

Clackamas' progressive environmental goals cited in national report

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The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) recently recognized Clackamas Community College as one of 12 colleges and universities nationwide for the progressive efforts that the college has made at establishing environmental goals and policies.

The Campus Environment Report Card issued in December is

based on findings from 891 colleges and universities from across the nation and provides environmental grades in more than 20 categories, ranging from curriculum to transportation policies.

Colleges and universities that participated in the survey were asked about environmental policies related to energy conservation, recycling, water conservation, protecting natural habitats and the making of sound environmental investments. Clackamas is one of 12 schools cited in the

report as having taken the lead in setting environmental goals and policies.

According to the report, many of the schools that have written policies in place have indicated that conserving energy, reducing solid waste and maximizing recycling comprise most of the activities that these schools are most likely to do in the future.

In all of the other areas mentioned in the report, most schools have diminished intentions for more activities.

"To me that is one of the most important indicators in the report because it means there is some momentum," said Julian Keniry, manager of the NWF Campus Ecology Program. "If you're setting goals you haven't just made an environmental statement, but you have a vision for where you want to go."

Over the past several years, Clackamas has replaced all of its light fixtures with energy-efficient lighting. The college recycles paper, metal and other products and

uses native plantings in its landscaping. In addition, the college has developed a landscaping master plan that provides guidelines for environmentally sound practices.

About 22 percent of higher learning institutions in the nation participated in the study. The NWF Campus Ecology Program was established in 1989 to work with the colleges and to promote ecological awareness on campuses and in the surrounding communities.

Financial aid announces tuition waiver contest winners



Lacey Haverland--\$300 tuition waiver winner



Jessika Lais--\$200 tuition waiver winner



Sharon Seeber--\$100 tuition waiver winner

Unemployment high, extended benefits available

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McLees emphasizes that these are worst-case scenario options and hopes that as the spring draws nearer, Oregon's economic picture will brighten.

One ray of hope for those in Oregon who are currently unemployed is the United States Department of Labor extending unemployment benefits for up to 13 weeks, effective Jan. 6, 2002. To qualify for such benefits, a person's unemployment insurance claim must have been filed after Jan. 14, 2001. While it is unknown as to how many Oregonians have applied for the extended benefits at this time, the Employment Department estimates that 15,000 people will file an application during the first week of availability.

In order to remain eligible for extended benefits, though, an individual must submit tangible evidence of his or her work search each week. The person must also be willing to accept any work that pays minimum wage or the amount of their weekly benefit, whichever is greatest.

The Employment Department asks that Oregonians not call their local field office if they believe that they qualify for extended benefits. If one qualifies for the benefits, the Employment Department sent a notification and application via the mail on Jan. 4, 2002. Once a person receives the application, he or she completes it and brings it to the local field office.

The unemployment rate figures for Oregon for January will be released on Feb. 15.

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