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Snow fell on campus on Wednesday, February 16, and the students made the best of it.

China Express

Winter Faculty Speaker Series covers China-U.S. relations

On Tuesday, February 8, Clark College economics professor James M. Craven/Omahkohkiaaiipooyii shared insights from his teaching experiences in China as part of Clark's 2010-2011 Faculty Speaker Series.

The event, which was free and open to the public, was titled "Bridging Cultural Ties and Understanding: International Education Within and from China." It was held in the Penguin Union Building.

Craven/Omahkohkiaaiipooyii is a consulting and visiting professor of economics at Tsinghua University in Beijing and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, where he serves on the editorial board of the journal "International Critical Thought." He was last in China in 2010. He had advice for anyone in the audience thinking of visiting China: "Before you go, steep yourself in some of the Chinese classics—the works of Lao Tzu, of Sun Tzu."

Craven/Omahkohkiaaiipooyii returned frequently to the central theme of his lecture, which was that Americans had at least as much to learn from China as the Chinese did from America. He pointed out that currently, 140,000 Chinese students are studying in the United States, while only about 14,000 American students are studying in China. "There's education that's possible here, but it has to go both ways," he said.

Craven, a dual U.S. and Canadian citizen, is a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Blackfoot Nation. His Blackfoot name is Omahkohkiaaiipooyii. For more than 30 years, he has taught economics, geography and ethnology from undergraduate to post-doctoral levels. He has taught in the United States, Europe, India, Puerto Rico, Canada and parts of Asia. In addition to English, he



speaks six languages and is currently learning Mandarin Chinese. He has been featured in various Marquis "Who's Who" publications including "The World"; "America"; "The West"; "Science and Engineering"; "Finance and Industry"; and "American Education."

Meeting with members of the Government of China as well as leading Chinese educators, Craven/Omahkohkiaaiipooyii has participated in discussions related to international education, national minorities in China, and U.S.-China relations. Additionally, he has been a guest lecturer at Yunnan University in the province of Yunnan and at the Minzu University of China. Located in Beijing, Minzu University has been described as the most prestigious of China's 13 "minzu," or "nationalities" institutions, serving students from minority groups. Founded in 1911, Tsinghua University, China's second oldest and largest university, is considered by many to be the premier sciences university in the country. Its graduates include many members of China's current leadership.

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

Past Imperfect

A writer explores her family's hidden history

When Bibi Gaston's father passed away about five years ago, she wanted to find an appropriate place to spread his ashes. Eventually, the landscape architect decided to travel from her home in The Dalles, Oregon, to a sweeping estate in Pennsylvania that her father had visited with her and that she vaguely knew had some loose connection to her family. Afterward, she went to her aunt and uncle's house to spend the night. When she awoke, there was a box at the end of her bed. In it, she discovered more than 1,500 pages of letters and diary entries that had belonged to her grandmother, Rosamond Gaston, about whom Bibi Gaston knew very little.

"I started reading, and I quickly realized, 'Oh my God, there's 'Eleanor'—and that means Eleanor Roosevelt!'" Gaston said during her appearance in Clark College's Columbia Writers Series in Foster Auditorium on Tuesday, February 15. "There's 'Franklin,' and it's Franklin Roosevelt."

The more Gaston researched her grandmother, the more she found herself fascinated by her ancestor's glamorous and ultimately tragic life. Born into one of the country's most illustrious political families and dubbed "the loveliest woman in America" at



English professor and Columbia Writers Series director James Finley welcomes author Bibi Gaston to Clark College.

age 23, Rosamond Pinchot was an acclaimed actress, socialite, and sportswoman. For much of the 1920s and 1930s, she was the toast of Broadway and Hollywood.

Yet despite Rosamond's accomplishments and fame, Gaston had been told virtually nothing about her by her father, nor anything about Rosamond's suicide at the age of 33. Only with her father's death did Gaston begin to learn about her illustrious family history. (That palatial estate in Pennsylvania? It was her great-uncle's home.)

"It's a great lesson to all of us to ask our questions while our parents are still alive," Gaston said.

The results of Gaston's research became *The Loveliest Woman in America: A Tragic Actress, Her Lost Diaries, and Her Granddaughter's Search for Home*, which was a finalist for the 2009 Oregon

Book Awards and is currently being reprinted in paperback by Harper Collins.

Gaston spoke about her grandmother's glamorous and tempestuous life, illustrating her narrative with family photos, some of which included some of the most famous politicians, directors, and actors of Rosamond's time. "It's a microcosm of the journey of our country," Gaston said of her book. "Here was this family with incredible wealth and gifts, and it just crumbled."

