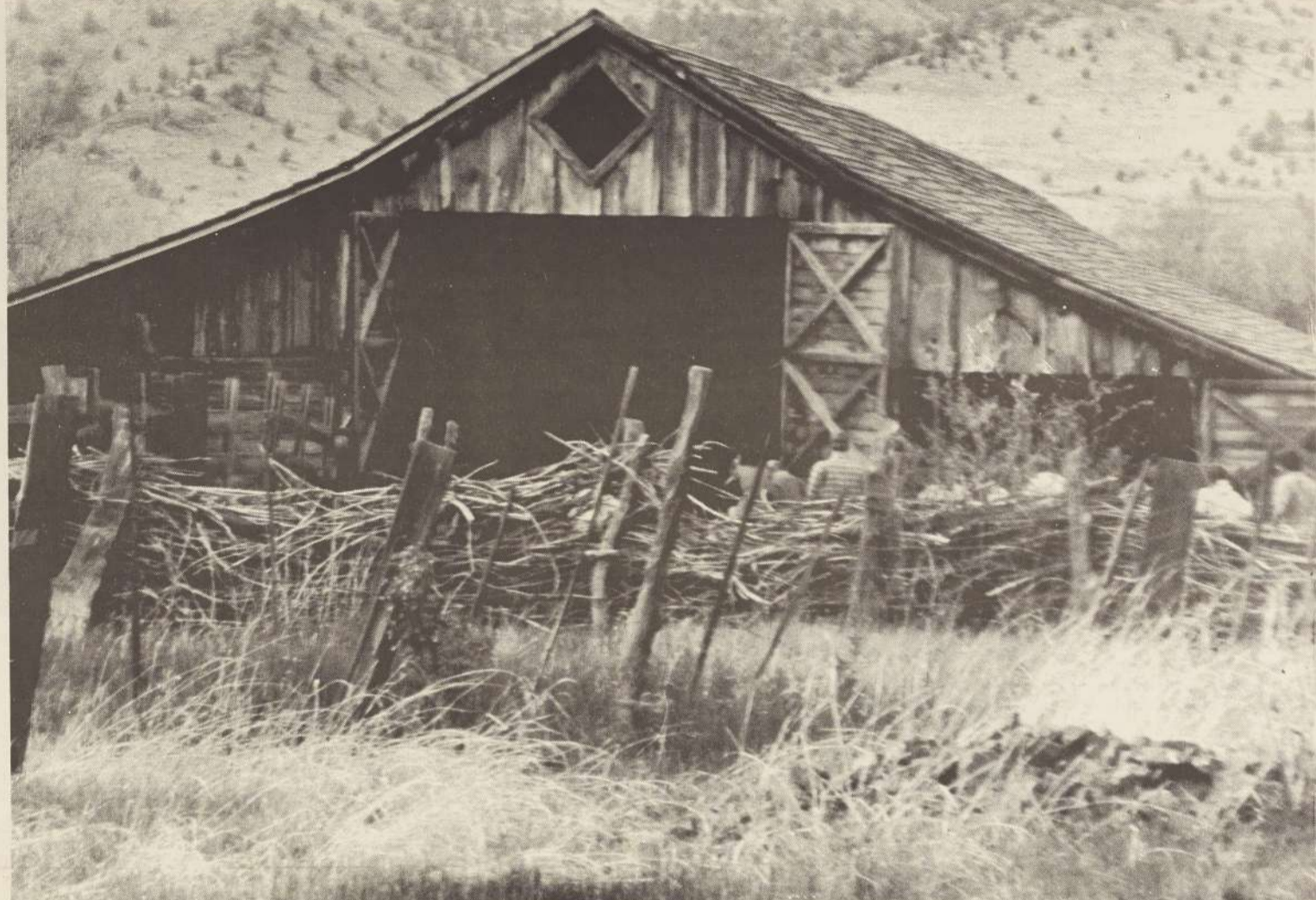


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THE ORIGINAL BARN of Peter French, of the "P" ranch, was one of the many sights explored by College students who traveled weeks ago. to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, two

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College contributes to Malheur reserve

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(Second of a two-part series)

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has been a part of Clackamas Community College's science program for several years. But the refuge is open to more people than just those going down on a field trip with classmates.

Because the College contributes to the upkeep of Malheur, 50 cents per Full Time Equivalency (FTE), students and employees of the College have the opportunity to visit the refuge at a discounted price. This includes the use of dorms, trailers and

cafeteria facilities.

Florence Lee, science instructor at the College, said Malheur is "invaluable" to the science program because "it allows students to get out in the field."

John Snively, a science instructor here, is currently the College's representative on the refuge's executive board.

For those who have the time and desire, Malheur offers classes that are transferrable to any college in the country, Lee said. Some classes last a few weeks, while other last a complete term. Persons could also take a "full load" of classes for a term.

To do this, a person would

spend a whole term living on the refuge, learning about geology via the lava beds, botany via the many plants, ornithology via the many birds, and the list goes on.

The refuge has dorms and trailers available because it was originally used for the Jobs Corp.

The refuge offers a 42-mile self-guided auto tour. Sites that can be seen on the tour include the former residence of Peter French, the previous owner of the land on which the refuge sits. The area, in the shape of a lopsided "T," is approximately 37 miles wide and 41 miles long, totaling 181 thousand acres.

But still on the land from the day's of French is the "P" ranch, with the original barn still standing. Also still on the land is the Round Barn, which French used for such things as breaking horses.

For those who have never been to the refuge before, the first stop should probably be at the museum and information center, to pick up maps and brochures on places to go and things to see.

Some of the other sites to see include the lava caves, which contain a few large craters, a walk through the

wilderness area of Coyote Butte, and a ride in a canoe near Rattlesnake Butte.

Fishing and hunting are permitted in certain areas during various times and there are areas provided for overnight camping. To use the dorm and cafeteria facilities the refuge should be notified prior to a visit.

'Meek' video places

Two Clackamas Community College students were recently named winners in the Northwest Film Studies Film and Video Contest.

Todd Sonflieth and Duanne Luckow's video, "Joe Meek: Mountain Man to Legislator" was among 13 College level entries. "There were no place levels. They had 96 entries altogether (all categories) and they picked seven winners," Sonflieth said.

"There were no places. In the college level there were 13 entries." Four entries were awarded.

"It was a documentary about Joe Meek, about his life. He started out as a mountain man and became Oregon's first legislator and sheriff. It took about 20 weeks to make altogether," Sonflieth said.

"It was not a film, it was a video tape. Many people get the two mixed up," he said.

Watch for Troy Maben's review of "Return of the Jedi" in next week's issue of The Print.



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