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## High-tech Harmony

Harmony building demolished to make way for advanced health facilities

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chance of finding students who are exhilarated about the relocation, and for good reason: the department is tripling its space as well as adding a variety of new, high-tech equipment.

Among the technologies that will be prevalent in the freshly constructed center is a high-fidelity simulator named Noel.

Noel is what Mitchell describes as a "real person simulation," meaning the dummy emulates a real patient in almost every way, except maybe for the mood swings.

Noel's capabilities include making breathing sounds, generating vital signs and even giving birth to a sim-baby named Hal.

The technologies that will soon be available in the Harmony structure come as a relief to student Scott Hartman.

"In a high-tech age, we need high-tech equipment to train with," Hartman said.

Noel is not the only "high-tech" equipment that will be fitted into the Harmony addition to keep up with a steadily-progressing field.

Another feature that will enhance the program's live exercise training will be the nursing lab.

The nursing lab will consist of a control room with windows surrounding three of its sides. Through each window, instructors will see the patients' beds as well as the students. From the control room, they will be able to create real-time scenarios that will test students and see exactly how they handle realistic situations such as heart attacks and strokes.

The nursing lab is a point of pride for Mitchell, who said as far as live exercises go in colleges, "we got the best one in Oregon."

The additions to the Harmony campus are not merely a testament to the expansion of the health and sciences department, but the development of Clackamas County as a whole.

According to Jann York, student services coordinator at Harmony, enrollment numbers at the campus continue to rise.

York views the maturation of Harmony as a service to the community.

"It's the beginning of a great campus," York said.

Throughout the construction of the project, there have only been a few "standard" setbacks, according to Kirk Pearson, and no injuries to speak of.

The actual design from the inside of the building is based on the same basic make-up of Roger Rook Hall on the Oregon City campus, with the entrance to the building opening up into a general foyer complete with tables and chairs.

Looking at the brick and glass structure from the west, individuals who approach the edifice will notice its modern appeal, whereas the older structure had begun to show its age.

The erecting of this facility is phase one of a bigger expansion involving the Harmony campus, and more construction has already been planned to take place after the former building is condemned.

LEFT: Construction workers at the Harmony campus start work on the new, more advanced building for Clackamas' health division.



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## Softball wins big at Crossover Tournament

Cougar softball dominated at last weekend's Crossover Tournament in Selah, Wash., despite losing its doubleheader to top-ranked Mt. Hood.

Clackamas started out the week with a doubleheader win against Southwestern Oregon Community College. The Cougars defeated Southwestern first 10-2 and second 3-1.

Mt. Hood still holds its first-place ranking in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) standings after barely defeating the Lady Cougars by 1-2 and 6-7 last Thursday.

At the Crossover Tournament in Selah, Clackamas won three of its four games, leaving the team with a winning season record.

Regardless of that triumph, Mt. Hood's defeat bumped Clackamas down to third in the NWAACC rankings with an 8-6 in league play.

Clackamas softball will be on the road all this week. The Cougars' next game will be against Southwestern Oregon CC in Coos Bay at 2 p.m.

The NWAACC championships this year will be May 16 through 18 at Delta Park, in Portland. Clackamas has eight games left to qualify for the annual competition.

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ABOVE: Freshman Susan Winningham heads for home plate.

BELOW: Sophomore Renee Santos winds up a pitch at last Wednesday's game.



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