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## Oregon City Farmers Market

Students find sustainability on their own as they sell their goods at the Oregon City Farmers Market, which opened May 3

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At the sound of a pan flute wafts the sound and conversation of families, couples and individuals browsing the Oregon City Farmers Market.

The market, located on Kaen Road, opened on May 3, in the parking lot of the Clackamas County Public Service Center.

Even with the overcast and dreary weather, the mood was surprisingly jovial as old friends and new acquaintances milled around the lot, admiring each others' wares.

The Farmers Market opened four years ago and, this year, features several veteran vendors, including Monica Honegger and her 88-year-old mother, Carlos Lewis.

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Monica Honegger, left, and her mother, Carlos Lewis, discuss the mix of greens to put in bags at the Oregon City Farmers Market.

Jennifer Xiong, left, and her sister, Nancy Xiong, select flowers to sell in bouquets. They are working for C & K's Garden Flowers since the Farmers Market opened four years ago.



## State-of-the-art technology coming to a campus near you

Summer, \$133,000 is slated for Information Technology Services to update computer technology systems on campus

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Information Technology (IT) administrator likely the time a new computer-technology system is implemented is already outdated. Clackamas' computer resources contribute to this fact – some of the systems on campus are well past their prime.

Coming school year, Clackamas' IT infrastructure is in need of replacement equipment, starting with about 300 systems spanning multiple buildings, specifically the student center.

Upgrades are part of the regular cycle of technology at the college. The college invests in to remain current. As software becomes more complex, faster computer hardware is necessary to keep up.

Six years ago, Clackamas released approximately 800

computers to replace the then-ancient systems that were in place.

The process began last school year when this lease expired, providing funding to procure new equipment. Along with being free from the lease, the college had also increased the student technology fee from \$2 to \$3.

"The combination of this fee going up and then also that lease going away means that we have an ongoing revenue source of \$450,000, and there are a lot of responsibilities for that fee," said Courtney Wilton, vice president of college services.

On July 1, 2007, the money was available to begin replacing about 280 systems during the academic year. For the next school year, 300 additional systems are slated for purchase for the student labs.

The oldest computers are exchanged first, as they are generally six years old and harbor Pentium III-level performance.

Joe Austin, dean of information technology, is responsible for planning out the cycle and keeping track of which systems are substituted with more efficient models and when.

"We've been trying to upgrade the oldest computers first, obviously," Austin said. "We reevaluate each year which ones need to be replaced."

Student computer labs, such as those in the drafting, computer science and business departments, are the first to be given the

newest systems. Regular classrooms receive the older hand-me-downs taken from the student labs and continue to make use of them. When they are no longer sufficient, the systems are cycled down to faculty offices.

Finally, when computers are too old for useful application on campus, they are liquidated either as donations to local K-12 schools or collected by the vendors for proper disposal.

In addition to computer work stations, another IT category is slated for \$133,000 of improvement.

The funding will go toward "smart classrooms" because, as Wilton explained, "It's kind of a new standard. (They) are really popular, the teachers love them, and I think students like it too."

These systems consist of projectors, smart screens, digital overhead cameras and a computer for the instructor, as well as a command and control interface. Currently, the campus has approximately 65 – or half of all classrooms – equipped with the setups and plans to add about eight more this academic year.

Finally, some minor additions are planned for the campus WiFi network, particularly for McLoughlin Hall in the form of two new access points. The additions should cover any blind spots in coverage for that area.

In all, students can expect a technology system by the next year that, at least for a short while, will actually be up to date.

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