

# CCC celebrates DNA

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From left: Bob Misely, Sharon Gordon and Jeb Bevers of the science department cut a cake during the April 25 event that celebrated the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the structure of DNA.

instructor Bob Misley. "If we did not have the DNA code none of this would be possible."

The discovery of the structure of DNA caused a chain reaction in our world that has made the impossible possible. In the last 50 years medical science has taken leaps and bounds,

thanks to the discovery.

According to Jeb Bevers, biology instructor, "Every two years we double our knowledge on DNA and the Helix." If DNA research continues to evolve at this rate, who knows what humans will eventually be capable of?

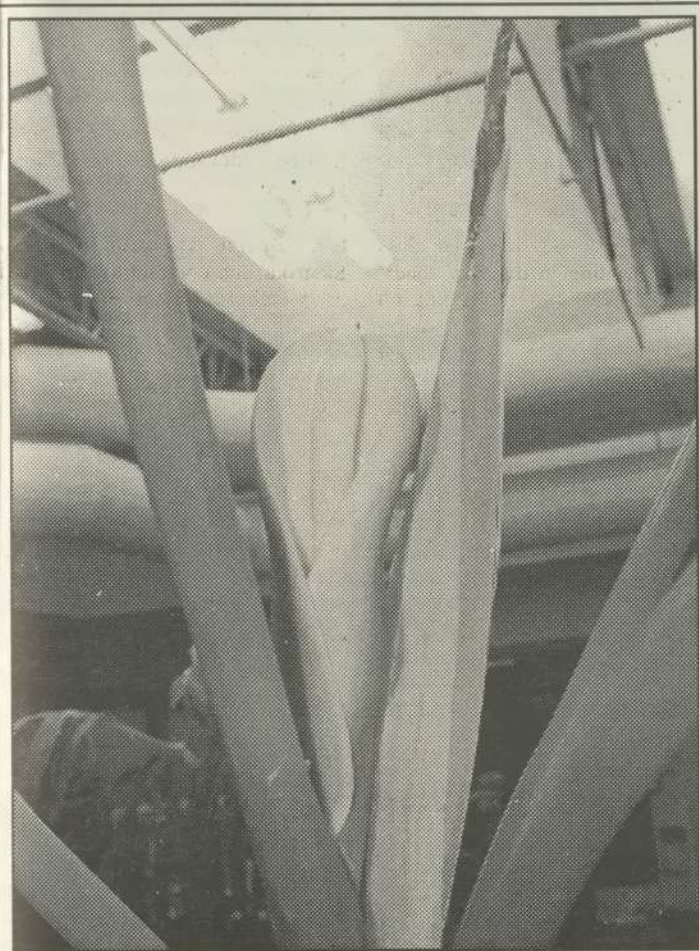
On April 25, 1953, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) went digital. Last Friday marked the 50th anniversary (or birthday, if you will) of the discovery of the structure of DNA.

The science department celebrated this event with a special lecture on DNA, a DNA cake and other goodies.

In 1869, Johann Friedrich Miescher discovered DNA but did not understand what it was. It was 84 years later that doctors James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the structure of DNA.

"It has not escaped our notice that the specific pairing we have postulated immediately suggests a possible copying mechanism for the genetic material," Watson and Crick stated upon discovering the structure of DNA. This answered a question that had been around since ancient times.

"In the world we live in we hear repeatedly about cloning, genetic engineering, etc.," said biology



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The Pauling Gardens experienced the once-a-year bloom by its philodendron selloum on April 18. This plant is one of three in the world that regulates its own temperature, heating up to between 100 and 115 degrees Fahrenheit during its 18- to 24-hour bloom.

# 2003-04 budget still in limbo; Clackamas looks at more cuts

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The news on the Clackamas budget situation is quiet for the time being, as the college awaits news from the legislative session in Salem.

The Oregon Legislature is still wrangling with the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) reform bills, and how that plays out will help determine how much money may have to be cut from next year's college budget.

"Right now, the college is in a wait-and-see mode and a lot will be determined by how quickly the Oregon Legislature can solve the budget questions before it," said College President Joe Johnson. "At present, the governor's latest budget proposal will reduce community college spending by another \$10 million, but we are all anxious to see

how the PERS scenario plays out, and that will affect how much we will have to spend."

Governor Ted Kulongoski has said publicly that he will not raise taxes this next biennium, but will look at every fee and tax that is currently levied to see if extra revenue can be gained by raising the cost of doing business.

President Johnson and Dean of Instruction Dian Connett have both stated that they do not anticipate making reductions in course offerings or programs for next fall.

"Every program and every department is being looked at in trying to find savings in all areas," said Connett. "Every instructor's and staff member's workload is being looked at to see if there is anywhere that we can increase productivity. We have a great staff here, and although times are hard we can do better with what we have, and soon, what we may not have."

# Adult boutique opens in Oregon City, community members upset over location

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Whether for good or bad, history was made when Sweet Heart's Adult Boutique opened on April 10 at 1001 7th Street in Oregon City.

Since the founding of Oregon City by Dr. John McLoughlin there have been no pornographic stores in the city limits. Local churches and other organizations have joined together to stand against the issue, and people have traveled from all over the metro area to state their case for or against the business.

The owner of Sweet Heart's, Han Kim, stated that he has an honest legal business. He also said that the protestors are helping his business, because people who would not have noticed his business have decided to stop by due to the picketers "advertisement."

Kim said that half of the business that he does comes from the sales of gag gifts, and half his customers are women, he said.

"Trying to close my business is like trying to close a flower shop or the local Dairy Queen," said Kim.

Local radio station KUFO called out to all its listeners to go out and support their local porn store, inspiring a handful of people to come out and picket in defense of the store.

While people who support the business have been seen in front of the store on a few occasions since the store opened, protestors have been seen consistently. The McLoughlin Neighborhood Association has organized groups of four or five people in shifts to continuously wave signs in protest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

Among those opposed to Sweet Heart's is local Pastor Tom Hurt of Oregon City Evangelical Church.

"We as a society have lowered the value of what we call intimacy. We have forgotten what is sacred," said Hurt. "There is a yearning



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Pickers protest the opening of Sweet Heart's, an adult boutique located on 7th Street in Oregon City. Local churches and the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association are the main forces behind the protests.

inside all of us to be intimate and we soiled the idea and have filled that void with sexual gag gifts."

One opposition that the picketers have against Sweet Heart's is its location. The store is close to the local high school, and the area around the business is a family-oriented neighborhood.

Hurt said that there are two reasons why a sexually oriented business should not be located in a community where children and adults are close-knit. One reason is the moral impact: the impact on the family and the tainted view of women that comes from a business such as this one. His other argument was location. The district that Kim has chosen for his business is surrounded by a high school, an elementary school, and

music businesses where children receive lessons.

Oregon City's city council was not prepared for a business like this, so there are no established zoning restrictions for sexually oriented businesses.

One issue that continues to rise is how the presence of Sweet Heart's will affect the city's children.

"The kids can sense the issue and problems with this, and realize that the picketers are a service to them," said Victor, one of the protestors, after a bus filled with children drove by the store.

Still, the question stands: is Oregon City ready to change history and give an adult-oriented business a chance, or will the protestors win the battle against pornography?

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