

# Sci. Dept. plans Malheur trip

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The science department at Clackamas Community College is planning its annual single-credit field trips to the Malheur Environmental Field Station and the Klamath Basin. The Klamath Basin trip is scheduled for May 2 through May 5. The Malheur trip will be May 16 through May 19.

Both trips are open to all

College students. There is no fee for the field trips, but registration is required and can be done through the Counseling Department.

At Malheur room and board in the dorms will be \$37.25. Students will camp at the Klamath Basin with a cost of \$6 per tent. The cost of food will be divided among the participants.

For the past 12 years the science department has planned these field trips to educate

students in ecology, geology and environmental history, Shirley Cressler and John Snively, science instructors at the College explained.

Snively said "students come back so vitalized (from the trip) that they want to go on and learn. It gives them an awareness of education." Because of this, he thinks students should go on a field trip of this type before they start school.

Snively added that a major

part of both trips will include viewing wild, exotic birds. He explained that the Klamath Basin is the best place he knows of to view wild birds in their natural habitat. He named bald eagles, swans, white pelicans, Ross' Geese, snow geese and Canadian geese as some of the types of birds which students would be able to see.

Another important aspect of the trip will be studying the lava beds near both locations.

Near Malheur are the Diamond Craters and near Klamath are the Lava Lands. Snively said these lava beds are a very good way to show students the geology and history of the area.

He added the emphasis of the trips are not to have fun, but said students always do have a lot of fun anyway.

Cressler said that spending time with a group of new people is always a fun experience.

## aging services

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do a lot of things, in achieving the objectives."

Shaffer explained that sometimes she will "do off-the-wall things," in helping her students to stay in touch with what's going on around them. Such orientation techniques may involve Shaffer asking impromptu questions about current events. For example, she said she might ask one student who the current U.S. president is.

Through the years she has taught nursing home residents, Shaffer said her outlook on teaching has changed. "When I first started, I was very goal-oriented. I felt it was necessary to finish a project."

In time, Shaffer said she came to realize that "the important thing wasn't to finish a product, but to build their (students) self-esteem. To me that has become the most important goal," she said.

"My philosophy has been to keep them alert, interested and to build up their self-esteem," Shaffer added. It is this building up of self-esteem that Crist considers an important objective of the aging services program, as she said, "I think that all of us get a lot out of achieving things."

Shaffer added there is one drawback to the program, however. She explained that she develops attachments to her students, some of which have died while she was between class terms. "You form attachments to people, and it's just like having a friend die," she said.

Overall, though, Shaffer said she really enjoys what she is doing. "I get so much more back than what I give to them (students), in terms of their wisdom and life struggle," she said. She added that she likes sharing her knowledge of art, and letting people know that it is not so hard or mysterious in working with art.

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MEMBERS OF AN EXERCISE class sponsored by the Aging Services Program at Sierra Vista Retirement Center keep inflated balls moving.

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## Field narrows in Prexy search

By Shelley Ball  
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This Thursday, Feb. 28, Clackamas Community College's Board of Directors will

be holding a special meeting to begin the final selection pro-

cess of candidates for the position of College president.

Out of the total 96 completed applications that were turned in, 34 were chosen by a

five-member pre-screening committee that was arranged by Pat Fitzwater, the College's

presidential search consultant.

These 34 applications were then reviewed by the College's

own presidential search screening committee beginning Feb. 11. The committee met

again on Feb. 21 to select 10 final candidates, which are scheduled to be submitted to the Board Feb. 28. The Board

will review the committee's recommendations and start to choose the final candidates

who will be invited to the College for personal interviews.

Once the replacement for

former president John Hakan-son is chosen a contract is expected to be offered April 1.

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