

DeJardin opens to Health Sciences

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Classes in the newly opened DeJardin Hall, formally called Pauling Annex, commenced this winter term and have already made a great impression on Maureen Mitchell, director of health sciences.

"The building is amazing," said Mitchell.

DeJardin Hall was built for and designed by the health sciences faculty and also houses a few other classes, including microbiology.

The new building is brimming

with innovative technologies and conveniences.

"[It has] more space and state of the art equipment; it's bright and open. Students love it," said Mitchell.

The department purchased 32 wireless laptop computers that students can use for studying as well as in the classroom. Teachers enjoy the convenience of having their offices in the same building with the classrooms. Teachers and students alike appreciate having all the health sciences classes in one building.

The health sciences department has been designated two large class-

rooms that will accommodate 48 students and a smaller room that accommodates 24. The department was able to order new, state-of-the-art equipment for all of the programs. All the classrooms are classified as "smart classrooms" because of the computerized overheads they contain.

"With the smart classrooms, teachers can use audio-visual and videos and no longer need to use transparencies," said Program Director Greg Sabin.

DeJardin Hall also houses a room that simulates an office in an ambulatory care setting, as well as a skills lab, that all of the programs use. The impressive skills lab simulates a hospital. It includes dummies on hospital beds with which students can practice clinical skills such as catheter insertion and resuscitation techniques.

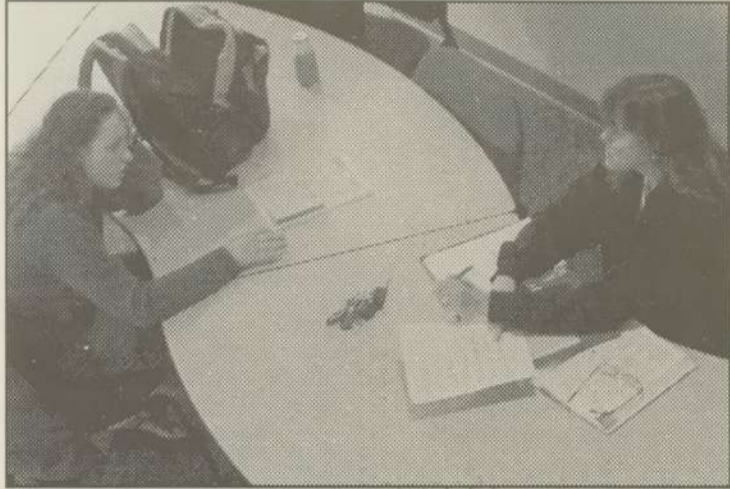
DeJardin Hall was made possible in large part by the contributions of the DeJardin family. Carol DeJardin served on the foundation board of the college and the DeJardin family contributes a substantial amount of money to the college each year.

"The [health sciences] department is truly grateful to the DeJardin family for their contributions," said Mitchell. "The building is bright and user-friendly. Both faculty and students have taken a great deal of pride and ownership in the new building."



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With large windows on every floor, and new equipment for each classroom, the new DeJardin Hall welcomes students.



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Jennifer Johnson and Jennifer Glennon, both nursing students, use the first floor study area of DeJardin Hall.

Literary Arts Center:

Provides students, English department with convenience, comfort in Rook Hall

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For the first time in the history of the college, the English department is united in one building, along with a new forum for students and faculty called the Literary Arts Center.

The English department occupies the second floor of the newly constructed Roger Rook Hall. The Literary Arts Center, equipped with skylights to let in natural light, is also centrally located on the second floor.

With over-sized, sofa-style chairs, this is a relaxed area for students to congregate, study or just plain unwind. There is also a variety of resource books and periodicals available to borrow, as well as books for more leisurely reading. The latter can be taken home and either brought back when finished or replaced with a donation from home.

"I think it's wonderful—we finally have a space we can call our own," said English Instructor Alan Widerburg. "Students can get comfortable and chat and read; there are lots of books available. I think it's a really beautiful space."

Department Chair Emily Orlando is most excited about bringing more unity to her department.

"For students who were majoring in English or the humanities, there really was no place for them to go. So for the first time ever, the English department has a designated space that the

students can identify with the English department," Orlando said. "Whenever there isn't a scheduled event, it's open for students to come in and use the materials that are in there."

The Literary Arts Center will also host club meetings, faculty meetings, poetry readings, Author's Nights and a plethora of other special events. The room seats 35, and additional chairs can always be added for larger gatherings.

English Instructor David Mount has worked on collaborations of music and literature in the past and feels the new Literary Arts Center will be perfect for other joint efforts, in addition to some music only activities.

