

Construction expands programs

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Construction isn't a new thing for Clackamas.

In the last few years, we have seen the building of the Niemeyer Center and the remodeling of McLoughlin Hall, but the work on the new addition to the Harmony Campus will be one of the most important builds in Clackamas history.

Construction on the three-story building will bring about a difference for Clackamas' English as a Second Language (ESL) and health sciences programs. The building, which is scheduled for a July deadline, will be the new home of both growing departments at Harmony.

"Structural steel is being erected," said Director of Plant Services Kirk Pearson.

The frame of the building will soon be complete, and then work on the steel flooring on the second and third floors will commence.

"We're on schedule," said Pearson. "Next summer, mid-July, is when we are shooting for."

The new facility will house the ESL and a bookstore on the first floor, and the top two floors will be the new residence of the health sciences program.

"We will be starting classes there fall 2008," said Dean of Health Sciences Maureen Mitchell.

The Harmony facility will triple the space that the Health Sciences Department currently has in DeJardin Hall. The building will also hold high-tech labs that the department needs in order to better train the developing medical and dental programs in the near future.

"It's going to be a real crisis. The average age of the practic-



ing nurse is 53 years old, so we are going to have a lot of retiring nurses," said Mitchell.

Many of the programs will try to bring new nurses into the field. One such program is the Workforce Improvement with Immigrant Nurses (WIN) program, which retrains immigrant nurses to help them reenter the medical field.

The 2008 school year will see no changes to the programs offered through health sciences, for the sake of making a smooth transition to the new building, but more programs will be offered during the 2009 school year.

ABOVE: Builders continue work on the recent addition to Harmony Campus. BELOW: Structural steel is erected, serving as the backbone of the new building.



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effective cannabis laws and policies, and educates, registers and empowers voters to implement these policies."

Because of Voter Power's success in Salem, the city took away the organization's building permit, Bernhoft said. The level of legal marijuana traffic was considered a potential risk to the city's permitting system.

"So many people were coming in and out of the building that they had to shut them down because of the fear that it would look like the city was supporting illegal drugs," he added.

According to Bernhoft, Voter Power is less than pleased with the city of Salem and, as a result, are bringing cameras to the forum.

"They're going to be filming it and putting it on television. It's going to be pretty big," he said.

The Democratic Club believes that individuals should have the right to use marijuana responsibly.

"To really legitimize the pro-marijuana movement, you have to have a responsible approach to it," Bernhoft

said. "It's every person's responsibility to ask themselves, 'How does this affect other people?'"

The Democratic Club stresses that if the legalization of marijuana means something to someone, then he or she must do something about it.

"Know your rights, and if it's not important to you, then leave it that way," Bernhoft said. "But if it's important to you - like it is to a

lot of people - activism, activism. And that doesn't include radicalism; that just includes being knowledgeable and voting."

The event will take place on Nov. 14 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Gregory Forum.

"There's going to be so much intense information in two and a half hours," Bernhoft said. "You won't have any other choice but to feel obligated to do something about it."

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