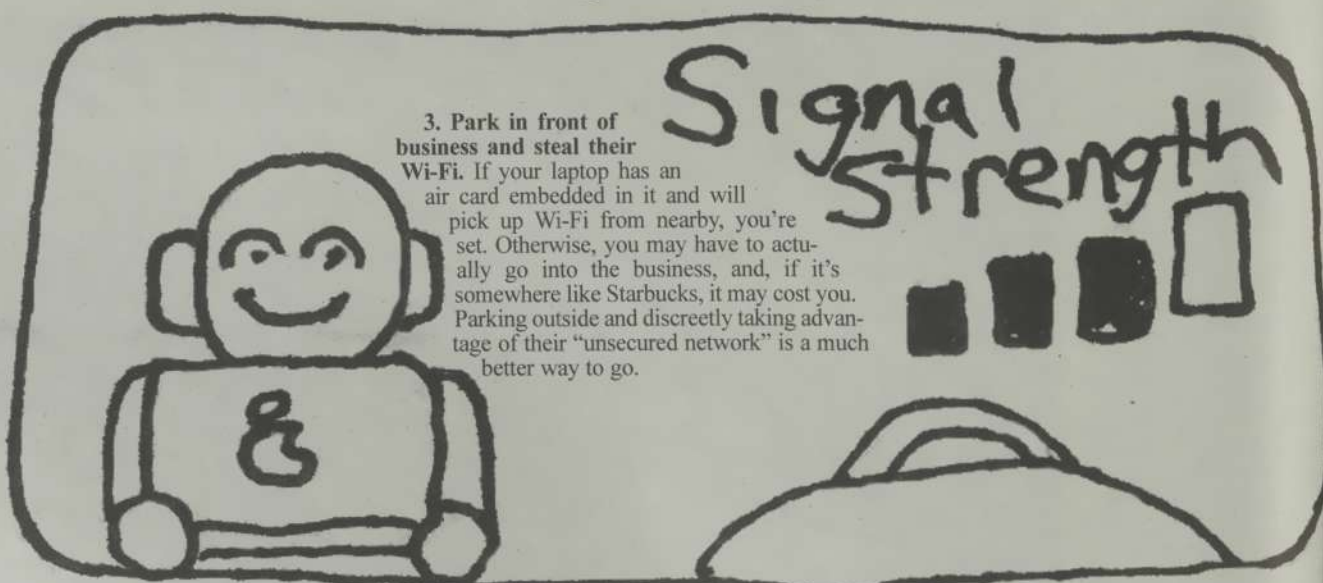


Ten mindless ways to fill time

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Ever get to class super early? Or sit in your car to pass the time between classes? Here are some ideas of what to do while sitting in your car for a long duration of time.



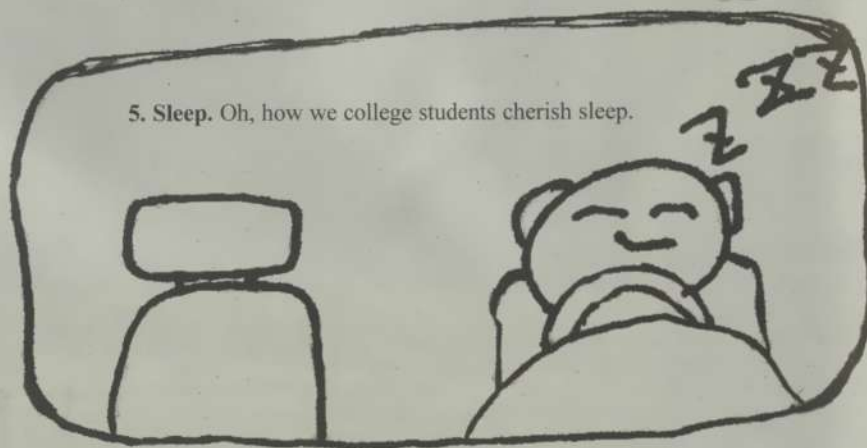
1. Make out with your boyfriend or girlfriend. Of course this requires a willing participant, but if you're spending the time together, why not? Just make sure to keep it tasteful unless your windows are as tinted as a limo's. No one likes to see PDA in the parking lot.

2. Sit in your trunk and eat lunch with a friend. Squash the mediocrity of the day-to-day college grind and have your lunch in a not-so-normal place. A trunk is spacious, comfy and can also fit up to two other friends. However, be sure to keep the lid open and make sure it's your car of course.



3. Park in front of business and steal their Wi-Fi. If your laptop has an air card embedded in it and will pick up Wi-Fi from nearby, you're set. Otherwise, you may have to actually go into the business, and, if it's somewhere like Starbucks, it may cost you. Parking outside and discreetly taking advantage of their "unsecured network" is a much better way to go.

4. Listen to music, catch up on homework or watch a movie on your laptop. The old standbys. Be the emo kid who sits in their car and listens to Secondhand Serenade while crying about their ex. Catching up on that homework for your online class you haven't done in weeks. When all else fails, pop in a DVD and then come to class late once it goes over your allotted time.



