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Update

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Hey, Prospective MES/MPA Graduates

by Bonita Evans

It's time to decide whether you want to graduate this Spring or Summer, and whether you want to participate in Commencement on June 9th. If you intend to do any of these things, there are a few steps to take.

1. Make sure you have the appropriate credits to graduate. You can call the Office of Registration and Records (x6180) and they can help you determine this. Be sure to mention you're a graduate student.
2. Apply for graduation with the Office of Registration and Records in Lib 1100.. There is a \$25 filing fee. The deadline for paying the graduation fee is April 19th. You can't participate in the ceremony if the fee isn't paid by May 1st.
3. You may participate even if you are not finished, provided that certain criteria are met. See the Graduate Student Handbook for information. Commencement exercises for Fall '90, and Winter, Spring and Summer, '91, will take place on Sunday, June 9th. Gown and hood rental cost is \$30.16. Hoods may be purchased with special arrangements. Orders can be placed April 17-18, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, in the College Bookstore. A \$5 late fee will be added for orders placed after April 30th.

Announcements and rings will also be available. You will be supplied with more information about the rituals after applying for graduation.

4. Each year graduate students select a Graduation Speaker to speak for 10-15 minutes at Commencement on their behalf. All graduating MPA/MES students (whether they intend to take part in Commencement or not) are invited to help select the graduation speaker(s).

There will be a meeting to select a graduation speaker on Tuesday, April 16th from 5:15 - 6:15 pm in the Faculty/Staff Lounge on the first floor of CAB, across from The Greenery. Students who are interested in being speakers are asked to bring an outline of what they would like to say. The group will discuss the various proposals and (hopefully) select a speaker via consensus. Please contact me with questions at 866-6000 x6707.

SWELL

A New Environmental Learning Facility & Program



Satsop Wells Environmental Learning Lodge was developed by the Grays Harbor Conservation District as a retreat center with wetlands, forests, streams, mountains and lakes to explore.

SWELL is located up the Wynooche Valley, deep in the Olympic National Forest. For more information about the new facility, contact Troy Colley at Grays Harbor CD, 330 Pioneer West, Montesano, WA 98563, or call 249-5980.

UPDATE Needs Your Submissions!

Spring Deadlines: **April 19, May 3*, 17, 31*** (*alumni mailing)

This is the last day for submissions. Please place them in the newsletter mailbox in Lab I Room 3023.

Personal contract, internship and alumni updates are strongly encouraged! Please feel free to also submit:

News Releases	Poetry	Event Reports
Feature Articles	Photography	Editorials
Quotes	Illustrations	Resource Listings

All submissions **must** have legible names, phone numbers, and references when needed. It would be extremely helpful to have submissions entered on a Mac computer disk.

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MES/GSA Events & Services Calendar Spring 1991

For Information call Anna @ 866-6000 x6479

April 13 Nature Writing Workshop

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April 19 Student Advisory Meeting/Potluck

This Friday's meeting is to discuss the 1988 & 1990 Core Response and synthesize a common document of student academic goals and objectives. All are invited. Call Anna for directions @ 786-1754.

April 19-21 Earth Day

Friday through Sunday at Olympia Center. There are weekly planning meetings at SPEECH (218 W 4th Ave in Olympia) Wednesdays at 5 pm. This is a great opportunity to work on a community event and meet local activists and organizers. To help out, come down or call 786-6349. If you are interested in working on a water quality display involving the *Sea Wolf* (an Evergreen boat) contact Anna.

May, TBA Rachel Carson Forum

-see article this issue

May, TBA Beach Trail Service Project

Join us again for another work/party on the Evergreen Beach Trail. Munchies and drinks are provided by the MES/GSA.

Spring Quarter Thesis & Essay of Distinction Publication

This is an offering by the MES graduate students to the community. It gives students a chance to get all their good research out into the public eye where it has the chance to do some good. Though not funded in the past the MES/GSA hopes to sponsor the annual publication of the bound abstracts of MES theses and "Essays of Distinction" and send them to select campuses in the state as well as select state agencies and/or environmental groups.

June 8 Super Saturday Smoothie Booth

Faced with S&A budget cuts, the MES Super Saturday Smoothie Booth is a critical source of funding for all MES events and services. The MES/GSA is serious about its goals and objectives and has a sustainable structure in place which is actively utilized to secure supplementary funds for the betterment of the program. This event needs a lot of student support, so put a mark on your calendar.

June 9 Graduate Graduations Reception

The reception will be held in the MES Lounge on the third floor of LAB I immediately following Graduation to honor the achievements of MES graduates. It is open to faculty and guests of the graduates.

June 15-16 MES Retreat

Last spring's retreat at the Church Creek Shelter along the South Fork of the clear, cold Skokomish River was a splendid way to wind down after another year in the MES program. We would like to repeat this event the weekend after evaluation week. As Anna will be out of town during this period, those people interested in organizing this event should contact her by mid-May.