Gaston is currently working on a second book, this one based on retracing her parents' travels through Morocco.



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

Pressing for Diversity

Speaker encourages audience to celebrate Black History Month all year long

“The more you learn about diversity and get educated around it, the more people will feel like they belong here,” said education and diversity consultant Eric Davis, who teaches Sociology and Ethnic Studies at Bellevue College and other institutions in Washington. He was addressing students in the Penguin Student Lounge on Thursday, February 10, as part of the college’s observance of Black History Month.

Davis recounted his own difficult entry into college, when he overheard his white dormmates casually using racial epithets. He then engaged attendees in a spirited discussion of racial stereotypes before inviting them to the front of the room for a demonstration of the mechanics of oppression, which prompted even more discussion from students. After a brief question-and-answer period, he ended the presentation by encouraging attendees to “use this as a launching pad to understand more, read more, learn more.”



Eric Davis conducted an exercise to show “what oppression feels like.”



Afterward, students came up to Davis to thank him for his presentation and ask him questions.

Let's Get Technical

STEM Fair brings innovation and career advice to Clark College

On Tuesday, February 8, Clark College hosted a career fair for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), the first such fair for the college. Numerous local institutions were invited to set up tables in Gaiser Student Center offering career information, including NW Natural, Aerotek, Bonneville Power Administration, and LSW Architects. Students roamed the tables, asking questions and learning about career options.

“A lot of them still don’t know what STEM stands for,” said Suzanne Thayer, program manager of Career Services, which helped organize the event. “It’s a new terminology. But we want to show them what steps they need to take to find careers in these industries, to answer the question, ‘Why do I have to take math, anyway?’”

For the answer to that question, all students needed to do was to walk over to the Penguin Student Lounge, where a “Women in STEM” panel discussion took place from noon to 1 p.m. The four panelists—Terra Heilman, waste reduction specialist for Waste Connections, Inc.; Jennifer E. Kyle, a post-doctoral fellow in astrobiology at NASA; Tammy Mackey, fisheries biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Laura Sauermilch of the Washington Department of Ecology—all benefited from their study of STEM subjects.

Some of the panelists experienced skepticism because they were going into what weren’t traditionally considered “female” fields. Sauermilch recalled a high school guidance counselor who told her, “You’re good at science, why don’t you go be a nurse or a teacher?”

Instead, Sauermilch went on to become a first responder to hazardous spills for the Washington Department of Ecology—in fact, she had been overseeing



Top: One of the exhibitors from Bonneville Power talks about STEM careers in the power field. Bottom: A student receives career information at the STEM Fair.



Left to right, panelists Jennifer Kyle, Tammy Mackey, Terra Heilman, and Laura Sauermilch spoke at a “Women in STEM” discussion moderated by Clark College STEM Coordinator Erin Harwood. Bottom right: Advising Director Andrew Long and Career Services Director Edie Blakley.

cleanup on the shipwrecked *Davy Crockett* when Heilman (who runs a monthly environmental networking event with Sauermilch called Green Drinks) picked her up to attend the panel discussion. “I’m the first pregnant spill responder in the history of the Washington Department of Ecology,” said Sauermilch. “They had to write a whole new set of policies for me.”

Jennifer Kyle’s love of science has also put her in some unusual circumstances. Having studied both veterinary medicine and geology, she became a perfect candidate for studying how organisms manage to survive in inhospitable regions—and using that research to theorize on how life might form on other planets for NASA. She has visited a volcano in Russia, an acidic river in Spain, and hydrothermal vents in California.

“My advice to you is if you have an idea, something you really want to research—do it,” Kyle said. “That interest will help you make it happen.”



Pull, Pedal, Pitter-Patter

Clark College Fitness Center invites you to join the Spring Triathlon

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to get in better shape, the Clark College Fitness Center has a way to keep you focused on that goal: join this year's fitness incentive program and complete the Pull, Pedal, Pitter-Patter Indoor Triathlon. The event itself will take place the third and fourth week of spring quarter (Monday, April 18, 2011, to Friday, April 29, 2011).

Participants (which can include any member of the Fitness Center—student, staff, or faculty) may sign up in person at the Fitness Center (OSC 138) or e-mail the Fitness Center managers Vonie Kalich at vkalich@clark.edu or Steve DaMassa at sdamassa@clark.edu.

The official start date for training was set for Tuesday, January 18, but Fitness Center staff say participants can join anytime during winter quarter.

TRIATHLON EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1500-meter row

Five-mile stationary bike

Three-mile run/walk

Awards will be given for the men's, women's, and individual event divisions. Participation in the triathlon is free with membership to the Fitness Center, and the center's staff is available to help create training plans and offer advice.



