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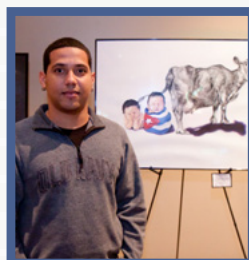
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Cover: On November 19, more than 270 young students from 18 different schools were guided to 6 different events on Clark's campus for the fourth annual Elementary Science Olympiad.

Making Spirits Bright

Holiday reception spreads cheer during a tough winter

Clark College employees gathered in Gaiser Student Center on the afternoon of December 1 to enjoy a buffet of holiday nibbles and celebrate the season at the annual Holiday Reception made possible by the Clark College Foundation. President Bob Knight made a short speech thanking the gathered employees for their hard work and resilience, especially when faced with looming budget cuts from the state. Associate Vice President of Human Resources Darcy Rourk echoed Knight's sentiments, adding that she hoped employees would take some time during the winter holidays to relax and enjoy time with their family and loved ones.

Rourk also announced the nominees and winner of the Fall 2011 Quarterly Classified Recognition Award. The nominees were:

- Alan Logston, *Information Technology*
- Pavel Popov, *Cannell Library*
- Tanya Potter, *Financial Aid*
- Billie Trimbo, *Family Life Parent/Child*
- Jennifer Shadley, *Communications & Marketing*
- Torry Schreiner, *Information Technology*
- Judy Schilz, *Culinary Arts & Mechanical Technology*
- Ermiyas Weldu, *Admission*

The award was presented to Financial Aid Program Specialist Tanya Potter. Her nominator said, "Tanya has established herself as an advisor to be trusted. There is a constant flow of students coming to her for help and advice. If she isn't available, we offer to have them see someone else, but that will never do! They only want to see Tanya."



Survey Says...

Clark College prepares to survey students' satisfaction levels

Did you know that more than 80 percent of our students reported that Clark College was their first choice in higher education? In 2010, most students (80 percent) were satisfied with their experiences at Clark College and 85 percent said they would enroll at Clark College, if they had to do it all over again.

More than 70 percent of Clark College students reported in 2010 that they believe faculty care about them individually; this is especially important to monitor because research shows that one key factor associated with retention is the positive relationship between students and faculty, especially during the students' first year.

So how do students today feel about Clark College? It's time to find out by once again measuring students' perceptions of their experiences here. This information is important in measuring Clark's progress toward fulfilling the Strategic Plan, improving retention, and many other initiatives across the college. Already Clark has improved retention efforts (for example, by

implementing the academic early warning system) and advising (through design and implementation of the advising plan), informed by students' perceptions as measured by the Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory. The college will be seeing more of these results as they are integrated into its college-level continuous improvement processes.

The survey will be administered during class time to approximately 4,000 students in early February 2012. More than 200 classes will be randomly selected for the survey, including online classes. The selection of classes is designed to provide a balance of class times (morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend); type (career, technical, and academic); level (pre-college, 100- and 200-level); delivery mode; and campus.

The Office of Planning and Effectiveness will be contacting those instructors selected for participation in December. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Maxwell (smaxwell@clark.edu or ext. 2506) or Shanda Diehl (sdiehl@clark.edu or ext. 2421) in the Office of Planning and Effectiveness.



It's Elementary

Hundreds of elementary school students test the laws of physics during Clark College's Science Olympiad

Clark College was full of test tubes and calculators on Saturday, November 19, as it hosted its fourth annual Elementary Science Olympiad Tournament. Approximately 270 students from third through fifth grades competed on 19 teams from 18 different schools in seven different Clark County districts. The tournament included five different events: Bamboozling Boxes, Metric Mastery, Barges, Paper Rockets, and Pondering Powders. More than 75 volunteers from across the Clark College community, including faculty, staff, and students, provided outstanding assistance for the event. Faculty and staff volunteers included: Tina Barsotti, Daniel Cascaddan, Paul Casillas, Diana Coatney, Darci Feider, Karina Gress, Jonnie Hattershide, Carol Hsu, Susan Mangin, Helen Martin, Barbara Miller, April Mixon, Renee Murakami, Pat Sevier and Ruth Trejo. Many Clark College students also helped with the event.

Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, creating a passion for learning science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. Clark College is a key participant in these goals by partnering with the Southwest Washington Science Olympiad to host the only elementary-age tournament in Washington state.





