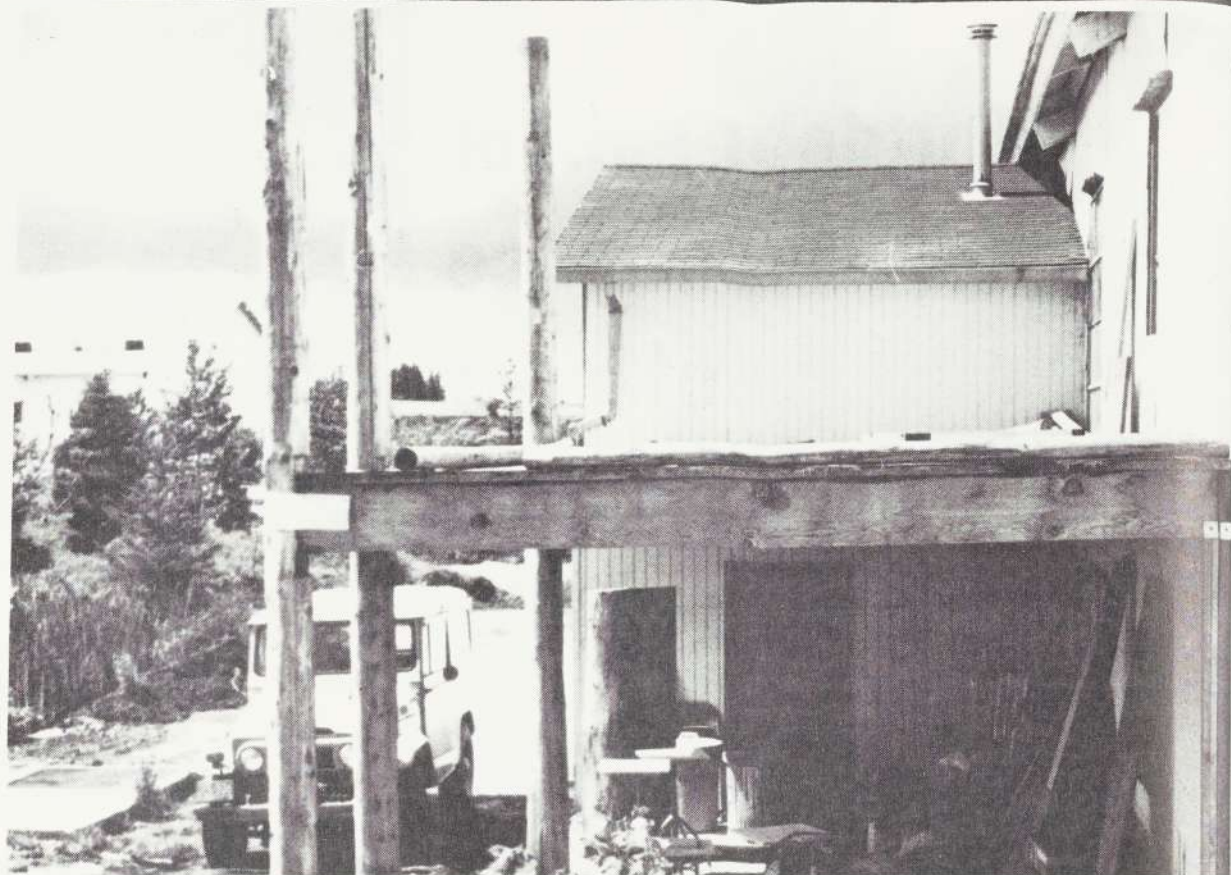


the arts



The Clackamas Community College Art Department is in the process of renovating Smuckers Complex. Pictured above is the construction of a second-story deck to be used for art students to use as a platform for painting and drawing outdoor scenery around the pond.

Photo by Brian S.

Jazz group competes

The Clackamas Community College Jazz Ensemble competed in the Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival at the University of California at Berkeley last Saturday, April 30.

The band was given a total of 258 points out of a possible 300 from the three judges rating their performance in the big band competition.

Two of the three judges gave the CCC Jazz Ensemble enough points to give them a superior rating of 1. The other judge gave the group enough points for a rating of 11.

Mt. Hood Community College's Jazz Ensemble placed first in the big band competition with a score of 293.

Gallery displays prints

Approximately 600 original prints from the Ferdinand Roten Galleries, Baltimore, Md., collection will be on display and available for purchase at Clackamas Community College, Friday, May 6.

The exhibit will be held in the college's Community Center Building from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Prints by Picasso, Goya, Renoir and Hogarth will be displayed with many contemporary American artists' works.

The exhibit and sale is sponsored by the college's art department.

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Disco group unique

By Cindy Ralston
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It isn't easy to start a musical group without any money or backing, but John Robinson of Discomania, We The People Productions, had the initiative and confidence to make the group a success.

Discomania, a Portland based group, is a traveling discotheque that plays disco music, provides a light show and teaches the audience dances.

"We want to be part of the audience," said Robinson. "It doesn't matter who you are or what you look like, we get out into the audience and dance."

Robinson started Discomania in April, 1976. The group puts on shows at high schools, colleges, weddings, birthday parties, private parties and fund-raising events.

"Discomania, to me, is people," said Robinson. "Our philosophy is that the whole world is a stage."

Robinson said at one time he thought about stopping Discomania because there was a low point without any bookings.

Unlike most groups Discomania is not centered around a money aspect. Their price range differs according to the budget of institutions or individuals.

"We don't like people to spend their money and not enjoy themselves," said Robinson. "There is no price value on having fun."

Robinson's goal is to form a Discomania Club where members can provide helpful suggestions and feedback.

A disco workshop with free dance classes is also a goal of Robinson. The workshop will be held in a place when finalized and any interested persons may attend.

Robinson's disco is unique because they will provide rock disco, jazz, country-western or anything the people want.

Tentative plans for Discomania are to travel to towns not involved with disco and go to festivals such as the Octoberfest at Mt. Angel.

"If we have a dream it is to have a local discomania television show like American Bandstand," said Robinson.

Discomania has performed at Clackamas Community College and although the crowd was small, Robinson said the people who came seemed to have a good time.

Starting Friday, June 17, Discomania will perform every Friday night at Mt. Hood Community College.

Any person interested in becoming a club member of Discomania or needing music for a dance, party or special event can contact Robinson at 283-4949.

Thursday, May 5