Spring Quarter COMPUTER CENTER INFO

Hours of operation: Sunday 12-noon to Friday 10 pm
Saturday 11 am to 7 pm
Information: 866-6000 x6231

Reduced hours June 13, 14 (8-5 pm)

Closed June 8, 15, 16, 22, 23

(UpWeek has open schedule except for MacLab on Friday)

MacLab Class use: Mon. 3-5 pm
Tues. 10-12 & 1-5 pm
Weds. 3-4 pm (4/24, 5/1 @ 5-8pm)
Thurs. 5-9 pm (4/18 @ 1-5 pm)
Fri. 4/19 @ 8-4 pm &
5/3-24 @ 3-5 pm

CSTL Class use: Mon. 4/15, 22 @ 10-12 noon
& 1-3 pm
Tues. 10-12 noon & 3-5 pm
Weds. 8-11 am & 1-4 pm

Letters to the Editors

In Defense of Eli

Knowing Eli Sterling is a lot like stubbing your toe: It hurts but does no permanent damage, and you discover a part of your body that you've taken for granted. Sometimes a higher level of knowledge requires an initial higher level of discomfort (I subscribe to the "ouch" philosophy of enlightenment.)

I entered the MES program in Eli's class. To tell you the truth, I didn't know what to make of him at first. I still don't. But I see that Gary Cooper and members of his class have received the usual "stubbing-the-toe" introduction to Eli, his methods of communication and his no-punches-pulled messages about life, love and commitment. I can understand their sense of being miffed, if not angry. Eli does that to people -- unintentionally. I've known no one who wears his heart and his beliefs on his sleeve with as little guile as Eli.

Few people in my class became as valuable to me as Eli did. He offered comfort when needed, advice when sought and intelligence where knowledge was lacking. He made me wiser.

Eli's gift to our class, and to Gary Cooper's, is at one level simply love. It irritates him to see people fail to match the actions of their outsides with the beliefs on their insides. He'll talk much about "integration" and other New Age buzzwords.

But he makes us think. He makes us think about ideas, about reasons, about love and about how the world works. We look at life from different perspectives because Eli has shown us his.

Now that I'm back in the real world of making a living with my MES degree gracing my mantle, I'm a bit sad. I don't have an Eli on the East Coast to stub my toe against. I miss him, and my life would have been poorer for not knowing him.

*Denny Wilkins (Class of '90)
Circleville, New York*



To the MES/MPA Update

While I appreciate receiving the *Update*, the information on opportunities and requests to participate in various events or readings doesn't do me much good when the January 31 issue reaches me March 12. Every single deadline or opportunity was well past. Is this your publication schedule or the USPS?

As an MPA graduate, I'm also interested as to why seemingly 99% of the *Update* is all about MES? Is there still an MPA program? The *Update* doesn't reflect much activity there.

Cheers,

*Donovan Michael Gray, '82
Nevada State Council on the Arts*

(Editor's Note: Update's mailings are folded, stapled, labeled, collated and at the post office within a few days of publishing. The rest is up to the Postal Service. Internship and Employment Opportunities are listed as they come in and it is unfortunate that most do not give much lead time - especially for our mailing patrons.

The MES program is fortunate to have a highly active Graduate Student Association (GSA) coordinator in Anna Bachmann who supplies many of Update's information and articles. Third-year MES student Eli Sterling is also a frequent contributor. It has always been Update's policy to encourage submissions and to date there have been far too few from the MPA program.

Thank you for your letter. We would be interested in hearing how your Evergreen MPA degree has helped in your work, suggestions as to what you'd like to see in Update, or any other topic. - AP)

1-800 RECYCLE



Be sure to locate a disposal site before you drain your oil or antifreeze. If you can't find a convenient place for disposal, take your car to a commercial changing facility that will change and recycle those fluids for you.

The cost of recycling is far cheaper than the cost to the environment by irresponsible dumping.

3rd Annual Nature Writing Workshop

Free to all MES and MPA Graduate Students!

Saturday, April 13th

9:30 to 4:30 pm

Library 3500 Lounge

This year's workshop will highlight Mary Ann Gwinn and Bob Steelquist.

Mary Ann is a feature writer and environmental reporter for the Seattle Times. She holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and special education from Georgia State University. Writers that have influenced her include nature writer Barry Lopez and novelist John Le Carre. In 1990, she received a Pulitzer Prize for her coverage of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. She is currently at work on a series of articles about Puget Sound.

