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Students learn cooperation during Micronesia internship

□ Program difficult, but cultural experience valuable

By Chester Allen
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Eileen Marie believed she was ready to live on a tropical island, but when eerie, scrabbling sounds from her hallway woke her one night, she wasn't so sure.

Waving its antennae, a four-inch long cockroach stood in her doorway.

"This huge cockroach was just looking at me," Marie said. "He didn't run away. He looked like he was ready to fight."

Getting used to huge cock-

roaches and hand-sized spiders was just one of the adjustments students from the University's Micronesia Program had to make during their three-month public affairs internships in the Federated States of Micronesia, a chain of islands in the South Pacific.

Marie was one of 13 interns who worked with local officials on public affairs projects, said Micronesia Project Director Maradel Gale.

Gale said the interns must have a great deal of maturity and patience to adjust to one of Micronesia's many island cultures and climates.

Former interns said gaining the trust of local residents and adapting to a new culture was the most difficult — and reward-

ing — challenge they faced during their internships.

Coleen Fox, who helped plan a safe drinking water system for the island of Pohnpei, said she had to change her lifestyle when she moved to Micronesia.

"I had an interesting living situation," she said. "There was no running water or toilets on my part of the island, so I took my daily shower in a stream near my house."

Fox said many of her Western cultural ideas didn't work in Pohnpei, and she had to adjust to the island's culture to work with her local counterpart.

"I learned to slow down and take things less seriously," she said. "After working for a while,

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Lookin' up



Photo by Michael Shindler

Jenny Root of Eugene climbs one of the basalt columns at Skinner's Butte. Columns at the butte are popular with climbers because they provide many different challenges. See related photos, Page 5.

Yamada offers high-tech help

□ Students studying language benefit from computers, satellite

By Demian McLean
Emerald Reporter

For University foreign language students too broke to travel abroad, the Yamada Language Center may be the next best thing.

With the help of computers and satellite dishes, students at the Yamada Language Center can improve their reading and comprehension skills and watch the evening news as it is broadcast from Germany, China and Japan.

Eric Mah, a senior chemistry major enrolled in Chinese II, said working in the computer lab several hours a week has helped him sharpen his speaking skills.

Mah sits before a desktop outfitted with a liq-

THIRD
OF THREE PARTS

New forms of technology are increasingly being used to educate.

The Emerald has looked at three different ways the University is using technology to teach students.

uid crystal display panel and a pair of headphones, complete with a voice-activated microphone. He slips the headphones on and lowers the swing-arm of the microphone in front of his mouth.

"It's very helpful with pronunciation," Mah said. "In the left ear you hear a model Chinese voice. In the right, you hear your own voice. It's easy to practice and improve."

The desk set-up is the basic tool of the center's education for German, Spanish, French, English, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Russian, Norwegian and Swahili.

Students can practice their pronunciation

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Photo by Dylan Coulter

OPS officials will work the traffic and information booth, checking drivers' destinations and rerouting traffic.

Booth set up to reduce traffic

□ Manned booth will direct drivers, check parking permits

By Daralyn Trappe
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A nearly finished booth outside Oregon Hall on 13th Avenue is likely to be operable within the next few weeks, and, if all goes according to plans, will help cut down on campus traffic.

The University's Office of Public Safety made a proposal last spring to the Physical Plant for a manned booth to provide information and to regulate the number of motor vehicles allowed to travel along 13th Avenue between Oregon Hall and the EMU.

An OPS employee will be at the booth from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays to check incoming cars for parking permits and immediate destination. If drivers are headed to the Johnson Hall

parking area or places that can be accessed another way, they will be asked to use an alternate route.

Carla Levinski, Physical Plant planning associate, said exceptions will be made for delivery drivers. Short-term, metered parking spaces will be available for people needing to get to the EMU Post Office or the EMU Child Care Center.

New parking spaces will be

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WEATHER

Highs will reach into the 60s, but light amounts of rain are possible as well.

Today in History

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped from her apartment in Berkeley, Calif., by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

COLORADO LAW ATTACKED

TELLURIDE, Colo. (AP) — In the first municipal counterattack on anti-gay rights Amendment 2, voters in this mountain resort approved an anti-discrimination ordinance that includes protections for homosexuals.

Telluride, with a 484-151 vote, outlawed discrimination in housing, employment and public services based on sexual orientation, race, gender, religion and other categories.

The measure directly opposes Amendment 2, which prohibits state or local laws that protect gays from discrimination. It was approved by Colorado voters Nov. 3. A Denver judge last month suspended the measure pending the outcome of a court challenge.

SPORTS

CHICAGO (AP) — Marge Schott was suspended as Cincinnati Reds' owner Wednesday for one year and fined \$25,000 for "using language that is racially and ethnically offensive."

Following an investigation that began Dec. 1, baseball's ruling executive council found that statements attributed to the 64-year-old owner were not "in the best interests of baseball." The suspension will begin March 1, but Schott can apply for reinstatement Nov. 1 if she attends and completes multicultural training programs.

Schott agreed to accept the penalty, said her lawyer Robert Bennett.