Previous page: Students from South Ridge Elementary ponder powders; Chemistry instructor Ruth Trejo, *center in blue shirt*, with Olympiad volunteers, many of them Clark students. This page, clockwise from top right: Students from Tuke Valley test their paper rockets; a volunteer helps guide participants around the campus; students from Battle Ground's CAM make some educated guesses in Bamboozling Boxes; Engineering instructor Carol Hsu, *far right*, counts out pennies as they are loaded on barges made from zip-lock bags, popsicle sticks, tape and pipe cleaners.

Around the World in Five Days

International Education Week highlights global citizenship

Clark College recognized International Education Week (IEW) November 14 to 18 with a series of films, lectures, presentations and entertainment highlighting this year's theme, "Perspectives on Global Citizenship." According to Interim Manager of International Programs Jody Shulnak, "the theme revealed itself as committee members began planning the events last summer."



Professor Michiyo Okuhara helps student Atsumi Miyata put on a kimono during a concert by The Slants.



Frank Sarria Heredia, ESL student at Town Plaza Center, recently moved to the U.S. from Cuba where he was a gallery curator and artist. He exhibited several pieces during International Education Week.

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It began in 2000 and is celebrated in more than 100 countries. Since 2006, Clark has joined with colleges, universities and other institutions across the nation and around the world to observe this annual event highlighting the benefits of international educational exchange programs. This year's events were organized by the Clark College Office of International Programs and Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. Additional support was provided by the College's Department of Developmental Education, English, Communications & Humanities.

Professor Katherine Sadler launched the week with a keynote address and panel discussion with Clark alumni Sarum Plork and Charla Boley, addressing both the importance and historical background of global citizenship. Statistics of genocide from around the world displayed overhead while panelists responded to questions from the audience, which largely focused on human rights issues and opportunities for involvement in the local community.



Clark Students Fanny Landerholm and Saveena Ahmed on campus in Chicoutimi, Quebec, for the World Languages Abroad in 2010.



President Knight, *far right*, chats with Clark Trustee Royce Pollard and SEH America Executive Vice President Tatsuo Ito after the Brown Bag Travel Exchange.



Students traveled abroad last summer with Professor Julian Nelson for Clark's "German Studies in Berlin" program.

As the week progressed, the topics ranged from serious issues of global injustice to lighthearted looks at international vacations.

Clark College President Bob Knight opened an hourlong presentation by a well-traveled group of staff members who shared their global experiences for business, pleasure or service in the last year. Students recounted their travels as part of Clark's World Languages Abroad program. International student Thao Nguyen spoke of her home country Vietnam and her experience at Clark as a student and coordinator for Service & Leadership in the Community. One day was dedicated to a series of documentary films about economic and social injustice throughout the world.

Additionally, the week included many chances to experience other cultures. Musical performances included the self-described "Chinatown dance rock" of The Slants (featuring Instruction Secretary Senior Tyler Chen) and acoustic guitar by singer-songwriter Parfait Bassale, a graduate student in conflict

resolution who hails from West Africa. An art exhibit by Frank Sarria, a Cuban native who studies English as a Second Language at Clark's Town Plaza Center, was on display one afternoon. Another exhibit, "Voices in Exile," featured the research completed by Shulnak for her master's project at Portland State University last spring.

Then there were the events that were not planned as part of International Education Week, but happened to coincide with the week and had international themes. The ASCC hosted a French cabaret with live music and dinner; it was organized by Cultural Events Coordinator Pierre Boissin, a second-year international student at Clark. The Cannell Library's 30 Clicks presentation by Nancy Hoover and Amy Lee focused on China's Fujian Province libraries. The French Club's French Films on Friday included a screening of *Molière*.

And, of course, there are countless classes that routinely address the theme of global citizenship—from History and Economics to Health Occupations and Automotive Technology. All of this points to the reality that international education is more than a weeklong series of events; at Clark, it occurs every day, all year long.

This quarter, 75 international students are enrolled at Clark College, representing 23 countries and a host of academic and career goals.



International student Rina Sakurai gives an origami lesson during International Education Week.



Students Conor Underwood, *left*, and Sherry Frost were on hand to offer information about the French Club and opportunities to study abroad.



International student Thao Nguyen joined her friend Rachel Smith after making a presentation about her cultural adjustments to academic life in the U.S.

