

Planting proves fun for those not afraid of dirt

Photo by Kelly Laughlin



Bob Munly examines health of plants in greenhouse By Kelly Laughlin Of The Print

Philodendron, horsehead, splitleaf, begonia and plenty of soil beneath the fingernails comprise the environment of nearly every horticulturalist.

Some like to speak of their plants while surrounded by the fertile smell of a greenhouse, while others would much rather sing the praises of root and leaf under dismal Oregon clouds.

Bob Munly, student in Ornamental Horticulture Practicum class, has just received a plot of plants to take care of in the greenhouse. A retiree, Munly calls planting "just plain fun"

"I'm learning how to do things that plants appreciate, and hope that they will do well as a result," Munly said.

Currently, some of the students are getting ready to

replant many of their par outdoors. DonNelson, and student, is getting the outdo soil ready for planting. "Ru now I'm just hoeing at cleaning so they can move the plants outside," he said.

Nelson's wife, Colleen, a student, can't wait to m her marigolds outdoors. It seeded them on Jan. 11 they have since become pride and joy. "The fascina thing about plants is that grow and change so fast, m faster than I had suspected would," Mrs. Nelson, who completed her third it ticulture class, said.

Mrs. Nelson ironically started in green-thumbing the death of her daug Susan.

"Susan was always a get thumb. She could ma anything grow, and had new taken any classes in gardenin Some people are just born wi it," she said.

Mrs. Nelson now believ that a green thumb can developed, but that having artistic knack is also essential

"You have to lib arrangement, color, design ar most of all, have a lot initiative." She said that a per really gets into plant growing, puts them in touch with then selves and nature.

But Mrs. Nelson's efforts horticulture are not pure philosophical. She plans start a business with husband biding for nursen constructed outside the construction of the c

But for now, it's sift and until Mrs. Nelson's complete.

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