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Southern Washington Edition

Regents give local WSU campuses more autonomy; Vancouver will expand academic programs, improve community college transition

Sweeping changes granted by Washington State University's board of regents last week pave the way to greater autonomy for Washington State University Vancouver and will allow the local university more leeway in providing blended degree programs for community college students.



Chancellor Dengerink

Effective immediately, the chief executive officers and deans of the Vancouver, Tri-Cities and Spokane campuses become chancellors in the new state-wide university system and will participate in a new President's Council, consisting of university president **V. Lane Rawlins** and the university provost.

WSU Vancouver needs to expand across the spectrum of academic programs, says WSU Vancouver chancellor **Hal Dengerink**. "The university is committed to making the expansion through additional and innovative partnerships with local community colleges and special institutes."

With the support of Clark College and Lower Columbia College, Longview, WSU Vancouver is developing blended degree programs that assure freshmen that provided they maintain academic standards, that they can move seamlessly from community college classes to WSU Vancouver toward completing their degrees.

While the regents' action does not make WSU Vancouver a four-year university, it does point the way for further changes, Dengerink says.

Former Chrysler dealership building on Mill Plain being used for police and fire training

Now owned by Southwest Washington Medical Center, the former Hannah Chrysler dealership building on Mill Plain Boulevard south of the medical center is being used for police and fire training exercises.

The building and property were acquired by the medical center as part of its current expansion program.

In the meantime, Vancouver Police and Fire services, the Clark County Sheriff's Office and Santa Fe Burlington Northern Railroad security officers are using the building, according to SWMC security manager **Harley Sell**.

Recently the Vancouver fire department, testing

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recruits under smoky conditions, burned peanut oil at high temperatures to create a nontoxic smoke environment to drill trainees.

People

Doug Ballou, chair of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County, and **Holly Gaya**, of the Clark County Outreach Program, made presentations at the international 2003 Public Interest Environmental Law Conference earlier this month at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Their topic, "Negotiation Strategies for Environmental Protection: How to Mitigate Litigation," was accompanied by a presentation to delegates of the county's *Citizens' Participation Guide*. Copies of the guide are available by calling **Terry Pace**, 397-6012, extension 4589.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. and in regular session at 7 p.m. today in City Hall. ■■■ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, when they will take action on an estimated 5 percent retail electric rate increase. ■■■ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the CRESA Building, 710 W 13th Street. ■■■ **Elizabeth Hovde**, *Columbian* editorial writer, will discuss "Behind the Scenes of the Editorial Pages" at the 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, Women in Action luncheon. Call **418-6888** to register. ■■■ Open house at Clark County's new Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, is from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18.

Monday electronic events

Portland Blazers at Indiana (live)—4 p.m. KXL
Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST, Monday, March 17, 2003

Alaska Air Group	19.20	+ .25	Linear Technology	34.40	+1.82
Alcoa	20.81	+ .87	Microsoft	25.93	+1.07
Amazon.com	26.55	+1.84	Nautilus	14.48	+ .98
Bank of America	69.12	+1.81	Nike	51.57	+1.82
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	18.18	+1.00
Bemis	43.45	+1.81	PepsiCo	40.40	+1.40
Boeing	26.90	+1.35	Precision Cast	24.84	+1.39
Boise Cascade	23.01	+ .74	RLRN	18.00	+ .33
CenturyTel	27.69	+ .74	Starbucks	25.43	+1.17
Costco	30.90	+1.31	TSM	7.87	+ .17
Expeditors Intl.	35.52	+ .78	Tektronix	16.79	+ .71
Georgia Pacific	14.90	+1.09	US Bancorp	19.88	+ .39
HPQ	16.40	+ .82	Wash. Mutual	34.45	+ .92
Intel	18.06	+ .89	W. Coast Bancorp	15.49	+ .74
Kyocera	51.53	- .07	Weyerhaeuser	49.81	+1.30

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Bill Barron having special dedication guest. ■■■ Candice Rodriguez paying close attention to the Wilis. ■■■ Patty Westby having a cake and candles day. ■■■ Bob Harris taking still life to higher plane. ■■■ Monday , A few drizzles, some fog, a few sunspots, 54. Tuesday , mostly cloudy, a few showers, a few sunspots, 56. Wednesday , mostly gray, a little more rain, 58.	Acapulco	86/64
	Athens	46/34
	Chicago	65/45
	Dallas	76/55
	Hong Kong	80/70
	Los Angeles	62/48
	London	61/47
	New Orleans	74/61
	New York	60/48
	Orlando	83/67
	Paris	57/42
	Phoenix	62/46
	Rome	52/35
	Seattle	52/40
	Sydney	76/58
	Tokyo	53/34
	Washington	65/49