LATE SUMMER'S MES NEWSLETTER

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Graduate Program in
Environmental Studies

THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

From the Director:

I hope that your summer is going well and that you are managing to catch a ray or two from time to time. Alas, time flies like an arrow. The fall quarter is moving fast upon us. I urge as many of you as possible to attend the NAEE/NWES conference in Eugene, September 12-16. Oscar and I are arranging for transportation and cheap (or free) housing. You will need to pay for your own food, a $25.00 registration fee, and $9.20 for transportation. Such a deal! More information on the conference will be forthcoming as plans become firm.

FALL ELECTIVES

Here is more specific information on the fall electives:

Ecological Principles: (Soule) Major ecological principles will be developed based on text and journal reading seminar discussion and written assignments. Students will present the results of their work to the class. The major text is Michael Begon, et. al., Ecology: Individuals, Populations, and Communities. Time and Place: Mondays, 6:00 - 9:30 PM, Lab I, 3033.

Environmental Management: (Soule, Nelson, et. al.) The art of effective environmental management will be explored through seminars and workshops with practicing environmental managers. Specialized readings will be assigned. Time and Place: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:30 PM, Lab I, 3033.

Values Projects: (Zubalik) The Values Project will provide applied research designed to reduce conflict over natural resources between public agencies, corporation and Indian tribes. It will include study and application of methods, review of work in progress, and discussions with project participants. Specific readings TBA. Time and Place: Mondays, 6:30 - 9:30 PM, Lab I, 1059.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New student orientation will be from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM on 20 September 1986, at the Organic Farmhouse, closeby the main campus. All new students should plan to attend. Continuing students are cordially invited as well. We hope that the continuing students will mix, mingle and help the new students better

understand the goals and expectations of the program. A break will be taken so that the new students can register for the core program and, in the case of full-time new students, for one of the electives. A potluck at the organic farmhouse for new and continuing students and program faculty will follow orientation. The director and the assistant director, in consultation with faculty and continuing students, are planning the design and content of the orientation. Any continuing students who wish to make suggestions regarding orientation should contact either Tom Rainey or Mary Tuominen right away.

THE FALL CORE PROGRAM:

Societal and Environmental Processes: (Rainey and Stroh)

The program will explore primarily the development and philosophy of ecology as a science, American and Pacific Northwest environmental history, concepts of geological and biological time, and the political economic context of environmental issues. Readings will include: Ehrenfeld, The Arrogance of Humanism; Worster, Nature's Economy; Petulla, American Environmental History; Whitehead, Science and Human Values; Nash, The American Environment; Martin, Keepers of the Game; White, Land Use, Environment and Social Change; Burns, The Shape and Form of Puget Sound; Bish, Governing Puget Sound; and various scholarly articles and reports. Students will attend lectures, seminar discussions, workshops, and field trips. The field trips will concentrate on the natural history of the Puget Sound and will be held on Saturdays. Students can expect to do additional field assignments and to keep a field journal. The core program will normally meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. During the weeks when field trips are scheduled for Saturdays, the program will not meet on Thursday evenings. Students will also write several expository essays and present brief reports on current environmental issues.

Congratulations to Aaren Purcell and Susie Kalhorn. Aaren will receive the Evergreen Foundation graduate scholarship for the coming year, while Susie a new student, will be the Program Research Assistant. The program has very little largesse to dispense and the competition for the awards was stiff. The administration has requested additional fellowship money in the new budget.

Lee Stilson writes from the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in Skagway, Alaska, that his work is going well. The site dates from 1897-98. The National Park Service job is what Lee describes as "salvage archaeology." Lee is due back this fall when he expects to continue his archeological work on the Tumwater (New Market) site funded by the Department of Transportation.

The Washington State Department of Ecology has awarded a 1986 Competitive Fellowship to Lee Dorigan.

Bea McKamey is working temporarily with The Water Quality Division of the Department of Ecology.

Oscar Soule has been doing a number of contracted noise studies in the Olympia area. Sites of study have included gravel pits, trains impacting residential sites, and I-5 construction areas.

Greg Weeks leaves in late August for two weeks in Japan. He will be delivering papers at two environmental conferences on social work in Tokyo. He will then travel to Kobe, where he will visit faculty members at the Kobe University of Commerce, "Evergreen West." TESC and KUC have a well-established faculty exchange program.

The following M.E.S. folks attended the August 18, Puget Sound Water Quality Authority Conference ("Bridge over Troubled Waters") held in Seattle: Tom Rainey, Betty Tabbutt, Steve Zubulik, Oscar Soule, Doug Canning, Bill Hashim, Lee Dorigan, Clint Lougheed, and Dave Peeler.

Second and Third Year Students

You will receive a mailing from Mary Tuominen during the first week of September with detailed information on fall quarter registration, academic advisement and fall quarter's thesis orientation session. Mary will be out of the office from September 5-12, so please contact her before or after that time if you have questions regarding the above listed items.

The newsletter will be a regular means of communicating information about the program to the graduate students and to the faculty. If you change your address, please notify the program secretary, Jane Lorenzo, and the Director. Send any news items or announcements to the Director.

See you seen.

Tom

Mary Tuominen