

Hakan Gurocak named director of the WSU Vancouver School of Engineering and Computer Science



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Hakan Gurocak, Washington State University Vancouver faculty member, has been the first named director of the School of Engineering and Computer Science at the Salmon Creek campus. The school is an academic unit of the College of Engineering and Architecture at the university's Pullman campus.

Gurocak's previous work at the university included serving as director for the WSU Vancouver Engineering and Science Institute and associate professor of engineering programs. Since 1997, Gurocak has brought WSU Vancouver more than \$1 million in industry equipment donations and grants funded by the National Science Foundation and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation. Gurocak's research includes work in robotics, automation, intelligent control, haptic interfaces for virtual reality, and technology assisted delivery of laboratory courses at a distance over the Internet. He received the 2001 WSU Vancouver Faculty Research Excellence Award, and won the best paper award in the manufacturing division at the American Society for Engineering at its 2001 annual conference. Gurocak received a doctorate in mechanical engineering from WSU in Pullman.

"Gurocak is perfect for the position," according to WSU Vancouver chancellor **Hal Dengerink**. "He has taken the lead in creating the WSU Vancouver Engineering and Science Institute."

League of Women Voters presents candidates forum

Candidates from the 17th Legislative District, along with candidates for Clark County commissioner, have been invited to participate in the League of Women Voters of Clark County primary election forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, in the Rose Besserman room at the C-TRAN Fisher's Landing Transit Center.

Clark College offering physical fitness course for fire and police candidates

Clark College is offering a special physical conditioning class this fall for persons seeking Vancouver firefighter and police jobs. The content of the Police and Fire Physical Conditioning Class was developed in cooperation with both the city fire and police departments.

The course emphasizes strength and cardiovascular fitness. The 7-to-8:30 a.m. classes will be held between September 21 and December 3. The cost for residents of Washington and border-Oregon counties is \$150. For further information, call **992-2190**.

Sheriff hiring volunteer reserve deputies

Men and women who have an interest in law enforcement are encouraged to consider becoming volunteer reserve deputy sheriffs, according to Clark County sheriff **Garry Lucas**.

While the positions are volunteer and part-time, they come with full enforcement duties and responsibilities, Lucas says. Reserve deputies respond to 9-1-1 calls and assist at crime scenes, disaster response, and community events.

An informational meeting explaining the requirements and hiring process will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Washington State University Vancouver. For further information, call **Peg Prather, 397-2104**, or go to www.CCSOReserves.com.

Leadership Clark County enrollment closing soon

Enrollment for the 2005 Leadership Clark County will be closing within the next two weeks, reports **Keith Cupp**, executive director of the leadership organization.

Cupp says that 20 students have registered for the 2005 classes which begin in September. There is space for another five students, he says.

Over the past 11 years, over 300 Clark County leaders and potential leaders have completed the year-long session. Classes are held on one Saturday each month, in addition to two weekend retreat sessions.

Tuition is \$2,150. For further information, call Cupp at **567-1085**, or go to www.leadershipclarkcounty.com.

News briefs

During its workshop session at 4 p.m. today, the Vancouver City Council will discuss its fireworks regulations. 🚫🚫 The Clark County Long Range Planning Division will present the new regulations for home businesses in the county at a meeting at 5 p.m. today in the 6th floor hearing room of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. 🚫🚫 Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. 🚫🚫 Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. 🚫🚫

Clark County commissioners are holding what is expected to be the final public hearing on the update of the controversial Comprehensive Growth Management Plan at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. No new public testimony will be taken at the hearing. 📺📺 The final two free family movies this summer sponsored by First Independent Bank in the Regal Cinema 99 in Hazel Dell are *Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, and *Spy Kids 3D: Game Over*, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25. Children and parents of all ages are admitted free.

Others' headlines

[Deep trouble for dredging project?--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)

[Senate debates shift to education--Columbian, Don Jenkins](#)

[Drink in the sounds of Ridgefield--Columbian, Margaret Ellis](#)

[Inception of National Park Service to be celebrated Wednesday at the Fort--Columbian](#)

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[Bush denounces TV attack ads by outside groups--USA TODAY, AP](#)

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Tampa Bay at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD

Tacoma at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Vancouver City Council (8/16)—7 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council Retreat (7/26)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town tabloids and the weather

Bea McCulloch praising Florentine tuna. 📺📺 **Nancy Schram** saying hello to **Mary Clark**. 📺📺 **Judith Davis** saying the nicest things. 📺📺 **Jessica Lightheart** coming through with pix. 📺📺 **Chris Crowley** calling on **Tommy O** for assistance. 📺📺 **Monday**, cloudy and rainy, 68. **Tuesday**, cloudy and rainy, 68. **Wednesday**, clouds and light showers, 68.