advisors Kathrena Halsinger and Rita Carey, Nathan Childs, Stacey Hargis, Kristin Haagen, Angel Hayes, Sarah Campeau; (front row, from left) Daniel Acosta, Jennifer Lewis, Leah Kooiman and Kristen Weigand. Not pictured: Robert Cramer, Whitney Anderson, Jason Curl and Chris Flanders. Below: *Phoenix* fine art editor Nathan Childs (left) and literary editor Emily Antoine (right) had the honor of unveiling the cover of the 2009 issue on May 12.

As Clark College continues its 75th anniversary celebration, it was the work of current Clark students that took center stage during two of three special events held Tuesday, May 12.

The series of events began with the unveiling of the 2009 *Phoenix*, the student literary and art publication of Clark College.

*Phoenix* is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It was originally hatched as “The Egg” in 1959; following a hiatus in the late seventies, it rose under its current—and more fitting, according to literary editor Emily Antoine—moniker in the early 1980s.



The members of the student leadership team for the 2009 *Phoenix* are:

- DANIEL ACOSTA, business manager/assistant editor;
- WHITNEY ANDERSON, co-layout editor;
- EMILY ANTOINE, literary editor;
- SARAH CAMPEAU, photo editor and designer;
- NATHAN CHILDS, fine art editor;
- ROBERT CRAMER, distribution manager/illustrator;
- JASON CURL, photographer/illustrator;
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- STACEY HARGIS, graphic designer;
- ANGEL HAYES, graphic designer;
- LEAH KOOIMAN, graphic designer;
- JENNIFER LEWIS, graphic designer; and
- KRISTEN WEIGAND, Web editor.

Professors Rita Carey and Kathrena Halsinger serve as the literary and art advisors, respectively, to *Phoenix*. “This team exceeded their own abilities to create something exceptional,” noted Halsinger at the unveiling. “This was the largest staff ever—and they undertook the most ambitious issue yet.”

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The Art Student Annual also marked the final show to be curated by Archer Gallery Director Marjorie Hirsch, who is leaving the college at the end of this academic year. “Marjorie has brought dynamic art to the college that has enriched the lives not only of our students, faculty and staff, but of people throughout our region,” said President Bob Knight. “Under Marjorie’s direction, the Archer Gallery has been recognized for showcasing the work of regionally and nationally acclaimed artists. Her passion and dedication have enhanced our college and our community.”

The Art Student Annual is on display in the Archer Gallery through June 9.

“I am so proud of our students,” said President Knight as he addressed those gathered. “This unveiling of *Phoenix* is another example of student success.”

In 2008, *Phoenix* was honored by the America Scholastic Press Association as the best college literary art magazine in the country.

As in years past, the opening of the 2009 Art Student Annual followed the *Phoenix* unveiling. The Art Student Annual is the college’s traditional end-of-year exhibition of student work created in Clark College Art Department classes.

Winners of this year’s Art Student Annual recognition awards are:

- SHELBY ROAKE, Knight’s Photography Best Photo Award
- JORDAN JONES, Blue Moon Camera Film Processing Award
- RACHEL COLEMAN, Georgie’s Ceramic Company Best Clay Piece Award
- KAYLA MAYER, Frame Central Best Two-Dimensional Award
- ISIAH WYCKOFF, Best of Show Award



Top: Isaiah Wyckoff, shown here with his piece, “Oops!”, won the Best of Show Award at the 2009 Art Student Annual. Above: The Art Student Annual also opened on May 12, following the *Phoenix* unveiling. Left: Student work created in Clark College Art Department classes during the 2008-2009 academic year are featured in the Art Student Annual. Pieces include photography, sculpture, pottery and illustrations.

## “SCEND”ING MESSAGES THROUGH TIME



A 1937 Clark Junior College diploma signed by Dean Lewis Cannell. A complete newspaper section about Clark Junior College from the *Clark County Sun*, dated August 16, 1940, and including an article by Dr. Paul Gaiser. A copy of the first college yearbook. A program from the college's first graduation dinner. Mementos from the college's 25th and 50th anniversaries.

Those items were among the historic treasures discovered when the college's 50th anniversary time capsule was opened on May 12, 2009, as part of the college's yearlong 75th anniversary celebration.

Faculty, staff and students—some of whom were part of the college community during the college's 50th anniversary—gathered in Gaiser Hall to watch Clark College President Robert Knight and past Interim President Ellis Dunn open the time capsule, which was created in 1984 by Clark welding professor Ryan Collins.

