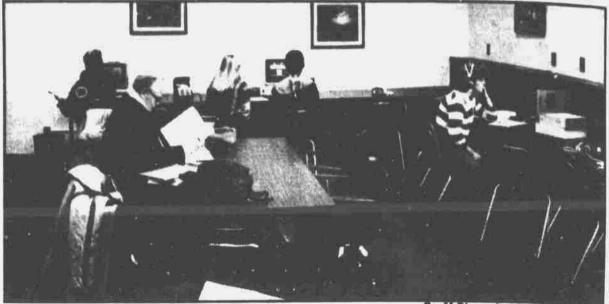
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Manter Hall Resource Center

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Life science center opens

By Tammy Kaup

The Life Sciences Resource Center, Manter Hall 118, opened Nov. 8 as a result of a grant given to the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Life Sciences School received S60,000 to buy equipment for the room as part of a grant from the National Science Foundation, William Leonard, School of Life Sciences faculty director for the center, said.

Leonard said the room is an "alternative to lecture." He described it as "a student learning center devoted to individualized instruction which utilized state-of-the-art technology."

Instructional videotape and slide-cassette programs are available for students interested in various areas of biology, including genetic engineering, photosynthesis, basic ecology, evolution and zoology.

Media equipment available for student use includes microcomputers, laser discs, video players and monitors. An IBM personal computer and two Apple II computers are available on a limited basis for running computerized instructional programs, for word processing and for individual student programming use. Some of the programs are learning games of educational and current interest such as "Osmosis" and "Three-Mile Island." Leonard said the school is beginning to develop a library of software material to use on the computer or video players.

Students needing help in a specific area can go to the room, which is staffed by teaching assistants, select a program related to the subject and view it at their own pace. Faculty members also may assign instructional programs to be viewed for class work.

No appointment is necessary to use the center, which is open from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday for the remainder of the semester.

Leonard said it is hoped that in the future the room will be open more than 20 hours a week so that students can take advantage of evening and weekend time they may have free.

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