Clark College timeline
- October 1933: Two-year Vancouver Junior College opens at Hidden House, 15th and Main streets.
- 1937-41: Based in Salvation Army Building, Seventh and C streets.
- 1942-47: Based at Vancouver High School, 28th and Main streets (two-year closure during World War II).
- 1948-57: Based at Ogden Meadows, Fourth Plain Boulevard at Stapleton Road.
- 1958 to present: Central Park campus.
- 1962: First graduating class in Associate Degree nursing program.
- 1967: Clark included in new master of Washington community colleges.
- 1992: Clark opens Town Plaza campus (now Tower Mall) for adult basic education, English language learners, GED courses.
- January 2006: Clark Center at Washington State University Vancouver opens.
- Fall 2009: Clark Center at Columbia Tech Center scheduled to open.

There's a birthday in store for Clark College

By HOWARD BUCK
Columbian staff writer
Clark College was launched during the Great Depression, opening at the Hidden House in downtown Vancouver on Oct. 2, 1933. It's without irony that the 12,700-student community college kicks off the celebration of its 75th anniversary on Wednesday, as more economic troubles brew.

Accounting for the positive, the Clark community gathers 'round the school chime tower at 9 a.m. Wednesday for a rendition of "Happy Birthday." The tower will play the tune throughout the day. From there, a series of special events rolls right into the weekend: 75 hours in all, to mark 75 years.

Wednesday
- 9 a.m.: All students, staff, faculty and well-wishers invited to sing "Happy Birthday" at the campus chime tower.
- 2 p.m.: Dedication of new Elwin F. Dunn Community Room in remodeled Gaiser Hall, to honor the longtime Clark administrator and former interim president.
- 2 to 4 p.m.: Birthday cake served in Gaiser Student Center to all comers. Campus tours offered.
- 7 p.m.: Evening program in Gaiser Student Center includes congratulatory messages, visitors. Capped by newly enhanced lighting of the chime tower, a gift from the Clark College Alumni Association.

Thursday
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: "Rock the Vote" rally in Gaiser Student Center and at Anderson Fountain, in tandem with start of service projects at Clark, to enliven CLARK COLLEGE, Page C7

Clark snapshot:
- 12,883 students enrolled by Sept. 25; full-time equivalent of 6,367 students.
- 98 full-time instructors; 167 on tenure track.

On the Web:
- Clark College 75th anniversary celebration and history: www.clark.edu/clark75

Three nabbed as part of sex offender sweep

Authorities claim suspects are in this country illegally

By JOHN BRANTON
Columbian staff writer
A weekend sweep for wanted sex offenders has netted three Mexican citizens who were in
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gage students in the fall election.
2 to 3:30 p.m.: Appreciation ceremony for Clark faculty and staff members who completed a two-year, campuswide college accreditation review.

Friday
10 a.m. to noon: Open house at Clark College Town Plaza campus, home to adult basic education, English as a Second Language and GED courses. Located at 5411 E. Mill Plain Blvd.
1 p.m.: Dedication of Andersen Educational Complex, which covers the 'T' Building (site of the ceremony) and two other structures west of Fort Vancouver Way. In 1996, the Andserens donated nearly $29 million to Clark to assist vocational education.
4 to 8 p.m.: Penguin Oktoberfest, a free, family-friendly festival on the main Clark campus, with play area, artisan booths, food and other exhibits.

Inside the Penguin Student Lounge, the first-ever reunion of Clark alumni across the decades will take place.

Saturday
9 a.m. to noon: Kalani Rodrigues (K-Rod) Memorial Scholarship 5K Run and Walk. Registration 9 a.m. at Clark's Christensen Soccer Field (information: www.clarkcollege-foundation.org). The event begins at 10 a.m. and ends with a Hawaiian luau lunch and entertainment at the Gaiser Student Center and Andersen Fountain.

Sunday
1 to 3 p.m.: Free reception for new Archer Gallery exhibit by artist Ruth Patterson Hart, in basement of Gaiser Student Center.

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gressional Research Service.

I think it needs to be paid for," Baird said. "This administration has not, in eight years, come to us and asked us to pay for anything."

What irked him most, he said, was that President Bush has held up all federal appropriations bills this year over a $15 billion difference between what Congress wants to spend on programs like education and health care and what the president is willing to sign.

"The president has said, "If you go a penny over my budget, I'm going to veto the bill,"" Baird said. "Now he wants us to approve $700 billion?"

Michael Delavaro, Baird's libertarian-leaning Republican opponent who favors a return to the gold standard, issued a statement last week calling the governor adjusted her schedule twice to accommodate Rossi, finally agreeing to an 11 a.m.-to-noon televised debate on the 13th. The Rossi campaign initially agreed, but then changed its mind, notifying organizers that Rossi had to be finished by 11:30 a.m. so he could make it to a noon fundraising lunch.

Rossi accused the governor of trying to back out of debating at the last minute.

As for Gregoire, her campaign said she still plans to be in Vancouver at 11 a.m. on the 13th, ready to debate.

— Kathie Durbin

Lothspeich isn't saying

Brad Lotspeich, who raised $51,000 in a primary campaign for Clark County commissioner and finished with 12 percent of the vote, said he doesn't expect to endorse anyone in the general election.

Fellow Republican Tom Mielke asked Lotspeich for his brother David was a Lotspeich backer, and last week he won the backing of the local building industry association, which had publicly worried about his electability.

At any rate, Mielke's fundraising pleas seem no longer to be answered by the sound of crickets. With $5,000 from the BIA and $6,750 in big donations from other development folks, he's raised $13,535 since Aug. 19, more than he managed during the entire primary. He's spent $476.

Brokaw has raised $12,460 since the primary, including $6,250 from the Democratic Party, and spent $3,993.

Expect more. Brokaw's next fundraiser is scheduled for Monday Sept. 29, at Battle Ground mayor Mike Ciraulo's house. Mielke said he'll be setting a date this week for his first event.

Game on.

— Michael Andersen