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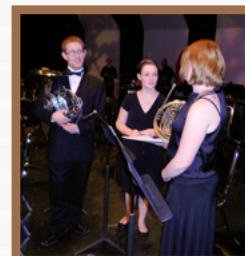
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Third-quarter
nursing students
strike a pose
before showing off
their clinical skills
during the Nursing
Program's recent
sim baby shower
(see story pg. 3).

Introducing Simantha

Clark Nursing hosts a “baby shower” to celebrate its newest addition and launch its golden anniversary

On February 9, the Clark College Nursing Program kicked off the festivities for the 50th anniversary of its first graduating class with a “baby shower” for the newest addition to its family of patient mannequins, called “sims” because of their simulation technology.

More than 50 people attended the shower, held at Nursing’s facility on the WSU Vancouver campus in Salmon Creek. Guests included past, present and prospective students of the program, as well as members of the Clark College and Southwest Washington communities. Clark Board of Trustees Chair Rhona Sen Hoss, Clark College President Bob Knight, Interim Vice President of Office of Instruction Dr. Tim Cook, and Chair of the Nursing Education Advisory Committee (and Clark Nursing alumni, Class #104) Lori Hutchison were all in attendance.

Guests had a chance to mingle with nursing staff, faculty, and students; explore Clark’s Nursing Lab; witness demonstrations of students interacting with “patients” played by volunteers from the audience; and see the new pediatric sim up close.

Many guests were enthralled by seeing the sims up close in the lab, where they were invited to feel the sims’ pulses and even view the interiors of a few, including a pregnant female sim. They could also go “behind the scenes” to the control room where they could observe an instructor remotely manipulating the sims.

Another popular activity was a “Name the Baby” contest. By the end of the evening, the ballot box was full of suggestions for what to name the new sim



Pre-nursing student Ginny Gottschalk holds Simantha after winning the naming contest. Nursing students and volunteers demonstrate how they work with sims in the laboratory while guests watched remotely.



baby. Top contenders were “Simderella” (submitted by Clark College Executive Director of Communications and Marketing Barbara Kerr), “Simberly Clark” (from Clark College President Bob Knight), and “Sim-mantha” (from Marilee Donovan, mother of nursing instructor Katie Laack). Ultimately, the judges chose “Simanth B. Bjorn,” which was submitted by pre-nursing student Ginny Gottschalk. This event was Gottschalk’s first chance to visit the Nursing Lab, and she said the experience had inspired her to continue pursuing her goal of entering the nursing program.

The Clark College Nursing Program will be hosting a series of events commemorating this 50th anniversary, culminating with the Speights Distinguished Lecture on September 15, 2012.

Clockwise from top left: Trustee Rhona Sen Hoss and President Bob Knight; guests got a chance to see inside of a “pregnant” sim; *left to right*, nursing alumna Leslie Gayle Amundsen Pykonen, Dean of Health Sciences Blake Bowers, and Director of Nursing Cindy Myers.



Letting Freedom Ring

Civil rights leader shares his songs and struggles with Clark College

On February 8, Gaiser Student Center was transported back to the tumultuous beginnings of the civil rights era, a time when looking a white woman in the eyes was all it took for an African-American man to be arrested and just trying to sit at a lunch counter could get him thrown in jail. The guide for this journey through prejudice and struggle was Hollis Watkins, a veteran of the civil rights movement who grew up in rural Mississippi. Watkins was invited to speak at the college by the Association of Clark College Students (ASCC).

In introducing Watkins to the audience, Multicultural Retention Manager Felisciana Peralta noted, “When we look at history, there is an inevitable tipping point that we reach when events pass out of living memory and become just another part of the historical record. We’re seeing it happen now, for example, as the last veterans of World War II reach the latter stages of their lives, and we’re seeing it happen as there are fewer and fewer people left who participated in the momentous events of the civil rights era. That’s why it’s so important that we pay close attention to people like Hollis Watkins. Mr. Watkins took part in the kinds of events that we read about in the history books.”

