

# Changes fly in the wind

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Now that the weather is starting to get better and students are taking in the beauty here at Clackamas Community College, they might have seen the wind turbine on top of Barlow Hall. Along with the wind turbine, there's a solar panel that helps run Barlow and there are community gardens out by the horticulture department.

There are solar water heating collectors on the rooftop of Randall Hall, McLoughlin Hall and the Pauling Center that basically heat up the water by way of tubes and then it's sent into the actual buildings to be used; an alternative to heating the water electrically.

It's these things and more that the CCC Sustainability Tour will be showcasing, shedding some light on how "green" the campus really is.

Mike Noel, CCC's sustainability outreach specialist, is one of the people responsible for creating and organizing the sustainability tour that will be available within the year. Noel said he has been working on this project since he started in September 2010.

"When the grant was written, it helped fund some equipment and building some of the structures outside, then getting me hired along with some other guys," said Abe Fouhy, CCC's own sustainability instructor. "One of the things that we wanted to do is a sustainable tour on campus. When (Noel) got hired, he started campaigns that tried to hook up different ways that we can show off what we are already doing here on campus."

Fouhy has been building micro-houses that are being used as test for weatherization, gauging how the buildings perform with different insulation. A second micro-house is being built like any other house would be, and it is going to contain cutaways to show the public how the floor and walls were built and what kind of materials that are used to build them.

Since Noel has been here in the Pacific Northwest, he has learned that "you are easily 10 years ahead from the East Coast, in that everyone knows how to recycle."

"... That is such a simple concept but people back East might buy a bottle of water

without thinking about it twice," Noel said.

On campus it is easy to recycle, as you can go in any building and find recycling bins. It's what people don't see that is going to be highlighted on the sustainability tour.

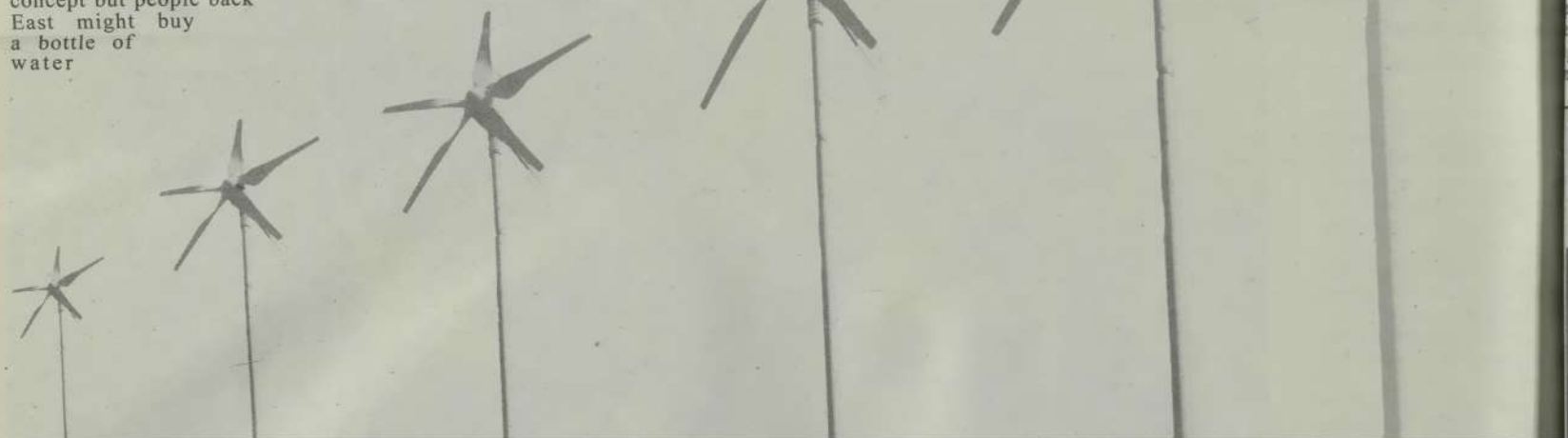
Hilmo Ljucevic, energy coordinator team leader for CCC, has helped save the school \$1.7 million by monitoring energy costs and coming up with new ideas to make the school sustainable. He oversees how the campus uses energy and makes sure that energy is being used correctly by keeping track of when classrooms are being used and how much energy has to go to a certain building at a certain time.

One thing that Ljucevic, Noel and Fouhy are looking into is having a monitor set up in the community center so that anybody can see how much energy is being produced by the wind turbine and solar panels.

"Sustainability is not a temporary way of being," Ljucevic said. "You can't say 'I am going to be sustainable from this time to this time and I am done.' It has to be a way of life."

He is glad to see that there is going to be a sustainability tour on campus but went on to say it takes more than a good presentation to have people go out and live a sustainable life. Ljucevic did mention that as time goes on it is harder to come up with new ways to save the school money, if any students have ideas about energy conservation contact Ljucevic at hilmol@clackamas.edu.

If you would like to learn about how you can help be a tour guide for the sustainability tours, contact Mike Noel at mnoel@clackamas.edu. You can also "like" the tours on Facebook or visit the sustainability website for more information at depts.clackamas.edu/sustainability.



## Letter: Student Government responds to recent criticism

To the Students of Clackamas Community College,

The Clackamas Community College Associated Student Government exists purely to serve the more than 39,000 students of this college. We are a group of dedicated and committed student leaders that work each day to provide better services, resources and events to students. Our goal as servant leaders is to bring an edu-

cation beyond the classroom to our student body.

ASG is comprised of five departments: Public Affairs, Clubs, Grants, Promotions and Campus Activities. Each department is run by students, for students, working daily to reach out to the students on campus by providing opportunities like civic engagement, assistance with textbooks and childcare costs, calculator and locker rentals, book exchanges, blood drives, commu-

nity fairs, club involvement, awareness events, student representation on college committees and administrative boards, and of course the cheapest snacks on campus.

As our title of Student Leaders suggests, we are just that. Associated Student Government is an open learning lab for all students to volunteer and apply for. We are now accepting applications for fall term of 2011, so apply now! Applications can be found online at

depts.clackamas.edu/asg/ or in the ASG office across from the cafeteria, CC152.

The mission statement of the Associated Student Government is "Dedication to Maximizing Opportunities for Students" and we work diligently each day to provide just that. Though every statement can be interpreted in many different ways, the actions of ASG reflect this statement strongly. The Associated Student Government encourages

any and all students who are interested in ASG to come by and ask questions, participate in events or come to our open business meetings every Wednesday from 3 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Sincerely,  
The Associated Student Government Team

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