

opportunities abound in horticulture

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culture is big biz' in rain country, opportunities abound, according to second-year horticulture instructor at Clairmont College.

student who is really hot for horticulture who pays attention and works hard to be well-qualified—hence well-employee in one year," he said.

positions available for skilled workers in nurseries and yard that we can't fill," Evans said. added that there is work available with an interest in growing at the Clairmont horticulture area. includes trees, turf, vegetables, and flowers, all of which need "TLC." want to make this area a show place," said. "But we have very few students to study. They're all too busy with projects."

understandable, since the College's horticulture facilities are the most complete according to Evans and Dave Myers, horticulture veteran.

two-instructor horticulture department at its disposal about a dozen acres of crops, three greenhouses, a lath and a field nursery on Robbins

the other two local colleges that offer horticulture, Evans said, Portland Community focuses mainly on turf maintenance and landscape design, and Mt. Hood is rather in all aspects of horticulture.

their programs are full with wait-lists, and we still have room for more," Evans said.

persons interested in growing things seem to go directly to work in apprenticeship-type positions for local nurseries. They just don't know what they're missing," Evans said.

what they miss is an opportunity to learn the important theories behind what they're doing, with seven to 13 hours per week of practicum and a wide-open opportunity to concentrate on projects of personal interest," Evans said.

you happen to be the pilferer who stole the "Great pumpkin" from the horticulture department patch or snatched table grapes from the College arboretum to identify specimens, you've seen a few of the projects that horticulture students are interested in.

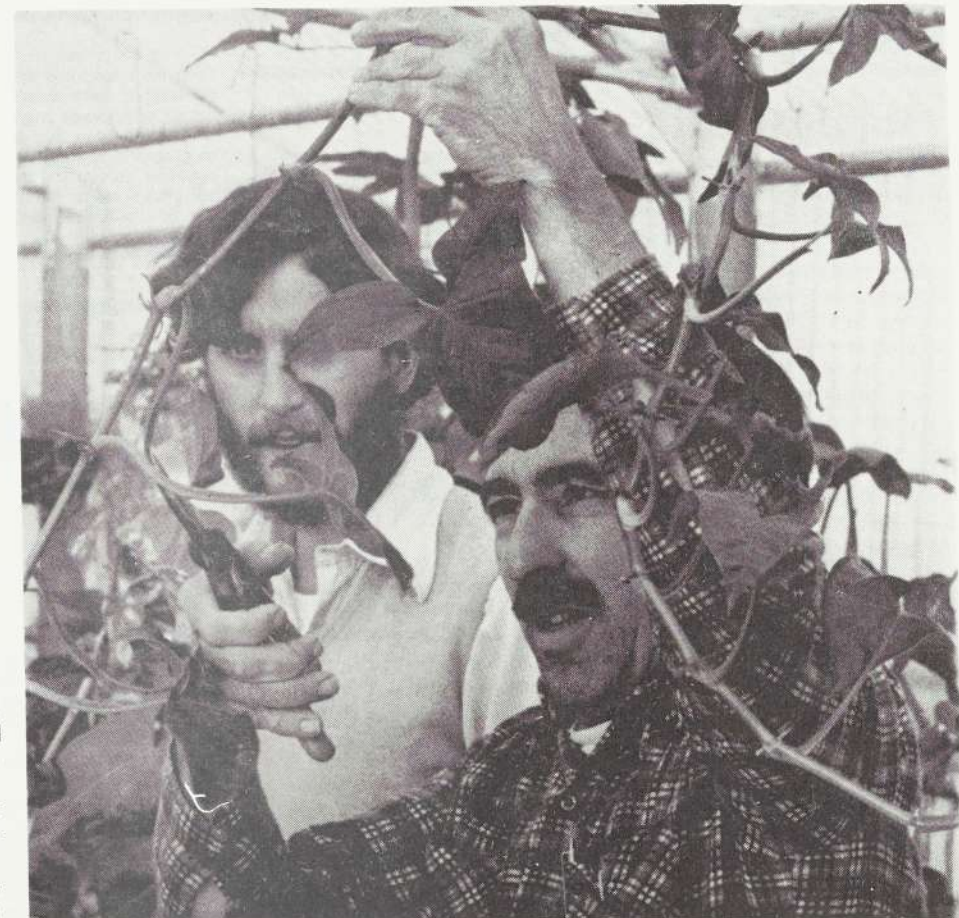
There are turf plots which offer comparison of different types of turf and formal gardens with roses and other flowers—as well as one of the two All American Selection Award Gardens in the Northwest—the other in Victoria, B.C.

plants applied to receive specimens for the All-American Display Garden. These are roses and vegetables judged best in gardens throughout the country and submitted to the All-American organization, which sends seeds to the display gardens.

This year's big success for this particular garden seemed to be pumpkins, and CCC entered TV to entice the public to visit the All-American Garden. Unfortunately, the great pumpkin of short-lived TV fame was snatched the night before Halloween, and wasn't there when visitors came to see it.

at the display garden, we grow past current winners, plus a preview of upcoming winners," Evans said. "These might be very expensive to buy, and we're glad we grow them for everyone to enjoy. It's a good service and gives people a chance to compare the latest thing with the old stand-

Evans, a 26-year-old native of Washington state, and a graduate of University of California at Berkeley and Davis, first became interested in horticulture while attending Merritt Junior College at Oakland, Calif.



Photos by Brian Snook
Katie Checkley (top), a freshman in horticulture, displays two different plants that are being distributed in administrative offices as Lee VanAntwerp, sophomore, is instructed by Phil Evans, horticulture teacher, in the finer points of plant trimming.

