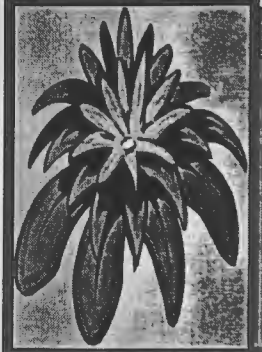


# THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE MES ALUMNI UPDATE



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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello Once Again Alumni,

First, I would like to thank everyone for their lavish comments, kudos and future suggestions regarding the Winter Newsletter. I would also like to reiterate that this is your newsletter. So, I want to reassure all of you that all concerns, feedback, and ideas will be addressed or responded to in a timely manner. Thank you, Mark S. Abner '96, your wife Gabe Horner '90 Eric Bergman '97 and Elizabeth Loudon for your submissions. I would also like to encourage all Alumni to tell us and their former classmates what they are doing in the real world and how we can connect with you.

The staff and students have also labored to establish an elaborate Master of Environmental Studies webpage on The Evergreen State College home page @ <http://192.211.16.13/cirricular/MES/home.html>. So, while you're surfing, stop by and browse, its a great way to stay abreast of major current events, activities, conferences, classes, and so on.

This quarter I will be focusing on the various events that will be occurring here on campus and in the immediate region during the summer. I thought that this might be a helpful addition to your "things to do calendar" and who knows, maybe we'll see you here.



Send us your thoughts, E-mail or slug mail, to:  
NEWSLETTER

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Look Forward To Hearing From You.

Peace,

Rudy

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# MESGSA Coordinator

**Matt Feil**

The Ninth Annual Rachel Carson Environmental Forum was held on May 7. This year's speaker was Dr. Thomas Michael Power, Chair of the Economics Department at the University of Montana, and author of *Lost Landscapes and Failed Economies: A Search for A Value of Place*. The event was a huge success, drawing students, alumni and interested citizens from the community. Dr. Power spoke about the shifting role of natural resources in the Pacific Northwest, presenting evidence of his theory that declining natural resource industries don't necessarily spell doom for local economies. Dr. Power was able to show examples of western towns that have enjoyed economic growth in the face of the declining natural resource industries that they have historically depended on for employment. At the conclusion of his presentation, Dr. Power entertained a number of questions from students, faculty and citizens alike.

Dr. Power's talk was both interesting and informative, and on behalf of the Masters of Environmental Studies Graduate Student Association and the MES program we would like to thank him for taking the time to share his ideas with us. For more information on the Rachel Carson Environmental Forum or Dr. Thomas Michael Power please contact the first year MES GSA representative, Matt Feil at (360) 705-1150.

**Super Saturday** is right around the corner on June 13. Keeping with tradition the MES GSA will be operating a Smoothie Booth. Proceeds from the Smoothie Booth are the primary source of funding for the MES student budget. These funds are used to contribute to important student resources and activities such as van trips to Seattle for research, subscription to academic journals, admission fees to conferences and any event that involves food, such as the Rachel Carson Environmental Forum.

The Smoothie Booth will be located in the courtyard between the Lecture Hall Building and Lab I. Please be sure to stop by and visit, and of course enjoy a cold refreshing smoothie. In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help with operation of the booth on Super Saturday, June 13, 1998, and food donations. If you would like to help out by spending a couple of hours at the booth, or would like to donate some fruit, please contact Matt Feil, the first year MES representative to the Graduate Student Association.

Matt Feil (360) 705-1150 or  
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## Reminder

If you would like local job announcements, conference information or other types of relevant MES information, please feel free to e-mail me at:

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Have aGreat Summer,

Julie Slone





## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Hello Alumni,

We're always in the planning mode, from helping organize Greener Gatherings around the country to assisting with program reunions, and we'd love to help MES graduates get connected. President Jane Jervis attends as many alumni events as her schedule permits. Below are just a few ideas that may be of interest and we'd love to hear your suggestions as well. Call us at 360/866-6000 ext. 6551, E-mail us at [tescalum@evergreen.edu](mailto:tescalum@evergreen.edu), or check out the alumni web site at [www.evergreen.edu/alumni](http://www.evergreen.edu/alumni).

- ❖ **Career networking breakfasts.** These could be held monthly at a local eatery with time for networking and a guest speaker. Current MES students could also be invited.
- ❖ **Environmentally oriented field trips with faculty.** These might include visiting the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge, hiking Staircase, rafting/kayaking trips or group classes, Seattle harbor tours, sailing on Evergreen's *Seawulff* and *Resolute*, or cruising to the San Juans.
- ❖ **Community service projects.** This could include working with local environmental organizations such as the South Puget Environmental Education Clearing House (phone: 786-6349, E-mail: [speech@olywha.net](mailto:speech@olywha.net)) or local government programs like Stream Team.
- ❖ **MES alumni book club.** Get together informally to discuss books from the environmental field or other interest areas.
- ❖ **Procession of the Species parade.** Grads could attend or facilitate workshops together and participate in the parade as a group.

Pam Toal

Director, Alumni Affairs and Development.

