

Herrmann named Man of the Year



Jerry Herrmann, ELC director, has been named *Man of the Year* by *The Clackamas County Review*. Herrmann helped in the original organization of the construction of the ELC.

Photo by Lane Scheideman

out there with a couple shovels, gave them to us (the art class) and told us we were going to change the ponds."

Herrmann was a student at Clackamas studying pre-landscape architecture when he became involved in creating the ELC.

"Not only Leland but some of the sculpture instructors gave me ideas for form and shape," Herrmann said. "At one time, this area was called the three-acre sculpture by the art department."

Two thousand cubic yards of soil were moved onto the site of the ELC 15 years ago to get everything started. Now, the Haggart Observatory and the Lakeside Education Hall sit on the same land that Herrmann and his art class dug up with shovels.

Two of the main focuses of Herrmann and the ELC include urban streams and the conservation of resources.

"Newell Creek is the real focus for us, because we want to make sure it remains a productive fish and wildlife resource," said Herrmann.

Salmon and Steelhead have been raised and released in Newell Creek at the ELC.

"Up to date 80,000 fish have been raised," said Herrmann.

Before the fish could survive Herrman had to enhance the water quality.

"We had to take the old drainage ditches on campus and modify them to make them into spawning streams."

Newell Creek is one of the largest of the 38 urban streams in the Portland area. It originates on campus and flows through the ELC. There are also ponds on the ELC that were formed by the creek, that are now homes to ducks and other animals.

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Herrmann is also involved in the conservation of resources. The new recycling museum that is now open across from the ELC was put together by Herrmann and the ELC staff.

Herrmann proves that recycled plastics can be used efficiently, by using simulated wood that is made from recycled plastics.

"About 80 percent of the Lakeside Hall and about 90 percent of the observatory is made from the simulated wood," according to Herrmann.

Herrmann also commented on how well the wood stood up to the wind storms we encountered by last week's storm.

Program for parents with infants offered

by Angela Wilson
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A program to educate parents with 0-12 month old infants has received funding from the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon.

Parrott Creek Family Services and Clackamas County Health Department are collaborating on the program which will educate parents in the areas of infant development, babies' temperaments, and nutrition. The parents will also learn the appropriate techniques to help in their infant's growth and development.

"I'm going to be directing different parent-child bonding activities," said Brita Gould, project coordinator. "The main thing is to have fun with the child."

There will also be time spent with the parents alone, so they can discuss different methods of stress and anger management and other related activities.

"At the end of each session we will offer snacks for the families and there will be time for everyone just to hang out and talk," Gould said. "Just to talk with other parents is a wonderfully supportive thing."

Nutrition and health questions will be answered by Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), a program with a professional staff of nurses that works through Clackamas County Health. Participants in the class must be involved in the WIC program at Clackamas County Health.

The Parrot Creek Family Services offer family counseling and parent education for families with children ages six to eighteen. The idea for child abuse prevention and early education of family planning for parents with infants was in the discussion stages when the Children's Trust Fund had set up a grant for a program of this sort.

"We realize that there is a need for a program of this sort," said John Deihl, project director. "Our main focus is bonding, attachment, and abuse prevention."

"All parents, regardless of their socioeconomic status, want to do what's best for their children," Gould said. "We are trying to give them alternatives to do that."

"We realize that something has to happen earlier in the area of intervention, when it can really make a difference," said Gould.

Volunteers are needed to assist in class. They will help the students with the babies during group sessions and provide child care when the babies are not participating in the class. Contact Kathy Walter, volunteer coordinator, at 635-3671.

The first set of classes started last week. They will last for ten weeks, and are expected to continue after the first set is finished. The classes are held in the Clackamas County Public Health Building in Oregon City. For further information on the program, contact Brita Gould at 635-3671.

By Lane Scheideman
Staff Writer

The John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center (ELC) finished off a great decade when its director, Jerry Herrmann, was named Man of the Year by the Clackamas County Review.

Herrmann received this award for the extensive work he has

done with the ELC. Some of these acts include organizing the original construction of the ELC in 1975 and starting a recycling program for area McDonald's restaurants in 1989.

"Leland John (art instructor) was the person who started this whole thing," said Herrmann. "I still remember how Leland came

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