

# Collaboration creates new eCommerce degree program

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The Business department at Clackamas has developed a new two-year degree and one-year certificate in eCommerce giving students the opportunity to major in web management and marketing.

eCommerce, representing any transaction that happens on or through the web, will play an essential part of every business's future in the global economy.

"By offering this program, we will be able to emphasize how important eCommerce is in today's world," explained David Garlington, business instructor.

The Computer Science department will be offering two new focus areas for its two-year degree program, Computer Application Specialist. Starting Fall 2001, both Web design and Web programming will be available to interested students. Art 115 (basic design) and computer graphics courses will be taught by the Art department.

The English department is involved by developing a writing course for the web; the CWE department is designing an internship program for students; and the Social Studies department is con-

sidering the development of a web culture course or sequence of classes that can complement the program.

The process of creating a new eCommerce degree at Clackamas began during the Fall 2000 term when representatives from the Arts department, the Computer Science department and Business department planned the new program. The steering committee consists of three department chairs: Rick True, Art department chair, Linda Anderson, Computer Science department chair, and Joan Ryan, Business Administration chair.



Throughout the year, a 32-member advisory committee, consisting of local high-tech employers and representatives from OIT, PSU and local high schools, was formed

with the goal to provide a transfer degree for college students as well as transferable credits to high school students.

"We have to notify other schools about the program so they can offer classes in that area," emphasized Ryan.

The proposed degree and certificate have been presented and approved by both the Curriculum Committee and the College Council; it has also been presented to the President's Council. Classes will begin Fall term 2001. For more information call Joan Ryan, ext. 2363.

# Celebrate Alcohol Awareness week

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Activities as well as a surprise event and free barbecue are planned for Alcohol Awareness Week, May 29-30, to raise student awareness of the effects of alcohol.

Community volunteers as well as campus groups and individuals helped coordinate the event, including ASG, student ambassadors, Instructor Tim Pantages and Mindy

Brown, coordinator of student outreach.

An information booth will also be available providing literature on alcohol safety, drinking and driving and preventative issues.

Ribbons, which also serve as free tickets to the barbecue and surprise event, will be distributed starting this week. Ribbons will be available on Tuesday as well.

"There will be a special event

happening on Wednesday in the Barlow parking lot, May 30, at noon. We will provide free food and music, and NRK will give away free gifts," said Brown. "We are giving out ribbons to get people interested in joining us. We really encourage students to join us, see what it's all about and take advantage of the free barbecue."

For more information call Mindy Brown, ext. 2261.

# Library: Illness still a concern to many

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Patterson. "What makes it so difficult is that we don't know what we are testing for."

Currently, anyone experiencing symptoms are asked to contact George Sims at ext. 2632 or Jeanette Kmetc at ext. 2229. By collecting symptom data, they are compiling information about correlation between time and place of occurrences. They are also interested in any unusual smells reported.

During the meeting, Librarian Terry Mackey voiced concern about the crumbling of ceiling panels and the smell of sulfur. Other staff voiced concerns about illness and odors in the air.

"The thing that scared me about the classroom I was in was that the smell was sickening," said Connie McFarland, instructor, skills development. "Some described it as an odor of vomit, some of electrical burning, some as the worst case of burnt toast they have ever had and another as metal on metal."

There were other concerns voiced as well at the meeting.

"What about the students who go to the library or need to go to the library who may be kind of vulnerable?" said McFarland. "Is this sort of a buyers beware just because we have a note on the door? It seems to me that it is just not right. Our students come first and that is who we serve, and to make

people sick is wrong, to make us sick is wrong."

"We know that we meet OSHEA standards," said Patterson. "In a lot of places it would end here. We as a college are taking it farther than that and that is why we are going into this phase two; because people and students do come first for us. So we are going the extra mile, two miles, ten miles to protect students and staff. Something is making people sick; we don't know what it is."

Throughout the testing, the library and other services in the Dye Learning center will be open. A meeting will be held on June 5 to discuss any further developments.

# Writers' Club Contest Winners - 2001

Fiction	Poetry	Creative Nonfiction	Drama
First Prize (\$50)	First Prize (\$50)	First Prize (\$50)	First Prize (\$50)
Second Prize (\$30)	Second Prize (\$30)	Second Prize (\$30)	Second Prize (\$30)
Third Prize (\$20)	Third Prize (\$20)	Second Prize (\$30)	Second Prize (\$30)
"The Girl in the Green Checked Dress"	"Illinois"	"Seagull Egg Soup"	"Skunk in the Chicken House"
Elizabeth Miles	Jack Chitty	Denise Browning	S. Myron Wright
"Water Witch"	Tom Hogan	Bonita M. Richardson	Donna Reitan
S. Myron Wright	B.J. Anderson		
Sarina Dorie			
"Scarecrow"	"Montana Return"	"The Search"	"The Short History of Women"

There will be a writers' club award ceremony held May 29 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Gregory Forum 108C. Everyone is invited to come. For more information call Allen Widerburg at ext. 2359.

# Letter to the Editor

## Creationist speaker 'states bias opinion'

Last Thursday a creationist Dr. Chittick visited campus sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ club. Pauling 101 was filled to overflowing with members of the CC4C group and students from various classes who had gone to hear this talk on science and religion. What the participants got was a slick power point presentation geared at proving Creationism vs. Evolutionism as the opening titles proclaimed. What the students didn't get was either good science or good religion.

Dr. Chittick began by affirming that a biased approach to science (or religion) would yield biased conclusions. He then, from a creationist bias provided 'evidence' that early scientists were religious, concluding religion and science can be compatible. The middle section of his talk then discounted the findings of geology, biology, paleontology, astronomy, physics, in short all modern science in favor of a young earth philosophy of creation. His only religious remarks other than supporting a Creator were limited to the observation that if people were uncomfortable with God then there was a place for them and it was hell and hell was REAL.

Spending a year with an inquiry class investigating science and religion from many angles is a better choice for students who are interested in this fascinating topic. For students who did attend the talk and are wondering about the presentation's truth, be assured that the conflict model that was presented is representative of but a small portion of a much larger dialog between Science and Religion. The questions and answers are much bigger and more interesting than the limited view of Dr. Chittick's presentation.

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