

Euro History reanimates yesteryear



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History Instructor Patricia McFarland (third from right) treats her history classes more as a group discussion on assigned readings, which students enjoy participating in.

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"It's not so much the history of kings and queens, but of daily life," said History Instructor Patricia McFarland. "It's social history ... [such as] holidays, leisure, arts and literature, disease..."

With the time fast approaching to start thinking about what classes to take spring term, students should consider taking History 123.

Students in McFarland's History 123 class have enjoyed the close-knit, friendly atmosphere of the class all winter, and History 123 is coming up this spring.

In History 122, Gay Cilente, commented that the unique observations of fellow students spark new

insights in the class. And while there are lots of lively discussions and differences of opinion, nobody gets mean.

"Everyone is always respectful," said McFarland.

The classes, Readings in European History—HST-121, 122, and 123—are different from almost any history course out there.

"It's essentially a discussion group based on assigned readings," said McFarland.

In History 123 they will be going through the Civil War, the Roaring '20s—"Which I'm really excited about," added McFarland—World War II, the Holocaust, ethnic cleansing, anti-Americanism ... the list goes on.

"In my lecture classes I wanted a format that would give students

greater opportunities to share and discuss and express themselves," said McFarland, on why she began the classes.

"In the discussions [we have] there are things I know that I bring, but for the most part the students initiate and I'm there to give guidance. Lots of times [the students] have unique insights that I wouldn't even have."

The readings for History 123 include "The Hunt for Jack the Ripper," "How the Modern Middle-Eastern Map Came to be Drawn," "The Rise and Fall of the Swedish Model" and "German Killers in the Holocaust: Behavior and Motivation."

So far the discussion format has worked well for many students.

"I've never had to prod anyone to talk," said McFarland. "[The dis-

cussions] help to make history seem more relevant—although when I get to the 20th century I don't even have to argue about relevance."

The class cultivates an open and encouraging environment.

"It's a great class and the students make it that way," said McFarland. "People who never met each other are joking with each other. It's really an ideal situation: it's relevant, not frivolous, discussion and we're learning something but having fun at the same time, which is wonderful. Sometimes I worry that we're laughing too much, but we're not goofing off!"

Students interested in joining the

class also have the current student great spirit of cooperation and fullness to look forward to.

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"Come don't abou it!" McFarland.

Anyone interested in being part of this spring term's Readings in European History class should contact McFarland at patmc@clackamas.edu, or give her a call at ext. 5200.

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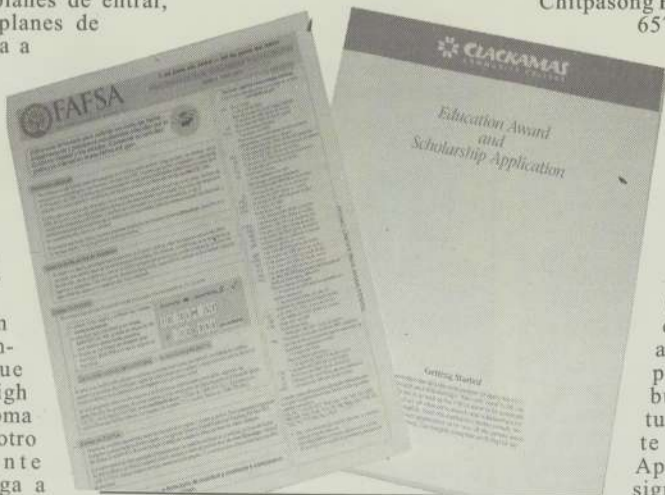
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