

# College hosts Wildlife Federation clinic

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Nineteen Northwest community colleges were represented by 70 students and faculty members who came together on April 5 to receive hands-on training to create environmental change on campuses.

This event was co-sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology Program, Clackamas' environmental club Helping Everyone's Environment Live (HEEL) and the Environmental Learning Center.

The event was held at the ELC and the Lakeside Education Hall. The ELC was transformed from a sludge pond for Smuckers cannery. It provides an example of campus enhancement through natural wildlife habitat.

"I would love to have the ELC actively involved to continue working with HEEL, students, faculty, administrators and the entire community, bringing people together to look at creative practices and programs that increase biodiversity and decrease the impact of human activities," said John LeCavalier, director of the ELC.

College President John Keyser opened the conference stressing the importance of "linking arms to move ahead as effectively as possible."

"Community colleges are ideally suited to carry forward the agenda of the conference because of our strong ties to the community," Keyser said.

Jim Lyons, director of community-based programs for the National Wildlife Federation, called Clackamas a "leading institution".

Over the past eight years the NWF has been involved in one-third of all the colleges and universities in the

United States with different environmental programs. This special focus on community colleges is an important change as it is community based.

Clare Bastable, campus ecology organizer for the NWF, was the organizer and facilitator of the conference. She led the "Ecological Advancement on the Community College Campus" workshop.

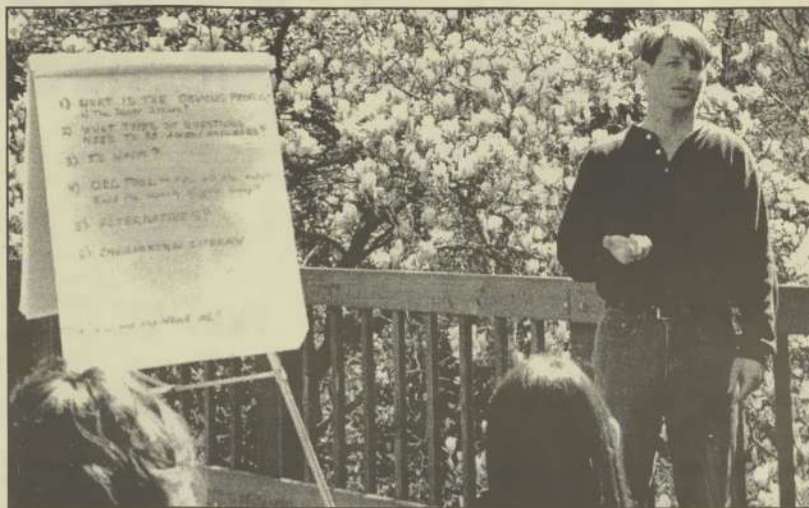
"Clackamas is a model campus in terms of the amount of active people who are tuned into the environment and that the structure (HEEL) is already in place for great things to continue happening," said Bastable, when asked why the conference was held at Clackamas.

Bastable was able to accomplish one of her main goals in establishing a permanent network to share information between the 19 community colleges attending.

Jessica Hamilton, Oregon organizer for the Western Ancient Forest Campaign and Columbia Basin Institute, presented a workshop on "Organizing for Environmental Change" stressed the importance of planning for specific environmental events and setting goals. Student feedback during this workshop named apathetic students and lack of faculty involvement on environmental issues as the hardest challenge facing the environmental movement at community colleges today.

Amy Carlson, campus organizer for Student PIRG chapter at Lane Community College, gave the workshop "Fundraising for Environmental Projects". This workshop gave different fundraising ideas and emphasized trying to find alternatives to needing money.

Workshop topics included creating a wildlife habitat on campuses,



James Allison, an associate with the National Wildlife Federation, provided a workshop on how to conduct successful environmental audits.

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performing environmental audits, waste reduction and recycling and planning a successful Earth Day/Week.

Ken Eshelman, student coordinator for HEEL, attributes the honor of Clackamas hosting the event to the success of HEEL's environmental efforts during the 1995-1996 school year.

Plans are to make the environmental conference an annual event for northwest community colleges.

## Special Announcement

Join HEEL this Saturday, April 19 to help with the Tualatin River Clean-up. The group will meet at Clackamas' bus turnaround and leave at 8:30 a.m. Call ext. 2247 for information.

## Celebrate



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## ELC offers erosion control workshop

A three-session workshop on "Erosion Control Design for Professionals" is being offered at the John Inskip Environmental Learning Center beginning Monday, April 28 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The second and third sessions will be held on Wednesday, April 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, May 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. There is a \$25 fee for the course. More information is available by calling ext. 2351.

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