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Above: Past Interim President Ellis Dunn and Clark College President Bob Knight unveiled items from the 50th anniversary time capsule, including the Mid-Week section from *The Columbian* (May 2, 1984) that profiled Dean Lewis Cannell as the library was named in his honor during the college's 50th anniversary celebration. Sidebar top: Fort Vancouver High School student Joseph Matter (right) comes forward to accept his 75th anniversary scholarship. Matter received congratulations from Kieran Stover (left), Director of Business Development for Arnerich Messina and Associates, which provided funding for the scholarships. Sidebar bottom: Clark President Bob Knight congratulates nursing student Kellie Rusk for receiving the college's 75th anniversary scholarship for a continuing Clark student.



As President Bob Knight notes, “At Clark College, it’s all about the student.” In keeping with that commitment, two scholarships were awarded as part of the 75th anniversary celebration. Joseph Matter, who will graduate from Fort Vancouver High School this year, received the scholarship awarded to a new Clark College student. He hopes to pursue a paralegal career. Kellie Rusk, who is pursuing a nursing career, received the scholarship for a continuing Clark College student. Matter and Rusk will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship toward tuition for one year and \$750 in books and supplies at the Clark College Bookstore.





## “SCEND”ING MESSAGES THROUGH TIME



Left: Left to right: Clark President Bob Knight (back to camera), Trustee John White and guests enjoy looking at items that have been submitted for the college's new time capsule. The publications and mementos celebrate the college and its 75th anniversary celebration as well as important regional and national issues and events from the past year. Right: Welding professor emeritus Ryan Collins, who created Clark College's 50th anniversary time capsule, joins metal arts instructor Beth Heron, past Interim President Ellis Dunn and Clark President Bob Knight in unveiling "Scend," the sculpture which will house the college's 75th anniversary time capsule.

Collins spoke about work done by various units at the college to create the time capsule. It was shaped like the nose of a rocket, reflecting interest in the space travel at that time. (The first space shuttle was launched in 1981.) Instructions were painted onto the time capsule, noting that it was to be opened "in May 2009."

Former Clark public relations director Bob Moser had been responsible for collecting items for the time capsule. Moser was unable to attend the ceremony but sent remarks in which he noted that the 50th anniversary celebration "was a major event in Clark's history. Connecting with the past was a major component." He added that the 50th anniversary planning committee worked hard to locate and invite alumni from the period before the college closed for a time during World War II. He said, "It was more successful that we could have hoped. And very inspirational."

The opening of the 50th anniversary time capsule was followed by the dedication of a sculpture, created by Clark metal arts instructor Beth Heron, to house a new time

capsule which will be opened during the college's 100th anniversary in 2034. With support from Plant Services, the sculpture had been installed at the college one day earlier by welding technology professor Patrick Gonzales and welding students Marvin Pape, Christopher Plamp and Sam Williamson.

The sculpture, which is located in the plaza north of Gaiser Hall, is called "Scend," which refers to the lift of a wave. Heron noted that scend could also refer to "the idea of a bottle with a message being cast out on the ocean." She added, "It's the actual push of the wave that is the scend. It also means send. I thought it was appropriate and fit the idea of Clark sending a message to the future."

The new time capsule will include items reflecting the college and community today, Clark's 75th anniversary celebration and some of the items from the 50th anniversary time capsule. It will also include messages from Clark President Bob Knight, Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard and Washington Governor Chris Gregoire.

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Prior to being placed in the new time capsule, a number of items from the 50th anniversary time capsule will be on display in 75th anniversary display case in the Cannell Library from June 1 through June 19.

In summarizing the spirit of college’s diamond anniversary, President Knight said, “Our college was founded during the Great Depression. It’s ironic that our 75th anniversary has found us once again facing tough economic times.”

He added, “It also reminds us that our founders believed in a bright future for our college. Today’s college is the legacy of their belief. Tomorrow’s college will be the legacy of our belief in a bright future—for the next 75 years and beyond.”



Top sidebar: Clark’s penguin mascot Oswald thanks the 75th anniversary planning committee for their tireless efforts throughout the yearlong diamond anniversary celebration. Front row (left to right): Patti Serrano, Linda Tuve, May Jolly, Michelle Golder, Vanessa Watkins and Kathy Chatfield. Back row (left to right): Oswald, Barbara Kerr, Nancy Abel, Tracy Reilly Kelly, Barbara Miller, Cindi Olson, Ara Serjoie, Clark President Bob Knight, Nancy Johnson and Carrie Weikel-Delaplane. Not pictured: Committee members Kay Cooke, Narek Danielyan, John Marshall and Julian Nelson.

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Funding for the sculpture which will house the 75th anniversary time capsule was provided by an anonymous donor; Arnerich, Massena and Associates; Dr. Charles Clemans; and Nancy Hungerford.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING LEADERSHIP



Clark College dental hygiene instructor Karla Sylwester has earned statewide honors for her commitment to teaching, learning and assessment. She is one of five recipients of the 2009 Anna Sue McNeill Teaching, Learning and Assessment Award, given during the 2009 Pacific NW Higher Education Teaching and Learning Conference.

