

Green grant provides Web solution

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Many students may or not be aware; Clackamas Community College has recently redesigned the school's Web site, and they used the green grant to do it.

What does the green grant do with the Internet? That for the sustainability grant? The real name of the grant is the Pathways Sustainability grant. The grant was designed to help schools to become self-sufficient, as well as to give opportunities for growth.

The nickname of green grant is synonymous with the program last year when a number of new programs were instituted at CCC that are all considered to be "green."

The Pathways to Sustainability grant was cancelled in June of 2009 after the analyst to review the Web site according to Ray

findings proved what students and faculty have been aware of for some time. Simply put the Web site is in pretty bad shape.

The review of the site

was with tail end finances of the green grant, whereas the restructuring of the site will come from other resources that will be provided for by the 2010 Appropriation award.

One thing that many students may be curious about is the cost. According to CCC's Web site Redesign Strategic Plan, "Given the various factors to be considered, it is reasonable to expect that a major Web site redesign project at the level being considered could cost between \$45 thousand to \$70 thousand."

In this report, they are very clear that this is a very rough estimate that should only be used for initial planning.

Some of the primary issues that the analyst found upon looking over the Web site are the lack of uniformity between departments and ease and accessibility of use needs work.

"It feels very low tech; there could be a better way to do it," said Elexis Krause, a Clackamas transfer student working towards a career in education.

Shelly Parini, dean of College Advancement, indicated that it was impressive how many wonderful projects were made available that may not have been if not for the green grant.

One of the early findings is

the lack of uniformity throughout the site. As it stands the site is basically comprised of 30 departments' individual sites smashed together to create a single platform for students to access information pertaining to the program they are enrolled in.

The analysis pointed out that the school would benefit from making the whole site completely uniform. This would make it easier when a student or member of faculty need to move from one department to another online, they will be more capable of locating the information they desire.

Another problem that students have had in the past is difficulty using the Web site to enroll in classes.

"When you are registering, if you hit the back button by accident, you have to start over," said Krause of her previous experiences.

The Web Committee is comprised of Joe Austin, Parini, as well as Terry Mackey, the Web Committee Chair. They are devoted completely to ensuring the redesigning of Clackamas' Web page, and they are working to ensure that the student body will have all the tools available to them in the near future.

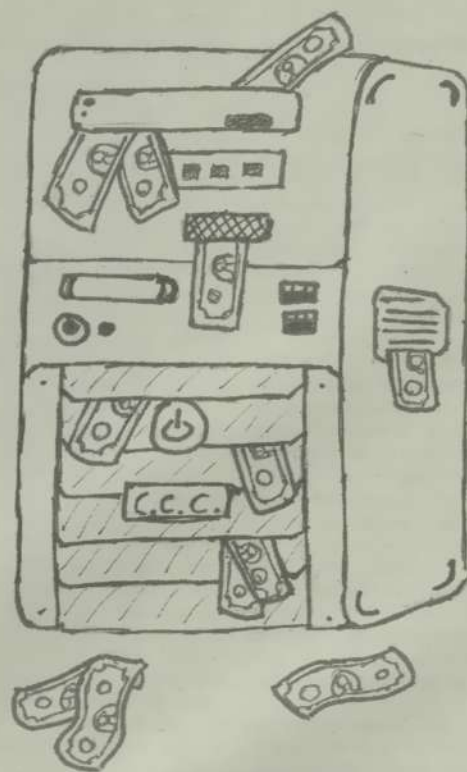


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Letters to the editor on pot, rock, quakes, Moodle

...writing about the article "Film sheds light on rock genre." First, the picture choice is great and actually what made me want to read it. Second, the approach was very objective and fair, in my opinion. Typically print and broadcast media of news distribution are heavy towards one side, usually. I've stopped watching news broadcasts together because of its biased format, and I'm tired of hearing only negative stories, or stories of a

heartwarming dog. What about enrichment and culture? Granted, not everyone is into rock, or death metal for that matter; yet it doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Off of the soap box! Thank you for publishing this topic. Thank you for making a potentially short and boring article into something interesting and faceted. Being able to mix opinions and present a balanced review is refreshing in today's world.

