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ABOVE: Patrick Berk applies a fresh coat of paint to the skeleton of a blue whale at Long Marine Lab on Wednesday. **BELOW:** Ocean studies graduate student Maria Holt works with Bernice, a female elephant seal.

Lab's unique setting draws researchers

Long Marine Lab

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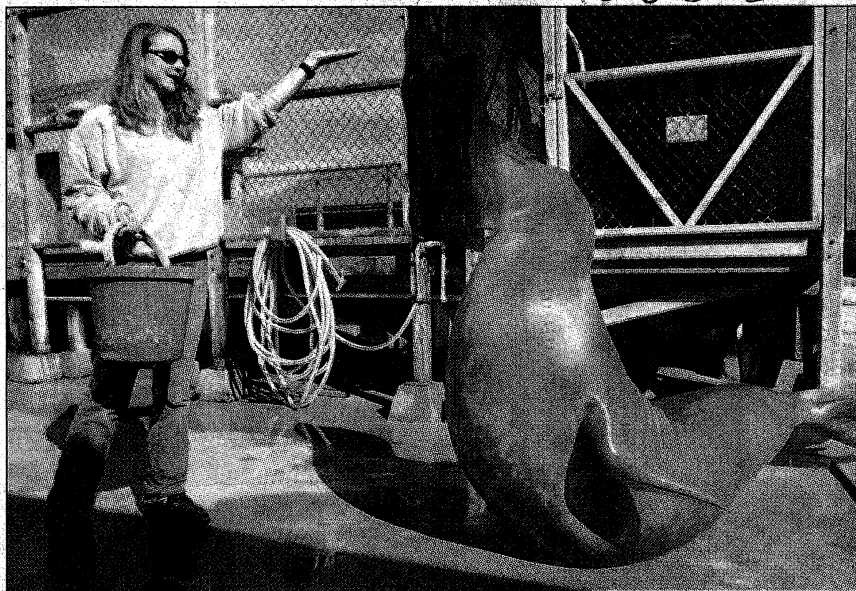
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SANTA CRUZ — Scientists like Terrie Williams and Mark Carr could probably have gone to any of a number of laboratories to quench their curiosities of sea life.

But the researchers chose UC Santa Cruz's Long Marine Laboratory, saying the school offered something different. For starters, there's the diverse life to be found on the lab campus' door step — the Monterey Bay.

"It's the ability to work on large animals, you can't get that everywhere," said Williams, known for her studies of marine mammals like sea lions and otters.



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