

College Celebrating Opening of Jepson Next Week

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Students, faculty, and community members will get a taste of MWC's science world next week. The college is holding a week of "opening celebrations" for the new Jepson Science Center Oct. 26-29.

The \$12 million, 75,000-square-foot Jepson Science Center, which houses the college's science departments and includes a greenhouse, an aquatic research lab and a science literary center, opened for classes in August after nearly a decade of planning and fundraising and two years of construction.

Louise Ashby, coordinator of community relations

for MWC, said that events for the opening celebration will include tours of the building each day, receptions on the lower level of Jepson and catered dinners in the Great Hall for MWC President William Anderson, members of the Board of Visitors and community leaders.

MWC also ran a colorful, four-page advertisement in the Free Lance-Star newspaper.

Monday is the biggest day of the celebration. The college will hold an open house in Jepson for all students from 4-6 p.m., with free tours of the new building. Ashby said that any students interested must call 654-1276 to let her know they will be coming.

On the same day, from 5-6 p.m., faculty members can tour the science center.

Also, Harvey Lyman, a professor of cellular and developmental biology from New York, will speak in Jepson room 100 at 7:30 p.m.

Later in the week, Anderson, members of the BOV and community leaders like Fredericksburg mayor H. William Greenup will tour the building and hold their own reception. Finally, on Saturday, Oct. 31, the entire Fredericksburg community can tour the building from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Alice Andrews Jepson, the wealthy 1964 alumna whose \$2 million contribution helped fund the science center, said she will not be able to attend the celebration of the building named in her honor. She said she injured her ankle and is unable to travel.