**K**arla Sylwester, an instructor in Clark College's dental hygiene department, has been named a recipient of the 2009 Anna Sue McNeill Teaching, Learning and Assessment Award. The award is designed to recognize an individual's contributions to teaching, student learning and assessment in a public two- or four-year college in Washington state. Sylwester was among five honorees statewide who received the award during the 2009 Pacific NW Higher Education Teaching and Learning Conference, held May 6-8 in Wenatchee.

Noreen Light, faculty development coordinator for assessment, teaching and learning for the Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges (SBCTC), noted that Sylwester and the other honorees "all demonstrate the use of technology, collaboration and innovation in creating and facilitating the exceptional learning environments that are necessary to foster student success."

Sylwester is the third Clark College faculty member to receive the McNeill award. Biology professor Rebecca

Martin and Teaching and Learning Center Coordinator Gail Liberman are both past recipients.

Liberman, who nominated Sylwester for the award, said, "Karla Sylwester has been a leader in creating and implementing a variety of engaging and effective instructional methodologies—measured by student learning, satisfaction, and retention—and has been generous in sharing this knowledge with her colleagues on a local, regional and national level." Liberman added, "Karla maintains high instructional standards for herself while she encourages the cognitive growth and skill development of her students. This award affirms her consistently good work and recognizes her success in creating learning in students."

The award, which was established by SBCTC in 2007, honors Anna Sue McNeill, who served in higher education at the Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges for 30 years. Award organizers say McNeill was committed to excellence in assessment, teaching and learning and provided leadership statewide through ongoing communication and special events.



## ANNUAL TUTOR CELEBRATION HONORS CONTRIBUTIONS OF ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



left: (from left) Fort Vancouver Regional Library Access & Electronic Access Coordinator Amy Lee; Adult Literacy Program Manager Madeleine von Laue; Battle Ground student Blanca Brizuela; Battle Ground tutor Marti Todd; Battle Ground tutor Sue Heise; Battle Ground Adult Literacy program volunteer and volunteer coordinator Nettie Pullella-Barca; Battle Ground student Rosa Brizuela; and Fort Vancouver Regional Library Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Braga.

May Day was a perfect time to celebrate the many tutors who volunteer with Clark College's Adult Literacy program to help people improve their basic reading, writing and English speaking skills. More than 100 students, tutors, faculty and administrators came for an evening of good food, lively company, warm words, high praise, and even some tears.

Vice President of Instruction Dr. Rassoul Dastmozd, Director of Workforce Education & Economic Development Danette Randolph and Basic Skills Director Mark McLean welcomed the gathering, emphasizing the important contributions of literacy tutors.

"Student test scores, achievement points, that's how our program is measured," said McLean. "We ask you to work with students who face the biggest challenges, the ones who are having the hardest time making those points. We wouldn't be able to show any gains for these students without your help."

That help, according to Program Manager Madeleine von Laue, amounted to more than 10,000 hours last year, or 5.3 years of donated time. "You provide an essential service to the college and the community," she said. "We were recognized recently by *The Columbian* as one of their favorite volunteer programs."

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Left: With her tutor Maxine Mitchell (photo left) beside her, Shawntell Long spoke about the changes she's made in her life—and how tutoring has helped her. Right: (from left) Tutors Randy Thompson, Stephanie Mack and Jane Tuck at the annual adult literacy tutor celebration, held Friday, May 1.



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Left: (from left) Clark College Trustee Jack Burkman, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Rassoul Dastmozd, Adult Literacy Program Manager Madeleine von Laue, and Basic Skills Director Mark McLean at the adult literacy tutor celebration. Right: (from left) Workforce Education & Economic Development Director Danette Randolph, Workforce Program Manager Kris Barnum and student speaker Shawntell Long.

As always, the best parts of the evening were the student presentations. Relating their stories, some of the speakers were on the verge of tears—and their stories elicited both tears and cheers from the audience.

With her tutor Maxine Mitchell beside her, Shawntell Long spoke about the struggles she's faced in her 34 years. "I've achieved so much in the last three years," she said. "In a year and a half, I went from being homeless and pregnant, to living in a shelter, to transitional housing, then finally to permanent housing. I've been working on my ABE, and thanks to the tutoring I've had from Maxine, I've moved more quickly to the GED level."

Mindy Gentry has had a tutor for about two-and-a-half years and has gained the confidence to take classes after dropping out of school in her early teens. "Bridget [Noland] is a great tutor, she makes it fun," Mindy said. "We have become good friends. I am deeply grateful to her and the literacy program for giving me this opportunity. They have opened so many new doors and given me higher self-esteem. And I found that I love learning and school. It is so much fun. And I'm going to get my GED!"

