

Nearly 42% of undergraduates getting WSU Vancouver degrees from are honor students

Nearly 42 percent of the 519 undergraduates getting degrees from Washington state University Vancouver during commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 15, are honor students.

WSU president V. Lane Rawlins and WSU Vancouver chancellor Hal Dengerink will present diplomas to undergraduates and to 130 masters degree graduates and one doctoral degree graduate in ceremonies that begin at 1 p.m. in the Amphitheater at Clark County on the county fairgrounds.

Mark A. Suwyn, chair and CEO of Louisiana-Pacific Corp., will give the keynote address. Suwyn earned his doctorate in inorganic chemistry from WSU.

Several awards will be presented during the commencement. Among them are:

Chancellor's Award for Student Achievement to Mimiyo Kaneko-Rivera, who, while completing her bachelors degree in computer science, served as the student services multicultural intern and as an Associated Students of WSU Vancouver senator.

Student's Award for Teaching Excellence to Kandy Robertson, College of Liberal Arts instructor, and director of the Writing Center, for the positive results of her dedication to teaching.

Chancellor's Award for Service to WSU Vancouver, to Ed and Mary Firstenburg for their devotion and commitment to WSU Vancouver, which included a \$500,000 gift to the university for the Firstenburg Family Fountain on the campus plaza.

2004 Research Excellence Award to Michael Morgan, director of the university's psychology program, whose research focuses on spinal mechanisms through which pain is inhibited and the contribution of the pain-inhibitory effects of morphine.

Seating for the commencement ceremonies, expected to bring out at least 2,000 persons, begins at 11 a.m.

Vancouver area libraries to begin charging for extra Internet computer paper copies

Patrons of Vancouver-area public libraries will begin paying ten cents for single-sided pages they print from computer printers beginning today.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District patrons print out about two million pages a year, at a cost to the library of \$200,000, according to library district director Bruce Zeigman.

The cost-recovery program, which will be expanded to nearly all libraries in the district, is expected to recoup the costs, Zeigman says.

Zeigman says he also expects the number of print-outs being made to drop.

Patrons will be allowed to print the first ten pages a day free. The 10-cent charge begins with the 11th page.

Account payment machines, which accept cash currency from a nickel to a \$20 bill, will collect the fees.

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VSAA extravaganza opens in Royal Durst Theatre tonight

"Play Bach: Experiments in Collaboration," a collection of both well-known and original works, using various art forms, opens at 7 p.m. tonight in the Royal Durst Theatre.

The six-act production by students of the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, is being presented as two three-act performances. The first three acts are tonight and Friday, May 14. The final three acts will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, and Friday, May 21.

More than 200 students and 15 faculty members are involved in the program. Adult admission is \$4. For further information, call Melodie Bertheau, 313-4627.

News briefs

A Clark County Land Use Hearing, at 7 p.m. tonight in the Public Service Center, will consider a conditional use permit for the Storedahl Daybreak gravel mining project. A final hearing on the project is expected to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, in the Public Service Center. Cowlitz Tribal officials are holding a public meeting at a 7 p.m. tonight in the La Center Community Center, 1000 E 4th Street, to answer questions and provide information on their application for trust status of 152 acres near the La Center junction. The last time to say goodbye to the old Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School is today and this evening at the venerable school building, 2245 NE 104th Street. Tours of the building are from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. A program begins at 6:30, and refreshments will be served until 8:30 p.m.

Thursday on the air
Animal Control Hearings (live)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Memphis (live)—5 p.m. KKAD
Nez Perce Memorial Ceremony—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Thursday, May 13, 2004
Alaska Air Group 20.22 -.04
Alcoa 29.93 -.03
Amazon.com 43.61 +.59
Bank of America 80.18 -.16
Bank of Clark County 20.00 unch
Bemis 26.64 +.18
Boeing 43.62 +.04
Boise Cascade 33.40 +.34
CenturyTel 29.90 +.60
Costco 36.07 -.48
Expeditors Intl. 43.74 +.57
Georgia Pacific 33.51 +1.03
HPQ 20.03 -.08
Intel 27.44 -.13
Kyocera 72.95 -3.25
Linear Technology 38.14 -.19
Microsoft 26.10 +.16
Nautilus 14.71 -.44
Nike 68.15 +.15
Nordstrom 36.62 +.25
PepsiCo 53.15 -.49
Precision Cast 43.60 -.50
RLRN 22.11 -.10
Starbucks 37.85 +.08
TSM 9.66 -.03
Tektronix 29.39 -.22
US Bancorp 26.29 +.44
Wash. Mutual 38.97 +.10
W. Coast Bancorp 21.46 -.25
Weyerhaeuser 57.82 +.45
DOW: 10,007.48 -37.68 NASDAQ: 1926.35 +.76 S&P: 1096.23 -1.05

Town Tabloids and The Weather
Lee Davis leading the bards in recitations. Miss Blue looking for love. Miss Maddie preparing poolside reception. Cliff Barbour thinking big.. Tiffany Bosket anointed & anointing. Thursday, no precip, almost all sunshine, 72. Friday, a day full of sunshine, 74. Saturday, looks good from here, 76.
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Athens 78/55
Chicago 78/61
Dallas 86/66
Hong Kong 9175
Las Vegas 86/64
Los Angeles 79/58
London 62/48
New York 80/62
Orlando 87/67
Paris 58/43
Phoenix 94/68
Rome 67/47
Seattle 66/46
Sydney 69/49
Tokyo 77/64
Washington 88/66