I am Iron Penguin! Oswald gets ready to compete in the Clark College Indoor Triathlon.

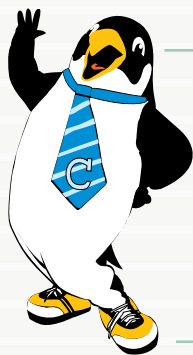
Cultured Cupid

ASCC hosts a Valentine's Day event

On Wednesday, February 9, students gathered in the Penguin Student Lounge to eat snacks, win prizes, and learn about love—or at least about Valentine's Day. International students described the way their countries celebrate the holiday. Joyce Im, *right*, said that in Japan it was customary for women to give chocolate to men.



ASCC member and event organizer Adrian Mendez left, hands out prizes for the giveaways that included books and candy.



Penguin Patter

News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!

COMMUNICATING SUCCESS

Let's hear it for the Clark College Communication Studies Department, which was awarded the 2011 Western States Model Communication Program Award of the Western States Communication Association (WSCA). The award was presented during the 2011 WSCA Convention, which was held in Monterey, Calif., from February 18-22.

DECEMBER'S STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

They are leaders on and off the basketball court. Now, student athletes Derek Owens and Deborah Simmers have been honored as the December 2010 "Athletes of the Month" at Clark College.

Derek Owens came to Clark College from Tempe, Ariz., where he scored 19 points as he led his team at McClintock High School to a victory in the first round of the 2010 state championships. "His poise and playmaking ability have helped the Penguins get off to a 7-4 start this season," said Head Coach Mike Arnold, "and his 4.5 assists per game place him seventh on the NWAACC leader board for assists."

Arnold added that he expected Owens "to continue his leadership role as the season progresses and to demonstrate to his teammates what it takes to win a championship."

Owens also excels in the classroom. During fall quarter, he earned a 3.88 grade point average (GPA), placing him on the honor roll of Clark's Vice President of Instruction.



Deborah Simmers came to Clark College from Anchorage Christian in Anchorage, Alaska. "Deb's game-high 29 points propelled Clark to a 2-1 start in Western Division," said Head coach Nancy Boone. "She has exploded onto the scene as a true freshman. Her aggressive and athletic play has allowed her to average 14 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2.6 steals over her first 11 games as a Penguin."

Boone also commends Simmers for her work ethic on the court and in the classroom. During fall quarter, Simmers took 17 credits and finished with a 3.0 GPA. "She is the model athlete, student, and citizen that Clark College aspires to recruit," said Boone.

The Student Athlete of the Month program recognizes both the academic and athletic achievements of Clark's student athletes. Two recipients are selected each month by a committee that includes Clark College coaches, athletic department personnel, and fellow students. Each honoree receives a jacket with his or her name engraved on it. The jackets are provided by Les Schwab through its support of the Student Athlete of the Month program, in partnership with Clark's Penguin Athletic Club and the Clark College Foundation.

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PENGUIN PRIDE



Left to right, Monica Wilson, John Maduta, Lyn-Mara Eggleston, Kate Constable, and Rosalba Pitkin.

At the Student Affairs quarterly meeting on Friday, February 11, five outstanding employees were recognized with the department's Proud Penguin Award for going "above and beyond" a typical interaction's level of service: John Maduta and Kate Constable from Advising, Rosalba Pitkin and Lyn-Mara Eggleston from Admissions, and Monica Wilson from Registration.

Kate Constable, a retention specialist at Clark College, was awarded the Proud Penguin award for consistently providing levels of excellence to students and colleagues.

Lyn-Mara Eggleston was selected for a Penguin Pride award acknowledging her outstanding commitment to service within the Admissions office, and for patience, enthusiasm and positive outlook that she brings to her work each day.

Rosalba Pitkin was nominated by a colleague at TPC. She was recognized for her commitments to ESL students and helping them transition to main campus.

John Maduta was nominated by a Clark student and was recognized for his outstanding commitment and service in the Advising Department.

Monica Wilson was nominated for the Proud Penguin award by several of her peers. As one of only two full-time people in the Registration Office, she continually steps up and provides leadership and innovation. She sets a great example at the front counter when working with students and prides herself on giving accurate information at all times.

A TREE GROWS AT CLARK COLLEGE

Facilities Services personnel with student volunteers planted a new holiday tree on campus on February 4. The tree replaces the recently removed tree that had been used in the past as the holiday tree. The new tree is a balsam fir, *Abies balsamea*, a medium-sized tree generally reaching 40-60 feet in height and 1 to 1.5 feet in diameter. It exhibits a relatively dense, dark-green, pyramidal crown with a slender spire-like tip. As a Christmas tree, balsam fir has several desirable properties: it has a dark-green appearance, long-lasting needles, and attractive form. It also retains its pleasing fragrance.



