

New Web site adds more flavor

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The new design for the college Web site focuses on functionality and personal touches.

A task force including Director of Public Affairs Anne Donelson, Dean of Information Technology Services Joe Austin, and Dean of Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences Bill Briare was assigned to oversee the development of the new, more dynamic page, with Dean Walch, the college Web site coordinator.

"It was a pretty aggressive process," said Walch, adding that the college had been wanting to overhaul the site for some time.

"We really needed to give the Web site a face-lift," he said.

The old design consisted of many static pages; any changes to the site had to be sent to Walch to be manually coded. Now, according to Walch, the core Web site consists of only six actual pages and is built with a content management system, which will allow the pages to be updated more quickly than the previous design allowed.

"Basically, it works like a database system that just happens to serve Web pages," said Walch.

Among the more noticeable new aspects of the site are the staff and student profiles featured on the borders of the pages.

"It seems like there are a lot of great stories that aren't always told around the campus," Walch explained.

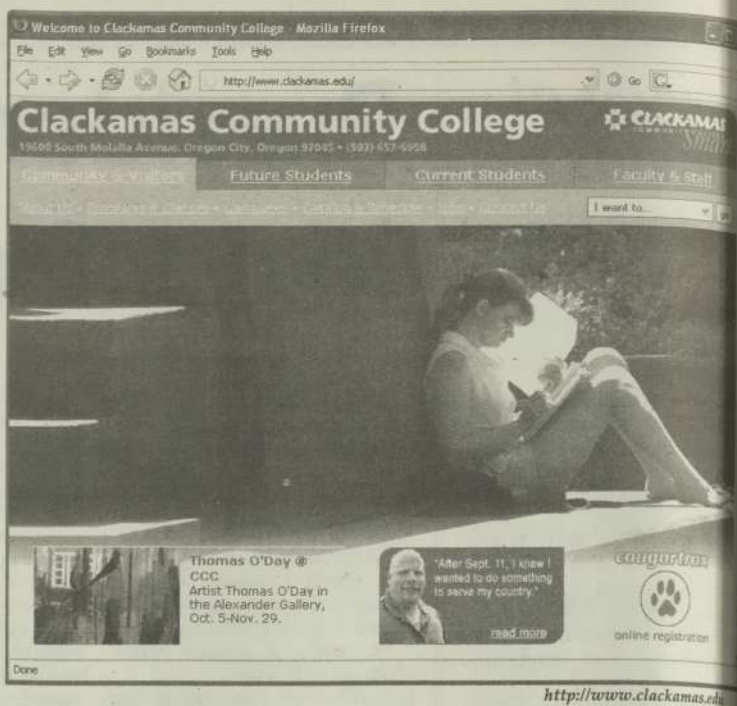
He added that, while the current profiles were created from previously existing writings and interviews with the limited student body of Summer

Term, there will be more profiles created in the future. The plan, he says, is to cycle stories in and out of the system, so that the content is always fresh.

"There's a lot of stuff that's going to come forth," Walch said of future additions to the site. "This was basically just cleaning up what we had."

Among the additions Walch described were the integration of podcasts and video segments.

"Keep looking at the site for new things. You'll see new things popping up throughout the year."



CAMPUS: Summer projects near close

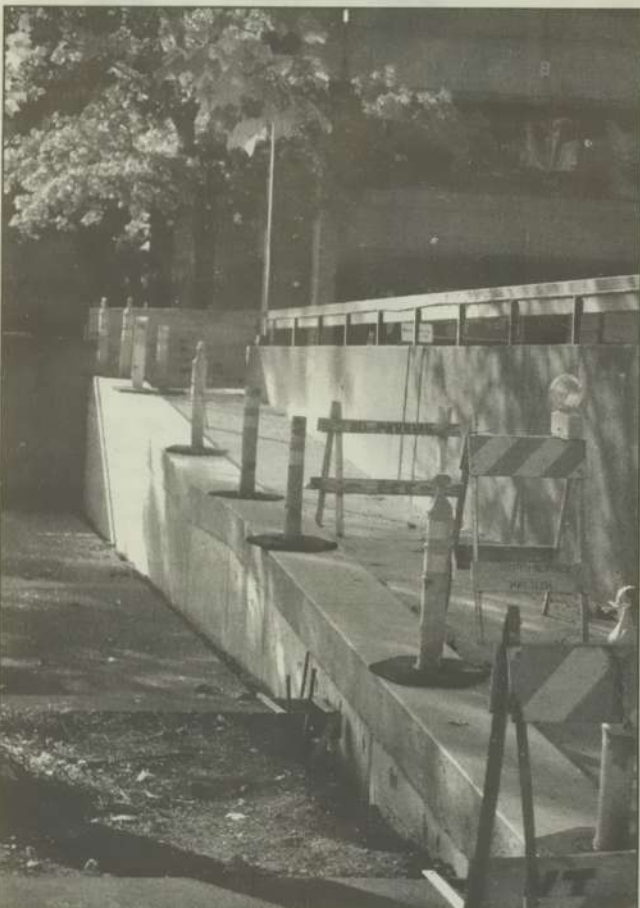
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Barlow's business offices, not excluded from summer construction, were reconfigured in hopes of making a more efficient workspace. Storage was improved and furniture replaced.

