The President’s Corner

We’re almost a full month into a successful fall quarter, and if you really want to focus on how fast time flies, that means that there are only about eight weeks left before the quarter ends! And Christmas break begins! And Winter Quarter 2009 arrives!

But let’s try to stay in the moment.

Enrollment rebounded well this fall and that trend will hopefully continue for all community and technical colleges in the state. The challenge will be to continue providing for the needs of our students in a year of state mandated budget cuts.

But we’ve been there before, and as always, we will turn a challenge into an opportunity. Everyone has always pulled together to make WWCC our students’ best choice and I have no doubt that will happen again.

WWCC supplies the resources for student success. And the majority of our students appear to grab those resources--those opportunities--to increase their ability to find employment in a job that will provide the necessities of life.

The community and the students know they can trust WWCC’s great faculty and staff to lead them in the right direction. We’ve done it for 41 years and will continue to do it for at least another 41 years!

Construction Begins on E & V Addition

Expansion of the research lab and office space at the Center for Enology and Viticulture began Monday and is expected to reach completion by March 30, 2009.

The 1,077 square foot project is funded by an Innovation Partnership Zone grant through the Washington State Department of Commerce Trade and Economic Development. Funds pass through the City of Walla Walla to the college

Industrial Constructors, Inc. out of Richland are the successful bidder as the project went through the competitive bid process. Their bid came in at $267,600 (plus sales tax).

Are You Chilly?

The temperatures outside are colder and that means temperatures inside may feel cooler, too. That only means that you need to start dressing to accommodate your own personal level of comfort.

Sustainability still ranks at the top of the priority list, not only at WWCC but nationwide. DO YOUR PART:

• Dress in layers so you can be as warm or cool as you want.
• Don’t use individual heaters at your desk. They only offset (or even worsen) the attempt to lower costs and maintain sustainability.
• If you failed to dress appropriately, get up periodically and walk around. A walk will get your blood flowing and warm you up.
• It is impossible to please everyone. If you’re normally cold-blooded, dress warmer. If you’re a warm-blooded individual, start taking off layers until you reach your comfort level.

You and your department are not the “target of the week” for discomfort. We’re all in this together. Help us make a difference in these crazy times of statewide budget cuts and the move toward a sustainable world for our future generations.

More Halloween Fun!!

Remember to decorate your area for the ASB-sponsored Halloween Contest.

Judging will take place on Halloween beginning around 10:30 a.m.

Great prizes!! Lotsa Fun!!

Remember the Good Old Days?

Long hair on the guys, poodle skirts, hippies, pegged jeans worn well below the waist, reversible pleated skirts.

Retro Halloween!

Wear your own retro outfit to work on Friday, October 31
Chad Miltenberger, Assistant Director & Prof-Tech Recruitment/Retention Specialist
Clarkston Campus

Everyone knows Chad Miltengerger on the outside--friendly, outgoing yet quiet, eager to help, great sense of humor. But with a little begging and sweet talk, Chad agreed to answer our Spotlight questions:

Chad was born and raised in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1980. “I come from a large German family,” he says, “and I am the youngest of six siblings. And we have education in our blood as my father taught at Clarkston High School for 34 years and my oldest brother is a recently retired chemistry instructor.”

Chad and his wife of four years, Linda, live in Lewiston where she works as an interior decorator.

Movies about historical events are a favorite with Chad. And when it comes to reading, he says he reads more articles related to the outdoors and history than books. When asked about the most interesting place he’s ever visited, he immediately states, “I was very impressed with the Smithsonians in Washington, DC. Although it was a while ago, I still find myself thinking about those museums.”

To relax and leave the cares of the college behind, Chad’s immediate answer was “spending time with family is pretty important to me.”

There’s no doubt what is at the top of his list of things still to do in life--“I want Chet Hansen sitting beside me in Happy Valley while watching the Penn State Nittany Lions defeat the Ohio State Buckeyes in football. He’s given me a lot of grief the past couple of years!”

Chad obviously enjoys his job. “I don’t think this makes me unique,” he says, “but I feel fortunate to be in a position to help kids/students/people make decisions that could positively shape their future. To be able to do this from different environments has been a privilege.”

And Chad, it’s a privilege to have you as a co-worker and friend.

Spotlight... from Professional to Personal!!

“Not Until You Know My Story”

~A play about diversity~

Actors create the stories of fourteen characters whose differences impact growing up, working and living in this country during a play produced by “had to be productions” out of California.

The play is scheduled on Friday, October 31, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Dome.

Approximately 45 minutes in length, the play addresses race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, size and privilege.

For those who can stay, the actors will facilitate a discussion using the thoughts and feelings of the audience that were evoked while watching the play.

