



Donna Ford and friend Sue Chandler listen to noises emanating from the inside of lava

Malheur country

Nearby attractions for the spring trip included Malheur Cave (a large lava tube with a lake at one end) and Diamond Craters—an area set aside as an "Outstanding Natural Area" by the federal government to protect its many unique volcanic features and associated desert biota.

For students and staff, most activities in the Malheur country are centered on the Malheur Field Station. The field station was originally a job corps center and was turned over to northwestern schools of higher education in 1971. Since then, it has been supported by approximately 26 Pacific Northwest colleges and universities (including CCC) in form of a consortium. The facility provides food and lodging to all Malheur visitors throughout the year. The

Malheur Field Station has grown to become the nation's largest desert field station, and continues to offer a wide range of college credit courses (200-500 level) throughout the summer months. Instructors are recruited locally and nationally, providing a wide menu of courses from aboriginal life skills to field botany and wildlife photography. As a member of the consortium, CCC students are offered reduced rates for tuition, food and lodging.

The CCC Science Department will provide a brown-bag slide presentation on Malheur County, the field station, and its course offerings in P-101 at 1:00 p.m. May 17. If you have any interest in SE Oregon or the classes offered by the field station, please attend this informative session.



Baby Great Horned Owls nestled in a willow tree capture the fascination of Hal Bender and other birding students.



Great Horned Owls interrupt activity at Diamond Craters, an area of recent volcanic activity, which exhibit a wide range of volcanic features.



Laurie Hays and others discover that a cinder cone is more than just a pile of cinders, as they search for "shakers" in the form of cored bombs.