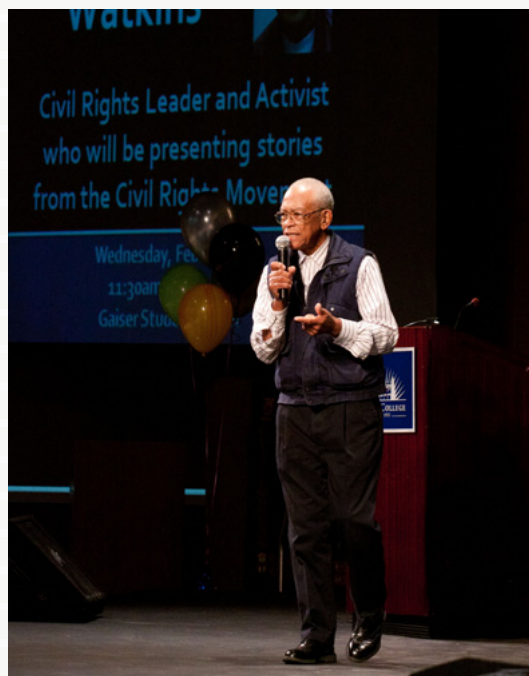


Left to right, Student Life Coordinator Sami Lelo, Hollis Watkins, Multicultural Retention Manager Felis Peralta, Special Advisor for Equity and Diversity Sirius Bonner, and Clark College Alumni Association Board member Dora Hernandez.

Watkins brought that history to life with a detailed description of what it was like for civil rights activists who were incarcerated in the South. His first stint in jail, for participating in the first sit-in of a Woolworth’s lunch counter in Mississippi, lasted for 34 days. Watkins was still a high school student at the time, but he repeatedly had to match wits against his captors. At one point a jailer told him that he’d been released. When a skeptical Watkins

couldn’t get the jailer to tell him who had posted his bail money, he returned to his cell, only to discover that the jailer had hoped to stage an “escape attempt” as an excuse to sic attack dogs on Watkins.

During another imprisonment, Watkins was confined in an unventilated 6-foot-by-6-foot cell with 13 other demonstrators. “It’s a miracle no one died of carbon monoxide poisoning,” he said.



Through it all, Watkins said, the “freedom songs” of the civil rights movement sustained him. “It was the songs that kept our spirits motivated,” he said. “It was the songs that kept us strong.” He then led the room in a rendition of the freedom song “Ain’t Scared of Nobody ‘Cause I Want My Freedom.”

Watkins kept his prepared speech short to leave time for questions, but one he refused to answer was which issues he thought the young people in today’s audience should be working on. “What might be applicable to someone in Alabama or Mississippi might not be applicable in Washington state,” he said. “If you open your eyes and come out of the state of denial, you will see some issues that need to



History Professor Dr. Katherine Sadler, *seated far left*, watched Watkins’s presentation with some of her students.

be worked on, that need to be made better. Don’t wait for someone older to tell you what to do—that will mess you up every time.”

Watkins—who co-founded a group called Southern Echo that is dedicated to empowering the African-American community in Mississippi through an intergenerational model of community organizing—criticized older activists for writing off younger generations as apathetic or uninterested in social change. He noted that he was given plenty of voice and responsibility within the civil rights movement at a young age. “The older people didn’t try to make us work under them and do what they said when they

said it,” he said. “That’s basically the scenario today: Old people are scared of young people.”

Watkins closed with two more freedom songs: a civil-rights adaptation of Harry Belafonte’s classic, “Day-O,” and “This Little Light of Mine.”

Sophomore Diane Robinson, a women’s studies major and peer mentor at Clark College, called Watkins’s presentation “awesome and fantastic.” She appreciated his observation that there was still injustice to fight in the world around them. “People think the civil rights movement is over and everything’s okay,” she said. “But the work hasn’t changed; it’s just evolved.”

On Their Honor

Seven Clark College students perform in PSU's Community College Honor Band

Throughout the weekend of February 11 and 12, 2012, seven Clark College Concert Band students were privileged to participate in the Portland State University Community College Honor Band. Students from four community colleges (Clackamas Community College, Clark College, Mt. Hood Community College, and Portland Community College) were represented in the 46-member wind ensemble, which performed in PSU's historic Lincoln Hall Sunday afternoon. The event was hosted by the PSU Music Department, and the honor band was conducted by PSU Director of Wind Studies, Dr. Ed Higgins.

"The Portland State Community College Honor Band was created as a way of assisting community college students as they begin to look toward transitioning into a four-year university," said Dr. Higgins. The music students who represented Clark College were Ashley DeMoss, Cara Dugas, Ian Garner, Morgan Ranf, Bryce Robertson, Eric VanDomelan, and Maylee Watts.