Rosa Brizuela has been attending conversation groups at the Adult Literacy program in Battle Ground ever since that satellite program started, about six years ago. She spoke eloquently about her life and goals after a tragic childhood

growing up during the civil war in El Salvador. "I had lived in the United States many years," she said, "but before moving to Battle Ground ten years ago, I had not learned English. Now my dream has come true in this beautiful country: My husband has his own company; my daughter has a federal job and goes to college. My kids are in school. I no longer need an interpreter, and I can help my kids with their homework. Last year, along with my husband and my daughter, I became a U.S. citizen. And now I want to get my GED. Thank you to Nettie [Battle Ground volunteer coordinator Nettie Pullella-Barca] and the Adult Literacy program. You are helping make amazing changes in our lives."

Ken Streitz has been a student at TPC for a number of years. "Today I walk with a limp because of the rotten jobs I had to do—all because I could not read or write," he said. "It was hard for me to start all over again at the tender age of 63 [he's now 69]. First there was the sounding out of words, the vowels, consonants, the combinations, a whole new world of sounds. Breaking words apart, front to back and down the middle, it's hard work. But when I finally get it.....! I and Dan [tutor Dan Munzing] went to the driver's license office and got me registered to vote. Last year was the first time I had ever voted. It was the greatest thing for me; if you don't vote then you have no gripes coming."

# WHY CLARK COLLEGE IS A HIGH TECH UNIVERSITY



Launching Nerf ball catapults and creating water bottle rockets, 30 students from four Clark County high schools learned about high-tech careers that most of them probably never imagined as they attended SEMI High Tech U. at Clark College and Underwriters Laboratories in Camas.

The sessions, which were held from May 12-14, included students from Battle Ground, Hockinson, Prairie, and Washougal High Schools. It was the first SEMI High Tech U. event for high school students in Washington state.

SEMI High Tech U is an industry-driven math- and science-based career exploration program produced and presented by the non-profit SEMI Foundation in partnership with co-sponsors Underwriters Laboratories, the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), WorkSystems Inc., the SEMI Pacific Northwest Steering Committee and Clark College, the program's higher-learning partner. The program is funded in part by a Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant administered by Worksystems, Inc.

While at Clark, students learned about launching water bottle rockets from Computer Aided Drafting & Design (CADD) Professor Keith Stansbury. Computer Science & Engineering Professor Izad Khormaei taught a class on electronics and circuit design. Barry Kajian of Underwriters Laboratories discussed solar energy.

The overall curriculum included hands-on experiments on everything from semiconductor-manufacturing concepts to microchip logic. It also included sessions on educational pathways and career planning.

SEMI High Tech U is part of a larger workforce development strategy in the region to engage more young people in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education and careers.



Top left: Students from four Clark County high schools participated in Washington state's first SEMI High Tech U. event, held May 12-14 at Clark College and Underwriters Laboratories in Camas. Center: Computer aided design & drafting professor Keith Stansbury (right) taught his famous water bottle rocket class as part of SEMI High Tech U. Bottom right: Computer science & engineering professor Izad Khormaei taught electronics and circuit design to students from Battle Ground, Hockinson, Prairie and Washougal high schools.





## CHOCOLATE CREATIONS GIVE CLARK STUDENTS COMMUNITY-WIDE AUDIENCE



This spring, Clark College baking program students created nearly 1000 chocolates that were given as thank you gifts at the 2009 annual luncheon of The Community Foundation of Southwest Washington, a charitable giving organization established in 1984. Second-year management student Jay Young took the lead on the project.

Each box included a chocolate featuring the Clark College logo and a message informing the recipient that their gift was hand-made by students in Clark's baking program. Only the finest of the chocolates were selected for inclusion in each box.

"Indeed, it created a wonderful learning experience for the students," said professor and baking program director Ian Titterton. "They seldom have the chance to participate in such a production event like this, where every single chocolate has to be exquisite."

A total of fifty boxes of chocolates were produced and delivered to the luncheon, which was held May 12.



Above: Students in Clark College's baking program, pictured here with professor Ian Titterton (second from right) display the hundreds of chocolates they created for The Community Foundation of Southwest Washington's annual luncheon on May 12.

Left: Boxes of handmade chocolates—including one featuring the Clark College logo—were given as thank you gifts.



## CLARK COLLEGE'S CREAM CONNECTION



Left: (from left) Joe Connell, director of Vancouver's new Habitat ReStore (in hat), Clark County Commissioner Steve Stewart, Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard, and CREAM Executive Director Oso Martin are joined by Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors in their distinctive red blazers. Right: Clark College computer technology student Gerald Hatcher (right) and computer technology instructor William Hafer among the donations at CREAM, which officially opened its doors on May 2.

Members of the Clark College community were on hand at the joint official grand opening of the Clark County Habitat ReStore and CREAM (Computer Reuse, Education and Marketing), located on East Fourth Plain Blvd, on Saturday, May 2. As a partner of CREAM, Clark College receives donated computers to be cleaned and restored.