Thought for Food

Town Plaza hosts food resource fair

Clark College at Town Plaza hosted its first Food Fair on Thursday, November 17, to help inform students about food resources in their communities. Growing Groceries Mentor Program, Culinary Arts Advising, and WSU Extension Master Gardeners provided information at the fair. Nutrition facts and tips were given by SeaMar Community Health Clinic and the ESL Nutrition and Food Service class. Upper-intermediate ESL students Yury Lastovsky and Oleg Koval shared tips on beekeeping and raising chickens. Students also donated canned goods to the Vancouver nonprofit Share and decorated holiday greetings for Loaves and Fishes at the Firstenburg Community Center. Five lucky students also won gift cards to the Clark College Bookstore, donated by the Associated Students of Clark College.



Clockwise from top left: Students decorate holiday cards for Loaves and Fishes; a student learns about Growing Groceries; ESL students at the fair; Pathways Peer Mentor Ricardo Sanchez, left, with student Oleg Koval.



Ninth Inning Shutout

After much discussion, Vancouver will not host minor league baseball

A proposal to build a multi-use facility at Clark College as home for minor league baseball and college and community events failed on Nov. 29 when Clark County Commissioners did not approve an admissions tax that was a key component for funding the facility.

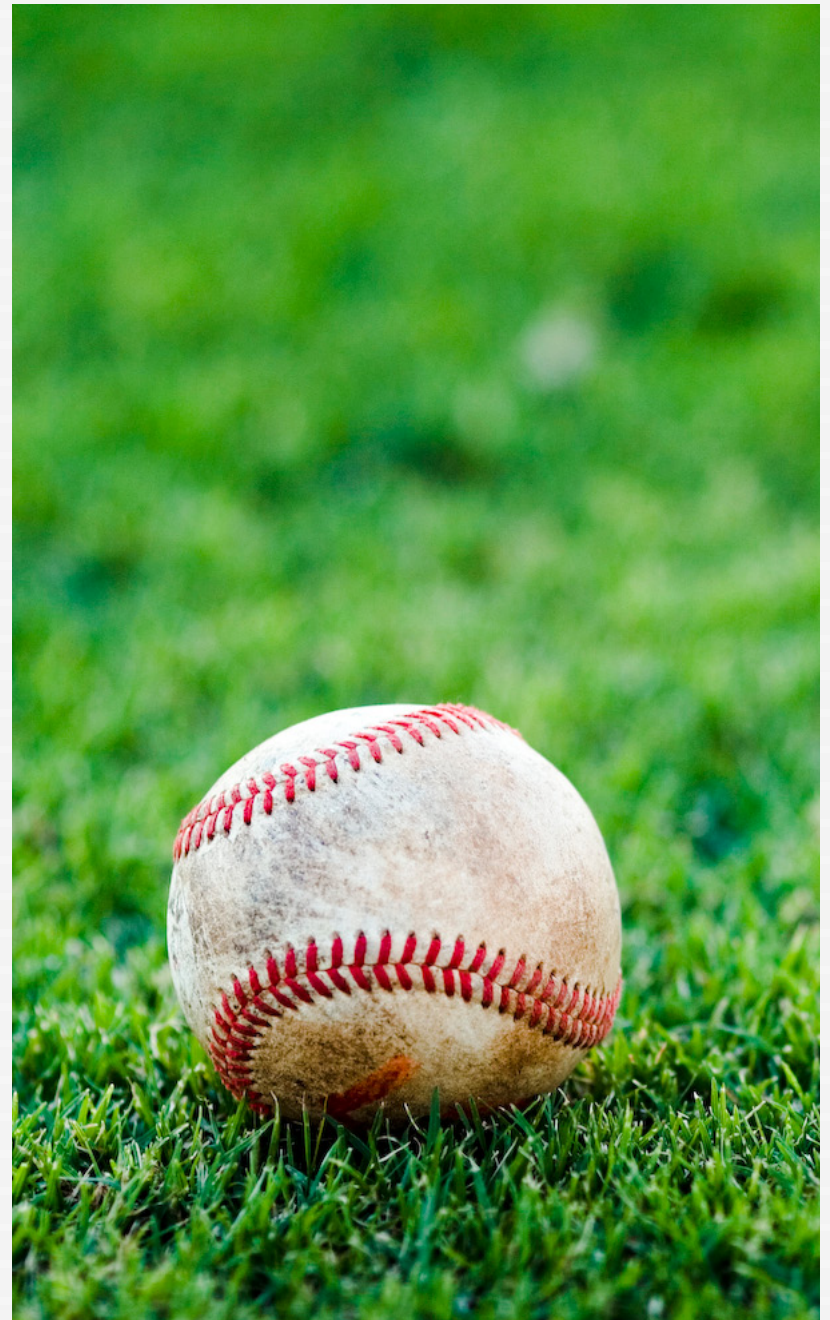
In a message to the college community, Clark President Bob Knight called the news “disappointing.”

