

OC Point

New strip mall means more choices for students

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Is Chartwells in danger of extinction?

Some might say so, with the construction of OC Point across the street from the college.

The new shopping center on the corner of the highway and Molalla Avenue has been under construction for the last few months and has drawn much speculation as to what is going into the new buildings.

The structure will contain a FedEx Kinko's, a West Coast Bank, a Sport Clips hair studio, a Starbucks and a Panda Express.

It is the last two that may threaten the success of Chartwells.

The eatery is fairly successful because of its convenient location, but with a new restaurant and popular coffee shop just a minute's walk away, how will it fare?

Students have differing opinions.

"The coffee here is of decent quality, not to mention Starbucks isn't worth crossing that crazy road," said Aubra Penner.

Vanessa Jones pointed out one of the more glaring objections to Chartwells Starbucks.

"They have limited flavors here. I might go across the street. It depends what I'm in the mood for."

Starbucks is one of the most recognized brands of coffee. The company started in 1971, selling only coffee beans, but soon started selling delicious coffee and espresso beverages. Starbucks now has 7,521 stores worldwide. Within two miles of the college alone, there are three Starbucks already, two within a few blocks of each other.

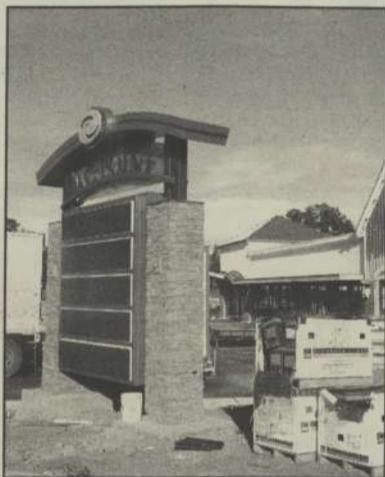
Panda Express is a less common sight, but still fairly popular. With their line of Asian cuisine at prices that everybody can love, it is considered the most popular Chinese fast food. They currently have 1 thousand restaurants throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Japan. The closest ones to campus are the Clackamas Town Center location and the one in Wilsonville's Argyle Square.

FedEx Kinko's will undoubtedly prove a valuable addition to campus life. Their services include paper copies, photo prints, passport photos, signs and graphics and personalized gifts.

They also sell office supplies, such as binders, paperclips, staples, stamps and an assortment of writing utensils - all of which should be helpful to students.

Sport Clips is a unique hair franchise with a sport-themed environment geared toward men and boys. There are currently no other locations in the Oregon City area.

The construction of OC Point should be completed in time for Fall Term.



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The new shopping center under construction across Hwy. 213 from the college.

Tilt tackles Asia's air problems

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He speaks Mandarin Chinese, Korean and is now learning Hungarian. If possible, he would like to be reincarnated as a water buffalo.

He is Oregon State Anthropology Professor Dr. Bryan Tilt, and he spoke at the college last week in association with Clackamas' Sustainability Project.

An extremely well-rounded and educated man, Tilt received his Ph.D and Master's Degree in anthropology from the University of Washington. Previous to that, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Asian Studies, as well as technical writing, from Utah State University.

His work has been aimed at studying Southwestern China, a land where he has traveled and lived. He immerses himself in the culture while researching pollution and its effects on the community.

"I took a lot of courses in graduate school that got me interested in sustainability, especially pollution control, and I realized that China is where it's at," Tilt said. "China has 1.3 billion people and is developing so fast. It's the world's factory and is absorbing a lot of the pollution burden that should rightfully be ours, and Japans' and Germanys'."

His hard work in Asia has been recognized and praised by many, and in 2005, he won the Peter K. New Award for Best Research Paper in Applied Anthropology for his essay entitled "Modeling community perceptions of risk from industrial pollution in rural China: a political-ecological approach."

Tilt traveled to a particular region of Southwestern China where the average person makes the equivalent of 50 U.S. dollars a month working in agriculture. The industrial workers, however, make two to four times that much working in dangerous metal-smelting facilities that leave



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Anthropology professor Bryan Tilt speaks to the audience last week as part of the Sustainability Project at Clackamas.

employees and the entire surrounding community extremely susceptible to high levels of toxic pollutants. The situation is not a good one, nor one with which most Americans could relate.


Even living in the conditions they do, Tilt's experiences with the people of the rural town have been pleasant.

"On a one-on-one basis, China is a very pro-American country," he said. "I was generally treated very well. As a researcher, they do watch what you're doing; you have to register everywhere you go with the Public Security Bureau.

"Local government officials have to approve your study. That's a process that has to be negotiated with them, usually involving drinking copious amounts of alcohol. In China,

social connections are often not formal, the way they are here. You don't sign a written document that creates a relationship; you create a personal bond first."

Tilt clearly advocates environmental protection, but wonders how feasible a standardized global definition of sustainability would be. Economically, areas like Southwestern China are nowhere near as strong and developed as other parts of the world. Changes must be made to alleviate the pollution concentrated in Asia, and Dr. Tilt continues to research the serious issues that not only plague China, but are now showing up in our own backyards as wind currents carry the hazardous chemicals across the globe.



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Campus News & Events

Today

Nashville-based poet and storyteller Minton Sparks will be holding a workshop for students in RR 220, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., with a discussion about her work from noon to 1 p.m. in CC 127. For more information, contact English Instructor Kate Gray at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2371.

Today

Dr. Peter Ward, a paleontologist from the University of Washington, and best-selling author of *Rare Earth and Life As We Do Not Know It*, will be speaking from noon to 1 p.m. in Gregory Forum.

June 7

An evening of contemporary wind music will be performed by the college's Concert Band, under the direction of Instructor Dave Mills. It will be held in the Osterman Theater at 7:30 p.m., and a \$5 donation is requested for admission. For more information, contact the Music Department at (503) 657-6958, ext. 2434.

June 8

The Mainstream Jazz Ensemble, directed by Lonnie Cline, will be holding a concert in the Osterman Theater at 7:30 p.m. Price for admission is \$5 for this evening of jazz, fusion, funk and pop music. For more information, contact the Music Department at ext. 2434.

June 14

The graduation ceremonies for those receiving their GED or adult high school diploma will take place at 7 p.m. in the Randall Gymnasium. For more information, call the Graduation Hotline at ext. 2549 or visit the college's Web site.

June 15

Graduation ceremonies for college degree and certificate recipients will take place at 7 p.m. in the Randall Gymnasium. For more information, call the Graduation Hotline at ext. 2637 or visit the college's Web site.