Rehearsals began at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, with the concert performance at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. The concert program started with a demonstration



Clark students Eric VanDomelan and Ashley DeMoss say their goodbyes to PSU horn player Nadia Greene after the concert.



Left to right, Clark band students Morgan Ranf, Eric VanDomelan, Ashley DeMoss, Mayelee Watts, Cara Duga, Ian Garner and Bryce Walters take a break during Saturday's rehearsal.

by the PSU Wind Symphony performing one movement from David Maslanka's "Give Us This Day." Then the Honor Band took the stage, performing five pieces ranging from traditional concert band literature such as William Schuman's "Chester Overture for Band" and "The Lord of the Rings" by Johan de Meij, to recently published contemporary works such as "Bloom" by new composer Steven Bryant.

"In these types of situations, where you only have two days to rehearse, you bring in five pieces with the intent you will most likely end up cutting one or two pieces for the actual concert," Dr. Higgins told the audience. "But the ability of this band allowed me to program all five pieces this afternoon."

"Playing in the PSU Community College Honor Band and working with Dr. Higgins was not only a great opportunity, but a fun and enriching musical experience," said Clark trumpet student and music

major Cara Dugas. "As a current music student at Clark College, it was really gratifying to collaborate with other community college band members in our area who are also working to play at a higher level."

Dr. Higgins will be guest conductor for the Clark College Concert Band's March 16 concert. The performance will include Robert Russell Bennett's "Suite of Old American Dances," which Higgins recently edited for music publisher Hal Leonard.

Growing Good Communication

ESL students share gardening knowledge with Growing Groceries Mentor Program

ESL students, along with their instructor, Sara Gallow, gave a presentation on working with diverse groups at the Growing Groceries Mentor Program Training held on February 4 at the CASEE Center in Brush Prairie. After Gallow provided basic strategies to use when communicating with people whose English is limited, the students facilitated small-group discussions for more than 45 participants on food, gardening and cooking in their native countries. The small-group discussions provided both the students and mentors with the opportunity for excellent intercultural communication. Sponsored by WSU Clark County Extension, Clark County, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation and other community garden advocates, Growing Groceries Mentor Program trains mentors to assist gardeners in community gardens across Clark County.



A Growing Groceries mentor-in-training, *standing*, introduces ESL student Lyubov Lastovskaya, *seated to her right*, before a small-group discussion.

Testing Their Metal

Clark College Machining Technology hosts Skills USA competition

On February 11, five high school students gathered in Clark College's Machining Technology shop to participate in the regional SkillsUSA Competition. The event included four areas of competition: a written test, bench work, lathe work, and mill work. Second-year Clark machining students volunteered as safety observers, machine-operation assistant, and test graders. Prizes—which included some valuable machining tools—were awarded based on overall scoring.

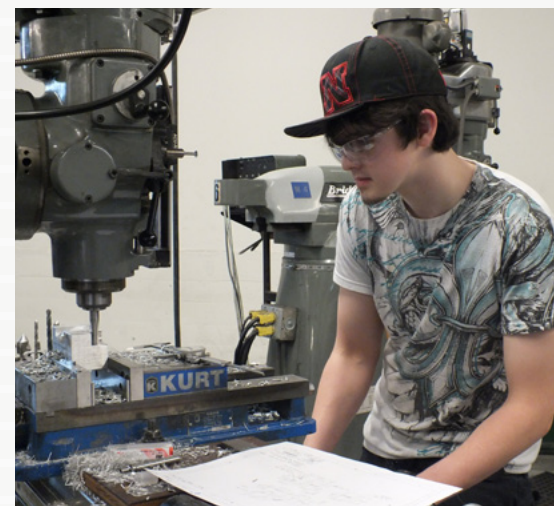
The winners were:

First place: Ilia Svistun (Washougal HS)

Second place: Michael Lodge (Mountain View HS)

Third place: Doug Murry (Washougal HS)

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers as well as high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations.



Clockwise from top: *Left to right*, Washougal High School student Doug Murry, Mountain View High School student Michael Lodge, Clark College student Mark Voorhees, Washougal High School student Ilia Svistun, Washougal High School student Robert Raynor, and Washougal High School student Braden Devlin; Washougal High School student Robert Raynor competes in the millwork event; Washougal High School student and first-prize winner Ilia Svistun holds his finished entry in the lathe-work event.

