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Collaborative Life Sciences Building Opens

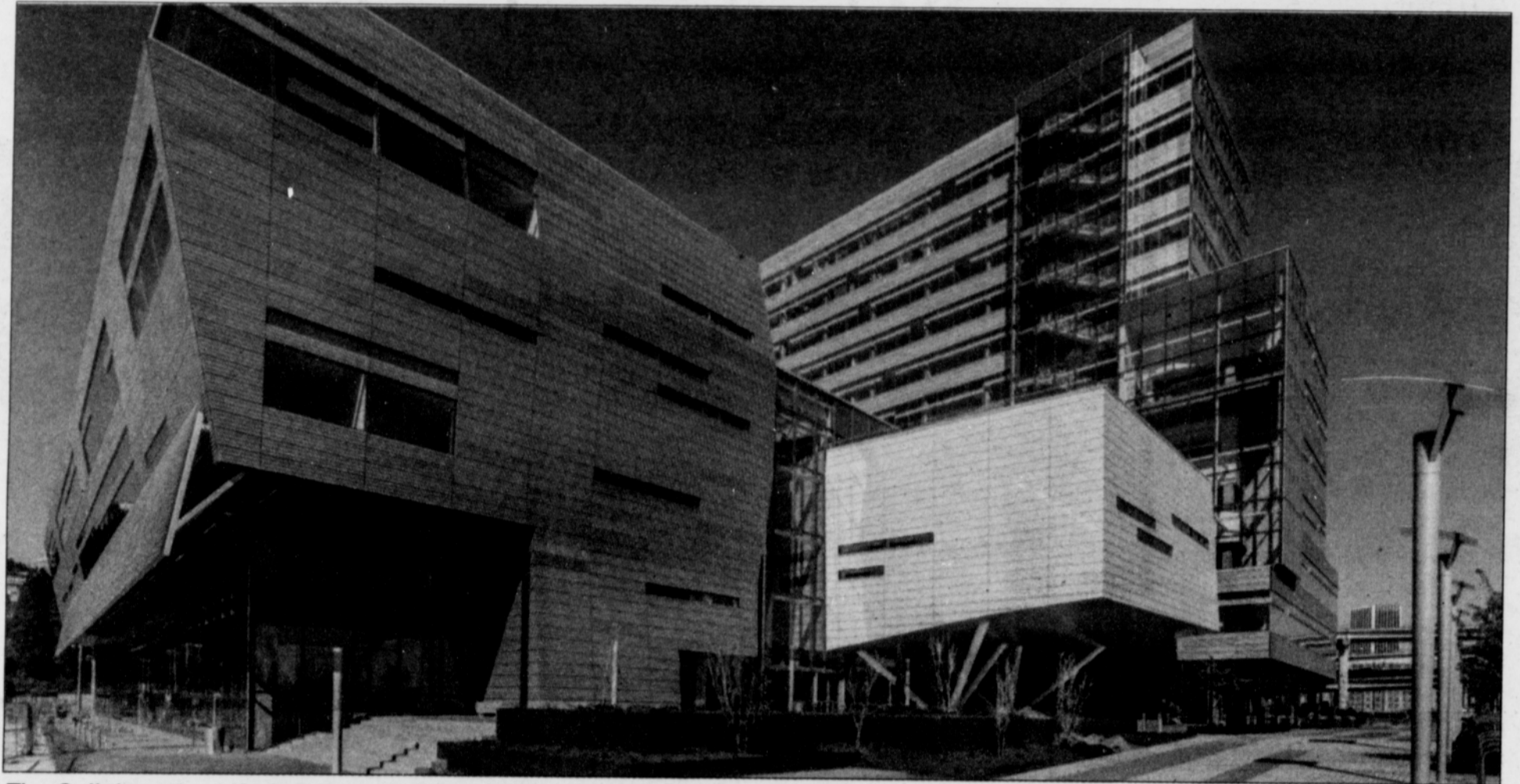## Partnerships expand health and science research

A first-of-its-kind multi-university partnership will expand health and science research and education to benefit all Oregonians,

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland State University and Oregon State University will host a grand opening ceremony and tours on Thursday, June 26 for employees, students and invited guests to celebrate the official completion of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building.

The $295 million, nearly 650,000-square-foot building on the OHSU Schnitzer Campus in the South Waterfront District is the first to combine the resources of multiple universities to offer the best possible science education and research opportunities for students from all health care professions.

The facility will strengthen partnerships between the universities while expanding their teaching facilities, class sizes and research activities.

The new building's features include a simulation center that provides "real life" skills training to health care practitioners, students and staff from all health professions; a 400-

The Collaborative Life Sciences Building on the OHSU Schnitzer Campus in the South Waterfront District of southwest Portland.

seat lecture hall that encourages small-group collaboration and can accommodate large educational and civic gatherings; and open-design labs that put research on display.

The site will also house state-of-the-art School of Dentistry and dental clinics that serve the public; an open atrium and walkway that provide opportunities for conversation and seating space for informal meetings to encourage collaboration; and shared space for OHSU, PSU and OSU faculty offices to encourage frequent idea sharing, intermingling.

Sustainable building features include green roofs, storm water collection for non-potable water uses throughout the building, and energy-efficient lighting and climate control; and space for retail.