CLARK COLLEGE CAREER CLOTHING CLOSET



Jody Shulnak of Clark College shows some of the clothes collected for the Career Clothing Closet. Donations of clothing appropriate for job interviews will be accepted until 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Donated duds give grads professional edge

Items to be worn at interviews accepted until Wednesday

By HOWARD BUCK Columbian staff writer

A new graduate's budget might be threadbare. There's no reason his or her interview outfit must follow suit.

That's why the Clark College Career Clothing Closet is again taking donated business attire for students who could use the boost. It's the fifth edition of the volunteer program.

Clothing for men and women is welcome through Wednesday afternoon. That includes coats, shirts, slacks, skirts and accessories such as shoes and purses.

Clark students will pick out items on Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Penguin Student Lounge.

Last year's giveaway helped 170 students feel and look more confident as they tried to land job or scholarship offers.

The goal this year is at least as many, said Jody Shulnak, Clark service-learning and volunteer program manager.

Clothing will be accepted through 2 p.m. Wednesday in Room 173 of Clark's "T" building. That's on the west side of Fort Vancouver Way, opposite Gaiser Hall and the Penguin Union Building, at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

Drop-off times are 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Donors should consider

clothing they personally would feel comfortable wearing to an interview.

All clothing should be in excellent condition and ready for use: that means laundered or dry-cleaned, and ironed.

If the size of the garment is not clear, donors should label the item. A small paper slip attached by safety pin will do.

Hangers also are appreciated - especially those with clips for slacks and skirts.

For questions, donors may call Shulnak at 360-992-2447.

SHARP CLOTHING WANTED

■ What: Clark College Career Closet seeks professional attire and accessories.

■ WHEN: Items accepted 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

■ WHERE: Room 173 of "T" Building at Clark College, west side of Fort Vancouver Way.

■ INFORMATION: Contact Jody Shulnak, 360-992-2447.