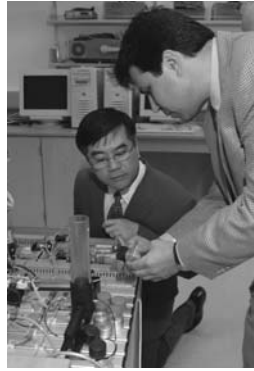




Notes for Neighbors Summer 2004

Opening the Doors of Opportunity: The WSU Vancouver Engineering and Science Institute

On March 22, Governor Gary Locke visited campus to dedicate the WSU Vancouver Engineering and Science Institute. This unique educational opportunity allows students to complete a bachelor's degree in biology and computer science, a bachelor's or master's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in environmental science right here in southwest Washington. During his visit, Governor Locke visited robotic, computer and biology labs and spoke with WSU Vancouver students about their studies.



Gov. Locke and Dr. Hakan Gurocak, Director of the WSU Vancouver Engineering and Science Institute.

The Institute is a partnership between Clark College, Lower Columbia College and WSU Vancouver. Here's how the program work: Students take all four years of classes on the WSU Vancouver campus, but pay community college tuition for freshman and sophomore level classes. At the junior class level, students move smoothly into the WSU Vancouver degree program.

World class research opportunities, quality faculty, internship and scholarship opportunities, and financial aid assistance will provide a broad spectrum of students an opportunity to maximize their time and dollars in a state-of-the-art higher education environment. It will also provide area business and industry the opportunity to locally recruit highly educated and trained employees for these high-demand fields.

To learn more, visit www.vancouver.wsu.edu/institute. For information on funding Institute scholarships, please contact the Office of Campus Advancement at (360) 546-9604.

Study Examines Future of WSU Vancouver Campus

In Fall of 2003, the Washington state legislature passed a bill directing WSU Vancouver to conduct a study examining the educational needs of southwest Washington. The study will, in particular, scrutinize the current attainment rate of bachelor degrees in southwest Washington, which is the lowest rate in the state of Washington.

For more information on the study, visit www.vancouver.wsu.edu or contact the Office of the Chancellor at (360) 546-9589.

Backyard Concert Series on Campus in July

- Friday, July 30, 7 to 9 p.m.
Obo Addy & Kukrudu
www.oboaddy.com.
Presented by City of Vancouver and The Columbian with support from WSU Vancouver and Starbucks.
- Saturday, July 31, 7 to 9 p.m.
Concert Rock Violinist Aaron Meyer & Guitarist Bill Lamb
www.aaronmeyer.com.
Presented by City of Vancouver and The Columbian with support from WSU Vancouver.

Both concerts will be held in the outdoor amphitheater on the WSU Vancouver campus. Food service will be available. Alcohol and barbeque units are not permitted on campus.

New Gallery Exhibits

Portland artist Suzanne Tufenkian's abstract prints will be on display in the Engineering Life Sciences Building through July 30.

Paul Parks' giclee print photography will be on display through July 30 in the Student Services Building.

Entrance is free. Galleries are open during building hours: Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WSU Vancouver Celebrates Fifteenth Commencement Ceremony at The Amphitheater at Clark County

Over 650 degrees, including 130 master's degrees and one doctoral degree, were conferred on Saturday, May 15. Nearly 42 percent of the undergraduates achieved honors distinction. The keynote address was given by Mark A. Suwyn, Chairman and CEO of Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, and co-chairman of the WSU Foundation.

The following awards were also presented during the ceremony:

- Chancellor's Award for Student Achievement:
Kimiyo Kanekoa-Rivera, BA computer science '04
- Student's Award for Teaching Excellence:
Kandy Robertson, College of Liberal Arts instructor and director of the Writing Center
- Chancellor's Award for Service to WSU Vancouver:
Ed and Mary Firstenburg
- Chancellor's Award for Research Excellence:
Michael Morgan, PhD, director of the Program in Psychology



With the graduation of the Class of 2004, the WSU Vancouver campus is now home to over 4,500 alumni. And, did you know? WSU has over 12,000 alumni living in the Vancouver/Portland area.

Construction Update: Clark Center

Clark College and WSU Vancouver have developed a unique partnership to address the educational needs of the region. The most recent project is the Clark Center, a 63,334 square foot, 3-story satellite facility to be built on the WSU Vancouver campus. The building will provide classrooms, science labs, computer labs and support space to accommodate growing enrollment pressure and the need to provide access to lower division courses for WSU Vancouver students.

The Clark Center has an anticipated completion date of Summer 2005. For more information, visit www.clarkcollege.constructware.com.

Coming Soon: Cougar Walking Trails

The Cougar Walking Trails project will provide additional access for scientists, walkers, hikers, bird watchers and joggers to several miles of walking and jogging paths that wind gracefully through meadows and mature forests, just east of the WSU Vancouver campus.

The designated jogging path will provide an all weather natural surface wide enough for two people. Other trails will be typical of what one would find in any improved forested area.

For updates on the Cougar Walking Trails project, visit www.vancouver.wsu.edu.

Fall Classes Begin August 23!

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