"Clark has been a partner in CREAM for many years," noted Computer Technology professor and division chair Robert Hughes. "Clark College students in the support specialist program have been involved in the restoration of dozens of computers that have been ultimately distributed to in-need, low-income residents."

"Until recently, CREAM has been a mostly ad hoc assemblage of dedicated folks representing the governmental, non-profit and recycling communities in our area," continued Hughes. "They are now officially a non-profit organization."

Hughes, who is also a board member for CREAM, is working with the organization on the development of their educational programs. At this time, plans include for

students working at Clark College's help desk to be involved in developing and delivering curricula and training during the 2009-2010 academic year.

CREAM provides computers, education, job skills training and access to the Internet to those in need by reusing and marketing computers diverted from the waste stream.



(from left) Computer technology instructor William Hafer, Steve Rusk of the Salvation Army, and former CREAM volunteer and Clark Computing Services employee Steve Stryker.

## DICK AND OSWALD'S EXCELLENT AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE



This is the story of a passionate professor and a plucky penguin who believe in reaching for the stars.

Clark physics professor Dick Shamrell and his companion Oswald began their journey in Vancouver, Washington. They travelled together to Australia where, as Shamrell noted, they saw “our Milky Way and other celestial formations from ‘Down Under’—a different view from the stars in our northern hemisphere.”

The story of Dick and Oswald’s excellent Australian adventure was the focus of the final Clark College Faculty Speaker Series event of the 2008-2009 academic year. On May 6, Dick and Oswald greeted a standing-room-only crowd in (where else) the Penguin Student Lounge. They shared pictures and memories from their journey as well as images of planets, stars and galaxies. Shamrell noted that stars “are both scientific and cultural ambassadors.”

Shamrell, who was named one of the college’s Exceptional Faculty Award honorees in 2005, noted that 2009 is the “International Year of Astronomy” marking “the 400th anniversary of using a telescope to magnify the moon, planets and stars beyond what the eye can see.”

In 1609, Galileo first turned a telescope on the skies in a systematic way, revolutionizing man’s view of the world and the universe, and beginning modern astronomy. In 2009, telescopes at Clark College were turned to the skies following Shamrell’s presentation. Despite cold temperatures and drizzle, passionate astronomers gathered near the Chime Tower to look up at the moon and stars.

The Faculty Speaker Series, established by Clark College with support from the Clark College Foundation, honors individual



Top left: Clark College physics professor Dick Shamrell was the final presenter in the 2008-2009 Faculty Speaker Series. His presentation, “Dick and Oswald’s excellent Australian adventure,” was held Wednesday, May 6. Above: Following the presentation, Shamrell invited attendees to the lawns on Clark College’s main campus to view the stars through the college’s telescopes. Below: Dr. Gothard Grey (right), physics professor and division chair at Clark College, joined Dick, Oswald and friends as they looked through telescopes to learn about planets and stars.



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. Throughout the series, faculty members share their developmental experiences with the college community—and members of the community at large—while addressing some of today’s most intriguing issues.

Applications for the Faculty Speaker Series are accepted on an ongoing basis. The application form is available online at <http://www.clark.edu/tlc/tlcSpeakerSeries.php>. Selections for the 2009-2010 series will be announced in the fall.



## CALIFORNIA POETS VENTURE NORTH, VISIT CLARK COLLEGE



Poets Michael Rothenberg (seated, left) and David Meltzer (seated, right) visited Clark College on May 14 as part of the Columbia Writers Series. They are pictured with series director and English professor Jim Finley (standing, left) and event co-coordinator and English instructor Christopher Luna (standing, right).

Poets David Meltzer and Michael Rothenberg visited Clark College on Thursday, May 14 during the spring 2009 installment of the college's ongoing Columbia Writers Series.

Their presentation, entitled "ROCKPILE ON THE ROAD: Collaboration and the Troubadour Tradition in the 21st Century," included readings from their various works of poetry and dialogue with members of the audience. Among the topics of discussion were the concept of collaboration in the creation of art, the difference between poetry and lyrics, and the influence of mentors and relationships within the poetry community. Meltzer and Rothenberg also discussed their upcoming eight-week tour of the United States, entitled "ROCKPILE ON THE ROAD," in which they will travel city-to-city to create works of poetry and writing, which will then be performed with local musical artists.

Meltzer is recognized as a leading poet of the Beat Movement. He has published more than 30 poetry books, performed musically and edited publications of poetry and music. Rothenberg is a poet, songwriter and editor who studied and earned his master's degree under David Meltzer. He is currently co-editor of both *Big Bridge* webzine and *Jack Magazine*.

