

Funny flair hides on campus



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Tina Birch, an executive assistant in the Barlow Hall administration office, is easy to like – even before you see what a cool toy she has on her desk. When she shows you her USB-connected, mouse-controlled foam missile launcher, with motorized targeting and missile launching sound effects, she'll be your new gff (geek friend forever). Be very nice to this woman, because she hasn't fired on any living targets, yet.



Something is wrong with this sign on the men's bathroom, outside the gym in Randall Hall. You can't tell what it says. Kate Gray, English department chair, will persuade you to see to it that you are allowed to graduate.

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Water myths pour away as students learn the truth

Last year in the midst of massive drought, a public water provider in Georgia ran out of water. Residents lined up every morning at a water truck waiting for their daily one-gallon allotment.

Though many believe water is plentiful in the rainy Northwest, the small amount that's drinkable coupled with the rising population is forcing people to consider how they can conserve life's most basic necessity.

More than 400 locals and students found out more about water and sustainability in the Northwest from agencies that deal with water quality at the fourth annual Celebrate Water: Connecting Land, Water and People, last Wednesday at Clackamas Community College. The event was part of the college's sustainability project.

Leah Shuyler was at the event looking for activities she could use for fourth graders at River Mill Elementary School in Estacada.

"I have a really strong passion in the environ-

ment," said Shuyler.

Sharon Leingang, a volunteer at the event and a master recycler, said she's looking out for future generations and spreading information on the three R's – reduce, reuse, recycle.

"Once it's in the landfill, it's there for life," said Leingang, who took at test in January to become a master recycler.

Leingang had a table where she taught people how to make CD cases out of recycled magazines. At another exhibit, students learned how their use of water outdoors affects our rivers, streams and oceans. This was demonstrated by students pouring red and green powder on a plastic landscape display which was then sprayed with water to simulate rain.

It flowed into the river – simulating pollution. Allison Heimowitz, who ran the display, talked about how what we do to the land is important and that we need to think about alternatives. She handed

out a poster with ten easy steps to save water, which included sweeping sidewalks, adjusting lawn sprinklers and adding native plants to yards.

Christina Hollenbeck with Clackamas Water Providers said anyone can conserve water. Her ideas included changing to newer plumbing fixtures, taking shorter showers and using water outside. She said 95 percent of people use water outside.

Hollenbeck said she's working on getting a Georgian water official to come to Portland to talk about what the state could have done to prevent their drought.

"A lot of people I work with say, 'Pshh, we never going to be there,'" she said. "You wait and see."

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