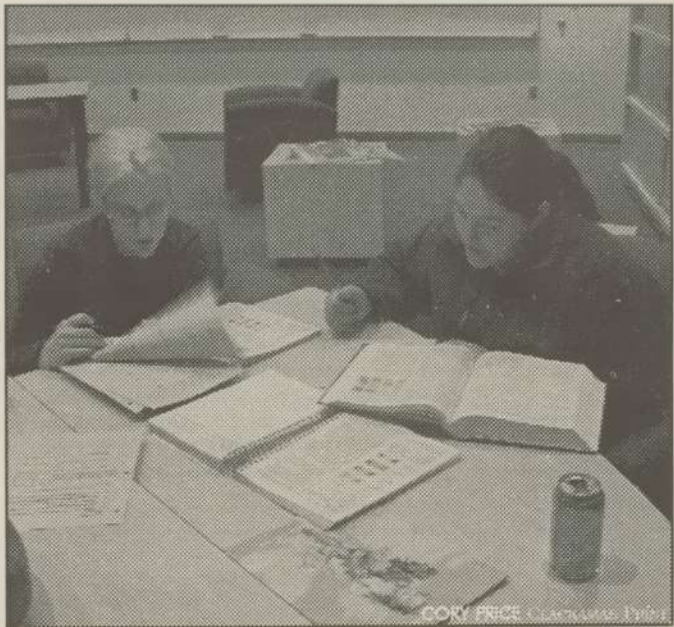
"I would love to have some small music performances in there to take advantage of the acoustics. It's the

kind of place that I don't think the college has had before, for intimate gatherings," said Mount. "Up until now, they could have gone to the theater and felt swallowed up by the big space, or Gregory Forum, which is not all that nice—functional, but not nice. But [the Literary Arts Center] is intimate and kind of special. I'm thrilled about it."

Kate Gray, English instructor, looks forward to the effect the center will have on literary enthusiasts.

"We now have the ability to have a focal point for the literary community on and off campus," said Gray. "It's a really versatile space that will serve the ever-changing needs of the department."

Book donations for the Literary Arts Center are gladly accepted. Contact Emily Orlando at ext. 2372.



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In the Literary Arts Center, students Amy Comolly and Jayde Cook enjoy the quiet in "comfy chairs."

Campus gardening event plants seeds for the future



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Horticulture students Nicole Allen, Debbie Smith, Lesli Walker, Tamera Davis and Doug Lichtenwalter test their plant identification skills.

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Gardeners, horticulturists and the novice prepared for the arrival of spring at the Gardeners' Galore event held Friday, Jan. 16 in the Gregory Forum.

"We were thinking home gardeners would be hungry for new knowledge because they have been unable to get out and do much gardening this time of year," said Renee Harber, event coordinator and faculty member.

For \$7, participants were surrounded by more than 30 gardening booths equipped with representatives from each organization to answer enthusiasts' questions.

Many local organizations participated in the event, including Portland Classical Chinese Garden, Hardy Plant Society of Oregon, Berry Botanic Garden, Portland Rose Society and Oregon Tilth Inc.

"My purpose for attending this event was to get more information, become more familiar with the organiza-

tions involved in the CWE program, and view the seminars," said horticulture student Nicole Allen.

In its first year, the event has been a success.

"I think [Gardeners' Galore] will benefit the horticulture students because they are introduced to different types of plants and gardens," said Harber. "They can also talk to the participating groups about career work experience for their requirement, allowing them to make contacts and provide them with learning opportunities."

In addition to various displays to peruse, there were plants for sale, including hard-to-find plants, a series of seminars and refreshments.

The seminars included four speakers. The first, Andy Parker of Oregon Tilth, spoke about organic vegetable gardening. One key point he mentioned was about building the quality of soil; AWOMB (air, water, organic matter, minerals, biological).

"Raising a plant is like

raising a child," said Parker. Allison Clark of Soil Foodweb Inc. gave the second talk about compost tea. She touched on what compost tea is made of, how to make it in a brewer, what questions to ask when buying it, and the benefits of its use in the garden.

The third presentation was about clumping bamboo, given by the President of the American Bamboo Society, Ian Connor. He discussed misconceptions, benefits and different types of bamboo.

Rick Baer, former president of the Portland Rose Society, wrapped up the seminars with his discussion on rose pruning techniques.

"The price of the event was worth every penny," said Allen. "Everyone in the campus Horticulture Club thought the whole experience was awesome."

The horticulture department was extremely pleased with the success of Gardener's Galore, and has every intention of making it an annual event.