

## Eastern Washington University may offer baccalaureate degrees at Clark



**Wayne Branch**

A program that would allow Eastern Washington University to offer bachelors degrees in social work and in technology at the Clark College campus in Vancouver is being considered by the state Higher Education Coordinating Board and state Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Clark College president **R. Wayne Branch** announced today during his 2006 State of the College address to faculty and community leaders.

In addition, Branch said the college will soon sign a transfer agreement that guarantees enrollment admission for all Clark College and Lower Columbia College students to Washington State University Vancouver, provided they earn their associates degree and are otherwise qualified. The agreement, he said, is unprecedented in the state and nationally.

Branch also noted that Clark in the past year has established co-admission agreements with Marylhurst University and Portland State University, in addition to a co-admissions agreement with WSU Vancouver.

Branch, who praised the support from WSU Vancouver's chancellor **Hal Dengerink**, pointed out that Dengerink's vision, drive and quest for a community that is prosperous in every sense of the word "have made my life so much easier, but, more than, that has produced amazing gains for our students."

Last fall Clark College served more than 11,465 students. Branch said that this winter there has been a modest increase in that number. Almost 900 students are participating in the dynamic running start program, he said—the highest number of any college in the state," he added. The running start program offers students in the last two years of their high schools courses of study at the college that allow them to graduate from both high school and Clark College simultaneously.

Branch predicts that Clark College, a respected leader in Southwest Washington, will be nationally recognized for its commitment to student success and excellence in teaching, empowering learners to enrich the social, cultural and economic vitality of our region and global community."

A recent survey showed that of the 150 employers contacted, 141 responded that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the Clark College students' they hired.

### **SWMC and Rebound take on Lumberjax**

Southwest Washington Medical Center and the Rebound Orthopedic and Rebound Neurosurgical Specialists of Northwest Surgical Specialists, will provide medical services for the new professional Lumberjax indoor lacrosse team based in Portland.

Rebound's physicians are already team physicians for the Portland Trailblazers, Portland Winter Hawks, Portland State University and Concordia University, says Rebound orthopedic surgeon **Ted Ragsdale**.

A regional leader in sports medicine and sports-related injury assessment, Rebound has medical offices in Southwest Washington Medical Center, Salmon Creek and in the Rose Garden in Portland.

**Steve Rocereto**, Lumberjax athletic trainer, who is a former San Diego Charger athletic trainer, is head trainer for Rebound. The Lumberjax in their first year in Portland as a member of the National Lacrosse League, play a 16-game schedule that goes into April. The league has 11 teams in the United States and Canada.

### **"Intelligent Design" up for argument at the Forum at the Library tonight**

The Forum at the Library will presents "Intelligent Design: Science or Not?" this evening at 7 p.m. in Foster Hall at Clark College. The forum, which is free, is being moderated by *Columbian* editor **Gregg Herrington**.

Presenting the case for Intelligent Design is local inventor **Tad Winiecki**. Other presenters are **Norman**

**Banks, Robert Bureker and Mark Stefan.  
Storyteller Will Hornyak offering  
tall tales and humor this evening**

**Will Hornyak**, whose stories of animals and legends have entertained thousands of Clark County school children, offers a one-hour performance for the whole family at 7 p.m. this evening in the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way.

Hornyak's performance, sponsored by the Clark County Department of Public Works and the City of Vancouver, is free. Refreshments will be served.

**Calendar**

The Frontier Middle School presents its winter band concert at 7 p.m. this evening in the school at 7600 NE 166th Avenue. Preceding the concert is a jazz presentation accompanied with pizza.

**Thursday headlines from at home and around the world**

[Vancouver thinking \\$165 million downtown development that could include new library; state help sought--Columbian, \*\*Kathie Durbin\*\*](#)

[600,000-megawatt coal-powered electric generating plant being promoted in Kalama--Columbian, \*\*Erik Robinson\*\*](#)

[County health officer, Justin Denny, also on teaching staff at OHSU, says he will "scale back" by leaving county job--Columbian, \*\*Tom Vogt\*\*](#)

[CIA confirms bin Laden tape; new audio talks of attacks, truce--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Italy to pull Iraq troops by year's end--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Study says college students lacking in skills--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[NASA launches Pluto mission--Washington Post, AP, \*\*Mike Schneider\*\*](#)

**Thursday on the air**

Capital Perspectives (1/12)—5 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (12/25)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

**Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV**

**Oregon at Washington State (live)—7 p.m. KXL**

**Oregon State at Washington (live)—7 p.m. KEX**

**Weber State at Portland State (live)—7 p.m. KPOJ**

Forum: Sen. Patty Murray (1/12)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Steve Clark** next to last still seated. ☞ **Bill Stewart** seated at press table. ☞ **Bill Firstenberg** doing nice things nicely. ☞ **Amanda Mayoral** making guests comfortable. ☞ **Joe Melroy** appropriately proud. ☞ **Thursday**, diminishing rain, 46. **Friday**, showers, 47. **Saturday**, showers tapering off, 48.