

## Chicago slices deep dish learning

By Inger Furholt  
Features editor

From a small Kansas college to The Chicago Center of Urban Life and Culture has been an opportunity for students wanting a different experience since mid 1980.

Since 1989 Phil Schmidt, professor of history, has been the appointed person to put students and teachers in contact with the Center. "There are colleges all over the U.S. that are in contact and do exchange with the Chicago Center," said Schmidt. "Mostly small church-related colleges like ours."

The Chicago Center does not only give one an experience of urban culture, it gives them an experience of something bigger. "The program teaches people how to be safe in a big city, and also how to get around without a car," said Schmidt.

The Center is located in Hyde Park, which is one of the few integrated neighborhoods in Chicago, Schmidt said. The students are provided with housing, which is also located in Hyde Park.

"There are usually two or three students per year that do go to Chicago for different terms," said Schmidt.

Diane Dixon, biology senior, went to the Center this summer for an internship. "It was amazing. I really loved it. It gave me an opportunity to see a bigger school and figure out what I wanted to do with my life."

Dixon said she also worked in a hospital, which she enjoyed because it gave her the opportunity to experience life at a bigger place.

There are representatives from the Chicago Center every year so the students can get a taste of what they can actually experience if they are willing to take a chance to experience something different.

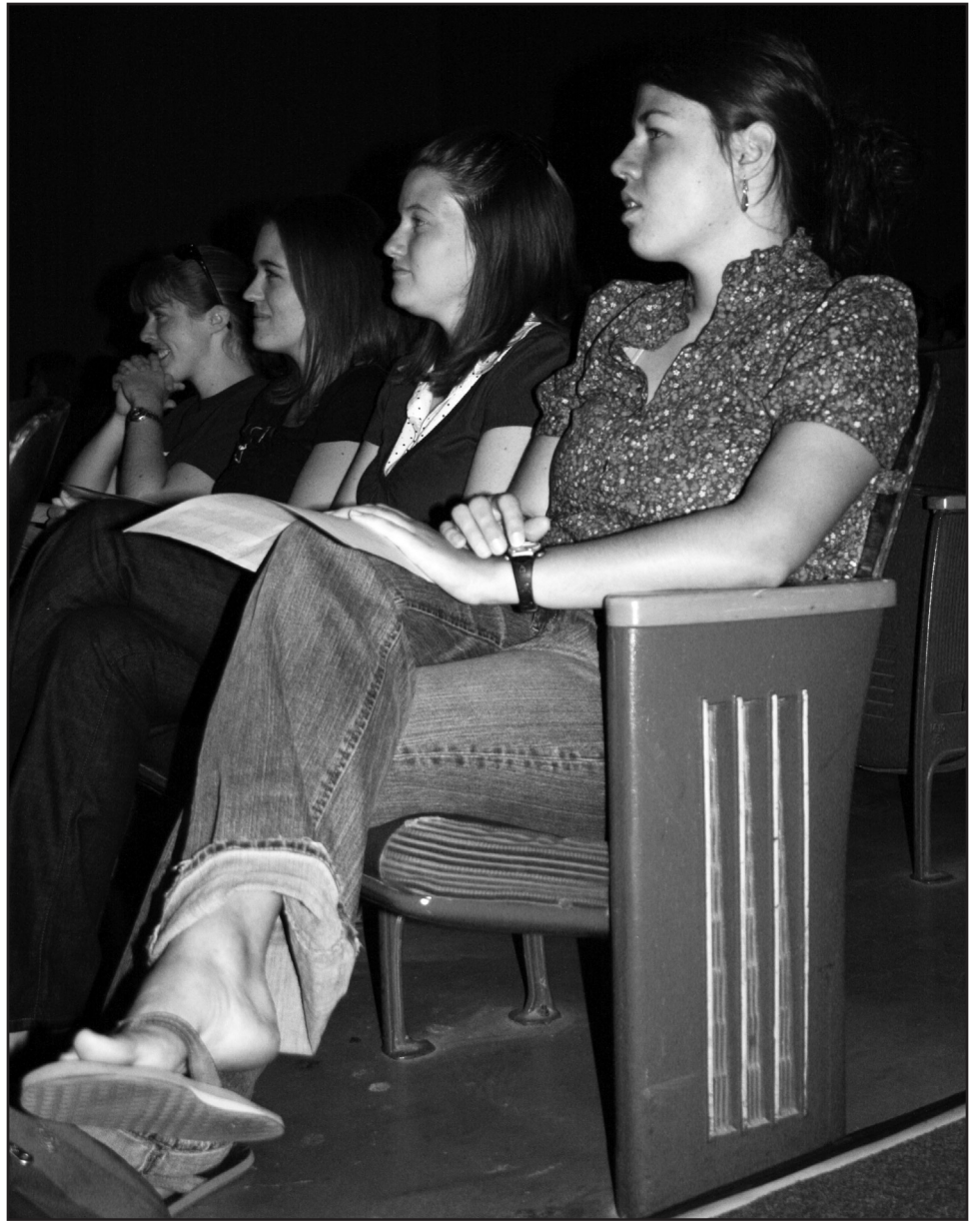
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## Fall convocation spurs new semester