The Columbia Writers Series has been a part of Clark College since 1988, bringing local, national and international authors to the college throughout the year. English professor Jim Finley is the third and current director of the program, following colleagues Donald Erskine and Gerard Smith.

"The Columbia Writers Series is designed to bring writers—whether they are fiction or nonfiction writers, poets, playwrights, or screenwriters—to the college," said Finley. "We not only bring diverse voices to campus, but we recognize the work of Clark's own faculty authors as well."

"Having a strong writers' series enriches the life of any college," said Finley. "Part of the mission of any college is to provide a culture where literature and the arts have a place in our lives—and to recognize that it's not just ornamentation, but that people make their living doing this work."

Writers who have visited Clark College through the series include Ursula Le Guin, Donald Justice, Sherman Alexie, Marvin Bell, William Stafford, Jamaica Kinkaid, Roy Blount Jr., Gerald Stern, Carolyn Forshé, Diane Wakoski, Monica Drake and retired Clark faculty member Larry Weirather.



## AWARD RECOGNIZING STAFF EXCELLENCE PRESENTED



The 2009 Winter Quarter Classified recognition award was presented May 13 during a reception honoring the nominees:

- JONATHAN FLICK, Security;
- TAHNYA HUNEIDI, Communications and Marketing;
- KARL JOHNSTON, Grounds;
- JENNIFER LEA, Business;
- DENISE ROTELLINI, English;
- BRENDA SHULAR & ESPERANZA DEMARCO, Purchasing;  
and
- SHERRY SMITH, STEM.

Clark College President Bob Knight and Clark College Foundation President Lisa Gibert presented the Winter Quarter award to Denise Rotellini, secretary senior in the English department.

Denise serves thousands of students each quarter and supports 17 full-time faculty and 53 adjunct faculty. She has improved the efficiency of the English department by assisting with the quarterly schedule as well as maintaining accurate and updated course materials, meeting minutes, and faculty office hours. Denise created the current system for assigning full-time faculty to classes, developed a smooth-running faculty evaluation process and anticipates needs to avoid last minute emergencies.

President Knight congratulated Denise and all the nominees for the winter quarter award. He also thanked each member of the college's classified staff, noting "I appreciate all you do for Clark College...you are the backbone of the college." He also thanked the classified staff who have taken on additional work and responsibilities as positions went unfilled during this year's budget reduction, recognizing "the extra blood, sweat and tears" that employees have given in support of the college and its students.

The Quarterly Classified Award, established in 2005, recognizes classified staff who have demonstrated exemplary work performance, outstanding customer service, a positive and cooperative spirit, and/or special achievements or contributions to the college community. The award is offered by the college in partnership with the Clark College Foundation.



Above: Winter Quarter 2009 Classified Award recipient Denise Rotellini (left) receives congratulations from Clark College President Bob Knight (center, whose hair had been colored blue as part of the Healthy Penguin Nation initiative celebration earlier in the day), and Clark College Foundation President Lisa Gibert (right).

Left: Nominees for the Winter Quarter 2009 Classified Award were: (back row, from left) Brenda Shular, Esperanza Demarco, Tahnya Huneidi, Jonathan Flick, (front row, from left) Denise Rotellini, Karl Johnston and Jennifer Lea.

## PRESIDENT KNIGHT SHOWS HE'S "TRUE BLUE" FOR BEING A HEALTHY PENGUIN



Left: Clark College President Bob Knight prepares for a healthy dose of blue hair gel, applied by his wife, Paula, in recognition of the Healthy Penguin Nation (HPN) initiative reaching its goal of 750 Penguin Points cards. Center: (from left) Paula Knight, President Bob Knight, health services officer and HPN co-chair Mary Deal, health and physical education professor and HPN co-chair Veronica Brock. Right: President Knight shows he's "true blue" for healthy lifestyles among members of the Clark community. Below: Just some of the more than 60 members of the college community who participated in the Penguin Destinations fitness incentive program, which ran January – May of this year.

In honor of reaching its goal of 750 Penguin Points cards, the Healthy Penguin Nation initiative celebrated by holding Clark College President Bob Knight to his promise to color his hair blue.

Concluding both the Penguin Points and Penguin Destinations fitness incentive programs, the celebration was held Wednesday, May 13 in the O'Connell Sports Center. Members of the college community gathered in the lobby to watch as President Knight upheld his promise, donning blue hair for the event (and the remainder of the day).

Participants in the Penguin Destinations fitness incentive program received the first Healthy Penguin Nation tee-shirts to be distributed. Memberships to the fitness center, a Bod Pod analysis, and Clark College mugs courtesy the Clark College Bookstore were awarded in drawings from among those who participated in the Penguin Points and Penguin Destinations programs.

"Congratulations to all of the students, staff and faculty who

made a commitment to their health, one Penguin Point at a time," said health and physical education professor and HPN co-chair Veronica Brock. "The variety of entries/items on the cards showed that we are making a multitude of choices every day that positively impact the different dimensions of wellness."

