

Student loves karate, 'Matrix'

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Clackamas student David Yang talks video games and chess

During his short time at Clackamas Community College, David Yang has become something of a legend.

We've all seen the short Korean kid wandering the campus with his trademark swagger and shy grin, but not many know the real Yang.

Yang enjoys learning, but his time at Clackamas Community College has been strange for him. He's often been the target of cruel jokes and ridicule.

"This Winter Term marks my second year now, and I have not been enjoying my time here, that's for sure. Neither Oregon City nor this school have been that great to me," Yang said.

Yang is a Computer Science major and plans on finishing his associate degree so he can transfer. He has enjoyed many classes at Clackamas, but especially enjoys the martial arts classes.

"The karate PE class rocked

because you receive an 'A' solely on being present for every class or participation as long as you don't goof off too much or hurt someone inappropriately," he said.

When it comes to free time, Yang has a few hobbies that keep him busy. He's often in the library reading up on the Roman Empire, but he enjoys more than studying history.

He said, "I am a video game addict. I play too much because I'm depressed, but all the while

Private Ryan the film has a sad twist," Yang said. "I enjoyed this one because it depicted my people fighting courageously for a noble cause, albeit mired in some degree of hatred breeding hatred, with atrocities on both sides."

Chess is a game that Yang enjoys to play often. He can be seen either in the cafeteria or the library challenging other Clackamas students.

"I like [chess] because I'm good at it and it's a heck of a lot of fun playing other good people while hanging out," Yang said. "Chess is a great multiplayer game and is very old. I mean people have been playing it for hundreds of years. It sure beats Halo."

Aside from video games, chess, and war, Yang enjoys observing people around him and often finds that he's annoyed with a lot of what he sees.



YANG

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"I hate people. Most of them annoy me and breed feelings of contempt within myself."

David Yang Student

using the 'RPGmaker 2003' engine."

Yang enjoys many kinds of films but his favorites are science fiction and war films.

"The Matrix' was very hip and stylish and is very highly regarded in my kind of crowd, the film catering to technology buffs. I've recently seen a foreign war film along the lines of our 'Saving Private Ryan' called 'Tae Guk Gi,' which is a film about the Korean War. Unlike

their backward unpolished working class was. They do know what their trucks are raw tree mate - definitely no money with nature there."

Last the campus plagued with series of thefts the Randall building. Yang was one of the victims those thefts, has a few words for the people who did it.

"[I hate] some kids around the part of Portland who do nothing but loiter or steal top computers satisfy their addiction. Hate almost not strong enough of a word he said.

For new students at Clackamas, Yang has some words of wisdom for them.

Yang said "Imagine that yourself are planning for your future even if you don't have a job. Maybe [you have] an inheritance account or something and your parents. Then you have a reason, even if it's not to skip or slack off on homework."

Black Student Union holds contest for Black History Month

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The Black Student Union recently got creative in campus awareness efforts for Black History Month by putting on a black history trivia contest for staff and students.

"Academically, [it was] an interdisciplinary approach that we used to come up with the questions," said Counselor Guadalupe Martinez, the BSU faculty advisor.

The questions were put up all around campus. After answering the questions, participants submitted their answers to ASG. To help motivate students to enter the contest, BSU convinced two businesses to

donate gift certificates as prizes.

"There was a \$50 gift certificate to Outback, and a \$25 gift certificate to Starbucks," Sociology Instructor Kristin Christopherson, who has worked with the BSU on this and other projects, said. "We thought [if students] were only participating in the [contest] for the payoff, [they were] still going to learn something."

The group of students who started out in the fall as being a part of the BSU were talking about a lot of ways to both increase the visibility of black students on campus as well as ... contribute to the campus community," Christopherson said in reference to the motive behind the contest.

There was another important reason for the contest as well.

"the objective of having the [contest] was also to provoke thought," according to Martinez.

"The importance ... of the black history [contest] was to show the diversity of black culture ... our black students here on campus come from a wide [range] of cultures and experiences that don't represent just one homogenous group," Christopherson stressed.

"The [contest] wasn't simply out there to celebrate Black History Month for black Americans on campus, but for the entire campus community ... it enriches us to know who and what we are a part of in this country," Martinez said.

ASG President Kristin Madden, one of the two winners of the contest, said "[The answers] were easy enough [to] Google," and that the contest was "really fun."

Students who are interested in learning more about the BSU contact Martinez at 657-6958-2717, and Christopherson at 6958, ext. 5208.

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