portunities abound in horticulture

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dure is big biz' in rain country, prortunities abound, according to s second-year horticulture instruccollege.

tent who is really hot for hortito pays attention and works hard to be well-qualified—hence wellemployee in one year." he said.

employee in one year," he said. are positions available for skilled led workers in nurseries and yardgwe can't fill," Evans said.

added that there is work available ents with an interest in growing the Clairmont horticulture area. a includes trees, turf, vegetables, thowers, all of which need "TLC." at to make this area a show place," d, "But we have very few students rxtstudy. They're all too busy with projects."

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

weinstructor horticulture departsatits disposal about a dozen acres d gops, three greenhouses, a lath ad a field nursery on Robbins

eother two local colleges that offer we, Evans said, Portland Community fouses mainly on turf maintenance scape design, and Mt. Hood is rather irall aspects of horticulture.

their programs are full with waits and we still have room for more," led.

exessons interested in growing things ling seem to go directly to work in texhip-type positions for local nur-They just don't know what they're n'Evens said.

the they miss is an opportunity to the important theories behind what exing, with seven to 13 hours per diracticum and a wide-open opportroncentrate on projects of personal erg," Evans said.

whappen to be the pilferer who stole Set pumpkin'' from the horticulture in patch or snitched table grapes ato the College arboretum to identify scimens, you've seen a few of the as that horticulture students are intin.

er are turf plots which offer compardidiferent types of turf and formal with roses and other flowers—as execting the two All American Selection a Gardens in the Northwest—the other inVictoria, B.C.

At applied to receive specimens for the trican Display Garden. These are and vegetables judged best in gardens wouthe country and submitted to the work All-American orgnaization, which asseds to the display gardens.

Reveat's big success for this particular remed to be pumpkins, and CCC en-IV to entice the public to visit the Garden. Unfortunately, the great Whofshort-lived TV fame was snatched Witbefore Halloween, and wasn't there relators came to see it.

the display garden, we grow past timent winners, plus a preview of up-"winners," Evans said. "These might "repensive to buy, and we're glad we you them for everyone to enjoy. It's a keyloc and gives people a chance to are the latest thing with the old stand-

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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.



He is gung-ho on greens and on turning out skilled horticulturists in CCC's two-year program.

"People into landscape maintenance and installation get their choice of plots to work on as their own for a year. In nursery propagation, they make cuttings and gather and treat seeds of trees for dormancy, and grow them. In greenhouse crop production, we concentrate on foliage and flower crops such as azalea and chrysanthemums, and gearing them to market demand," Evans said.

"We discuss plant growth in relation to environment and the interaction between soil and water, temperature and humidity, and light.

"In practical life," Evans said, "you have to be able to identify and analyze the relative importance of insects, pests and nutrition deficiencies. We are mediators between weather and plants, you could say."

The horticulture department teaches the sizable difference between growing plants in containers and outdoors—it's more than one being inside and one out—all relationships in fertilizer and watering are altered.

Greenhand—not necessarily green thumb students learn greenhouse construction techniques and how to operate and repair common gardening equipment, as well as how to prescribe and safely apply pesticides.

Evans is open to experimenters, should anyone wish to say, test biologic or organic pest control methods, create new flower varieties, or share the College greenhouse to grow an exotic bloom.

There is a horticulture club which needs to be activated and Evans hopes the horticulture department will host a flower show between winter and spring terms, when everyone is ready to devour some beautiful blossoms with their drizzle-weary, studystrained eyes.



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.

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