In Memoriam: Cora Haag

Former coordinator of Clark College Parent Education Department

Cora Haag, who helped shape what is now Clark College's Child & Family Studies program, passed away on January 28. She was 92 years old.

Born in Seaside, Oregon, Haag graduated from Oregon State University.

In 1958, Haag accepted a job with Clark College setting up community cooperative pre-schools. Through her guidance, these centers grew to become Clark College's Parent Education and Child Development program. As coordinator of that department, Haag dedicated 21 years of service to the families of Southwest Washington. She was instrumental in shepherding the parent-participation preschool title and model, which has benefitted hundreds of area families.

Shortly before her retirement, she helped design the new Parent Education/Child Development Center, which was later named in her honor. That building was dedicated on June 10, 1975. At the time, it

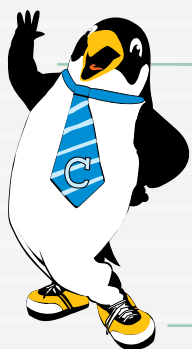


was hailed as the only parent-participation preschool operated by a college in Washington or Oregon.

Haag and her husband, John William, made their home in Battle Ground. Those who knew her are invited to share their memories by [signing her guest book](#) on *The Columbian's* website. The guest book will be available through March 1.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 2 p.m. at Layne's Funeral Home in Battle Ground.





Penguin Patter

News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!

SUPER AT SCIENCE

On February 11, a team made up of five Clark College Running Start students placed third in the Northwest Regional Science Bowl. Sponsored by Bonneville Power Administration, the Bowl featured 64 teams from the Portland and Vancouver area. The team was coached by Clark computer science instructor Rik Smoody, who is the father of two of the team members. His son Kirben won an All-Star Award for answering the most “toss-up” questions correctly in the morning round. Congratulations!



Left to right, Kirben Smoody, Wilven Smoody, Priya Kudva, Courtney Tach Tipton, Jennica Krohn, Coach Rik Smoody.

STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Two talented sophomore basketball players have been named the Clark College Student Athletes of the Month for December 2011.



Austin Bragg is a 6-foot-8-inch wing/forward on the men's basketball team. A graduate of Mark Morris High School in Longview, Bragg was a Division I transfer from Washington State University. According to men's basketball coach Mike Arnold, Bragg has recorded eight double/doubles this season, leading the Penguin attack and averaging 16.6 points and 10.1 rebounds per game. He is presently being recruited by more than 15 universities. A chemistry major, Bragg is carrying a 3.18 grade point average (GPA).



Deborah Simmers is a returning student athlete from Alaska and has started the women's basketball season with a bang. She leads the team in scoring and rebounds, with a total of 205 points and 54 rebounds. Women's basketball coach Nancy Boone said, “Deborah is a wonderful student-athlete with a 3.25 GPA and has an outstanding, coachable spirit.”

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 embroidered 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.

From the HR Department

NEW WORKFORCE PROFILES

This week, you received at your mail stop an envelope from Human Resources containing the new Workforce Profile Form.

The state of Washington is requiring that all employees of the college fill this form out in its entirety and return to the Human Resources office by February 24, 2012.

You can choose to:

campus mail it back to us (BRD 133)

OR

you can drop it off at the Human Resources front desk in the Baird Building

Questions you may be wondering:

Q: Haven't I already completed this form?

A: Yes, all employees when hired complete the form; however the state has requested that the form be revised.

Q: Am I required to do this and if so, why?

A: Yes, as a state employee, you must complete the form. The college is required to report AA/EEO statistics.

Q: I'm not sure how to answer the ethnicity or race section, what do I do?

A: Contact Sirius Bonner at 992-2355.

Q: I never received the form, so what do I do?

A: Email hr@clark.edu with your name and mail stop and one will be sent to you.

For any other questions, please contact the Human Resources office at 992-2105.

