

Prior learning assessment credits may shorten class time for bachelor degrees

Marylhurst University and Clark College have teamed up to provide prior learning and testing credits for students bound for bachelors degrees through the Clark-Marylhurst co-admissions program.

By taking into consideration skills learned through life experiences, students may be eligible for as many as 90 college credits. According to Clark's acting vice president of instruction, prior learning may significantly reduce the cost and length of time it takes for a Clark student to move on to earn a bachelors degree at Marylhurst University.

"Knowledge is gained in many ways besides taking formal courses," according to **Melanie Booth**, director of Marylhurst's Learning Assessment Center. "Corporate training, on-the-job experience, community service, parenting, military training, seminars, workshops, volunteer activities and independent research are examples of what can be considered for undergraduate credit."

Clark and Marylhurst are offering a free prior learning assessment information session at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Clark College Penguin Student Union Building. For further information and registration, call **(800) 634-9982**, extension **6260**.

Local nonprofits get international certification

Innovative Services NW and Partners in Careers have each received three-year certification by the International Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Innovative Services NW received certification for its Encore Employment Services and Encore Custodial programs. Innovative Services NW is a family of five interconnected nonprofit agencies that assist and support children, adults and families that have disabilities or other disadvantages.

Partners in Careers, a private nonprofit agency serving Clark County job-seekers and employers, was awarded three-year accreditation for its employment planning services and community employment services.

Rural volunteers sought for Clean Water Commission

Clark County commissioners have issued a call to rural residents of Clark County to volunteer for membership on the county Clean Water Commission. Analytical skills, along with experience and an interest in environmental issues, are desirable attributes for volunteers.

The commission makes recommendations to the commissioners about services, policies, and funding related to how the county meets federal and state requirements for water quality, including stormwater management.

Applications must be completed by Friday, Feb. 10. For further information, call **397-2232**.

News briefs

"Think Big!" is the theme of Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard's** State-of-the-City address at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the Discovery Ballroom of the Hilton Vancouver Washington. There is a suggested donation of \$5. Registration is required; call **696-8200**. ☞ The annual State-of-the-County address, to be delivered by chairman of the county board of commissioners **Marc Boldt**, is at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Co-sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, the accompanying no-host luncheon is \$30. For required reservations, call **694-2588**. ☞ Three Port of Vancouver tenants received annual awards this morning during the Port's report on 2005. FPI earned the Port's Environmental Excellence Award. TriStar Transload PNY earned the Facility Improvement Award for 2005. Star Shipping was named Tenant of the Year.

Calendar

City of Vancouver annexation information fairs continue with a presentation at 6 p.m. this evening in Pacific Middle School, 2017 NE 172nd Street. ☞ The Animal Protection & Control Advisory Board meets in regular session at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. ☞ The Clark College Jazz Festival continues daily through Saturday, Jan. 28, in Gaiser Hall. Admission is \$5 for each day. Competition among northwest schools is continuous from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and resumes at 7 p.m. each day. ☞ Hospice volunteer training offered by Southwest Washington Medical Center at the Memorial Health Center, 100 E 33rd

Street, begins daily at 9 a.m. through Saturday, Jan. 28. For further information, call **696-5100**.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world

Thursday on the air

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: The Road Less Traveled—3:30 p.m. CVTV

USC at Oregon State (live)—5:30 p.m. FSN, KEX

City Minutes (1/22)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV

Portland State at Montana (live)—6 p.m. KPOJ

Washington at Cal (live)—7:30 p.m. KUIK

UCLA at Oregon (live)—7:30 p.m. FSN, KXL

Intelligent Design—Science or Not? (1/19)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Ted Van Arsdol taking notes. ⚡ **Kathy Condon** ratcheting up another good year. ⚡ **Nancy Baker** stellar in the spotlight. ⚡ **Bob Schaefer** and **Vinton Erickson** looking for high ground. ⚡ **Jessica Swanson** making a good trade. ⚡ **David Yew** doing superlative job. ⚡ **Tom Koeninger** helping with diction. ⚡ **Thursday**, heavy rain, some wind, 45. **Friday**, rain, 46. **Saturday**, continued rain, 45.