

Clark looks forward, back as it fetes 75th

Time capsule to be opened at Tuesday events

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Penguins again will make tracks to Clark College on Tuesday to further celebrate the Vancouver school's 75th anniversary.

Special events include cracking open a 25-year time capsule sealed during Clark's 50th year, in 1983-84.

The afternoon festivities shine a light on Clark artists of several types:

■ At 3 p.m., the school rolls out the 2009 Phoenix, Clark's student literary and art publication.

Last year, the Phoenix was named the nation's best two-year college literary art magazine by the American Scholastic Press Association.

The new edition will be honored from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Penguin Student Lounge (fireplace room), adjacent to Gaiser Hall.

■ At 4 p.m., action moves downstairs to the Archer Gallery for the opening of the 2009 Art Student Annual.

It's Clark's annual end-of-year exhibit of student work created in college art classes.

The gallery will stay open until 7 p.m.; the artwork remains on display through June 9.

■ At 5 p.m. in Gaiser Hall comes the climax: President Bob Knight will pop open the missile-shaped time capsule made by Clark welding instructor Ryan Collins 25 years ago, which holds school and general memorabilia.

Scheduled to join Knight and Collins is Ellis Dunn, who held several positions at Clark for 30 years, including interim president. Last autumn, Clark leaders named Gaiser's Ellis F. Dunn Community Room for him.

Also on display will be contemporary items considered for inclusion in a new time capsule to be opened in 2033-34.

Knight and others then will dedicate a new sculpture from noted artist and Clark instructor Beth Heron, to stand guard over the new keepsakes. The work will be unveiled and installed in the small plaza outside the north entrance to Gaiser Hall.

Other Heron pieces on display locally include a "Water Forms" fountain on Officers Row in the Vancouver National Historic Reserve and "Winged Women," which stands in a downtown Vancouver sculpture park.

Clark's Penguin Union Building and Gaiser Hall are at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

Chances are there's a stuffed "Oswald" penguin inside the 25-year time capsule Clark College will open Tuesday. But in January 1958, it was "Penny" that made the trip with Clark's rally squad to "try to cheer up" sickened Emperor penguins then housed in an ornamental pool in North Portland's Peninsula Park. The Emperors later were moved to the Portland zoo.

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