

Payroll goes green

Timesheets for student employees and part-time classified staff are all going online

By Cristi Powers
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From "The Flintstones" to "The Jetsons," dinosaurs to robots; computerized time cards are here.

At this date and time Clackamas Community College student employees and part-time classifieds still use hand written time-sheets. Starting Feb. 20 for some, this will be a thing of the past.

If you were fortunate enough to receive the "FYI" newsletter sent out on Jan. 9 from the Human Resource Department, then you are already aware of the newly implemented online time card system. For now, the time cards for all student employees and part time classified employees are going online.

"The Human Resource department is excited to bring this system to the employees," said Tiffanie Clifford, human resources manager. "We feel it will be well accepted, and what's best is they can resource it from anywhere."

Starting Feb. 20, after a short one hour mandatory training session, the more than 300 student employees and part-time classified employees will enter all work hours into a new time sheet that can be found online on the CCC portal. The training will be offered Feb. 15-17 in room S-143. After Feb. 20, no paper time sheets will be accepted.

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"Every month I have to fill out my sheet then go find my supervisor and get a signature, then walk it over to payroll to turn it in," said Kim Hikade, a part-time employee of work-source development services. "It will be nice to do all that and not have to leave my seat."

All hours will be posted directly by the employee, signed

off by the supervisor and submitted to payroll without ever using one piece of paper. This will ultimately result in a more accurate time saving and error-free pay period. Although this doesn't seem to be large concern to employees, Hikade said, "I have never had an error on my check yet."

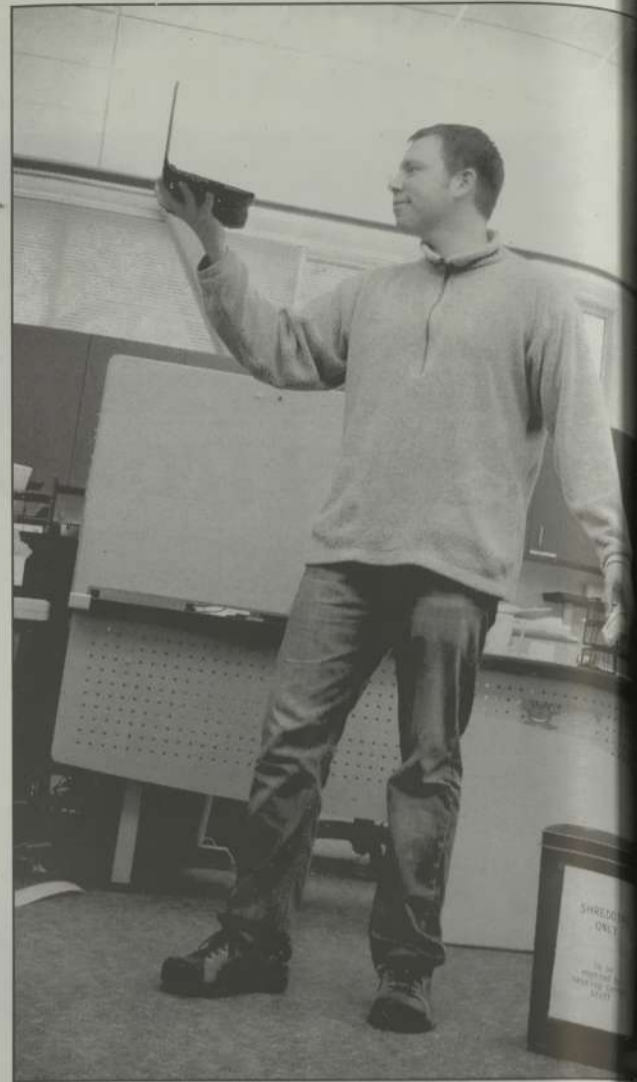
"I think it's great," part-time employee Bryan Gibler said. "I think it will be less cumbersome in the long run."

The only concern expressed by student workers was the lack of clarity regarding the training and the test time card addressed in the e-mail on Jan. 9.

Aware of potential apprehensiveness with a new system, Clifford felt that as long as everyone involved attends the training, things should go smoothly.

"We will keep our fingers crossed that students hear about the new system and take the time to come to the training," said Clifford. "It may take a little time to iron out any kinks but we will work through it."

If you have any questions about these electronic pay sheets as CCC moves into the next phase of modern technology, check with human resources to see if you will be sitting in front of a computer or grabbing a pencil to report your hard worked hours.



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Bryan Gibler illustrates that timesheets for student employees and part-time classified staff are all going online on Feb. 20.

FAFSA help available for students

By Mandie Gavitt
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For some, filling out a FAFSA form can be a daunting task. As scary as it can be, it is still mandatory to get financial aid. If you are one of those students who are terrified of the overwhelming document have no fear, there is hope. College Goal Oregon was started for just such people.

College Goal Oregon is an event that colleges put on all over the state to make sure their students and future students can complete their FAFSA and get the money they need to attend school. Clackamas Community College held its event on Saturday, Jan. 22. During the event specialists walked students through the entire FAFSA process line by line, and if students brought everything necessary with them, when they leave they should have had their FAFSA

completely filled out.

According to financial aid specialist Tawnya Stauffer, students should bring their social security number, income information for 2010, W2, last pay stub and any documents they have about their assets with them to the event.

The event included a presentation about scholarships and grants led by the school's scholarship and financial aid coordinator, Darcie Iven.

"It's mostly geared to first-time students who have never filled out FAFSA," said Iven. However, anyone who needs help with their FAFSA may attend.

FAFSA has made many changes to the financial aid process for this year. The changes that have been made to the process won't cause problems for those who have filled out FAFSA before, according to Iven.

"They will be pleasantly surprised," she said. "They have

made it much shorter and easier for everyone."

Daryll Perry, a first-time college student, drove down from Tacoma, Wash. to attend the CCC event.

"I needed help and I found this event helpful because having someone who understands walk you through it is very nice," said Perry. "I need help financially to be able to attend college. Without it I couldn't go to college at all, so having an event like this really matters to me."

Perry plans on majoring in photography and hopes to get a master's degree.

If you missed CCC's event but would still like to receive help with your financial aid, Portland Community College will be hosting the same event on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information you can check out College Goal Oregon's website, collegegoal-oregon.org.

CCC student still missing

By Brian Baldwin
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January 18 was the last time anyone saw Milwaukie-resident Alexandra Jade Xua. The 20-year-old Clackamas Community College student was last reported to be at her parent's home for dinner the night of the 18th. After filing a missing persons report, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office launched an investigation to determine her whereabouts. Xua was "anxiously" waiting for a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate her upcoming 21st birthday.

According to Detective Jim Strovink, public information officer for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, they are no longer actively pursuing the case. Xua had purchased a ticket of her own volition and left without telling anyone. They believe that there was no foul play or coercion involved but her destination and current location are still unknown. The sheriff's office is continuing to list her as a missing person so if she comes

into contact with other law enforcement they will report her location or have her call home.

While the case is no longer active the family is still seeking any tips on her location. Xua is described as an Asian female, 5'06" tall; 135 lbs; short, black and straight hair; has a gap between top front teeth; wears purple framed prescription glasses and has a tattoo on of her calves.

Anyone with tips in this case is asked to call the CCSO confidential tip line 503-723-4949 or send a text message 274637 with the keyword CCSO as the first word in the message.



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Correction

In the Jan. 19, 2011 issue of *The Clackamas Print*, Angie Hughes was incorrectly named as Angie Davis in the photo caption on page 1.

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