5. Sleep. Oh, how we college students cherish sleep.

Starting a new club on campus rewarding but a challenge

By Jessica Horner
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Getting involved on campus is something many freshmen desire in their first year at college. It is a major transition and making friends seems to make the change a bit easier.

Sometimes getting involved is far from effortless, especially at a community college, but it can be if the right place is found. Joining a club is a great way to

meet people who have common interests. There are 35 clubs on Clackamas' campus to choose from and each one is different from the other.

If a student, or students, is feeling ambitious, starting a club can also be a great way to not only meet new people but also take on a leadership role on campus. This task, however, is not as easy as simply joining. It is actually very difficult and requires a lot of time and hard work. The benefits of starting a club and keeping it going can work to an incredible advantage.

Many people on campus are willing to help start

new and exciting clubs. This does require a process of time and commitment however.

Quyen Thoi, the Public Affairs Officer of Associated Student Government, explains that it is not something to stress about.

A packet needs to be filled out and returned to the community center before further action happens. A club name, purpose statement and an adviser that is part of the staff or faculty at Clackamas Community College are required. The adviser can be the key to a successful club.

Lastly, a club constitution must be submitted. The club constitution must provide necessary information that ASG needs to have and gives order to the new club. After, or if, the club is approved, it will be advised to begin recruiting members and planning meetings.

There are many variations to what makes a club successful. It really depends on the club and what the members are comfortable with. It is more difficult to start larger clubs because recruiting members not only takes time but a lot of effort and advertisement. If it is something fun and interesting for members, most people will join.

"The members are definitely what make the club successful," said Dean Darris, political science instructor and club adviser at Clackamas.

A good example of a thriving club is the New Leadership Oregon Club, which Darris advises. Darris explained more about how the club got started and what it stands for. Clackamas is the first community college to offer this club. Last year was the club's first year at CCC, and so far, it has been a success for the members involved. There are seven members that consist of all women.

"These are very motivated women. They are what make the club successful. Through the club, you can get introduced to benefits, and it's great for growing careers," said Darris.

For more information on starting a club, there are several people willing to help in the Community Center on campus that can walk through the steps and provide assistance, such as Thoi.

For more info on clubs contact ASG at (503) 657-6958 ext. 2247 or visit them in Community Center room 152.

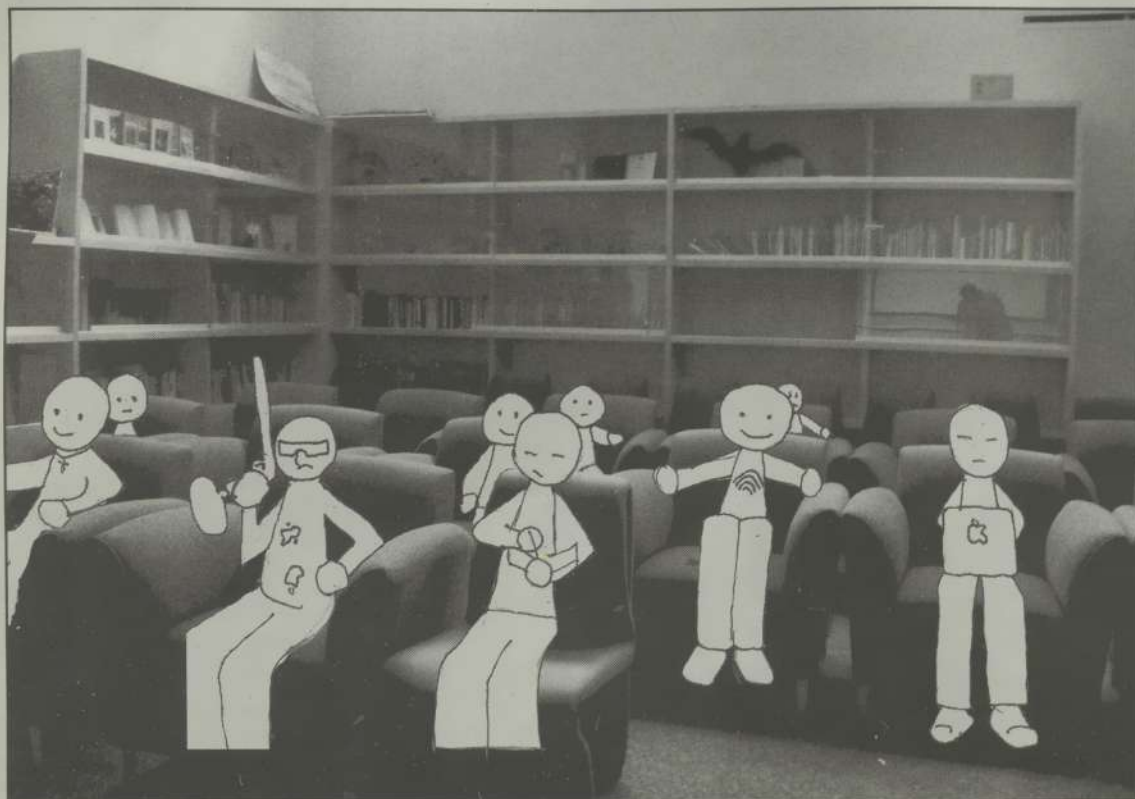


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