### Some Current Thesis Titles

*"Salmon in Pacific Northwest Estuaries"*, by Mark Golliett.

*"Time Release Toxicity: Waste Derived"*, by Carl Camenzind.

*"Deconstruction: Building Material Salvage and Sustainability"*, by Andrew Oberg.

*"The Amphibian Decline: Not A Simple Case of Habitat Destruction"*, by Julie Aldrich.

*"The Economic and Ecological Implications of Ecosystem Management: The Cedar River Watershed"*  
A Case Study, by Laurie Diehl.

*"Factors Affecting Changes In Populations of Lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*) in the San Juan Islands"*,  
by Randall Dutton.



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# BITS AND PIECES

## From Fellow Alums



A Special Hello From Mark S. Abner and his wife Gabe Horner,

Gabe Horner 90' and Mark Abner 96' wish to say "howdy" to all of our Evergreen Friends. We've lived in St. Paul, MN (yes, it gets cold here) since 1993 and have been married since June 8, 1996. We enjoy both the Minnesota outdoors and have been working on our 1927 bungalow. Workwise, Gabe is the Director of Government Relations for the Nature Conservancy — Minnesota and Mark is the Director of Development for the College of Natural Resources at the University of Minnesota.

They will love to connect with other MES graduates just to chat or with those who share common interests.

Their addresses are:

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Phone: (612) 698-5223

or

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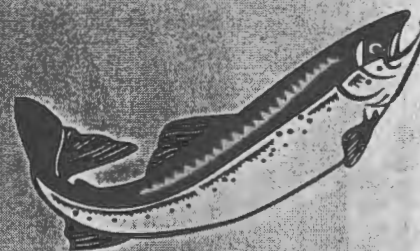
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### Eric Bergman 97'

Greetings from the Centennial State! I am working as a Policy Analyst for Colorado Counties, Inc., a nonprofit corporation that represents the interests of county governments around the state. A large portion of my time is devoted to advocacy work (read: lobbying) during the legislative session. During the session I had the opportunity to work on a number of environmental issues, including: regulation of confined animal feeding operations (specifically large hog farms) to prevent ground water contamination, air quality and burn policy on public lands, redesignation of public lands under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and the creation of a new native species trust fund that will protect species that has been listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (E.S.A.).

This summer I will be doing more research on growth management (a continuation of my thesis work) and following a collaborative planning effort to create a habitat conservation plan for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse. The mouse lives exclusively along the Front Range of Colorado and Wyoming and has just been listed under the E.S.A. I live in Boulder, and I am enrolled in a twelve-step program for my "oat fudgie" addiction (I'm still hoping that The Corner will ante up a portion of the enrollment fee - my HMO is being somewhat difficult). Drop me an e-mail ([ebergman@ccionline.org](mailto:ebergman@ccionline.org)) sometime, I'd love to hear from everyone!

Eric Bergman '97



Hello everybody!

I'm back in school after a nice maternity leave. My daughter, Natalie will soon be 18 months old and is doing great. As before, I am working at Washington Toxics Coalition on this crazy idea to reduce toxics use... here's how you can get involved. Action Alert - Help Protect Children from Pesticide Exposures As part of our ongoing campaign at the Washington Toxics Coalition. To reduce children's exposures to pesticides, we are asking organizations and individuals to endorse the following principles. Despite mounting evidence linking pesticide use to a range of health problems including cancer, most schools in Washington state continue to spray pesticides in classrooms and on playgrounds on a regular basis.

**Principles for Safer School Pest Control:** Children need protection from exposure to pesticides. Schools and school districts should adopt a written policy on pesticide use and pest control (including control of weeds) based on the following principles:

1. Preventive and alternative pest controls should be used first, and pesticides only as a last resort.
2. If pesticides are used, they should be the least toxic ones available. Only use pesticides if the pest presents a health or safety hazard, and never for strictly aesthetic reasons. Pesticides that can cause cancer, reproductive damage, nervous system damage, disruption of the hormonal (endocrine) system, damage to the immune system, or are highly acutely toxic should not be used.
3. Parents, teachers, and students should be notified in advance of pesticide applications, both in writing and posting at the site.

If you support these principles, please send the following information: Name, Organization, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Fax, Email

to: Elizabeth Loudon  
Washington Toxics Coalition  
4649 Sunnyside Ave. N.  
Suite 540-E  
Seattle, WA 98103



If you have any questions or would like to get more involved in this or our other toxics use reduction efforts, please call or email! Looking forward to hearing what you all are up to.

Elizabeth Loudon Phone: 206-632-1545  
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The Washington Toxics Coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting public health and the environment by identifying and promoting alternatives to toxic chemicals. Visit our website at: <http://www.accessonline.com/~watoxics/>

**WE MOVED!!!** The information given here is our current address.

Phone, Fax and E-Mail numbers all remain the same.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Loudon



# From Faculty and Students

## Jean MacGregor, Environmental Health

Jean MacGregor has been enjoying corresponding with Eric Bergman (MES 1997) in Colorado about the attempt by conservatives in that state to mount a legislative assault against environmental education in the public schools. Good news: the legislation got tabled in committee. While continuing her peripatetic efforts on behalf of learning communities around the country, she has been enjoying consulting with Antioch University-Seattle on their new Masters degree program in "Environment and Community" and working on several books related to collaborative learning and learning communities.

