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Streeter classes, offices relocated

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In response to newly gathered information from recently hired physician of record, Dr. Joseph Jarvis, and as a precaution, all perimeter offices and classrooms of Streeter Hall will be relocated.

According to Carol Patterson of Plant Services, the move is being conducted as a precaution and is not an emergency. The primary concern in this situation is the health and safety of students, staff, and the visiting public.

"There has been no drastic change [in the environment of the building], this is just the next phase," said Patterson.

In collecting information Dr. Jarvis, a Colorado physician, interviewed 25 staff members and reviewed the medical records of 9 others.

"The two most common categories of problems in building-related illnesses and discomfort complaints ... are the two I want to explain to you, because I think that's where we need to try and spend our time and figure out where on that spectrum this problem might be," said Dr. Jarvis during last Thursday's forum.

The physician currently manages public health programs for children in the state of Colorado and does consulting in environmental health issues. His 10 years of experience includes working with a similar building problem in the Polk County Courthouse in



Photo by Joel Coreson

Gregory Forum is one of three 'infected' buildings on the Oregon City campus. The tent-like structure is to help prevent further water intrusion.

Florida.

Dr. Jarvis spent several minutes explaining building-related illnesses, covering an assortment of complaints of hypersensitivity diseases.

"Building-related illnesses come in a variety of fashions. The good news about this is, it is not associated with any long-term health problems. People recover from this universally. They leave the building and fairly quickly

solve their symptoms," Dr. Jarvis said.

According to Dr. Jarvis, this field is where a lot of controversy lies because there are so many things irritating to one's respiratory system, making it difficult to be specific in diagnosing the cause.

"It's not a matter of doing enough tests and stumbling onto the one thing that is causing the reactions, it's almost never one

thing," said Dr. Jarvis.

"When there are enough complaints in a building," Dr. Jarvis explained, it becomes a problem-solving exercise where we, the people investigating, have to accept as our best source of information, the people."

"One threshold of allergic exposure," say Dr. Jarvis, "causes the sensitivity or allergy. They [allergens] are out there and a much

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Inquiry class creates partnership

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As reported in last week's *Print*, an inquiry course designed for students planning to transfer to Portland State University will be offered for the first time at Clackamas.

The six-hour, multi-disciplinary course will replace PSU's junior-level University Studies required for transfer students. The cost will be based on Clackamas' lower tuition rate of \$204.

This inquiry class is only the first step in the new partnership formed between the two schools to improve the success of students transferring.

In a ASG meeting held last week, several student government members were concerned with the amount of dollars designated for this program. Issues were raised concerning trust and the quality of current university studies offered at PSU.

According to Liz Goulard, Dean of Instructional Services, this project has been a year or more in the making and has been submitted to the governor's office for funding.

"It's in the governor's investment budget for education right now. It's a \$2.5 million project that would support the design and implementation of a closer relationship. We are going ahead as an institution, moving toward some of the elements ahead of the funding appropriations because we feel it's important not only for students but also for the institution," said Goulard.

"We know there are issues and I just want to acknowledge what I heard and ask you to add to that list, because what we want to do is make sure we design a pilot that is working for all those that it is intended for and that we are thinking of all the issues," Goulard said.

Funding concerns aside, the class will be reading intensive and centered on the play *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard. The 299-numbered course will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The course will be taught by James Dickinson, mathematics and physics; David Mount, English; and Gary Nelson, music. Clackamas Instructor Joe Uris, who teaches Inquiry at PSU, will assist with the instruction.

Prerequisites are required. For more information call the Counseling office at ext. 2213.

'Transfer day' answers questions

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The Gregory Forum was filled Monday with representatives from 20 different schools to answer students' questions about transferring from community colleges to four-year universities.

Schools such as the University of Oregon, Oregon State, Portland State, University of Portland, Western Oregon State and

Linfield had tables set and waiting for the students who came by to ask questions and fill out applications for more information. Plenty of college brochures were handed out to help answer those questions.

A commonly asked question was when the best time to transfer is and what makes students eligible?

According to a Portland State

representative, "There is no best time to transfer. It will vary depending upon several factors including academic interest, social interests and personal goals. ... Transfer students must have completed 30 transferable quarter credit hours, passed with at least a C- or a pass from a regionally accredited institution (a minimum 2.0 college GPA for Oregon residents and a minimum 2.25 college GPA for out-of-state residents) ... Once you meet the qualifications as a transfer student, you can transfer anytime."

One representative from Western Oregon State explained, "With careful planning, you can meet requirements in advance, giving you more freedom in selecting courses once you enroll at Western. ... Any credit you earn

through college-level courses from an accredited college or university will transfer. The Office of Admissions evaluates transfer work to determine which courses will be transferable. A maximum of 108 hours of community college course work may be transferred."

Campus visits are encouraged.

"A visit provides an opportunity to observe classes, see the campus facilities and talk with professors and students who can relate," explained a George Fox representative.

He also said it presents an opportunity for a student's transcript to be informally evaluated by academic standing.

Universities offer student orientations during fall and spring semesters. Special sessions for transfer students are included during these orientations. Students can receive orientation information prior to the beginning of a semester.

Large percentages of undergraduate students at four-year universities have transferred from community colleges. According to Western Oregon State, "Transferring is a highly valued decision."



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"Transfer Day" was held Monday in the Gregory Forum. 20 colleges attended in order to answer transfer-related questions.