OPEN POSITIONS

The following positions are open at Clark College:

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS: CLOSING DATES:

Associate Dean of Health Sciences	Continuous
Director of Charitable Gift Planning - Foundation	Continuous

FACULTY POSITIONS: CLOSING DATES:

Tenure Track Nursing Instructor	Continuous
priority consideration to applications submitted by 2/3/12	
Tenure Track Mathematics Instructor	2/24/12
Tenure Track Counselor/Human Development Instructor	2/24/12
Tenure Track Business Technology Instructor	Continuous
priority consideration to applications submitted by 3/2/12	
Tenure Track Health Occupations Instructor	Continuous
priority consideration to applications submitted by 2/28/12	
Tenure Track Business Technology Medical Office Instructor	Continuous
priority consideration to applications submitted by 3/9/12	
Tenure Track Health & Physical Education Instructor	3/15/12

OPEN POSITIONS, CONTINUED

CLASSIFIED POSITIONS:

CLOSING DATES:

Program Specialist 2 – Health & Education Advisor Continuous

TEMPORARY POSITIONS:

CLOSING DATES:

Part-time Cisco CCNA Instructor Continuous

Part-time Computer Technology Instructors Continuous

INTERNAL RECRUITMENTS:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/clarkcollege/default.cfm?promotionaljobs=1>

EXTERNAL RECRUITMENTS:

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ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR SPRING QUARTER 2012 CLASSIFIED RECOGNITION AWARD

Attached is the link to the nomination form describing the process, eligibility, and selection criteria. Nominations will be evaluated based on:

- Exemplary work performance
- Outstanding customer service to students, the public, the community, co-workers etc.
- Demonstrated cooperative spirit and initiative in maintaining a positive college environment
- Special achievements or contributions to the college community

https://intranet.clark.edu/departments/information/human_resources/quarterly_classified_award_nomination_form.pdf

Nominations may be resubmitted from past quarters if the nominee was not selected for the award. Please recognize the value of the contributions made by classified staff by completing a nomination form:

Due date: Friday, March 2, 2012

Submit to: Human Resources, MS: BRD 133

Email to: drourek@clark.edu OR kamurphy@clark.edu

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.)

PRESIDENT'S OPEN DIALOGUE

Monday, February 20, 2012
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
PUB 161

MAYHEM POETS

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Gaiser Student Center
Clark Art Talks: Stephen Hayes
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
PUB 161

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PRESENTED BY STUDENT LIFE

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Gaiser Student Center

30 CLICKS: YOUR BLOG AS YOUR BUSINESS CARD

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
LIB 103

BASKETBALL GAMES

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Away games vs. Centralia College.
Women's game starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by men's at 8:00 p.m.
Centralia College, Centralia, WA

CLARK THEATRE PRESENTS: "THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE"

Friday, February 24, 2012 through Saturday, March 10, 2012
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Performances on February 24 and 25, as well as March 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10. Saturday matinee on March 3 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets available through the Clark College Bookstore or by calling x2815.
Decker Theatre

BASKETBALL GAMES

Saturday, February 25, 2012
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Home games vs. Grays Harbor College. Women's game starts at 1:00 p.m., men's at 5:00 p.m. Hall of Fame Night (see below).
O'Connell Sports Center Gym

ANN VIRTU SNYDER MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, February 25, 2012
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PUB 161
Athletic Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony
Saturday, February 25, 2012
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Tickets are complimentary but seating is limited; call x2691 to reserve tickets. Reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by ceremony at 6:00 p.m.
Second Floor PUB

BILL CARTER AND BOSNIA

Monday, February 27, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Includes a screening of Carter's award-winning documentary, Miss Sarajevo.
Gaiser Student Center

AT HOME IN TWO WORLDS: INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS SERIES

Monday, February 27, 2012
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bring your lunch and enjoy a presentation by international student Silvia Vasu on her home country of Romania.
GHL 213

30 CLICKS: REVIVING THE LOST ART OF BROWSING IN THE NEW WEB ERA

Wednesday, February 29, 2012
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
LIB 103

SUSHI-MAKING WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 1, 2012
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
From 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., a limited number of students will learn how to make sushi with Yukiko Vossen. From 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Yukiko Vossen will present an introductory lecture about the rich food culture of Japan.
PUB 161

OSWALD ON SPRING BREAK PHOTO CONTEST

Monday, March 5, 2012 - Wednesday, April 11, 2012
Clark College Bookstore

PLUS—SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

IRIS AWARDS

Thursday, March 8, 2012
Continuing the spirit of the Women of Achievement celebration, the Iris Awards celebrate the contributions of three outstanding women to the Southwest Washington Community. Tickets to the reception and ceremony may be purchased through the Vancouver Business Journal at www.vbjusa.com.

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