
College community gathers to seal and “Scend” a message to future members of the Penguin Nation

In a year of celebrations, July 30, 2009, was another day to make history at Clark College. As the college continued the yearlong celebration of its 75th anniversary, members of the college community gathered to close and seal Clark’s 75th anniversary time capsule.

Encased within the sculpture entitled “Scend,” by metal arts instructor Beth Heron, the time capsule is located on the plaza north of Gaiser Hall. The sculpture was unveiled at the opening of the 50th anniversary time capsule on May 12.

“The sculpture ‘Scend’ is an example of the symbol-making process,” said Heron as she addressed the crowd. “It has become the symbol for all those things that we wish to convey to the future Clark College at its 100th anniversary. For those future students, faculty and administration, the sculpture and time capsule will both literally and symbolically convey a message. I feel it is a message of confidence and belief in Clark College’s positive contribution to our community and to its future.”

A portion of the text that will appear on the plaque next to the sculpture and the waterfall reads in part: “With an unwavering belief in the bright future envisioned by our college’s founders, we entrust this sculpture to those who follow—receiving the messages that we send—flowing, as a wave, through time.”

Placement and preparation of the sculpture and time capsule were managed by members of Clark College’s Facilities Services department. “We felt it should be



Clark College metal arts instructor Beth Heron sculpted “Scend” to serve as a symbol of carrying forth the message of the college’s positive contributions to our community and to its future.

perfectly aligned to have it see through the heart of the college—that it should be staring down the core of our existence,” said Facilities Maintenance Manager Blue Linden. This was no small task given that its location has four different leveling points and five different angles. Led by maintenance mechanic David Ek, Linden and maintenance mechanic Cisco Medrano shimmed and leveled the base before cementing it—perfectly level—into place. “The base was a 12-hour installation with 25 years in mind,” said Linden.

In May, the sculpture was placed by another crew, led by maintenance mechanic Billie Garner, in advance of its dedication. Final preparations

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Left: Members of Clark College's Facilities Services department (Jim Green, director of Facilities Services, in plaid, and Billie Garner, maintenance mechanic, opposite) lift the 75th anniversary time capsule into the base of the sculpture located on the north plaza of Gaiser Hall.

Right: Step two of the time capsule sealing was to place the sculpture, "Scend," created by metal arts instructor Beth Heron, on top of the column holding the time capsule. Those heavy lifting duties were handled skillfully by (from left) Blue Linden, facilities maintenance manager; Tom Kaarto, maintenance mechanic (behind sculpture); and Randy Hug, maintenance mechanic.



included sealing the time capsule and cleaning the sculpture; following the ceremony, the sculpture was secured to the base. "I'll give Beth a double A+," said Linden of the time capsule and sculpture. "It is just totally awesome."

Funding for the sculpture that houses the 75th anniversary time capsule was

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The new time capsule will be opened during the college's 100th anniversary celebration during the 2033-2034 academic year.