Local Schools Enjoy Recruitment Visits

Melissa Harrison’s recruitment campaign keeps her on the road promoting the college this time of year.

She’s gotten great feedback from her October visits to Lake Roosevelt, Mabton, LaGrande, Hermiston, Kennewick, Pendleton, and Ephrata high schools as well as the CBC College Fair. Instructors may participate in any visitations to promote their specific programs by calling her at 4675.

From Chad’s Kitchen to Yours...

JERKY RECIPE

3 pounds meat (your choice--beef, deer, elk, goose, etc.)
1/4 c. Tender Quick
1 c. Soy Sauce
1 c. Worcester Sauce
2 t. Pepper
1 t. Garlic Powder
1 t. Onion Powder
1 t. Liquid Smoke

Cut meat into thin strips. Marinate for 24 hours. I put meat in a smoker but you can use the oven at 200 degrees until the meat is dry (start checking it at 20 minutes).

Lost & Found Procedures from Business Services

Items that have been Found by students, staff and visitors are to be turned in to the Information Center on the Walla Walla campus, or the Business Office on the Clarkston campus. Items will be kept in a secure location on each campus.

Owners may report Lost items at these locations as well. A description of the lost item, the owner’s name, and contact information will be recorded. If/when that item is found, the owner will be contacted to claim the item.

Every attempt will be made to return the items with identification to their rightful owners in a timely manner. Unclaimed items such as book bags, clothing, cell phones and sun glasses will be given to charity after 90 days; computer disks and USB drives (erased), calculators, textbooks and other school-related supplies will be given to TRiO/Opportunity programs after 90 days; valuables will be held up to 180 days before appropriate disposal.

Other items shall be handled case by case, with oversight by the Vice President of Financial Services on the Walla Walla campus, and the Director on the Clarkston campus.
**Kudos to...**

...Del Wilde, Frank Skorina, Alan Harwood, Dan Norton, Kathy Thornton and Theresa Degan for attending college fairs with Outreach Coordinator Melissa Harrison.

...Chad Miltenberger on the publication of his thesis in partial completion of a doctorate in education from The University of Idaho. The study is titled “Advising Strategies: Effects on Student Success for Professionals/Technical Traditional and Non-Traditional Aged Community College Students.” As Assistant Director at Clarkston, Chad heads up Student Services and has extensive experience in Workforce programming. He utilizes his knowledge of Clarkston students as background in analyzing the importance of goals and a plan to student perseverance and success in a community college.

**Wellness at Work**

It’s still not too late to join the newest session of Weight Watchers at Work. The group meets on Wednesdays at noon in the back dining room. Three members have reached their goal and have become lifetime members.

**DEPRESSION: Out of the Shadows**

October 28, 2008

This film will be shown from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the back dining room. “Tables are available so bring your lunch and join us when you can,” said Claudia Angus.

A lot of Americans are keeping an important, possibly deadly secret.

The National Institute of Mental Health reports that approximately 18.8 million American adults have a depressive disorder. The disease is not discriminating, seeping into all age, race, gender, and socioeconomic groups. Depression stalls careers, strains relationships, and sometimes ends lives. So if this many people are living with the disease, why the silence? DEPRESSION: Out of the Shadows explores the disease’s complex terrain, offering a comprehensive and timely examination of this devastating disorder. (WGBH Educational Foundation and Twin Cities Public Television, Inc., 2008).

More information available at: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/takeonestep/depression/

**Literacy Week October 19-25 to Feature Celebration Event**

A Literacy Week Celebration on Monday, October 20 in the William A. Grant Water and Environmental Center highlights Washington State’s Literacy Week October 19-25, 2008.

Keynote speaker for the evening event from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. will be Representative Maureen Walsh. Entertainment will be provided by the Garrison Middle School Choir and Mexican traditional dancers. Student success stories and poetry readings will also be presented.

One in six hard working adults in Washington need more literacy skills to get better jobs to support their families. With a little more investment and a little more work, we can give them the chance to develop these skills.

“Better Skills, Better Jobs, Better Lives”

**Annual Entwine Event a Success**

The sixth annual Entwine event provided food, fun and the opportunity to bid on auction items for 386 attendees last Friday, October 10, at the Marcus Whitman Hotel.

Over $240,000 was raised through ticket sales and bidding, according to event coordinator and WWCC Foundation Director Linda Hardy.

“We raised another $39,000 for student scholarships,” she noted, “and that amount should increase with post-event sales.”

Art Walla and the Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance are co-sponsors with the Foundation.

Several silent lots and some hand-blown glass vases, votives, and bowls went “unadopted,” Hardy noted, and they are available to view in the Foundation office.