"The people who completed the Penguin Destinations fitness program accomplished quite a task," continued Brock. "Achieving the goal of 75 workouts between January and May meant making a commitment to being consistent. I hope they wear their t-shirts proudly."

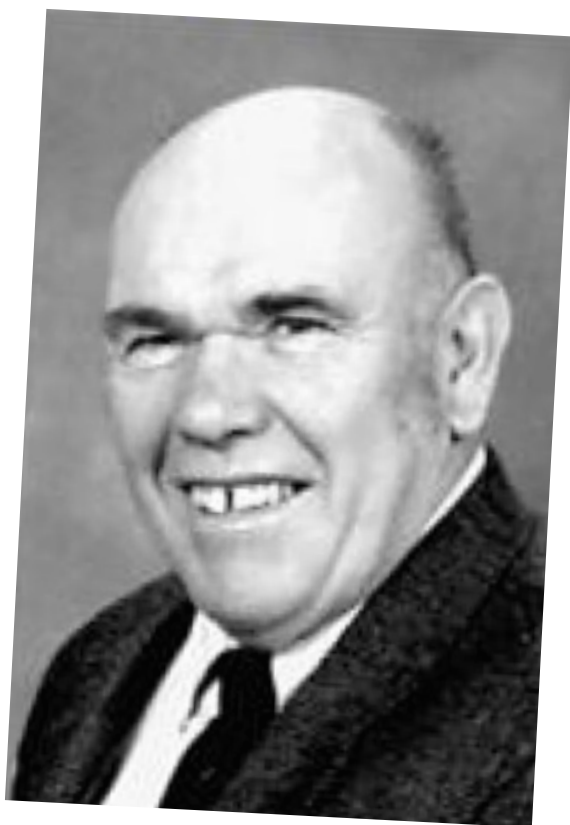
The next step for the Healthy Penguin Nation is to offer an individualized course entitled, "The Biggest Loser—of Bad Health Habits," which will begin fall quarter 2009.

Clark's Healthy Penguin Nation initiative recently received a special recognition from the Clark County Board of Health for promoting good health through comprehensive strategies.





## IN MEMORIAM: NORB FEMLING



Emeritus employee Norb Femling passed away on Monday, March 30, 2009, at his home.

Norb was born September 9, 1928, in Vancouver. He was a long-time maintenance mechanic at Clark College and retired in 1989. He and his wife, Eleanor, who passed away last fall, were great supporters of Clark College.

A memorial service was held May 9, 2009.



# A new millennium



*Phoenix, the annual student art and literary publication of Clark College, earns praise and national awards.*

*This year, Clark College celebrates its 75th anniversary. Each month, Clark 24/7 has featured a look back at the college through the decades. We conclude the series with a look at our current decade: the 2000s.*

Capturing history accurately requires perspective—and that usually means time.

When writer Tricia Jones was doing research for a commemorative book for the college's 75th anniversary, she acknowledged that writing about the current decade was her most challenging assignment. In the end, she focused on growth and change as the themes for the chapter about Clark College in the new millennium.

At Clark, changing times have meant growth with new programs (such as medical radiography), new buildings and more students. In 2005, Clark College at WSU Vancouver opened its doors, home to the college's nursing program and general education classes. In 2006, the Clark College Teaching and Learning Center was launched and the Clark College Welcome Center began offering new students information on admissions, registration, college visits and other facets of college life, all in one convenient location.

# A new millennium

New programs and apprenticeships have helped the college respond to the needs of employees and employers who are competing in the global economy. In addition, new partnerships were formed with FranklinCovey, Achieve Global, DDI and The Ken Blanchard Companies, expanding Clark's ability to offer world-class training in Southwest Washington.

In 2006, eLearning took flight at the home of the Penguin Nation. The Clark eLearning program became one of the largest in the state, providing classes via the Internet and multimedia formats. The college also expanded its classes in adult literacy and English as a Second Language (ESL).

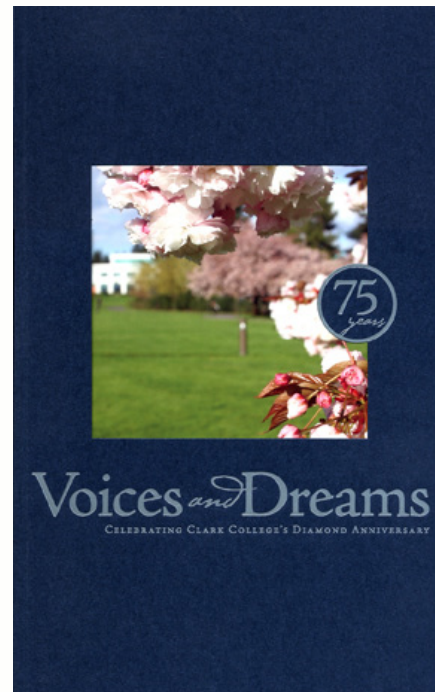
During 2007-2008, the O'Connell Sports Center was renovated and central Gaiser Hall was demolished to make way for a beautiful new facility that houses the Clark College Bookstore, financial aid office, the career center and other student services. In 2007, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for Clark College at Columbia Tech Center, which will open in fall 2009. Its dedication will take place on October 1, 2009—the college's 76th anniversary.

