

Steps to sustaining Oregon, world

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In the words of Kermit the Frog: It's not easy being green.

It's the second year running for the college's Sustainability Project, and its goal is to make being green not only easy, but also educational.

The project seeks to raise awareness of environmental issues and provide various viewpoints and solutions. There will be free lectures, movie viewings, fairs and readings.

"We're informing others and still informing ourselves about what's going on," said Committee Member and English Instructor Jim Grabill. "We're looking at what theories are being developed."

Attendance at events varied last year, and members of the committee are optimistic about this time around.

They've taken out many of the evening slots and scheduled more events around the

noon hour.

So, why does sustainability matter?

Elizabeth Howley, Horticulture Department chair and a member of the Sustainability Project committee, says that depends on how one defines "sustainability."

"You might define it as those practices that will keep the good parts of Oregon good: meaningful healthful streams, healthful lands, soil, and business and farmers in business, so your food can be grown locally," she said. "So, you might care about it because you want your environment to be healthful for you and the next generation."

She says the important component of change is thinking long-term.

"It's probably hard sometimes to think of ... great grandchildren, but you need to think in those ways to keep Oregon a fine place," she said.

The project began last week and will continue through June 6.

Sustainability Project schedule of events, April 18 - May 4

For a complete schedule, please see <http://cccsustainability.wordpress.com>.

April 18

Speaker: Author Jeffrey St. Clair, "Been Brown So Long It Looks Like Green to Me," noon to 1 p.m., McLoughlin Theater.

April 21

"Celebrating Water" - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. Celebrate water with informational booths, speakers and hands-on activities for kids. Find out what Clackamas County water resource agencies are doing to protect our resources. Sponsored by the Clackamas County Water Education Team (CCWET). No pre-registration.

April 25

Speaker: Mace Vaughan of the Xerces Society - "Pollination Insurance in the Face of Honey Bee Declines: Bring on the Wild Bees," noon to 1 p.m., McLoughlin Theater.

April 26

Speaker: Poet Clem Starck, Oregon Book Award winner for his collection *Journeyman's Wages*, reading his work, noon to 1 p.m., Rook Hall, Room 220.

May 1

Speaker: Dr. Robert Bass of OIT - "State of the Art: Renewable Energy Sources in the Pacific Northwest," 11 a.m. to noon, McLoughlin Theater.

May 4

Reading: Poet Derek Sheffield, recipient of the North American Review's James Hearst Award, reading his work, noon to 1 p.m., Rook Hall, Room 220.

CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

Local Author

Jeffrey St. Clair speaks at noon in the McLoughlin Auditorium today. For information, contact Jim Grabill at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2824.

Celebrating Water - Connecting Water, Land and People

This will be a day-long celebration of water on April 21. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum and feature water resources, speakers, workshops, hands-on activities and entertainment for children. For more information, call the CCC Horticulture Department at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2644.

Metal-Working Seminar

Ron Covell, a.k.a. "Professor Hammer" of *Street Rodder* magazine, will present a seminar demonstrating metal-working techniques. His seminar will take place April 23 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in Barlow Hall. The cost is \$25. To register or get more information, call (503) 657-6958, ext. 2354.

Peak Oil Forum

Charlie Stephens, an energy consultant and former senior energy policy analyst at the Oregon Department of Energy, will present a Peak Oil Forum tomorrow at 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Gregory Forum. For more information, contact Jim Grabill at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2824, or Janet Paulson at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2307.

ASG presidential elections: huh?

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ASG Elections are next week, April 25 through 27.

Just in case there is some confusion as to what the president and vice president of ASG do, here's a quick run-down.

As an ex-officio member of the Board of Education, the president is responsible for communication of student needs to the board and administration. The president represents ASG at local, regional and national organization events.

Also, the president appoints all committees except for the ASG Election and ASG Selection committees.

When the president can't perform these functions, the vice president takes on the responsibilities.

The vice president coordinates the ASG Election and ASG Selection committees with the ASG advisor, chairs the Appropriations Committee and oversees club organizations.

Campaigning starts two weeks before the elections, and there's only one week left for candidates to try and get their message across to the student body.

A note on write-in votes: Write-in votes are only counted if the candidate meets the basic requirements for holding an elected position in ASG.

These requirements include a cumulative GPA of 2.7, serving two terms in ASG or Student Ambassadors and enrollment in a minimum of 10 credits.

This year, there are two candidates for vice president.

Incumbent ASG President Tim Lussier is running for a second term against Hig School Liaison Ambassador Felisha Borg.

Campus Activities Senator Tracie Miller and Betham Adamson are running for vice president against one another.

Voting will take place at the ASG Office in the Brod Community Center on the college Web site.

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Incumbent ASG President Tim Lussier waits with opponent Felisha Borg to make comments to a group of students during the debate yesterday. Voting is April 25 through 27.