

Music-minded and making her way

Student raised on music shows interest in teaching, language

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Hunt has filled her life with music. It's not just a hobby, but a family affair, and she's been doing music since she was born. "I've been singing up at the house since I was born, and my parents would sing with me and feed me while they were singing, and [doing this] my whole life."

Hunt is a 19-year-old music major who has sung in the Chamber Ensemble, she plays French Horn, Brass Ensemble, piano and Keyboard in the Chamber Ensemble, and takes part in the Chamber Ensemble playing both piano and singing. She is currently in the second year of her music education degree class as well as tutoring when she can find the time.

"I love that might seem to most people, Hunt says. "I love reading and being outside. I love going to church... At church, I can do all these [musical] things, and a lot of people there are musical, too."

And then, Hunt is a guest

flutist in her family's string quartet (cello, viola and 2 violins), as well as their more unusual groups.

"We play chimes as a family," she says. "That's where everyone has about two or three chimes, and everybody has a couple of notes they have to play during the song."

Currently pursuing an Associate of Arts Transfer Degree, Hunt plans to go to Warner Pacific College, located in Portland near Mt. Tabor, for her Music Education degree.

"I love to teach," said Hunt. "I would like to be an English teacher for Spanish-speaking students, a Spanish teacher, or music teacher. Or all three!"

Aside from music, Hunt also has a love for the Spanish language.

"I lived in Mexico for three months... I'd love to go back there, teach more English and music."

Indeed, Hunt's hobbies and joys have inspired her to fill her life with them.

"I love talking to people," she says. "I love reading and being outside. I love going to church... At church, I can do all these [musical] things, and a lot of people there are musical, too."



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Student Naomi Hunt currently plays French horn in Clackamas' Brass Ensemble as well as playing piano, flute, French horn and singing in the Chamber Ensemble.

To Hunt, all of this is much more than just a passionate extracurricular activity.

"The music department especially is like a family. All the teachers are kind of like our parents, and we're all brothers and

sisters," Hunt said with a smile. "Sometimes we help each other and sometimes we're fighting, like, 'Hey, practice harder!'"

Death Valley trip offers knowledge through beauty, life

lists for the spring field course are now almost full

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its name describes it and barren, Death Valley National Park in Nevada is an environment full of hands-on learning opportunities.

sign-up list for the trip to Death Valley is quickly filling with student names.

one should go to Death Valley once in their lifetime," said student Meyer, who went on

the 2004 trip.

The trip is actually a ten-day field course offered during spring break, for three credits.

The class is designed to give students a face to face look at biology and geology.

"I've had over 15 years of teaching this, and students come back and say, 'I've learned more in those 10 days than I have in two years of college,'" said Biology Instructor Jennifer Bown, who leads the course. "Because it's in front of you, you can touch it, you can feel it, you can see it; so you just learn it at a different level, so it's like that light bulb comes on."

The course involves everything from camping and hiking, to lectures and field work.

"Being able to just hike in this beautiful country was just

wonderful to walk through," said Meyer.

Students will also get to see many different aspects of the desert.

"We'll take them to the lowest point in North America, and they'll see what total desert valley floor looks like," said Bown. "We'll take them into the mountains and we'll basically work our way up in elevation until we get up to probably about six to seven thousand feet at the snow line."

Before the trip students are given a topic to research, and do a small group presentation while in Death Valley.

"Each of us taught a little mini-class, so not only are you learning from [the instructors], but from each other. It's great to hear your peers teaching you," said Meyer.

The students will also keep a journal during the trip, and take a final at the end of it.

"What they will write in their journal is other students' presentations, and the lectures, and general information that's of interest to them," said Bown. "You know, what did they find significant, and 'What cool animal did you find today?'"

Natural History of Southwestern Deserts (BI 165) will be offered March 17-26.

Cost for the trip will be cost of tuition plus \$225, which includes travel, lodging, and most food.

There is only room for 22 students in the course so those interested should sign up as soon as possible. The requirements are that you put your name on the list and get an instructor recommendation.

"It's one of those places when you go once, you just fall in love with it," said Bown. "There's nothing I can think I'd rather do over spring break than go hang out in Death Valley. It's a magical place. It's just really pretty."

Students enjoy the trip just as much as their instructors.

"It's exciting to be someplace new. It just makes you

want to get to the highest point and see everything you can," said Meyer. "If you go it will be the best, most awesome trip

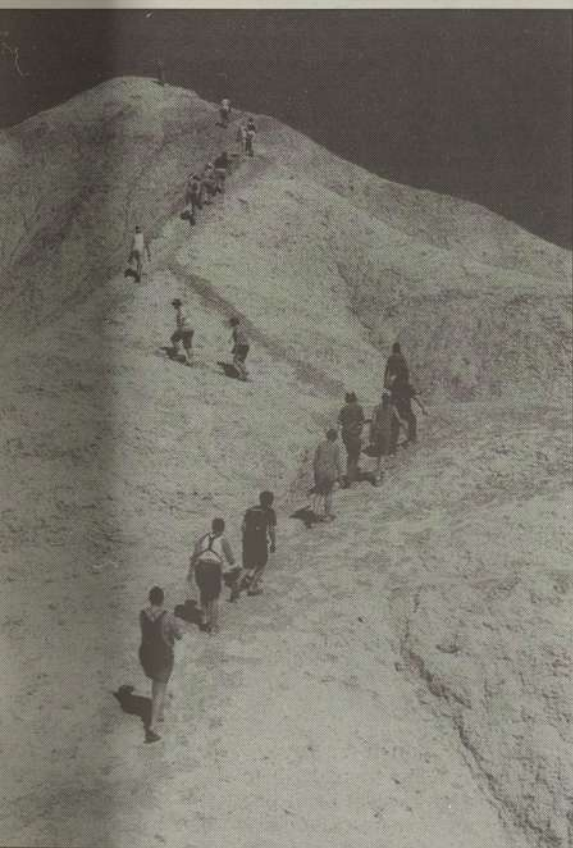
in your life."

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ABOVE and LEFT: Students hike through Twenty Mule Team Canyon in Death Valley during the 2004 trip.



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