

College, community celebrate

On Aug. 19, 1933, an article appeared on the front page of the Vancouver Evening Columbian announcing the founding of Vancouver Junior College — a partnership of educators and businesspeople who dreamed of bringing higher education to Southwest Washington. It was an impressive demonstration of belief and hope during the darkest times of the Great Depression.

Seventy-five years later, it was wonderful to see The Columbian continue its tradition of sharing exciting news about the college on the Oct. 2 front page, "Clark offers lesson in longevity: 1933-2008" (and the editorial page and more). Our region has changed a lot during the past 75 years. But, as they did in 1933 and continue to do today, both Clark College and The Columbian strive to reflect the dreams and aspirations of our community.

As Clark's president, I can state that we are proud to be the community's college. Our Diamond Jubilee is the community's celebration, as well as our own. Here's to the next 75 years.

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