Several other buildings on campus received upgrades in the form of carpet and floor covering replacements to address safety and appearance concerns.

Construction will continue on several projects, including automotive area upgrades, ADA-accessible picnic tables and environmentally-friendly pavement walkways between Randall Hall and the Art Center.

Work is just beginning on the automotive area, however the picnic tables and walkway are anticipated to be finished Winter Term or earlier.



New ADA-accessible ramps in front of Barlow Hall are near completion. Like various walkways on campus, these ramps are made with a new, smooth pavement that slows the degradation of equipment such as wheelchairs.

SCHOLARSHIP: Financial aid for any major

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In addition, a student of any major is eligible for the Juan Young Scholarship for \$1000, as well as the \$250 Ruth Allen Nursing Uniform Scholarship, to be used in the purchase of a uniform.

If a student has not already filled out a 2006/2007 FAFSA, he or she must fill one out as soon as possible in order to receive financial aid. Applying also requires a typed 500-word essay, two to three letters of recommendation and a current unofficial transcript.

A more complete list of the requirements on the application is available in the Rodger Rook Hall lobby and on-line at <http://www.clackamas.edu/inside.asp?prev+2104&content+2104-03>.

Fall open enrollment begins Oct. 16, and the deadline for the application is Mon., Nov. 13 by 5 p.m.

"Every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., there is a financial aid/scholarship information session in RR117," said Darcie Iven, scholarship coordinator and financial aid advisor. "In these sessions, students can ask questions and get help

with their applications."

The Clackamas Scholarship Committee will score all applications according to the criteria of the specific scholarship and merit of the student's submission.

The recipients of these scholarships will receive their awards in time for Winter Term.

"Sometimes it's the departments themselves that choose the recipients," said Iven. "For instance, the Horticulture department chooses the recipient for Horticulture Club Scholarship."

The bulk of the scholarships awarded to the Clackamas students are generated from corporate donations and affluent individuals who wish to give a large sum of money to the college.

"Many times, the money comes from individuals like you and me," said Iven, referring to the annual staff drive running this week until Oct. 13.

Iven is available to answer any questions and can be reached at 503-657-6958 ext.5008, or by e-mail at scholarships@clackamas.edu.

Accreditation team to visit campus this week

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The accreditation team arrives today to review the college throughout the week.

Today in the Bill Brod Community Center, room CC127, there is an accreditation meeting from 3 to 4 p.m. Not only are students welcome to attend, they are encouraged.

Accreditation is the process that determines whether the college can continue to receive federal financial aid, and, just as important to students, whether credits earned at the college can transfer to other colleges and universities. The process is essential quality control. The committee looking at Clackamas will look at key areas and how the college evaluates itself.

If the committee determines that the college is living up to the standards that it has set for itself, then the committee can reaffirm its accreditation for up to 10 years. If the committee determines the college isn't living up to its own standards, then it can award accreditation for anywhere from one year up to the 10-year mark.

The accreditation team, also known as the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. They approve and publish the actual list of accreditation standards.

A party will be held to celebrate the accreditation team visit to the campus this Friday in the Gregory Forum from 5 to 5 p.m.

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Accreditation Meeting today from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room CC127 in the Bill Brod Community Center. All students are welcome to attend.

"Why Manufacturing Matters" Conference today at 12 p.m. in the Niemeyer Theatre.

Register to Vote before the registration deadline on Oct. 17. Forms available in the ASG office.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wed., Oct. 25 in the Gregory Forum. Anyone interested in donating blood is asked to sign up at the ASG office by Oct. 24, however, walk-ins may be able to donate.