

Doing your part for the environment

By Patty Salazar
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Sustainability: what does this mean to you? It might mean riding your bike to school every day or growing your own garden right here on the Clackamas Community College campus. These are just some things a person can do to help the community and the environment.

This year the college's annual Sustainability Lectures are about four main themes: electric vehicles, renewable energy, sustainable food and consumption.

This Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in the McLoughlin auditorium David Allaway is speaking on "The Story of Stuff," where he talks about how everything bought has an impact on the world.

For those of you who missed the first lecture featuring Mike Grainey, Oregon's energy adviser, he talked about how the electric car can do wonders for the environment.

Unless you live under a rock, you've definitely noticed the skyrocketing gas prices. The amount of money that Oregonians pay is more than \$14 billion for energy every year, most of which goes out of state and country, according to Grainey. The United States alone uses 20 million barrels of oil a day; that's 25 percent of the world's oil. So what does 20 million barrels of oil a day do to the world? One of the biggest problems today is vehicles that use gas.

Grainey, who works in Salem, mentioned during his lecture, "Every biodiesel bus equals 110 cars not driven in."

Grainey admits that this is an expensive way but ultimately worth it. Oregon is No. 1 in the country for having the highest amount of plug-in vehicles. Although fuel-efficient vehicles can help the environment dramatically, not everybody can afford a \$30,000 plus dollar car, especially in the economical state that the country is in right now.

There are things someone can do. Suzanne Munro, one of the organizers of the Sustainability Lectures, explained that she and another faculty member carpool at least twice a week.

"(Associated Student Government) can take on a project to get students interested and involved," Munro said on what students can do here at CCC. She went on to say that if students "just try it, once a week for three weeks" it doesn't take much to do your part for the environment.

"We've launched a new sustainability website that features academic programs, workshops and green events and job resources," said Mike Noel, CCC's Sustainability Outreach Specialist.

Noel said another way to get informed is to attend the documentary series on Thursday, April 28 in Roger Rook 220 starting at noon. The series will focus on ecological designs emerging in the 20th century, starting with the work of Buckminster Fuller in the 1920s all the way up to the 21st century.

"Follow us on Facebook to keep up with what the sustainability activities here on campus," said Noel. If you would like to grow your own garden here on campus, contact Michelle Baker from Student Outreach at 503-594-3040.

If you want to know more on what is available here to help out the environment, go to depts.clackamas.edu/sustainability/ or email Noel directly at mnoel@clackamas.edu. And don't miss your opportunity this Thursday to meet David Allaway on May 5 in the McLoughlin Theatre; the first hour will feature Chance Currington from Sunlight Solar and Adam Serchuk of Vestas Wind System.

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Mike Grainey, Oregon's energy adviser speaks at the first sustainability lecture of the series on April 7. His lecture was titled "The Electric Car Comes to Oregon."

UPCOMING SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS

April 21: David Allaway
"Consumption's Effect on Sustainability"
12-1 p.m. McLoughlin Auditorium

May 5: Solar Energy Panel
Executives: Vestas Wind Systems & SunLight Solar
12-2 p.m. McLoughlin Auditorium

Letter to the editor

The board of education has once again defeated common sense with a vote. By passing the tuition increase, they have once again violated the mission of the college, neglected the ideas of instructors and students and have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are not the people for the job. Their disregard is either a symptom of incompetence (they don't know what they are suppose to do) or negligence (they know what to do and are not doing it). Either case calls for them to resign or, if they do not do so, to replace them with people who are competent and responsible.

With as much respect as is due to such a general body, I, as a student and taxpayer, ask the people to vote for Marlo Smith for the board of education, to correct this injustice that is systemic to this college.

-Sean Huggins, Student

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