

Clark College inking another co-admissions agreement

Clark College, which already has co-admissions agreements with Washington State University Vancouver, Marylhurst and Portland State University, will sign a co-admissions agreement with Concordia University next week, Clark president **Wayne Branch** announced today.

Branch and Concordia president **Charles Schlimpert** will sign the agreement at 11 a.m. in the Penguin Student Union in Gaiser Hall on Clark's Fort Vancouver Boulevard campus.

Student benefits of the new partnership include coordinated federal financial aid disbursement, waived application fees for Concordia, coordinated student and academic services, joint library service, and credit for prior learning.

For many years, according to Branch, Clark graduates have gone on to Concordia. The new agreement, he said, paves the way for a seamless transition from Clark College to a baccalaureate degree.

Concordia is committed to the dual purpose of preparing students for life and for a living, Schlimpert said.

Concordia, a private Lutheran liberal arts university, currently has an enrollment of about 1,500 students, and is located at 2811 NE Holman Street, Portland.

Clark College, the third largest community college in the state, offers transfer degrees and technical training to about 12,500 full- and part-time students each quarter.

Southwest Washington Medical Center construction proceeding a pace

The 165-foot tall crane that has towered over Southwest Washington Medical Center for a little over a year will be removed Saturday, June 24, reports SWMC president and CEO **Joe Kortum**. Completion of the 154-bed E.W. & Mary Firstenburg patient and surgery tower is expected early this December. According to Kortum, the first patients in the new tower will be accepted in February 2007.

The Firstenburg Tower, in addition to private patient rooms, will house a dedicated heart and vascular center with five catheterization laboratories and two open heart surgery suites, and a surgery floor with 13 surgery suites.

The crane used on the \$146 million project was set up in May 2005. Operated by Tower Crane Service, a subcontractor to Hoffman-Anderson, the construction consortium on the project. To date, more than 487,000-man hours have been spent on construction without any serious safety incidents.

Stuart calls for town hall meeting on transportation

Clark County commissioner **Steve Stuart** is inviting local citizens and community groups to share ideas and concerns about transportation at a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, in the sixth-floor hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The meeting is a second in a series set up by Stuart. The first meeting covered environmental issues.

Stuart, a Democrat who is running for re-election this year, is opposed by former Vancouver mayor **Bruce Hagensen**, who is running as a Republican.

For further information, call Stuart at **397-2232**.

County auditor sets elections workshop

A two-hour workshop designed to provide candidates and campaign workers with information on running successful campaigns is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, in the Clark County Elections office, 1408 Franklin Street.

Although the workshop is sponsored by the county Auditor's Office, the views expressed by the presenters will not necessarily represent those of the office, auditor **Greg Kimsey** stated.

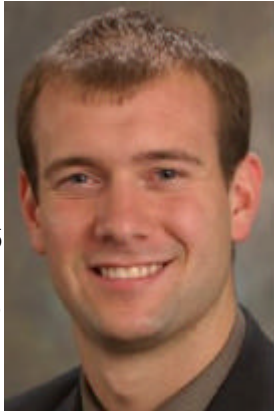
Presenters are **Lee Davis**, campaign consultant, **Ron Dotzauer**, former Clark County auditor and campaign manager for U.S. Sen. **Maria Cantwell** (D-Wash.), **Marissa Madrigal**, campaign consultant, **Ann Rivers**, political affairs director, Building Industry Association of Clark County, **Kathy McDonald**, president of KMac & Associates, **Heather Melton**, campaign consultant, **Tim Likness**, director for the Elections Department of the auditor's office, **Sally Parker**, state Public Disclosure Commission, and **Jane Van Dyke**, League of Women

Voters of Clark County.

There is no charge for the session. For further information, call **397-2078**.

People

Interning this summer at the Bank of Clark County is Washington State University junior **Andrew Alexander**. Alexander will work with the bank's executive team. Alexander, whose home is in Battle Ground, has managed his own house painting company for the past three years. At Pullman, Alexander has been involved with the WSU Community Service Learning Center and is a resident advisor at WSU.



Andrew Alexander

Calendar

Port of Vancouver transportation forum focusing on W 26 Avenue extension is from 6 to 8 p.m. this evening in the Fruit Valley Community Learning Center, 3410 NW Fruit Valley Road. ✂ The quarterly meeting of Vancouver's Downtown Association is from 6 to 8 p.m. this evening in the Vancouver Farmers Market food court. Speakers are **Bob Farrell**, **Brad Arntson** and **John Cameron**.

Thursday headlines

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Thursday on the air

- Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV
- CWS: Rice vs. Oregon State (live)—6 p.m. ESPN2, KUIK
- Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Dodgers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, ESPN, KFX
- Portland Beavers at Tacoma (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ed Lynch researching molybdenum sites. ✂ **David Beyer** showing faith in Montana deposits. ✂ **Mary Paeth** problem solving. ✂ **Del'Aurore Kyly** getting matters corrected twice. ✂ **Fran Rutherford** asking the right questions. ✂ **Helen Woolery** getting "O" back. ✂ **Mary Granger** expecting important telephone call. ✂ **Dan Heine** swamped with lunch invitations. ✂ **Thursday**, warmer and sunnier, 77. **Friday**, sunny, 78. **Saturday**, sunny and hot, 80.