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# SAVING THE PLANET ONE BY ONE



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A stack of 198 class schedules waits to be recycled in the downstairs Rook staff lounge. Great recycling or waste of paper?

## Sustainability committee takes on campus issues that affect Mother Earth

**Riley Lundgren**

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Clackamas' sustainability committee began meeting Oct. 26 in an effort to attack environmental issues on campus, with the hope of making Clackamas more earth-friendly.

The committee has been in the works for a couple of years. It began as a group of faculty members who encouraged authors concerned with sustainability awareness to visit Clackamas.

The college has had a sustainability fair for the past two years. In July, Vice President of Instructional Services Baldwin van der Bijl asked that Dean of Arts Bill Leach, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences Bill Briare and Horticulture Instructor Elizabeth Howley to launch sustainability practices.

Leach, Briare and Howley are now co-chairs for the sustainability committee.

"I see my responsibility as helping the school's staff and students understand choices to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, reduce our carbon footprint and, therefore, become more responsible citizens," Howley said in an e-mail. "My love and respect for the natural environment is why I have chosen to work in the green industry and horticulture, and my passion for sharing information is the reason I am an instructor."

The goal of the committee is to explore and implement sustainability philosophy at Clackamas.

"The first step is to do an assessment of where we are on campus," Briare said.

With the help of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), the committee will be able to help raise awareness with information and resources.

Students and staff members have been e-mailing ideas and suggestions to Howley about what can be done at the college.

"I am compiling them and sharing them with the committee so we may discuss actions on these suggestions," Howley said.

So far, proposals have been made to place recycle bins for plastic bottles on campus and reduce paper waste.

"We are a campus with great landscapes, giving us air and enriching our experience," Howley said. "Our committee process of inclusion lets us make great choices. We have an active grounds committee and campus-use and development committee."

"Our method of inclusion allows us to get things right the first time and change with new ideas and technology which is brought forward. At Clackamas our buildings are designed by architects who are held responsible for incorporating staff input, so we end up with great spaces and fewer design errors."

The sustainability committee meets every other Friday in the Bill Brod Community Center at 12:30 p.m., and all are welcome to join or attend and listen.

## Faculty poet travels to share her passion



### Kate Gray travels overseas to share her poetry

**Emily Walters**

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Full-time faculty associate president, published poet and community volunteer are just a few of the many roles that English Instructor Kate Gray has

taken on during her time at the college.

Gray's busy lifestyle should come as no surprise to those who know her well; she is a self-proclaimed risk-taker.

"I think I am really proud of the risks that I have taken, and those come in all sorts of flavors," she said.

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## New scholarship for grade-gifted

**Dale Balbi**

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Attention all academic-gifted students.

Students with unmet financial needs and stellar grades, who are involved in or have a strong appreciation of the arts and humanities, should perhaps consider applying for Clackamas' Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship.

This scholarship's objective is to help young people of great promise achieve their full educational potential - in other words, the scholarship pays for tuition and living expenses.

However, there are some guidelines to be eligible.

The student must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.5 or better, which must include all college-level courses. Nominees must also pursue a baccalaureate degree full-time at a prestigious four-year institution starting in fall 2008. Only college sophomores or recent graduates within five years qualify.

The Jack Kent Cooke

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Kate Gray's first full-length book of poetry was published in fall of 2007. It is called "Another Sunset We Survive."