

Scammers seize opportunity

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Those who are thinking of donating money online in response to the tsunami disaster should beware of scam artists who are looking to illicitly profit from the recent outpouring of altruism.

Criminals are posing as charities and asking for money to send overseas to help victims of the tsunami disaster. That money is then sent to a private bank account, and never reaches the promised destination.

"Whether it's Red Cross or other non-profits, [we're] trying to do good work," said Red Cross Marketing Communications Director Mary Miller. "For people to breach the trust of donors makes it really difficult for non-profits to do their jobs."

The tsunami scam is very similar to the "phishing" scams of last year, in which con artists cut and paste a bank's logo and send e-mails out requesting that that bank's customer re-submit their personal information, because the "bank" is restructuring their website.

Scammers then add that the customer's account could be lost if the information isn't resubmitted. People that do send their information then have their accounts completely mortgaged, and sometimes even have mortgages taken out on their

homes.

Miller also says people need to be wary of strange faxes or pop up ads claiming that money will be donated if one will try their product.

"The worst part about the scandal is that it takes time away from disaster relief," Miller went on to say. "People are less inclined to donate."

"Online donations are really important to us, because it is the fastest way to donate, the fastest way to get money to affected areas, and it's the most inexpensive way to give," Miller continued, "so when Scammers do things to erode the trust of online donation, it really hurts the potential to work more efficiently."

One should not be disinclined to give because a few con artists are trying to profit from the tsunami. Miller says that the best way is to call your local Red Cross Chapter and figure out the way that one feels most comfortable donating.

"It can be either over the phone, sticking something in the mail, or online," Miller said, "and then once [the giver] has made that donation they should call the Red Cross and make sure that donation has been received."

If anyone is interested in supporting the Red Cross, or has any other questions, Miller recommends either calling (503) 284-1234, or going to www.redcross-pdx.org.



Internet Photo

Deadly tsunami slams coast of the island nation of Thailand, leaving death and destruction in its path. Since the disaster, donations are skyrocketing, which are in turn spurring the number of scams circling the internet.

Niemeyer offers students of arts new edge

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"We have to think a little bit differently now that we have all this space and equipment," said Michelle Meyer, Theater and Speech department secretary.

The Niemeyer Center for Communication Arts is up and running after ground was first broken in July 2003. The theater, music and speech departments have almost finished moving in and slowly the halls are beginning to fill up with students going to and from classes.

"We're going to be able to do lots of neat stuff," said music technology student Dallas Radke about the new audio recording lab.

The lab is just one of the many resources open to students enrolled in the programs offered in the Niemeyer Center.

On the second floor there is a row of instrumental and vocal practice rooms for music students. There's also the MIDI lab, the LeRoy Anderson band room, the almost complete taps room and

music library, not to mention all the well-equipped, fairly large classrooms for music theory, aural skills, etc. No longer do music students have to meet in a glorified hallway

in Randall.

Speech has all new classrooms and instructor offices. The speech classrooms are spacious with huge windows that let in lots of natural

light.

The theater department now has a huge facility in which to work. The new theater itself serves almost twice as many people as before. There are men's and women's dressing rooms filled with mirrors and counters and lights, an enormous props workshop, and catwalks above the stage for the lighting and sound crews.

"We're going to be able to use [the theater] for more than just play productions," said Meyer. "We want to bring a lot of things in here."

Shall we mention the art gallery now?

Off the lobby of the Niemeyer Center is the Alexander Gallery, a 950-square-foot space featuring a 24-foot high ceiling, that will serve to display instructor and student artwork. It will also aid students in studying the aspects of gallery management.

With all its windows, high ceilings and open spaces, the Niemeyer Center has a very inviting atmosphere.

"You can hear music all the time," said Meyer.



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Students Esther Prentice (left) and Kathryn Erland (right) look out over lobby of Niemeyer building.

Big Box o' Briefs

Campus news: 75% leaner, 25% meaner, and 100% unprofessional

Meth user alert

For an ongoing investigation into Governor Kulongoski's war against Methamphetamine, and how it affects the students of Clackamas, The Print is seeking students who would like to grant an anonymous interview pertaining to how the new laws affects their use. Confidentiality will be respected and anonymity observed. Contact Ben Maras at ThePrint, ext. 2309, or via e-mail at newsed@clackamas.edu.



Transfer Day

Those seeking to transfer out of Clackamas will want to mark their calendars for Thursday, Jan. 27, for Clackamas' Transfer

Day. What is Transfer Day? It's the day that 25 universities and colleges throughout Oregon and other states will visit the college to promote their four-year education plans to interested students. The event will take place in the Gregory Forum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and door prizes will be given away (to ease the agony of planning to leave Clackamas, of course).



Clubs Fair

The CCC Clubs Fair for Winter Term will be held on Jan. 26 in the Community Center. Set-up will start at 11 a.m. and the fair will go to 1 p.m. This is an opportunity for CCC clubs to get their name out to stu-

dents and increase membership. Clubs can RSVP until this Friday (Jan. 21) to ASG Clubs Senator Tiffany Williamson via ext. 2598. No baby seals will be allowed at the Clubs Fair ...



Feeling adventurous?

Foreign Language Department Chair Irma Bjerre, will be giving a presentation on Feb. 10 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on international programs open to students — Barcelona, Florence, London, and Namely. The presentation will cover the basics of international programs: cost, housing, academics, and how to pose as a Canadian so you don't get shot (Ok, just kidding about that last one).



Speaking of travel ...

Program fees for the study abroad classes (mentioned above) have gone up, due to the inflation of the Euro. Rather than \$1,550, the cost is now \$1,700 ... I bet you wish you hadn't napped during Economics class, eh?



O Death Valley!

Now moving from death to Death Valley. Besides being one of the world's hottest and driest regions, Death Valley actually does serve a purpose for scien-

tists and tourists is peaked, you'll see CCC Science do a 3 credit field "Natural History Deserts." The cost during Spring ... be danned) Me the cost is \$23 For more inform Jennifer Bown, 2926, or Sarah P124e ext. 2812

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