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Lab brings accessibility

The Knight Library's Adaptive Technology Center offers software designed for students with special needs

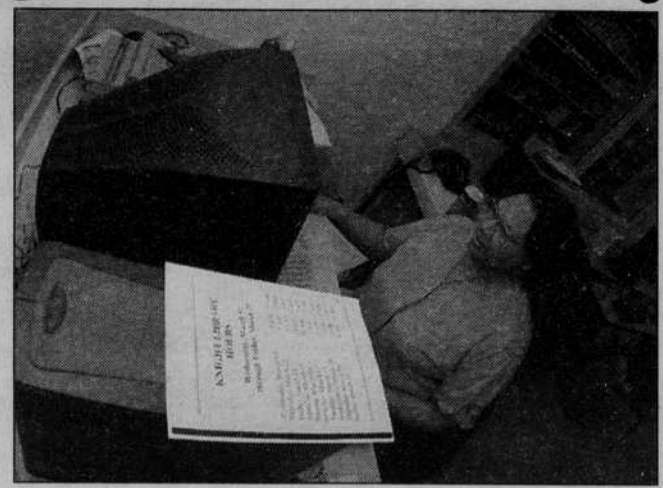
Ali Shaughnessy
 Environment/Science/Technology Reporter
 Disabled students at the University may not be aware of the technological opportunities resting deep within the recesses of the Knight Library.

The Adaptive Technology Center, which started with one computer and has grown into a sophisticated computer lab, was created with the single purpose of helping University students with disabilities get easy access to computer technology.

Disabled students who qualify can take advantage of the center, which offers adaptive software that can perform functions such as reading text to learning-disabled students or printing Braille documents for blind students. Software supported in the lab includes Microsoft Word, Internet Explorer, Open Book, ZoomText and Dragon NaturallySpeaking.

Adaptive Technology Adviser James Bailey, who has been in charge of the lab for the past eight years, said he is proud of the various equipment within the lab that reaches out to students dealing with everything from blindness to learning disabilities.

"You may look at (the technology) and think, 'Man, this is slow-going,'" Bailey said. "But the students who use this have great learning disabili-



Doctoral student Kia Smith, who is dyslexic, spends upward of 50 hours in the Adaptive Technology Center every week to help her with her studies. Adam Amato Emerald

ties. ... This is incredibly helpful.

"Any technological barriers that are presented to students are overcome in (the technology center)."

The lab is kept locked at all times, and roughly a dozen students each have their own key. The lab is located in rooms 138 and 139 of the Knight Library.

A Disability Services spokeswoman said the process for a disabled student to receive a key to the center is fairly simple. The student must first meet with a Disability Services counselor. Based on the counselor's recommendation, a letter of referral may then be sent to Bailey. However, many students choose not to utilize the facilities.

ASUO Multicultural Advocate Maddy Melton works with Disability Services in student outreach. Melton

said she felt strongly about the challenges students with disabilities face when it comes to technology.

"This is extremely important," she said. "This is fundamental to physical access of information."

Melton added that when a student isn't able to access technology, it can have an adverse affect on their school work.

The ASUO is currently working on a disabilities awareness week, slated for mid-spring. Melton, who is helping to organize the week, said she is pushing for heightened understanding of disability issues.

Students who are interested in touring the lab can contact Bailey at 346-1076.

Contact the reporter at alishaughnessy@dailyemerald.com.

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Spring break goes coastal

A variety of spring break adventures can be found on the coasts of Oregon and Northern California

Wendy Ardolino
 Freelance Reporter

After a rigorous term, the Oregon

and Northern California coasts offer a nearby getaway for students looking for release. The coastline provides a range of activities, from camping and hiking to dune buggying, horseback riding, scuba diving and surfing.

University senior Michael Bendixen said Port Orford, Hubbard's Creek and Otter Rock are some of the popular local spots for surfing. He said Agate Beach even boasts a tribal surf shack built by local surfers.

Windsurfing is also popular, and at the south coast of Oregon, Floras Lake offers windsurfing, boating and camping.

"It's also a good place to kiteboard," Lane Community College student Ryan Nerseth said. "You can rent everything from there, and they can teach you."

There are also many scuba diving sites along the coast. One of the more popular places is Florence, known for its jetties. Florence also offers dune buggying, hiking, camping and horseback riding on the beach. Old Town Florence is a nearby place to eat seafood and check out local art and culture.

A few hours south is Gold Beach. With several camp sites, Gold Beach has fishing, hiking and windsurfing. The Rogue River pours into the ocean at Gold Beach, so be sure to check out rafting and jet boat excursions. Like many other coastal towns, there is an assortment of seafood restaurants and gift shops featuring local artwork as well as the famous salt water taffy.

Travelers can also hike and do some beach combing on the Oregon Coast. According to Outdoor Program Trip Facilities Manager

Ed Fredette, Cape Perpetua is known for its tide pools, as well as archaeological and historical sites and hiking spots.

The Northern California coast, known for its beaches, is also famous for its towering redwoods.

"The hikes through the enormous old-growth redwoods, moss hanging down like beards and amazing greenery everywhere makes you feel like you are in a rainforest," Outdoor Program trip initiator advocate Aleta Raphael-Brock said. She said the redwoods are her favorite camping spot and recommended a swimming hole in Jedediah Smith Redwood State Park.

Also on the Northern California coast is the "lost coast." According to

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phototraveler.com, the rugged coast is only reachable by a few long and winding roads.

Nerseth said the roads are very hard to find, even though some of them are on the map. Get fuel and food before trekking to the beach, as supplies are scarce. Day trips are a possibility as is backpacking.

Many cities on the coast also boast other activities such as crab feeds or seafood and wine festivals. Be sure to check the newspaper or Internet for details.

Hotels and lodging are available along most of the coast as well as many state and private campgrounds.

"The Northern California and Oregon Coast are not like Southern California with warm beaches and surfing," Nerseth said. "It is about exploring and finding your own things to do, your own beaches and spots."

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