**Brian Nelson/Collegian photographer**  
**Above:** Alan Malaby, organist, plays the organ recessional after the Opening Convocation Aug 29 as staff and students find the nearest exit out of the auditorium. The selected piece played was Sonata for Organ: #3 Toccata, by Robert Elmore. The convocation recognizes the Scholar of the College and students who achieved dean's honor roll during the spring semester. Melanie Robins, elementary education senior, was named spring semester's Scholar of the College.

**Right:** Molly Hamlett, mathematics senior, sits with friends while listening to Chris Pirillo, guest speaker, during Opening Convocation Aug. 29 in Richardson Auditorium. Pirillo greeted the auditorium by live streaming internet broadcast. Although there were technical difficulties the speaker was still able to project his message. The convocation welcomes students and gives instructors another chance, in addition to graduation, to sport their alma mater cap and gown.



## Untraditional marine experience provides benefits

By Jessica Bernhardt  
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Imagine getting a lecture outside as opposed to a typical classroom. That is exactly what four students experienced this summer at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston, Ore.

Kyger Veatch, junior, Phylisia Allen, senior, Kelsey Milburn, senior, and Kimberly Rousseau, sophomore, traveled 1,950 miles to experience their intended profession hands-on.

Rousseau said, "The classes were very different. It made everything so much more interesting doing the hands-on experience."

Charlie Hunter, professor of biology, has been coordi-

nating the trip for the past 15 years. He said, "Part of the marine biology program is that students take a semester based of courses in a marine biology laboratory. The requirement is to take 12 to 15 credits in the laboratory."

Kelsey Milburn took four classes during the summer. "They were packed with information, which was helpful in the next classes because some of the material overlapped. Everyday was a different field trip - the sand dunes, the tidepools, the sandy beach, the mudflat and the sand marshes."

Not only were the classes different than those offered at Southwestern because of their location, but they were very hands-on. "We would

have class in the middle of a tidepool or at the top of a cliff overlooking the ocean. It was a very hands-on experience, which I loved because it is so much more fun," said Milburn.

Hunter said he hopes students who take part in the lab gain not only course requirements but life experience. He said, "The courses are very different than the ones on campus. Students get an opportunity to experience a variety of marine habitats and get to see research going on. They get to meet students and professors, which is a nice experience for them. And they get to have some fun."

Aside from having fun and learning, some scary inci-

dents were also experienced. Rousseau said the scariest part was in the lab when there was anything that had to do with crabs. "Out in the field a huge dungenes crab almost bit my finger off, so ever since then I have been completely frightened of them."

Milburn said, "I wouldn't say there was a scariest part to working at OIMB. Anything new can be scary but I tried to look at the experience and say, 'I might not ever get to do something like this again, so I will take advantage of it. I got the chance to do things that your average Kansas girl would never be associated with. That's why I love marine biology. People don't expect me to know anything

about oceans because I've lived in Kansas my whole life, but I do."

Spending the summer at a marine biology laboratory doesn't only allow students to transfer required credit hours, it also provides rewarding experiences. Milburn said, "The most rewarding part of my trip was learning about what I did and did not want to do. Since everything was so hands-on you realize what you like and what you don't really fast. I got to work with and be taught by prominent marine biology researchers, not many people can say that. I'm very lucky."

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## Flying discs stir campus fun



**Cameron Siefkes/Collegian photographer**

Revvng up to toss the frisbee to his teammate is Nathan Morrison, athletic training junior. The Ultimate Frisbee Organization meets at 2 p.m. every Sunday on the Warren lawn to practice their skills and let out some steam. Anyone is welcome to play and no skill or prior knowledge of the sport is required.

## Broadhurst battles bat bombardment



**Brian Nelson/Collegian photographer**

Amelia Lutz, marine biology sophomore, Kevin Minch, theatre education junior, Jason Bond, history sophomore, Mahrjon Hafez, theatre junior, and George McNitt, sports management sophomore, tackle a brown bat Aug. 27 on the second floor of the Broadhurst dorms after dark. The bat, first sighted in the north entrance, darted into the hallway, alarming students. The hall turned into a rollercoaster as students, armed with cardboard boxes, repeatedly dived for the floor as the bat flew overhead. Minch warned fellow students not to get too close. Bats can carry rabies. The brown bat was caught and released outside, unharmed.

## Builder football is back!

Purple and White Scrimmage  
Saturday, 7 p.m.  
Sonner Stadium