James Sharinghausen

The story about the potential earthquake is very interesting. I like how it tells the readers the history behind it and what the people should get ready. After reading this story, I felt like I needed to do something to let more people know. I told a friend of mine, and he did some research on it. He told me more about it, and I was able to explain to my family who had some doubts about it. Some people do not believe the earthquake is going to happen soon, so they think they should

not get ready. My family is thinking about the potential earthquake very seriously, and they are getting things together, if it does happen. They have batteries, lamps, canned food, first aid kit, radio and things for survival. I think everyone should be ready for any kind of natural disaster, because those types of disasters happen in less than a second. I think this kind of articles can help society pay more attention to reality.

Jazmin Perez-Pleuger

...this is in regards to the "Marijuana Face off" article. It will start off by saying that I have never and plan on never smoking pot. This is a choice that I have made for myself. Choice is a powerful word. Life is full of them. People constantly choose to get up every morning, go to school or work, to do their homework. Because I am of age, I could choose to drink alcohol everyday if I wanted. Being a responsible, functioning adult is our choice.

If there are people out there blaming marijuana for not being productive, it is just a lame excuse. If there was no such thing as pot, they would just find some other cop out. The government should legalize it. They should treat it like alcohol and put the money generated from sales to good use like education and the environment. It would be such a huge boost to our economy.

Cynthia Tinker

...found your article "Potential quake shakes up Oregonians" disturbing. I was surprised to learn that Oregon is just beginning to upgrade its buildings to withstand major earthquakes and devise plans for such a disaster. Residents of the state have long pushed for green. With recent information indicating that evidence of global warming is falsified, Oregonians

should redirect their attention to protecting themselves in the event of a natural disaster. According to the article, a major earthquake is imminent. If we are to avoid another catastrophe like Katrina, we need to insist our state focuses on preparedness with the same fervor used to advance the green agenda.

Rachel Sauer

I do not think Moodle is such a great idea. I already have Moodle for my Math 111 class, and I currently do not like it at all, especially for the fact that my math class isn't an online class. It might as well be an online class if their going to put all the homework and what not on that Web site. Our class doesn't have a book so it makes things more difficult to understand; we're learning off

YouTube. Yes, they are saying money but is this really the best way for students to study and learn? Yeah, a survey shows that, but the survey isn't even for the united Clackamas Community College students. It's just students that are enrolled where teachers are testing out Moodle on us students to see if it will work out.

Rosemary Francisco

Reading about the sports at CCC really gave me a great insight on how athletic this school is. I also read on the basketball team and realized they aren't too bad as they say. Even though CCC is a community college, competing in NWAACC, CCC has great athletes that can strive to bigger and better things. I'm an athlete myself but in soccer, and the girls'

team is very good as well. I just wish they had a men's league because I believe CCC can conquer in men's soccer also. Maybe soccer can be a part of Clackamas Community College.

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Once again long lines, system failure delay registration

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Long lines of upset students stand waiting, crossing the spectrum of emotions from anger, to hope, to indifference.

"It's a little frustrating," said Samantha Rouse, a returning student who has been reportedly waiting for an hour.

Many other students had been in line for longer than that.

The systems failed Tuesday after midnight once again. According to April Smith of Enrollment Services the problem is that the server was bogged down by an overwhelming number of students attempting to register online.

Darryk Cromwell, who has been going to Clackamas since 2007, claims that this problem happens every term.

Zach Eaton, who had just gotten in line five minutes earlier, believed that the whole situation could be resolved "If the computers worked better"

While many students were frustrated, others just wanted to get finished with registering in hopes that they would get into everything they wanted.

According to Smith at the time of interview the system is down with no estimated time of repair.