

Funds endangered for student, family

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The College has a strong contingent of foreign students this year, as in other years. There are over a dozen nations represented here, from Belize to Venezuela.

Foreign students generally labor under more difficult circumstances than any American student. Besides the problems of keeping a decent GPA going, a great many students can study only subjects proscribed by their governments.

Laya Anoushiravani, 20 years old and in her second

year at CCC, is one such student. She finds herself in a sticky situation this month; a victim of confusion and conflict which reign at present in her native country, Iran.

Laya is an architecture major, and recently applied to the University of Oregon to continue her studies in architecture there. They turned her down. Not surprising, since the program accepts only 10 percent of the 900 or so who apply. Laya would like to change her major to interior design or communication (she speaks three languages).

But she can't. The Islamic Republic wants its students to study only subjects which it sees as essential to the reconstruction of its country, subjects like agriculture, engineering and medicine.

"The reason they say we have to learn these things is that, if we want to return, there are certain skills that they need now," says Laya. "Like they tell us they have no need for musicians things like that. But for me, it's very difficult; I don't want to be an engineer or a doctor."

The hold that the Iranian government has over Laya and her family is money. Laya first came to Portland in 1977 at the age of 17 to attend Lincoln High School. Her family came over months later, ostensibly just for a visit. While they were here, the revolution hit, and Laya and her family decided to wait out the confusion.

The Islamic government took control of the banks in Iran and told the Anoushiravanis that they could only withdraw a certain amount of money each month, and only on the condition that

Laya study one of the acceptable subjects, and that she maintain a GPA of 2.5. The arrangement had been hard, if acceptable, until Laya got her rejection letter from Eugene.



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"If I had no need for the money from Iran, I could study what I wanted," she says.

Laya is a striking and attractive young woman, whose intense eyes still hold their fire in spite of her frustration. She is still unsure of her plans, but finds a good deal of comfort in the fact that her family is with

her. They are all happy to be together, she says, but the lack of hard news from Iran is a continuing source of frustration for them.

"Every day passes," she says, "but you just don't know what's going to happen tomorrow."



Laya Anoushiravani

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Science students visit Malheur animal reserve

By Tom Jeffries
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"At Malheur Field Station, they say the eggs are fine; one rolled off the table and killed a friend of mine! Gee Ma, I wanna go, why won't they let me go, gee Ma, I wanna go home!"

So went the refrain that rang out from a busload of weary CCC biology, geology and zoology students as they ended a four-day study of the ecology and topography of the southeastern Oregon Malheur Wildlife Refuge and prepared for the eight-hour trip home. This year, two busloads of College students, faculty and interested citizens made the annual journey, leaving Thursday and returning Sunday.

The Malheur Lake and Wildlife Refuge in Harney County has long been an attraction to schools around the Pacific Northwest because of its abundant migratory and resident wildlife, and visible volcanic landmarks. Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the preserve receives government funds to maintain the refuge and provide a place for student groups to stay and tour the area. Recently, the field station played host to geologists from around the nation, who stayed

to study the huge volcanic flows and craters that are a major feature of the area.

Other important points of the area are the historical features of the land around Harney County. "Eastern Oregon used to be all grassland, a hundred years ago. But then overgrazing by cattle reduced it to near desert, dominated by sagebrush. The grass couldn't compete," explained CCC geology and biology instructor John Snively. Remnants of the once-thriving cattle industry include the famous Peter French round and long barns, both of which were built with lumber that had to be hauled from the Steens Mountains, many miles away.

Zoologists and botanists are drawn to the site by the flora and fauna that abound in and around the Malheur Lake marshes and often dry Harney Lake. The refuge is a stopping place for countless species of migratory birds, from Canadian geese to the rare Great Blue Heron. Year-round residents include jack rabbits, ground squirrels, lizards and scorpions. Commented biology instructor Florence Lee, "It looks barren and dead, but once you start to look around, you see all sorts of life."

Visitors to the field station pay a nominal fee for use of the dormitories, shower facilities and dining hall. The cost per person for the CCC group was \$31.50 for the four-day stay.

The majority of their stay

was spent on the buses, winding along the unpaved refuge roads observing plant and animal life, or hiking among the countless craters of the volcanic basaltic flows, where erosion-resistant surfaces have

remained much the same for nine million years.

Thus, it was a group of exhausted, but much better informed, students that arrived back at the College on Sunday.

Summer aid nonexistent

By Wanda Percival
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Summer financial aid may be unavailable to Clackamas Community College students for the first time this year, due to President Reagan's proposed cuts in the nation's education budget.

If Congress approves Reagan's proposed aid cuts, or some of them, a reprocessing of student financial aid forms will take place. But, with the existing circumstances, such as the Reagan assassination attempt and his recovery, Congress has been unable to act on the proposal. Therefore, colleges won't know what the payment schedule is until mid-July, already four weeks into summer term.

Ron Hoodye, CCC financial aid officer, feels confident that Congress will pass at least some of Reagan's proposed cuts. "I'm positive that some cuts will be okayed by Congress," he said.

"The cuts aren't just here at CCC," said Hoodye. "It's everywhere. Four-year schools won't have any summer aid, either."

"This is making it unattractive for our school," said Hoodye. Still, he said, "I'd encourage people to apply for aid. This way, we could show Reagan evidence that the bucks are needed."

CCC's nursing program will receive summer funding because it has been identified as a program that must be in attendance. For the rest of the

programs, summer term is a non-traditional attendance time.

Mt. Hood Community College and Oregon State University will have college work/study funds available, and Portland Community College will have funding for three programs such as nursing. But other than that, "private scholarships are the only way to have your program funded," said Hoodye. "Nine percent guaranteed loans are still available through banks, but even those may not exist after the Reagan cuts. This is the only avenue to funding."

Hoodye said he "doesn't see any changes through the Reagan administration," and, while there is no aid right now, "there will be in the future."

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