

College chiefs presenting case for 4-year institution here, now

Whether Washington State University Vancouver will accept freshmen and sophomore students has been thoroughly documented in the university's recently concluded, legislatively mandated study, and has been approved by the university's board of regents and the state Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Whether the transition will begin with the first class of freshmen being admitted in 2006 is mostly dependent on the funding provided for the local campus by this session of the state legislature.

In their first joint public presentation since the study was completed last fall, WSU Vancouver chancellor **Hal Dengerink** and Clark College president **R. Wayne Branch** will lay out the case for an urban university to server southern Washington. This will be done from the WSU Vancouver Salmon Creek Campus at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, in the Heathman Lodge.

The \$30 luncheon program is co-sponsored by Identity Clark County, the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Columbia River Economic Development Council, WSU Vancouver and Clark.

To register for the session, call **694-2588**.

Eight county employers share wellness program grants

Community Choices 2010 has awarded eight Clark County employers with \$42,000 in grants aimed at promoting physical activity and good nutrition among their workers.

Grant winners are the City of Vancouver, Clark County, Columbia Machine, Columbia River Mental Health Services, Educational Opportunities for Children and Families, Education Service District 112, the Vancouver School District and WaferTech.

The Community Choices program is directed toward mitigating obesity, diabetes and asthma.

Partners in the worksite intervention program are the American Cancer Society, Southwest Washington Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente and the YMCA of Clark County.

Kimsey presenting lowdown on 2004 elections in town hall

Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey** will discuss the 2004 primary and general election during a special town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, in the county Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street.

In addition to his discussion of one of the closest gubernatorial elections in history, Kimsey will present information on changes in the way Clark County citizens will vote as the result of current and pending state legislation.

Not only will the mechanics of the voting system be changing from punch cards to optical scanners, but also the way state primary elections will be conducted will be changing, according to Kimsey.

Robert Miller to open traveling historical exhibit in Clark County Historical Museum

Robert Miller, associate professor at the Lewis & Clark Law School, will help open a traveling exhibit in the Clark County Historical Museum at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14.

Miller is also chief justice of the Court of Appeals of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, a member of the Circle of Tribal Advisors to the National council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, and a citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

The exhibit, *The Northwest Treaty Trail: 1854-1856*, will be on display at the Main Street museum through this spring.

Admission to the lecture is \$5 for museum members, \$10 for nonmembers. For further information, call museum director **Susan Tissot**, **993-5679**.

An Insider contest offers tickets to the Bravo! Vancouver's Sunday concert

Readers providing correct answers to *Insider* concert question will have their names entered in a pool from which pairs of free tickets to the Sunday, Jan. 9, Bravo! Vancouver concert will be drawn.

The question is: "The French composer **Olivier Messiaen** was captured and imprisoned at Stalag 8-A, near Gorlitz, from 1940-1941, where he composed *Quartet for the End of Time*. In what country was this Nazi prison camp located?"

The 3 p.m. concert featuring this work, along with a multimedia presentation by **Boren Biswas**, is being offered by the Bravo! Chamber Musicians in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Road. For further information, call **696-4407**.

People

Anissa Russell, has accepted a position with Convent, a web conferencing company in West Linn. She leaves the architectural firm Barrentine Bates Lee AIA after nearly four years. Russell is Vancouver's Women In Action program director.

Correction

Rob Bernardi, a panelist for the *Columbian's* annual Economic Forecast Friday, Jan. 21, was incorrectly listed as with Sharp Microelectronics of the Americas. He was, but now is president and chief operating officer of Kokusai Semiconductor Equipment Corp.

Thursday headlines at home and from around the world:

[Two court challenges filed with state supreme court over governor's race--KGW-TV, AP, **Rebecca Cook**](#)
[Region's job market poised to grow--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)
[WSU Vancouver growth center of debate--Oregonian, **Holley Gilbert**](#)
[La Center casino's sheer size sinking in--Oregonian, **Foster Church**](#)
[Camas man gets drop on bank robbery suspect--Columbian, **Kelly Adams** and **John Branton**](#)
[County home building down in '04--Columbian, **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**](#)
[Skamania residents fight rezoning--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)
[Sam Reed unveils election reform package, seeks earlier primary--Seattle P-I, AP, **Rachel La Corte**](#)

Thursday on the air

RSVP Recognition Luncheon—4 p.m. CVTV
Pearl Harbor Day Observance—5:30 p.m.. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Gonzaga at Santa Clara (live)—8 p.m. ESPN2

Town Tabloids and the weather

.**Jim Dolle** and **Larry Swatosh** comparing notes at Ballews. 🍷 **Elaine Tomkins** showing up with spiffy date. 🍷 **Dick** and **Ann Snyder** bedecked in seasonal colors. 🍷 **Keith** and **Ozzie Coats** planning another trip. 🍷 **Norm Willinger** being empathetic. 🍷 **Devin Wulle** successfully traverses Texas on way to advanced photography internship at Disney World. 🍷 **Thursday**, warming slightly, rain showers expected, 42. **Friday**, gloomy and rainy, 44. **Saturday**, cloudy with showers, 45.