Ironically, the college's 75th anniversary celebration has taken place during the most challenging economic times since the Great Depression, when the college was founded.

Still, on the verge of yet another decade, Clark College has many reasons to shine during its diamond anniversary. And it's important to remember that what's truly being celebrated is 75 years of student success.

President Bob Knight points out that the college is poised to accomplish extraordinary things in the future. "In partnership with the Clark College Foundation, we're expanding our facilities and programs, and we're providing more opportunities and support for our students," Knight says. "I really believe that the next 75 years at Clark College will be even more exciting than the first 75."

So stay tuned—our centennial is just around the corner.



**"Voice and Dreams: Celebrating College's Diamond Anniversary" was made possible through the generous support of an anonymous donor. The commemorative book chronicles Clark's history through interviews with students, faculty and staff members from across the decades. It also celebrates important dates in Clark College history, the people for whom the college's buildings are named, and the history of the college's penguin mascot, Oswald. The book is available at the Clark College Bookstore. Sales will continue through the end of this academic year. Proceeds benefit the Clark College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.**

# 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 Gaiser Hall Rm. 137.)

## MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY:

### CREATING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Monday, May 18, 2009

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Penguin Student Lounge (PUB 161)

### INTERVIEW SKILLS

Monday, May 18, 2009

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

GHL 214

## WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE ADULT DEGREE

### PROGRAM INFORMATION TABLE

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gaiser Hall, Main Level Concourse

### STRESS MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

GHL 213

### SAVORING EXCELLENCE

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

## ASCC: FEMALE "O" PROGRAM

Friday, May 22, 2009

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

## CAREER CENTER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

GHL 108

## SERVICE-LEARNING RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Thursday, May 28, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Penguin Student Lounge (PUB 161)

## ASCC: OSWALD AWARDS

Thursday, May 28, 2009

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

## MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY: WHEN HELPING IS HURTING

Monday, June 1, 2009

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Penguin Student Lounge (PUB 161)

## ALUMNI-STUDENT DINNER

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

## ASCC: BREAKFAST AND CARTOONS

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Penguin Student Lounge (PUB 161)

## CO-OP INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

GHL 213

## THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE INFORMATION TABLE

Thursday, June 4, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gaiser Hall, Main Level Concourse

## TEST ANXIETY

Thursday, June 4, 2009

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

GHL 213

## PRESIDENT'S OPEN DIALOGUE

Friday, June 5, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Penguin Student Lounge (PUB 161)

## THIRD ANNUAL CLARK JAZZ NIGHT

Friday, June 5, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Gaiser Hall Student Center

## ORCHESTRA PRESENTS CATALONIA

Sunday, June 7, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Royal Durst Theatre,  
Vancouver School of Arts & Academics



## 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 May 20, 2009.



# FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

## RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION EARLY NOTIFICATION STIPEND

To assure sufficient time for an effective search for a replacement, the college will provide a one-time stipend to faculty in probationary or tenured positions who provide notification to the college by October 1 prior to the calendar year of retirement or resignation.

Probationary or tenured faculty who have at least ten (10) years of service, including temporary, special programs, probationary and tenured faculty appointments, as of their last date of employment, will receive a \$5,000 stipend; probationary or tenured faculty with less than ten (10) years of service as of their last date of employment will receive a \$3,000 stipend.

To qualify for this payment, the President must receive signed, written notification from the faculty member, including the last date of employment.

## 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, 360-992-2381.

## WELCOME NEW CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE

*Alison Dolder* was appointed to the part-time (80%) permanent 10-month classified position as instruction and classroom support technician 2 in Baking effective May 1, 2009. Alison attended Clackamas Community College and Clark College and has previous work experience with Pearl Bakery, Jean's Pastry Shop, Gap Mountain Breads, Franklin Pierce College, Barbara's Cake Emporium, I.G.A. Bakery, and Clark College.



## OPEN POSITIONS

### NURSING INSTRUCTOR:

One-year full time temporary position.  
Closing date: May 20, 2009.

### JOURNALISM INSTRUCTOR:

One-year full-time temporary position.  
Closing date: May 28, 2009.

### PROGRAM SPECIALIST 2:

Full-time permanent position in Financial Aid.  
Closing date: May 26, 2009.

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