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Students at the University's Oregon Institute of Marine Biology use the entire Coos Bay coast area as their classroom.

Marine institute offers alternative education

Courses: Students get unique lessons in Oregon Coast outdoor school

By Julie Swensen
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Imagine studying forestry while walking in the woods instead of learning the subject in a crowded classroom. Or examining a live marine specimen straight from the ocean rather than removing one from a jar of formaldehyde.

Since 1973, the University's Oregon Institute of Marine Biology has offered unique learning opportunities like this to University students of every major. The People and the Oregon Coast program offers courses such as biology, geography, landscape architecture and political science, and its "classroom" is the Coos Bay region.

Instructors and students said this program has given them new ways of looking at things, and students have said that this program is one of the best things they've ever done, said Jerry Medler, an associate professor of political science who has taught the program.

"This is one of the most exciting programs at the University, and one of its best-kept secrets," he said.

Located in Charleston, about 120 miles southwest of Eugene, students attend lectures in a 19th century U.S. Coast Guard station auditorium that overlooks the water. As part of their education, students go on field trips everywhere in the Coos Bay region, Medler said.

Both professors and students live on-site in a dormitory, which allows participants to be active in the community. By meeting with community members from elected officials to salmon trollers, students learn about the problems involving scientific, economic and social aspects of fisheries, forestry, agriculture and tourism.

Students also design their own research projects on topics that affect the coastal sector. One student's project helped to initiate the selection of the nearby South Slough as the nation's first Estuarine Sanctuary, and another project stimulated the Charleston Seafood processors to enter the growing Pacific Whiting fishery.

Douglas Deur, a former student in the program, used the opportunity to halt the Port of Bandon's plans to build condominiums on land that the Coquille tribe had considered

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Supporters rally for Amazon

Housing: Tenants urge restoration, formation of student-run cooperative

By Eric Buckhalter
for the Oregon Daily Emerald

University family-housing tenants and supporters of the restoration of Amazon held a rally Friday and urged that Uni-

versity officials explore several alternatives before making a final decision.

About 25 people gathered at the steps of Johnson Hall, where speakers voiced their support for Amazon's restoration and its re-designation as an independent, student-run cooperative. They emphasized that the University keep rent costs low and

preserve the community's friendly, cooperative spirit.

"Were it not for Amazon, many of our low income families would not be at the University," said Marlene Drescher, Director of the Office of Student Advocacy. "I think the University should turn Amazon into a

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University students listen as Republican gubernatorial candidate Craig Berkman discusses his plans for higher education reform at the EMU Maple Room Monday afternoon.

Candidate presents funding plans

Campaign: Republican Craig Berkman proposes privatization of University, tuition reform

By Meg Dedolph
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Creating a dual tuition plan and privatizing the University are two of the options Craig Berkman is proposing to solve the problems of higher education funding.

Berkman, a Republican candidate for governor, held a question and answer session Monday at the EMU. About 20 students attended.

Tuition is currently subsidized by the state, although the percentage of that subsidy has decreased since the passage of Ballot Measure 5, meaning students have had to pay higher tuitions.

With Berkman's dual tuition plan, students whose families could afford to pay more tuition would have a smaller state subsidy than the families of students who could not as easily afford a college education.

"I think a lot of Oregonians would be willing to pay a higher tuition based on their ability to pay," Berkman said.

He also said he wanted to investigate the perception that faculty and staff at public colleges and universities have a smaller workload than those in comparable positions at private schools.

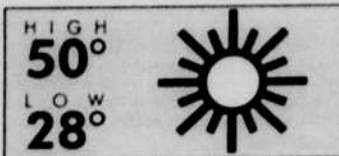
"If there's any truth to this perception, people need to take the initiative to reform higher education from within," he said.

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GOOD MORNING

Second tuition installments are due today, which includes one-third of assessed tuition plus any current or past-due balances.

► **BERKELEY (AP)** — Ivan Dickson bought second-hand clothes, never owned a refrigerator or a car, and refused to repair a leaking roof on his home. Friends, worried, gave him food and clothing to make ends meet.



But they would be surprised, learning after his death that Dickson, an avid hiker, had a gift of his own — a record \$427,000 donation to the East Bay Regional Park District.

"Most people thought he was

indigent," said longtime hiking companion William King. "He looked like a street person, I guess you would say today, though he was always clean — always shaven."

Dickson died last year at age 95. His gift, the largest single cash donation in the park district's history, can be used only for maintenance of its 50 parks and 75,000 acres in Contra Costa and Alameda counties by orders of Dickson's will.