Knight said, “We believe this facility would have provided an economic boost to our struggling economy. However, those economic realities provided challenges that could not be overcome in terms of governmental and public support.”

The proposal was unveiled in May at an event at Clark’s Kindsfather Field. In August, the Clark College Board of Trustees had expressed its support for the proposal by a 4-0 vote. Trustee Jack Burkman, who serves on Vancouver City Council, recused himself from the board vote.

Knight noted that the college would continue to support Clark student athletes at the college’s existing facilities.

In summarizing the months of debate about the proposal, Knight said, “Beyond the discussions about the facility itself, this process sparked deep, wide-ranging conversations about the kind of community we are—and hope to be. That may be its most lasting legacy.”



Alpha Bits

All the news from Alpha Sigma Phi, Clark's honor society

Alpha Sigma Phi, the Clark College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, has been busy this fall 2011 quarter. Among several other projects, the honor society students coordinated the annual Thanksgiving Basket project. On Monday, November 21, they provided 210 Clark College students with food baskets filled with a 10-to-12-pound turkey; a 10-pound bag of potatoes; gravy; stuffing; green bean casserole; and rolls. Each basket held enough to feed a family of six during the Thanksgiving holiday. The project was funded largely by Clark College students, faculty, and staff.

On December 5, the chapter will tackle a different endeavor. Over the past year, the chapter has studied the Honors Study Topic, "The Democratization of Information," focusing primarily on the history of language and the biases inherent in our speech. The team selected six specific biases: race, orientation, gender, appearance, disability, and education. Several teams of students researched each bias and thereafter choose a film that highlighted that bias and hosted a screening followed by an academic discussion.

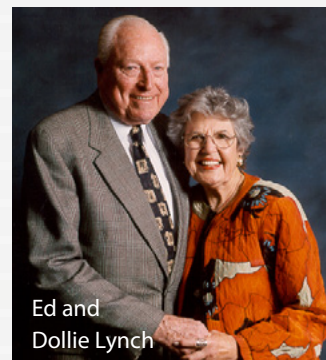


December 5 is the day for the culminating project. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., booths in Gaiser, Foster/Hanna, and Bauer will promote awareness of the bias in our

Fallon Hughes at a Bias Encoded in Language booth in Bauer hall.

language. Participants can get a "traveling card" to be stamped at each booth. At 7:00 p.m. in the Gaiser Student Center, the event will end with several presentations about each bias, including a keynote presentation by Amy Roloff of the television series *Little People, Big World*. At that time, all completed "traveling cards" will be collected, and one will be drawn for a \$100 gift card to the Clark College Bookstore.

The chapter will continue its work by coordinating a book drive as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This past July, Alpha Sigma Phi raised approximately \$7,000 for the Relay; they hope to beat that number in 2012. Book drop-offs will be located in Gaiser, Hanna/Foster, Scarpelli, and Bauer halls from Monday, December 12, through Friday, December 16. Students who aren't able to sell their books back at the Bookstore will have the opportunity to donate their books as well. All textbooks, including instructor editions, are welcome.

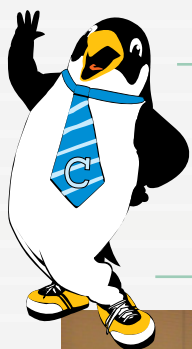


The final project of 2011 is a leadership training on Saturday, December 17. Open to high school and college students, it will be held at the Red Cross building at the Fort Vancouver National Site. Coordinated in conjunction with the Center for Leadership Excellence and the Fort Vancouver Historic Trust, this leadership building opportunity will focus on local philanthropists Ed Lynch

and his late wife, Dollie Lynch. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how the Lynches benefited the Vancouver community, as well as discover their own leadership strengths and weaknesses. More information is available here: <http://www.fortvan.org/pages/cle>.

