

Bill Fromhold says WSU Vancouver message got through to legislators

Recognition by state legislators that southern Washington is in a higher education vacuum helped Washington State University Vancouver get funding to admit 200 freshmen and sophomores in 2006, according to State Rep. **Bill Fromhold** (D-49th).

"We made the case and we hit a home run," Fromhold said. Now serving his third term in the state House, Fromhold is the senior member of the 49th District delegation, which includes Democrats Sen. **Craig Pridemore** and Rep. **Jim Moeller**. Fromhold is vice chair of both the House Appropriations Committee and the Higher Education Committee.

WSU Vancouver was the only branch campus to get funding to begin accepting freshmen in 2006. The school will be able to accept 200 freshmen and sophomores and 250 additional upper class students next year, according to Fromhold.

According to Fromhold, the legislative session just concluded also gave a significant statewide boost to higher education. Increases in state support for students were granted to all colleges and universities, and the legislature approved funding for 40 percent of the 22,500 new students expected to attend public colleges and universities over the next five years. The legislature also increased student tuition costs but at the same time made improvements in individual student support programs.

"Is Clark County in Denial?" is topic of neighborhood associations forum

A community forum on substance abuse, addition and treatment, titled "Is Clark County in Denial?" is being presented by the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Other questions to be answered are: What is denial? What is withdrawal? What is a relapse? What treatment options are there?

Moderator of the forum is **Doug Ballou**, chair of the neighborhood council. Panelists are **Cleve Thompson**, Clark County Alcohol/Drug program manager, **Jonathan Berman**, addiction counselor, **Mike Johnson Jr.** Clark County Sheriff's deputy, **Sally Lambert**, Northstar Clinic program manager, **Ken Stark**, state Division of Alcohol & Substance Abuse, State Rep. Jim Moeller. Clark County District Court' judge **Rich Melnick**, and **Toni Eby**, Clark County Sheriff's Office Meth Action Team.

National Day of Prayer has 230-year history

The first Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer in 1775, according to the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

In Vancouver, the National Day of Prayer has been proclaimed as Thursday, May 5, by Mayor **Royce Pollard**.

The public is invited to participate in a noon ceremony led by the mayor and local clergy on the steps of City Hall. Other events include a multi-church gathering at First Church of God, 3300 NE 78th Street, at 7 p.m.

For further information, call **Marilyn Melhorn, 687-1537**.

Women honored for starting afresh in Vancouver

Four Vancouver women who are new to the community or who have new jobs in the community were honored today by a bunch of old-timers, who charged \$30 for the lunch and gave the proceeds to the State School for the Blind Foundation.

Honored were **Lisa Gebert**, new president of the Clark College Foundation, **Jennifer Teisinger**, recently appointed executive director of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, **Jean Rahn**, new executive director of the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation, and **Tessa Gutierrez**, who came to Vancouver with her husband, the new academic administrator at Clark College.

The ladies who put together the annual function are **Sally Schaefer, Dollie Lynch, Val Ogden, Sondra Powell** and **Twyla Barnes**.

News briefs

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) is holding a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. this evening in the Student Services Building, Washington State University Vancouver, to discuss the results of his poll on Social Security issues. Baird will hold a second town hall meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, in the Cowlitz County Regional Conference Center, 430 Washington Street, Longview. ☞ The Intergovernmental Roundtable on the Cowlitz Casino meets at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 30, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. ☞ The Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce auction is at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 30, in the Heathman Lodge. ☞ The Daybreak Spring Jazz Concert, featuring **Tom Grant** and the **Louis Pain Band**, is at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, in the Durst Theatre in the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics. Tickets at the door are \$15. ☞ Pearson Air Museum is hosting a pot-luck membership family lunch at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

Friday Headlines at home and around the world

[St. Helens leaves mark on the eastside of Clark County--Columbian, **Erik Robinson**](#)
[City council expected to approve zone change for Killian Pacific commercial project at Grand Avenue near Highway 14--Columbian, **Julia Anderson** and **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Group of pilots object to Killian Pacific plan--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)
[Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center to get 16,000-square-foot education center--Columbian, **Erik Robinson**](#)
[New library to be the heart of \\$200 million Battle Ground Center--Columbian, **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**](#)
[Attacks kill 50 across Iraq--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[Columbian's best entertainment bets](#)

Friday on the air

An Evening with Jack McGowan—5 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Colorado Springs (live) 6 p.m.—KKAD
Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Animal Control Hearings (4/27)—7 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (4/6)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Young Artists—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Bruce Ziegman on a mission. ☞ **Ruth Crossland** making proper inquiries. ☞ **Rhonda Carey** having very nice things to say. ☞ **Bob Schaefer** getting cold cuts. ☞ **Charles Osborne** remembering. ☞ **Friday**, cooling, dampening, 59. **Saturday**. Cloudy, some rain possible, 65. **Sunday**, gray, possible showers, 65.