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Scientists to discuss toxic tide

By Rene DeCair

Experts on toxic tides will meet Feb. 20-22 at the University's marine institute in Charleston, Ore., to find ways to contain the spread of amnesic shellfish poisoning on the West Coast.

U.S. and Canadian experts, including University biology professors Michelle Wood and Lynda Shapiro, are holding the workshop to help scientists figure out what causes the toxin.

People are poisoned when they eat shellfish that have ingested the toxin, called domoic acid, that is produced by phytoplankton, Shapiro said.

Once ingested by humans or other animals, the poison affects the central nervous system and can cause lasting damage.

Shapiro, director of the Ore-

gon Institute of Marine Biology, said scientists at the convention are coming together to figure out what is known and what is not known about the toxin-producing phytoplankton.

"It is an organism, for reasons totally unknown and understood at this time," that produces poison, Shapiro said.

Last November, the toxin forced the closure of razor clam and Dungeness crab fisheries when it was detected for the first time off the coasts of Oregon, California and Washing-

The first reported amnesic shellfish poisoning occurred in 1987 near Canada's Prince Edward Island. Three people were killed and 100 became ill after eating poisoned shellfish.

Shapiro said the first outbreak on the United States'

of occurred in September 1991 in Monterrey, Calif. Many pelicans died after they ate the contaminated shellfish.

Domoic acid-producing phytoplankton have also been detected off of the coast of New

England. Eastern Canada has developed a successful management program to keep shellfish safe for human consumption, but the toxin appears to behave somewhat differently in the Pacific Ocean and more study is needed," Shapiro said.

Toxin produced by phytoplankton could become a common occurrence, she said. But it can be dealt with if you know when it's there to deal

The workshop at the OIMB is sponsored by the University and Oregon State University.

HIGHER ED BRIEFS

Out go the lights

The University Physical Plant will be conducting two campus-wide power outages during spring break. The first is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Times have not yet been set for a 12-hour outage on Saturday,

Some campus buildings will not be affected, including buildings north of Franklin Boulevard and buildings on direct EWEB feed - Autzen Stadium, Casanova Center, University Inn, Riley Hall, Agate (formerly Condon School) and the Museum of Natural History

In addition, Condon Hall, PLC, Knight Library, Clinical Services, Gerlinger Annex, Hayward Field, McArthur Court, Leighton Pool and EMU Annex will not be subject to outages.

Anyone in affected buildings who will need temporary power generators during the outages, and has not already made arrangements, should contact Alex Gordon, Physical Plant construction project manager, at 346-5219, or through campus

Gordon said he wants to hear especially from anyone doing research that would be affected by lack of continuous power and groups who have scheduled activities that cannot be moved or re-

Ad writing competition

University students are among the entrants in

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Students from 55 campuses will compete for the grand prize of \$10,000 and a trip to London.

Citibank created the College Advertising Awards last year, asking college students to develop a media campaign consisting of radio, television and print advertising. The objective of this year's expanded program is to create a multimedia public service campaign that encourages responsible credit behavior among college students.

Each of the colleges taking part in the program will have a campus competition, open to all undergraduates regardless of their major.

The first phase of the program kicks off with University students receiving a marketing brief from Citibank on credit card use and literature on successful credit management to help them develop their campaigns.

Entries may be submitted by individuals, or by teams of not more than three members.

In April, a panel of University faculty will select one finalist to submit for review by a panel of New York marketing and advertising executives, who will select a national winner, to be announced in May.

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Special guest: Florence Date Smith, Eugene resident who was interned.

Thursday, February 20, 1992 at Willamette Hall 110, 7 p.m.

"Farewell to Manzanar" is the last of a week-long series of films and discussions commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Japanese-American internment.

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