Upcoming Events

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College website: 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 192.102.5.20 (video phone), or visit Gaiser Hall Room 137.)

PRESIDENT'S OPEN DIALOGUE

Tuesday, February 22, 2011
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PUB 161

ASCC SWING DANCE

Wednesday, February 23, 2011
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Gaiser Student Center

BASKETBALL GAMES

Wednesday, February 23, 2011
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
NWAACC Conference games vs. Tacoma Community College. Women's game starts at 6:00 p.m., men's at 8:00 p.m.
Tacoma Community College
Tacoma, WA

30 CLICKS: iPad EXPERIENCE

Thursday, February 24, 2011
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
LIB103

PENGUINS IN THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Friday, February 25, 2011
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Meet in front of PUB 161 for transportation to Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center.
PUB 161

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Fridays & Saturdays, February 25-26 and March 4-5, 2011 and Thursday, March 3
Time varies

Visit www.clark.edu/cc/theater for more information.

Gaiser Student Center

BASKETBALL GAMES

Saturday, February 26, 2011
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
NWAACC Conference home games vs. Pierce College. Women's game starts at 3:00 p.m., men's at 5:00 p.m.
O'Connell Sports Center

EMPLOYER SPEAKER PANEL: MECHATRONICS

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
CTC 208

ASCC DINNER IN DARKNESS

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
PUB 161

WOMEN IN HISTORY

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Clark students, staff, and faculty re-enact famous women from history.
Decker Theatre

ASCC FLOETRY POETRY

Thursday, March 3, 2011
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
PUB 161

NWAACC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 4, 2011 - Sunday, March 6, 2011
Pasco
Men's and Women's NWAACC Championship Tournament. See complete details at www.nwaacc.org.
Toyota Center
Pasco, WA

PENGUINS IN THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EVENT

Friday, March 4, 2011
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Meet in front of PUB 161 for transportation to Hazel Dell Community Garden.
PUB 161

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Saturday, March 5, 2011
Blue Mountain Community College
Pendleton, OR

MEN'S BASEBALL GAME

Saturday, March 5, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Double-header. This is the first intercollegiate baseball game played by the Penguins since 1992.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Pendleton, OR
Women's Softball Game at Blue Mountain CC
Sunday, March 06, 2011
Pendleton, OR

MEN'S BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, March 6, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Double-header.
Walla Walla Community College
Walla Walla, WA

PLUS—SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS:

CLARK COLLEGE ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
Held at the Vancouver School for the Arts and Sciences, this concert features the theme "Fairy Tales and Legends" and performance by Antonio DiCristofano, piano soloist from Italy.

A CHORAL CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 12, 2011
This concert, to be held at Prairie High School, features Clark College Chorale, Northwest Repertory Singers of Tacoma, and Prairie High School Select Ensemble. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public.



WPEA/ UFCW Meeting Schedule

WPEA Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at 12:00 p.m. in SHL 214.

From the HR Department

SAVE ON GAS—TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 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.

For information about the C-Tran/Clark College bus pass program click on: http://intranet.clark.edu/department_information/human_resources/c-tran_bus_program.doc

To sign up for the Commute Trip Reduction program feature that meets your commuting needs, call Laura Elwood-Klein in Human Resources, X2381.

OPEN POSTITIONS

DIRECTOR OF ALLIED HEALTH:

Full-time administrative position.
Closing date: January 12, 2011.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NWAACC:

Closing date: February 28, 2011

TENURE TRACK FACULTY POSITIONS:

Anthropology Instructor Closing date: March 18, 2011

Biology Instructor Closing date: February 25, 2011

Business Technology Medical Office Instructor

Closing date: March 8, 2011

Chemistry Instructors (2 positions)

Closing date: February 25, 2011

Communications Studies Instructor

Closing date: March 1, 2011

Computer Technology Instructor

Closing date: March 8, 2011

DNET Instructor Closing date: March 4, 2011

Drama Instructor Closing date: March 18, 2011

English Instructor Closing date: March 1, 2011

Health Instructor Closing date: March 18, 2011

Mathematics Instructor Closing date: February 25, 2011

Nursing Instructors – Medical Surgical (2 positions)

Closing date: February 22, 2011

Psychology Instructor Closing date: April 22, 2011

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR:

Full-time, temporary instructor.
Closing date: February 25, 2011

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