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Clark, Concordia reach accord

Clark College president **Wayne Branch** and Concordia University president **Charles E. Schlimpert** today formalized a co-admission agreement between the two institutions, which is designed to improve student access to undergraduate education, increase the efficiency of joint efforts in support of students, and improve the success of student transfer rates through the completion of associate and baccalaureate degrees.

Participating student benefits include coordinated federal financial aid disbursement, a waived application fee for Concordia, coordinated student and academic services, credit for prior learning, one application, joint library services, on-site academic advising, access to computer services, and coordinated degree completion.

Clark has similar agreements with Washington State University Vancouver, Portland State University and Marylhurst University.



Clark College president Wayne Branch and Concordia University president Charles Schlimpert formally sign Clark-Concordia accord today.

Richard Curtis earns VFW award for helping promote Camp Bonneville as military cemetery

State Rep. **Richard Curtis** (R-18th) has been honored by the Woodland Gus Forbes Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1927 with a VFW Award for his support of veterans and veterans issues and his support of turning Camp Bonneville into a national military cemetery.

Curtis said today that a military cemetery would be a better and safer use for the surplus 3,800-acre former military camp than turning 1,000 acres of the camp into a public park.

Curtis is working with the Woodland post of the VFW to convince the U. S. Veterans Affairs Administration and Gov. **Chris Gregoire** that a national military cemetery is the highest and best use for the east Clark County camp.

The U.S. Army has agreed to turn the camp over to civilian use provided that the cost of rehabilitating the area, some of which is believed strewn with unexploded ordnance, is not exorbitant. Cost estimates range between \$50 and \$100 million.

Curtis today said that if the county could be assured of safety issues, then a park and military cemetery might co-exist at Camp Bonneville.

Wonder why the dodo became extinct? The answer may be presented tomorrow

Experts in the field of history and archaeology are speakers in a series of lectures, open to the public, being presented during the 6th annual archaeology field school at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, the first of which is at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in the Pearson Air Museum auditorium, 1115 E 5th Street, titled "Dodo and Its Extinction: New Evidence from Mauritian Fugitive Slave Sites."

The presenter is **Amitava Chowdhury**, who led an independent expedition on the Caribbean Island of Mauritius. "Recent excavations," according to Chowdhury, who holds a doctorate in history from Washington State University, "indicate that the last dodos were consumed by runaway slaves."

Thursday's lecture and three that follow this summer are part of a joint undertaking of the Northwest Cultural Resources Institute at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Portland State University, Washington State University Vancouver, and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust.

While designed for university students taking the field school, members of the public may want to attend the fascinating talks delivered by dynamic historians and archaeologists.

Seating for these lectures, which is limited, is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information, call **Heidi Pierson**, **816-6255**.

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

County to consider NW 219th extension

In response to requests from the City of Ridgefield and the Port of Ridgefield, the Clark County Community Development Department is considering an extension of NW 219th Street, and inclusion of the project in the county's Arterial Atlas in its 20-year road plan.

The Clark County Planning Commission will consider the request to begin planning to extend NW 219th and forward a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

An open house to obtain community input on a request to extend NW 219th Street in Ridgefield area has been set for 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 13, in the Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main Avenue.

Calendar

Port of Ridgefield commissioners, meeting in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening, will hear reports on both the High Capacity Transit Corridor Project and the Transportation Corridor Visionary Project by Dean Lookingbill, executive director of the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council. & The Clark County Auditor's office is sponsoring a free workshop for candidates and campaign workers at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the county Elections Department, 1408 Franklin Street. Presenters are as follows: Lee Davis, Ron Dotzauer, Marissa Madrigal, Ann Rivers, Kathy McDonald, Tim Likness, Sally Parker and Jane Van Dyke. & Port of Vancouver commissioners are holding a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. this evening to address the sale of five acres of port land to adjoining Great Western Malting Co.

Wednesday headlines

Portland police want to hire Brian Martinek as one of three assistant chiefs--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**

Vancouver chief will take key post in Portland police--Oregonian, Maxine Bernstein Assistant chief Mitch Barker to be named acting chief of Vancouver police--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**

Its official: Library bond will be on the September ballot--Columbian, Thomas Ryll Heat as farmers in jam--Columbian, Dean Baker

"As the sperm turns"--Columbian, Erin Middlewood

City wants Willie Nelson to sing Happy Birthday"--Columbian, Tom Koenninger

Vancouver, Portland ports to pungle up enough money to get Corps of Engineers to hire an extra employee to speed up permit approvals--Oregonian, Bill Stewart

Monorail land sell-off bring in \$11 more than taxpayers spent in Seattle--Seattle Times

Gregoire takes state global--Seattle P-I, Chris McGann

Senate approves Henry Paulson for Treasury--Washington Post, AP, Jeannine Aversa

Wednesday on the air

Legislative Review (6/22)—4 p.m. CVTV Fourth Annual Spring Fest (6/3)—6 p.m. CVTV Clark County Focus (5/25)—6:30 p.m. CVTV Seattle Mariners at Arizona (live)—6:30 p.m. FSN, KFXX Clark County Close Up (6/4)-7 p.m. CVTV City Minutes (6/11)—7:31 p.m. CVTV Sites of Persistence and Resistance (6/22)—8:30 p.m. CVTV Bravo! Vancouver: American Jazz Experience—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Stephanie Anderson accommodating schedules.

Vic Townsend delivering papers.

Jessy Ferguson and Georgia Knight expediting antique messages.

Mona Ail calling for superintendents. ∠ Heidi Pierson digging up details. ∠ Wednesday, mostly cloudy, 79. Thursday, mostly sunny, 82. Friday, mostly sunny, 84.

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