Urban project set for vacation

By Carrie Dennett

Students who find themselves with no plans for spring break, or even those who do, may want to consider spending their vacation making a difference.

Alternative Break Coalition sponsors urban retreats for college students from around Oregon. Students spend a week of their college vacations as volunteers for social service organizations that work with the urban poor in inner North and Northeast Portland,

University students have an opportunity to participate in a break scheduled from March 21-28. An informational meeting will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room B. Students who are interested but can't attend the meeting can pick up applications from the OSPIRG office in EMU Suite 1.

This is the second year University students are participating in the program. ABC also works with students from Oregon State, Lewis and Clark, Willamette University, Warner Pacific and Reed College.

ABC aims to provide students with the opportunity to learn firsthand about urban poverty, and encourages students to re-examinr their stereotypes about poverty and develop a better understanding about the issues facing today's urban poor.

This spring break, students will work with several groups, including Northeast Portland YMCA, Peninsula Park Community Center, Franciscan Enterprise, Community Energy Project, Oregon Food Bank, Operation Nightwatch and HIV Day Center.

Participating students will work on renovating abandoned housing using donated materials, weatherizing homes for elderly and lowincome people, distributing food to Portland area shelters, and socializing with the homeless and people infected with the HIV virus.

The program gives a chance for students to actually get out and put to use the things they learn in college," said OSPIRG member Gretchen Haber, OSPIRG helps ABC coordinate University students involvement.

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said. "The contractors elected to believe that the mirror was alright despite conflicting infor-

Although the mirror is flawed, Hawley said the Hubble telescope is still very useful. The telescope's pictures can be digitally adjusted to produce clearer images.

We can take the image produced and remove the bad effects of the mirror," he said.

Hawley showed before-andafter slides of how the telescope's pictures were adjusted to produce clearer images.

Although the Hubble telescope does not work as well as it should, it's still better than other telescopes, he said.

Hawley said NASA plans to go back and repair the telescope in 1993 or 1994. The telescope is designed so it can be repaired relatively easily, he



Steven Hawley

'We will install correcting optics," he said. "And hopefully recover nearly 100 percent of the original design specifics.

After the speech, members of the audience took tours of Willamette Hall and watched a laser demonstration.

Hawley, an astronaut since 1978, also flew aboard Discovery in 1984 and the space shuttle Columbia in 1986. He is presently the associate director of NASA's Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif.

Hawley was the first speaker in the University seminar series called "Frontiers in Science." Howard Reese, a research assoclate in the University's Institute of Molecular Biology, said the seminars are designed to familiarize people with current issues in science. Reese said the University's science department is using the seminars to interact with the community.

"We have a top-notch department and we want the community to know that," he said.

The seminar series is sponsored by the University and Spectra-Physics Scanning Systems Inc., of Eugene.







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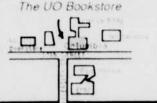
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