



INJURED RED TAIL hawk is given encouraging words from trainer Dean Edwards during recent exercise session. The bird, which is now a permanent resident at the ELC, is held by a teather around its ankle.
Photo by Daniel Wheeler

Bird exhibit gets flying start as owl, hawks await visitors

By Fritz Wenzel
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A screech owl that lost an eye and two red-tailed hawks injured by gunshot are the first inhabitants of the new Birds of Prey Education Facility at the John Inskip Environmental Learning Center here on campus.

The facility will rehabilitate birds that have potential to return to a life in the wild, and will keep and care for those birds whose injuries would not allow them to survive on their own. The exhibit is only for birds of prey, which are protected by state and federal law.

James Dalton, biologist and education coordinator for the center said the owl, who is scarcely eight inches tall, probably lost the eye while diving for prey at night. "Some thought he (the owl) had been shot, but there is not really any evidence," he said.

The center has a flight line, which is a wire between two posts that runs about 12 feet off the ground and for 90 feet in length, which the birds, once loosely tethered to, can fly along to gain strength in their bodies. Dalton explained that without such a line, it would be possible for a crippled bird to get away before it was fully recovered and able to cope with life in the wild.

He added the birds of prey exhibit points to the problems birds are having in this world of shrinking habitat, increased use of pesticides, which limit their source of food and the damage that is wrought directly by humans when they take aim at these federally-protected birds with a rifle.

The two red-tailed hawks are kept in an enclosure together, which Dalton said is a little unusual. They receive a steady diet of whole, dead

chickens among other similar fare.

One of the hawks has been shot in the wing and will never return to the wild, Dalton said. The other has lost some tail feathers, but with exercise will be able to return to a wild setting in time.

The short-term holding of the birds at the center should not affect their natural instincts to hunt and kill prey, which is mostly small rodents and insects. Dalton pointed out that while some people considered the hawks a threat to livestock or poultry, they are actually one of farmers' best friends because they help with pest control.

The exhibit will be open and increasing in size (a Great Horned Owl is due in soon) for school groups and others interested in learning about the birds.

Eight telecourses offered as network gets bigger

By J. Jason
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Clackamas Community College is offering a total of eight telecourses during the winter term, ranging from computer literacy to the study of the history of World War II.

Run by Video Technician Steve Johnson, the half-hour courses are broadcast in pairs once a week from the college's campus over Telecommunication Inc. (TCI) and Milwaukie Cablevision cablesystems.

With the recent addition of Milwaukie Cablevision to the college, Milwaukie residents can now become involved in

the telecourses. "The two companies are working together," Johnson said.

Episodes of the astronomy program Project Universe are the only new additions to the telecourse program being offered this term. "Overall, we have 20 telecourses on file and many will be offered later," Johnson said.

Although the benefits of telecourses are obvious to the student on the go, Johnson feels that they also benefit colleges. "The college has a classroom shortage," he said. "Space is a premium and this is a way to get around overcrowding. We can enroll more

students, yet we don't need classrooms," Johnson added.

Programming runs from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and each program is repeated five times a week at different times. "I've started an experimental run from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.," Johnson said. "It looks like it's going to work out well. The picture quality isn't quite as good because it's a copy program, but it still helps the students out that can't catch the original broadcast.

"Also broadcast in the mornings at 8:30 a.m. is a 10-20 minute news show produced here at the college, and it's repeated in the evening at 6:30

p.m.. They cover different news items on campus," he added.

Each of the telecourses cost the same as any other credit course plus require a \$10 lab fee. "It (the fee) still doesn't pay for the whole course, it barely covers the royalties," Johnson said. "The College subsidizes for the rest."

The class with the highest enrollment so far is the World War II class. Produced at the college by Social Sciences Chairperson Fred DeWolfe, this 29-program course combines CBS-produced programs with DeWolfe's own research. "Ten of the shows will be

broadcast out. The rest must be seen on campus due to royalty rights," Johnson said.

For more information about the different telecourses being offered, contact the Counseling Department at ext. 266.

Scott Fischer resigns financial aid post

By Rodney Fobert
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Scott Fischer

Scott Fischer, a three-year veteran of the Financial Aid Department, has resigned from his position as financial aid officer at Clackamas Community College. Fischer will be moving to Spain, where his wife has accepted a new teaching position.

Fischer explained that when he first came to the college, the financial aid process was "slow and cumbersome," which caused errors in typing and filing. With the help of his

boss, Lee Fawcett, Fischer said he was able to get the financial aid office more automated and efficient.

He also pointed out that Tsuyoshi Inouye and Programmer Analyst An Ton That also "really helped make it work" in setting up the new financial aid processing system.

Fischer's assistant, Financial Aid Specialist Kathy Scheer, will be taking over his position in the department. "I have real confidence in her," Fischer said of Scheer.

As of now, Fischer is unsure of what type of job he will seek in Spain. He said he will possibly seek a job in business or maybe stick to education. "It's exciting but a little scary," he said of his move to Spain.

Fischer stressed that he really enjoyed his work at the college. He feels the staff and people are really easy to work with. He added that there is a "much better emphasis on working with the student" here than at other schools he has worked at.



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