



From books to Mother Nature



What is better than a lecture, film, or textbook to study the great outdoors? Why, a lesson from Mother Nature herself, of course. That's just what the College's Science Department instructors and students experienced last weekend.

The group of 58 stayed at Malheur Field Station, 30 miles south of Burns in Eastern Oregon. The reason for the field trip was to give students a first hand look at the biology and geology of Oregon's great basin in its natural setting. The major emphasis was on bird watching, as many as 80 different species of the winged creatures were sighted and identified. Other wildlife such as coyotes, mice, rabbits and even rattlesnakes were seen and studied. The area's geological make up such as faults and volcanoes were also studied.

CLOCKWISE: Friendly owl asks, "Who, who are you?" as the science department studies nature firsthand. Jay Zwicker and Debbie Bugarsky spot interesting wildlife in Eastern Oregon. Zwicker and Eric Holstrom brave the chilly waters for a fast dip. Hal Bender, chemistry instructor, sums up the field trip by taking a nap.



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