

Snowpocalypse 2014 closes campus

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Was it an omen? Clairvoyance? Or just a perfectly timed coincidence?

Only Mother Nature will know for sure but on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 5, Campus Safety issued a release of the newly adopted Emergency Response Guide. By 1 p.m. Thursday, the inclement weather guidelines were enacted. While students and faculty were ramping up for mid-terms, Clackamas Community College was shut down under a blanket of falling snow.

The Harmony campus was the first to close, with the Oregon City and Wilsonville campuses following suit an hour later.

Classes and activities were cancelled as the "snow day" continued throughout the weekend, ending Tuesday.

Tri-Met suspended all bus service from the Oregon City transit center to the college between 8 p.m. Thursday and noon Monday.

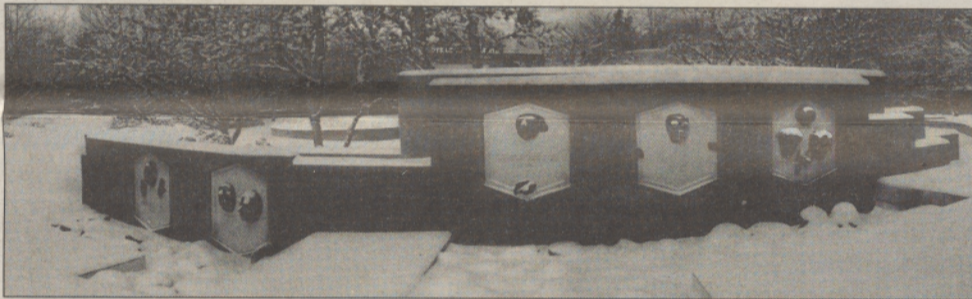
Walking onto campus Friday morning was like entering a winter wonderland. Snow drifts ranging from one to three inches turned CCC's Oregon City campus into a white wasteland of cold beauty.

A few families from the neighboring housing complex braved the winter weather to sled down a snow covered hill behind the Barlow Hall parking lot.



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Snow started Thursday afternoon and by Friday morning campus was a winter wonderland. The snow attracted locals who used the hills on campus to sled.



Farmer's market offers healthy ideas for families



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Oregon City Farmer's Market offers healthy ideas for families on fixed budgets. The Kids POP (Power of Produce!) Club is the brainchild of Jackie Hammond-Williams, the farmer's market manager.

The free-to-join POP Club is for kids 5 to 12 years old. Each enrolled child has their "Passport to Health" signed and is given \$2 in wooden tokens to shop for fresh produce and food plants every time they go to the farmer's market. The market gives special prizes to children for every 10 stamps they get on their passport.

There are also special events like "tastings" to get kids to try things they haven't before and "favorite farmer day," where the children make buttons to give to their favorite vendor.

"[It] is meant to empower kids to make healthy food choices by introducing them to fresh seasonal produce and the farmers who grow it," Hammond-Williams said.

The Kids POP Club began when the farmer's market received a HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) grant from Clackamas County in May 2011. It was the first program of its kind in the nation.

Since then, the program has been funded by grants and donations from many different avenues. Apart from the county, funding has come from: Clackamas Community College's horticulture department, Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District, private donors and the sale of handmade items at the market.

But kids aren't the only focus of the farmer's market. The farmer's market has a SNAP (food stamp) funds matching program. The market will match up to \$5, once a market, per card.

The SNAP matching funds program is subsidized each year with money from grants, and is provided until the money runs out.

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New degree would help English majors, offer unique focus on comics

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There is something new brewing in the English department at Clackamas Community College. The English department has been working to fuse together an Associate of Applied Science in English degree, AS in English.

On their own time and with little to no funding, they have been working on clustering existing classes on campus to create an umbrella that covers four focuses specifically in English studies.

Susan Mach, English department chair and instructor,

along with her colleagues saw the struggles that students face while attending CCC and not having a focus.

"Sometimes if they don't have a focus they'll just drop out," said Mach.

Mach was also seeing that students would start at CCC working towards an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree. And then going on to a four-year college but once students got into the four-year college they were having to do an extra year of classes to meet the four-year college requirements.

With the new AS in English students will have the opportunity to pick one of four focuses — literature, creative writing, comic studies and publishing.

Along with one of these four focuses, students will also be taking their core classes such as math and science.

Marylhurst University is the first college to be on board but the department is working vigorously to get Oregon State University, University of Oregon and Portland State University on board to also accept the AS in English degree.

Mach explained that the "sticking point" is what classes each college will accept as their own classes.

You might be asking yourself what is the difference between this degree and the AAOT?

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