

**Vancouver**

## **Jeffrey Wigand will speak at Clark**

Jeffrey Wigand, a former tobacco company executive who exposed information the industry was suppressing about the dangers of smoking, will speak May 23 at Clark College.

Wigand's presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Foster Hall on Fort Vancouver Way, north of East McLoughlin Boulevard.

The day before his talk, the college will show the movie "The Insider." The movie, starring actor Russell Crowe as Wigand, details what happened after Wigand went public with his knowledge in late 1995. It will be shown at 2:30 p.m. in Decker Theatre.

Both Wigand's talk and the screening are free and open to the public.

Based on information revealed by Wigand — then a vice president for research and development at Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. — the Food and Drug Administration began regulating nicotine as a drug and, in 1997, tobacco companies reached a \$368.6 billion settlement with 40 states that had sued to recover the cost of treating tobacco consumers.