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# Reliving childhood: Digging, playing in mud

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News Editor

Students, staff and community members are welcome to build their gardening skills alongside Oregon's horticulture experts.

The Horticulture Department kicked off their series of workshops and demonstrations on Sat., Jan. 20 in the Gregory Forum with a Vegetable Symposium.

The next event happening is called "Gardeners Galore" and will be held Fri., Feb. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Gregory Forum.

"Gardeners Galore is a wonderful networking opportunity for folks to visit with horticulture or gardening associations," said Elizabeth Howely, chair of the Horticulture Department.

Conifer, rose and fuchsia societies will be attending the event, as well as Master Gardeners and vari-

ous experts. The groups will be on hand to answer questions.

"Folks that want to get some of the best information for their gardens, or for the techniques, or for the upcoming year, come to this," said Howely.

There will also be three half-hour lectures given by Scotty Fairchild at 6:30 p.m., Linda Beutler at 7:30 p.m. and Stephanie White at 8:15 p.m.

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## Open enrollment means money for students

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Who says "No" to free money?

According to Scholarship Coordinator Darcie Iven, plenty of students do each year when they don't apply for scholarships.

It's open enrollment for Clackamas' 2007-08 scholarship year.

"I know people are nervous about the essay, but it's not that hard," said Iven, referring to step four of the college's scholarship application process.

"There are scholarships for students with a 2.0 GPA," she added. "Lots of [students] think you have to have a 4.0."

Also, scholarships are not limited to full-time students. There are opportunities for part-time students as well. Students planning on transferring this year aren't left out either. There are three scholarships available for transfer students.

The college's foundation has around \$250,000 worth of scholarship money to award, and Iven has organized a whole list of workshops and handouts to ease the application process for students.

Workshops are scheduled for Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Roger Rook 117, and every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. in Roger Rook 117.

And it's not just the college's foundation that's handing out scholarships; students can also visit the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) at [www.GetCollegeFunds.org](http://www.GetCollegeFunds.org) for even more scholarships for both transferring students and those who still have some terms left at Clackamas.

For even more scholarships, Iven has prepared handouts listing specific scholarships and Web sites where students can find scholarships. These handouts are located in kiosks in the registration area of Roger Rook Hall.

Scholarship applications are available in the registration area, as well as online at the college's Web site. The requirements are standard: fill out an application, have at least a 2.0 GPA, at least two letters of recommendation, unofficial transcripts, and send in a completed FAFSA form.

The deadline is March 13.

Any questions? Attend the workshops or contact Iven at 503-657-6958, ext. 5008.

## Bond refinanced, money saved

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\$1.8 million: That's how much Clackamas taxpayers will save because of the 2001 bond getting refinanced, according to Interim Vice President of Campus Services Bill Dierdorff.

"When interest rates drop, you can refinance to reduce the payments," said Dierdorff.

According to Dierdorff, there is a limit to how many times a bond can be refinanced so the amount of money saved should be justifiable to taxpayers.

At the November board meeting, the College Board of Education approved the refinancing and the timing was right.

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Horticulture Instructor Bob Nelson shows student Tyler Millsap how to prune different plants in a Tree and Shrub Pruning class. The Horticulture Department will be holding a series of workshops and demonstrations to help anyone who wants to improve their gardening and pruning skills.

## Cause of fire in Oregon City still unknown

**Jeff Sorensen**

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A three-alarm fire threatened Oregon City's historic district last week as firefighters spent an hour trying to get the blaze under control.

Clackamas Fire District #1 received a 911 call just before 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24, and was on scene at the corner of Washington and 7th Street within one minute.

On arrival, Clackamas firefighters saw heavy fire coming from the roof of a two-story building that housed a retail music shop on the bottom floor and three apartments on the top.

"It was blocked off for about two blocks, and flames were shooting about eight to 10 feet over the building," said local witness Paul Schwiert. "I think that was probably the biggest fire I've seen in Oregon City for quite some time."

The building, estimated by fire investigators to be over 80 years old, had been remodeled several times,



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David Lauder, owner of David's Drum Shop (formerly Wally's Drum Shop) keeps loved ones informed of the fire's progress with his cell phone.

which resulted in multiple hidden and void spaces in the attic where the fire could burn undetected. The upper floor of the building had been converted into three apartment spaces; the lower floor was retail space for a drum shop and an antique store.

Fire commanders

quickly called for a second and third alarm, which brought over 35 additional firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, and Canby and Gladstone fire departments. Many firefighters stayed over night, trying to track down and put out multiple hot spots.

Investigators began questioning witnesses immediately upon arrival and spent most of the night looking for clues. They believe the fire started in the attic, but the cause of the fire is still unknown.

Total fire and water damage has been estimated over \$500,000.