

Clark College holds spring celebration

The cherry trees at Clark College have brought beauty and the symbolism of international friendship to the college and community since being planted in 1990.

Clark College will host the third annual Sakura Festival Thurs. April 17, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the campus on 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. The Sakura Festival is sponsored by Clark College's International and Continuing Education programs, in partnership with the downtown Vancouver Rotary Club. The event is free and open to the public.

The 100 Shirofugen cherry trees were presented to the City of Vancouver from John Kageyama, President of America Kotobuki, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Washington's statehood.

"Those beautiful cherry trees enhance our college and our community," said Clark Col-

lege president Robert Knight. "We're proud to host this event in partnership with our friends at the Vancouver Rotary as we celebrate spring and pay tribute to our sister-city relationship with Joyo, Japan."

Students from Clark College and regional high schools who have just returned from Joyo, Japan, will lead a discussion and slide show presentation about their travels at 11 a.m., in the Penguin Student Lounge, located in the Penguin Union Building.

Festivities move to the cherry trees at noon near the newly-re-modeled O'Connell Sports Center and will include presentations by area dignitaries. Guests will be treated to cherry dessert, music, arts and crafts, games and haiku writing under the trees.

Clark College Mature Learning program will present Akira Kurasowa's *The Seven Samurai* in Foster Hall Auditorium from 2 to 5 p.m.