

Volunteer opportunities for students abound in ELC

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Volunteer opportunities abound in the Environmental Learning Center for students interested in education, science or the environment.

Critter Walk guides, science educators and astronomy assistants are needed in this department and everyone is encouraged to apply. These popular programs rely on student volunteers to run smoothly.

"We've got great programs, we've just got to have the people to do them," Said Francesca Woodward, program coordinator for the Environmental Learning Center

Critter Walk guides lead groups of kids ages 5-9 through the ELC habitat to learn about the animals and environment of the wetland ecosystem. These one-hour tours include hands-on activities both

for the kids and instructors.

If you would rather work with older kids, consider becoming a science educator. This involves taking 8-12 year olds on a voyage of discovery into natural science topics, such as water quality programs. The teaching is done both at our outdoor site on campus and in their school classrooms.

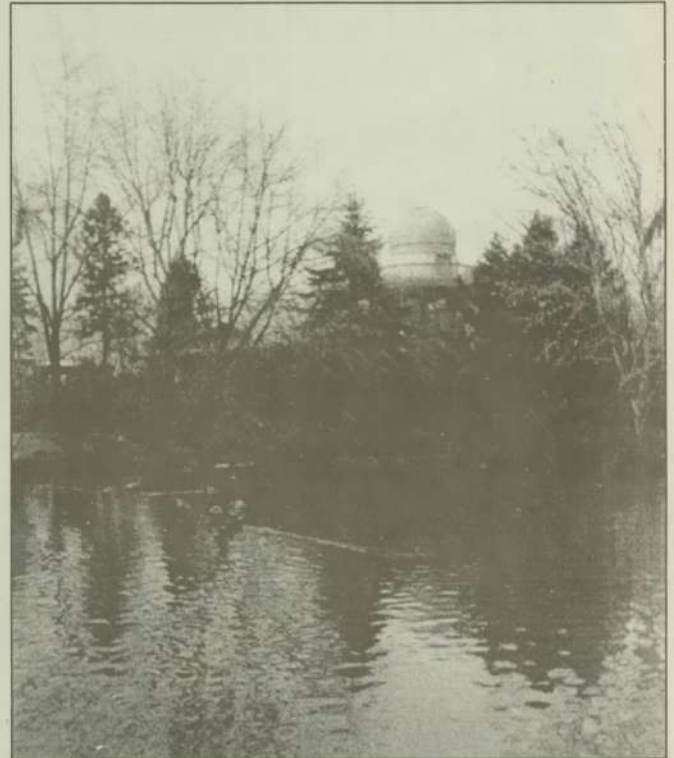
The Haggart Observatory will soon be up and running again. On clear Saturday nights, the community will be invited to come and view the universe through a 24" Newtonian telescope. Volunteers will take the visitors on an exploratory tour of the night sky.

Volunteering is not only good for you, it can also be good for your pocketbook. Cooperative Work Experience is available for volunteers who complete a minimum number of hours. These credits are transferable as electives and are completely free. Scholarships are also available for students who get

involved with the ELC.

For those looking for some extra money, the ELC is also in need of a volunteer secretary. This could be either a paid position or exchanged for free credits.

A science background, while handy, is not required to become a volunteer. The two most important things a volunteer can bring to the program are enthusiasm and dedication. Extensive training will be provided to all volunteers. Most programs will be running twice a week, starting in March. Interested people should contact the ELC as soon as possible for training. Call Francesca Woodward, ext. 2351.



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The grounds around the ELC provide a quiet place for volunteers and visitors to view wildlife and study.

PUBLIC SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTS

12/2/00 - Call from Tri-Met dispatch regarding a bus driver being verbally abused at the bus turnaround. The abuser was apparently having a bad day and got mad when he couldn't get into the bus because the driver was on her break.

12/4/00 - Call concerning a fight about to erupt in McLoughlin Hall.

12/5/00 - Public Safety took a report on a theft of college property from the auto shop.

12/8/00 - Testing center called concerning a loud stereo.

12/12/00 - Theft report.

12/12/00 - Theft of a purse.

12/12/00 - Call concerning someone locked out of their car.

12/12/00 - Car accident due to reckless driving in the parking lot.

12/18/00 - Report of person suffering from dizziness and blurred vision after drinking chocolate milk from a vending machine.

12/28/00 - Report of a theft from a college trailer behind C-Tec reported.

Writers' Club Contest

Deadline: Friday, March 2

You may submit up to 3 poems, 1 essay, 1 piece of fiction, and 1 one-act play. Submit 4 copies of each entry. Include 1 cover page for each set of entries.

On each entry, include the title and your social security number. The cover page for each entry should include the title and category, your name, social security number, address, and phone number. Include an IBM-compatible 3.5" disk with your work on it.

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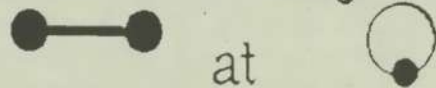
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