MacGJean@evergreen.edu

## Gabriel Tucker, Field Studies In Ecosystem Management

Gabe will be conducting this summer class in conjunction with a similar class offered by the Department of Forest Service at Oregon State University. The class will consist of a 12 day field course based at the H. J. Andrews Forest. Potential sites that the class will visit include: The Wind River Canopy Crane, The OSU MacDonald-Dunn Experimental Forest, the Willapa Alliance, the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area, the Ecoforestry Institute, the demonstration of Ecosystem Management Options (DEMO) Project, the Applegate Partnership, The Pacific Forest Trust, Collins Pine Timber Company, Institute for Sustainable Forestry, the Quincy Library Group, and the UC Berkley Blodgett Experimental Forest. Camping gear required.

For more information contact: tuckerg@elwha.evergreen.edu

or

Web page: [www.fsl.orst.edu](http://www.fsl.orst.edu) → HJ Andrews/LTER → Research on home page → H J Andrews related projects → Young Stand Thinning & Diversity Project

## More Thesis Titles

"Wetland Assessment Using Macro-Invertebrates", by Tom Connor.

"Restoring the Prairie Parklands of Puget's Sound", by Russell Rogers.

"The Effectiveness of a Watershed Council: The Nisqually River Council", by Ariona.

"Residual Water Reuse For Agricultural Purposes in Thurston County, WA", by Dan O'Neill.

"Monitoring *Howellia Aquatilis*, A Federally Threatened Wetland Plant", by Patricia Johnson.

"The Hood Canal Watershed Project: A Model of Environmental Protection", by Jeanne Kinney.

"Innocent Lives, Innocent Deaths: The Legacy Of Agent Orange On Southeast Asia And Its Peoples", by Savieng Soukhaphonh.

"Assessing the Potential Use of Biomonitoring and Genetic Testing as Diagnostic Protocols for Multiple Chemical Sensivity", by Pam Meacham.





# Calendar of Events



- June 12 - 19** The Siskiyou Field Institute - Offers hands-on science-based field courses and workshops in the Cave Junction area of Oregon. For more info. contact: Siskiyou Field Institute: The Siskiyou Project, PO Box 220, Cave Junction, OR 97523. Phone (541) 592-4459. [institute@siskiyou.org](mailto:institute@siskiyou.org). [www.siskiyou.org](http://www.siskiyou.org).
- Sat. June 13** **Super Saturday!** Visit the MES Smothie Booth! Also, the Alumni Association Merchandise Booth, will be open from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. In the Evergreen Lounge, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. with musical performances by **Jude Bowerman and Little Green Men**. (Proceeds from the booth and lounge help fund student scholarships.) The Lounge is also featuring a Native Art Show.
- June 30-Aug. 2** The 8th Annual Western State Center's Comm. Strategic Training Initiative. Join 400 grassroots leaders and organizers for an intensive, diversified training in community organizing, organizational development and nonprofit management and leadership. Contact Darlene at (503)288-8868. [darlene@wscpdx.org](mailto:darlene@wscpdx.org).
- Fri. July 17** Olympia Greeners' Sunset Dinner Sail 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (weather permitting) Contact: Alumni Affairs.
- Fri. July 24** **Tentative** Second Greeners' Sunset Dinner Sail 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (weather permitting) Contact: Alumni Affairs at (360) 866-6000, ext. 6551.
- Tues. July 28** "How To Become A Great Communicator" - a one day seminar for \$89. Ramada Inn, Governor House, 621 South Capital Way, Olympia WA. For more information call 1-800255-8868.
- Sat. Aug 8** Portland Greener Gathering (place to be determined). Contact Alumni Affairs.
- Nov. 3-4,** 2nd Annual Conference on the Health of the Hanford Site Tri-Cities, Washington. The University of Washington and co-sponsors are pleased to sponsor a broad-based meeting to exchange views on the health of the Hanford Department of Energy Site. For more information please contact: Health of the Hanford Site Conference, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Department of Environmental Health, School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Washington, Box 355330, Seattle, WA 98195-4990; (206) 685-3676; fax (206) 616-4990.

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### TOP TEN REASONS TO TAKE MORE STATISTICS

10. To know that despite TESC tendencies, most things are normal.
9. To validate that you are just a number.
8. To understand your chances of getting the job you would like after graduation.
7. To know that binomial does not mean taking the bus and riding your bike.
6. To understand the proper use of errata sheets.
5. To confirm that multiple regression is not really a definition of a seminar.
4. To know that chi-square was not a form of oriental or western dance.
3. To be comforted that not all regressing has to be negative.
2. To overcome temptation (i.e. take-home midterm). If directions not followed, then 2a.
- 2a. To be overcome by temptation.
1. To make a significant difference  $\approx \pm$  whatever.