

Art falls to pieces



Billy Wild (right) and other students watch the screen that is part of the multimedia exhibit, "Ostinato: Loops into Chains," in the Alexander Gallery on April 8.

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If you have found yourself walking through Niemeyer in the past few days you will have noticed the sounds of the latest exhibit taking place in the Alexander Gallery.

Thomas Wasson's multimedia art exhibit "Ostinato: Loops into Chains" will be taking place over the next month. Wasson is an instructor at Clackamas Community College, and he teaches several multimedia classes such as Digital Graphics I, II and III.

"Very strange," said Jennika Cappaen, a student, about the exhibit.

Odd or strange is the general consensus of what people thought of the exhibit, but for many such as Rob Rodriguez, another student, this did not keep them from enjoying the performance.

"Kind of weird, but cool; I like it," said Rodriguez.

Part of the theme is that to keep the art alive, it has to be barely working and even falling apart as it runs.

An "idea attainable only in its wreckage," said Wasson.

This is evident through the 8 mm projector that is running a film from one of Wasson's courses, Documentary and Experimental Film, that was constantly falling apart and in need of repair.

Wasson believes that "art is more precarious and can fall apart at any moment."

When entering the Alexander Gallery that has been taken over by this exhibit, it is hard to not be instantly taken back by the variety of noises from all sorts of instruments. There are the guts of a child's piano that dean Bill Briare was using to create "sound art," as well as Brian Rose, head of the music technology department, who found by accident a unique way to use a metal bowl and microphone to create all sorts of strange noises.

Another piece of equipment that added to the uniqueness of the show was a collection of five radio transistors set to different frequencies and every so often, one or more would be set to transmit through the sound system.

There are many other things to observe and watch such as two actors in an 8-by-8 foot section of living grass who are in a little world and in an endless loop of everyday interactions completely oblivious to the auditory chaos of the room.

You may even find yourself looking into the large black tarp hung from the ceiling and see the spectacle of projected patterns and two benches to quietly observe from.

Wasson enlisted the help of the Gallery class to set up this exhibit, and before it was built no one knew what to expect. The whole thing is work in progress and every day there is a "possibility for a new show."

During the lecture after the first showing Wasson was asked where his inspiration came from.

Wasson said his inspiration came from "'60s stuff" to "destroy and bring back alive."

When asked what his art is saying, he simply replied, "I don't know if art needs to say anything."

The exhibit will continue to run in the Alexander Gallery in the Niemeyer building until the end of Spring term.

CCC hits the catwalk

By Joshua Baird The Clackamas Print

Right Said Fred, a '90s pop singer, in the song "I'm Too Sexy" said, "I'm a model, ya know what I mean? And I do my little turn on the catwalk," and on April 27, starting at noon, Clackamas Community College students will know what he means. The Associated Student Government is hosting its second annual fashion show. Who could be a better model for an event than students of the school?

So far, ASG has been able to recruit approximately 18 or 19 models, five of which are men. They are still looking for more volunteers according to Quyen Thoi, the coordinator of the event and Public Affairs Officer for ASG.

"The clothes we are modeling are very nice, simple and varying in styles from professional to casual. If someone was looking for nice clothes they need for an interview to get a job, they could go there. For me, I would wear a lot of the jackets and shoes they have; they're really nice," stated Bonnie Lipai, a CCC student and model in the show, in an e-mail about the outfits available.

This fashion show will be more than just men and women walking up and down a catwalk to show off a designer's new line of seasonal outfits. "The fashion show is to let people know about the availability of the free fashion toiletries and clothing, all essentials for students at CCC who are struggling," Lipai said.

"We have all of these things here, come in and take as much as you want to," said Thoi about the clothes closet, which is available to students who are looking for interviews or everyday wear. On top of that, the school also offers food, which is a service available. All items are donated to ASG for specific reasons. "During hard economic times anything will help," said Thoi.

The show will be held on the side of the clothes closet, weather permitting. The music will be fast paced and energetic. There will also be food available during the event, but as of now, the catering company is unknown.

Angella Mentze, who modeled in the East at Fashion Week, a women's clothing store, said, "I think it's a good cause. I think it's a good thing for the community."



Thou shalt not ... on Facebook

Annemarie's



By Annemarie Schulte
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1. Fight. Is there anything more awkward than a quarrel over Facebook comments? I guess I'm old-fashioned when I think that if you have something to say to someone, you should contact him or her face to face. It's embarrassing for both parties and makes them look immature; everyone can be a bully just over a keyboard. This is something I'm definitely tired of seeing.

2. Invite you to take stupid quizzes like "What celebrity are you going to marry?" or "What kind of Vampire are you?" It feels like I'm getting spammed when I get these notices, and I honestly would never spend my time taking an imaginary quiz that is "accurate" with grammatical errors. I know we say MySpace is turning into Facebook, but sometimes, with these lame quizzes that are like spam, it feels like Facebook is degressing into MySpace.

3. Farmville. It's not real! So don't ask me to be your neighbor or water your crops or whatever.

4. Post pictures and then ask to be rated. Fishing for compliments much? I recently came across a photo of a girl (that she took herself) with the caption "New haircut! Rate I guess ..." I guess? She obviously only wanted people to compliment her and was painfully unaware of how obvious that was. I'm not trying to be brutal but posting photos and then asking to be rated is a little too desperate for me to stand.

5. Post extremely vague or depressing statuses just for attention. I hate when people post things like "Did he really just say that?" or "Wow, my life sucks ..." or something just to get people fired up. I know someone who posts statuses just to upset people and get attention. And they do it repeatedly, so it gets old. Statuses are annoying when they're simply to get a rise.

6. Invite you to lame groups you don't want to join. I think I have at least 10 or 20 invites to groups that I just go through and click "ignore" a day.

7. Like their own statuses or photos. So embarrassing.

8. Become fans of like 20 different things at one time. When I get on and see that someone has become a fan of "Good morning texts and 19 other profiles," I have to restrain myself from commenting "What are you doing with your life?"

9. Write the same thing to multiple people when bored. I love that person who posts "Hey, what's up?" on multiple friends walls, at the same time. Why? Because it's so clear that they were just bored and wrote the same message to every person on their friend list. It's also obvious to all of their friends who in turn don't reply because they know they didn't really want to converse with them; they were just bored out of their mind.

10. Tag bad photos of you. OK, I guess they're not aware they're annoying when they do this, but really how annoying is it having to go through bad (or possibly illegal) photos of you and clicking "remove tag"? I wish people would have common sense enough to realize that not EVERY photo belongs on Facebook where everyone can see it.

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