After the winter break, the chapter will be back and working hard in 2012.

For more information or questions, please contact Advisor Deena Bisig at dbisig@clark.edu.



Penguin Patter

News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!



RE: JOYCE

Student Learning Center Program Manager Suzanne Smith sent in this note about volunteer tutor Joyce Stoval, who is working with Adult Basic Education student Emmanuel Roberts. “What makes this student/tutor partnership so unique?” Smith writes. “Emmanuel is blind and has asked for help with learning math so that he can pass the GED exam.”

Smith continues: “With the help of an abacus, a talking calculator, and special books with embossed shapes that help explain various concepts in subjects such as geometry, Joyce has devotedly helped Emmanuel advance in his studies and he hopes to be able to attempt the GED exam within a few months’ time.

“Although Joyce has teaching credentials and has experience in teaching in an adult education setting for more than 15 years, she has no formal training in working with blind students. Lack of experience has not deterred her in the least. Where the braille book is incomplete, she invents her own manipulatives and has quite a talent for ‘hands on’ activities to teach a very visual subject to one who is totally visually impaired.”



PENGUINS ON THE HIGH SEAS

Boy, retirement looks like fun! These former Clark professors formed their own subcommittee on a recent trans-Atlantic cruise, but we’re not sure how

much work they got done. Pictured here (with Ramsey’s and Martin’s spouses): Chuck Ramsey (Music, former dean of Social Sciences and Fine Arts), Mike Sequeira (Mathematics, 1975-1982) and John Martin (Biology, 1975-2007).

WORDS TO TEACH BY

Congrats to Adult Basic Education instructor Diane Tehrani. The Fall 2011 issue of the *WAESOL World Quarterly* published a teaching note she submitted entitled “ESL Conversation Activity: Your Most Persuasive Words.”

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 360-991-0901 (video phone), or visit Gaiser Hall Room 137.)

TASCC PRESENTS "NATIVE VISION"

Monday, December 5, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

As told by storyteller and actress
Lily Gladstone.

Gaiser Student Center



HISTORY AND BIAS ENCODED IN LANGUAGE

Monday, December 5, 2011

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Featuring Amy Roloff of TLC's
Little People, Big World. See page
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Gaiser Student Center

ASCC PRESENTS A WINTER BREAK

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

30 CLICKS: VOICE THREAD

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

LIB 103

ASCC OSWALD'S HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Family-friendly event featuring
ornament-making and photo
opportunity with Oswald as
Santa.

Gaiser Student Center

BURIED TREASURES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

7:30 pm

Clark College Orchestra

presents its Fall concert.

Violin soloist: Yung Teng. Guest
conductor: German Caceres of
the El Salvador State Symphony.

Admission is free and open to
the public.

Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver
School of Arts & Academics,
3101 Main St.

GLORIA! GLORIA!

Thursday, December 8, 2011

7:30 pm

Clark College Chorale and

Womens Choral Ensemble

will present their Fall concert.

Admission is free and open to
the public.

First Presbyterian Church, 4300
Main St., Vancouver

OPEN CONVERSATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA AT CLARK COLLEGE

Friday, December 9, 2011

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PUB 161

MUSICAL TREATS & SEASONAL SUITES

Friday, December 9, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Features Clark College Concert
Choir and Concert Band.

Admission is free and open to
the public.

Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver
School of Arts & Academics,
3101 Main St.

WPEA/ UFCW Meeting Schedule



WPEA Membership
meeting will be held
on December 14
at 12:00 p.m.
in SHL 214.

From the HR Department

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION - REMINDER

College Administrative Procedure 430.005 requires all volunteers to register and get a background check in advance with Human Resources, and to submit time sheets to Payroll at the end of each month in which volunteer services are provided.

Volunteer Authorization Forms are valid for one fiscal year at a time. Volunteers need to register with Human Resources before performing volunteer services.

Questions regarding volunteers may be directed to Heidi Bealer at x2105.

FACULTY/STAFF ADDRESS CHANGES

If you change your name, address or telephone number, please complete a NAME/ADDRESS CHANGE FORM in Human Resources. Human Resources will forward changes to the Health Care Authority. However, you must notify your medical-dental insurance carriers.



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