Bob Steelquist is a writer, editor, environmental educator and student in Evergreens' MES program. He is the author of seven books about the Pacific Northwest environment and environmental history. He has been influenced by the work of John McPhee, Murray Morgan and Aldo Leopold. He is currently involved in a new project - The African Wildlife News Service - an organization whose publications will focus on political, economic and ecological issues involving wildlife and wildlife habitat in Africa.

Call Anna at 866-6000 ext. 6479 to save a space or get more information.

MES Student Advisory Board Discussion Points for 2/19

Mission Statement

To act as a voice representing MES students in the following:

- shaping program content
- influencing academic governance
- developing community involvement

Goals

- Articulate MES identities
- Be responsible for evaluating CORE response questionnaires, aming recommendations to faculty and tracking implementation
- Facilitate resolution of program issues
- Encourage student input into electives and strategic elective planning
- Serve as a practicum for governance and cooperative problem solving
- Act in support role for GES coordinator, interns and program director
- Build representation into MES process
- Build visible, positive relationships in Evergreen and larger communities
- Maintain an open agenda

Rachel Carson Forum

Race, Poverty, and Environmental Justice

The MES/GSA is pleased to announce they have secured an excellent speaker for this year's Rachel Carson Forum. Victor Lewis, from the Urban Habitat Program of San Francisco, will speak on the topic: "Why the Earth Can't Wait - Race, Poverty and Environmental Justice." Mr. Lewis is the founder of Environmentalists Against Racism, a writer, lecturer, activist, and contributing editor to *Creation Spiritual Magazine*.

This annual event is designed and produced as a means to deepen the MES program's contribution to the environmental arena and is open to the public. The date of the Forum has been set for May 22. Many of the details are still being worked out as to place, logistics, music, and publicity. This event greatly reflects the MES program and still requires quite a few people to carry it off.

Please contact the following coordinators to offer your help even if it's only for a day or on forum night:

Group	Coordinator	Phone
*Overall	Anna Bachmann	786-1754
*Posters/Flyers	Birdie Davenport	866-8757
*Advertising/Postering	Cynthia Pratt	456-4862
*Music	John Wulfers	866-9487
*Seminar on Forum	Jim Franklin	956-1159
*Sound & Film Set-up	(your name here)	
*Information Tables	(your name here)	

(Last year's forum featured Gordon Orians of the University of Washington who spoke on Tropical Forests and Human Welfare. The presentation was couched within a concert of South American music by Kori-Siku.)

Internships & Employment

If you are interested in pursuing an internship, complete an orange internship form from the bin outside my office and return it to me. Please keep me informed of your status, Bonita

Lab 1 - Room 3022 866-6000 x5703

WHO: NW Assoc. of Marine & Aquatic Educators
WHAT: Awareness to Action Conference Assoc Planner
CONTACT: Laurie Usher @786-5445
DURATION: Spring, Summer Quarters 1991
SALARY: Volunteer, possible future stipend
DEADLINE: A.S.A.P.

WHO: Thurston County Public Works
WHAT: Administrative Intern/Assistant
CONTACT: Cheryl Henderson @ 786-5485
DURATION: 2 quarters min. - W/Sp/Su
SALARY: \$6 +/hr. DOE 10-20 hrs./wk
DEADLINE: Open until filled

WHO: Dept of Ecology
WHAT: Ass't to Education Coordinator
CONTACT: Glen Alexander, Padilla Bay Estuarine Reserve
1043 Bay View-Edison Rd, Mt Vernon 98273
SALARY: Volunteer
DEADLINE: Ongoing

WHO: Nisqually Reach Nature Center
WHAT: Field trips, Education projects
CONTACT: Lee Mitchell @459-0387
DURATION: Ongoing
SALARY: Volunteer
DEADLINE: None

WHO: WASHPIRG
WHAT: Varied Internships
CONTACT: Laura Reed @ 866-6000 x6058
DURATION: Winter Quarter or check on Spring/Summer
SALARY: CALL; 10-40 hrs/wk
DEADLINE: CALL

WHO: Washington Governor's Internship Program
WHAT: Research Associate (Exec. Fellow 1)
CONTACT: Roxanne Lieb @ 866-6000 ext. 6380
DURATION: June 1, 1991 to May 31, 1992
SALARY: \$1789-2261 Range 37
DEADLINE: May 2, 1991

WHO: City of Puyallup
WHAT: (2)Planning/Environmental Assessment Interns/jobs
CONTACT: Steve Burstein @ 841-5444
DURATION: Summer
SALARY: \$7-8/hr, 12-15hrs/wk
DEADLINE: April 17, 1991

WHO: Discovery Park
WHAT: Park Intern
CONTACT: Gale Gruza @ 386-4236
DURATION: Neg. w/school schedule
SALARY: Volunteer
DEADLINE: At least 2 wks before internship begins

WHO: Friends of the Earth - NW
WHAT: Various projects
CONTACT: David Ortman @ 633-1661
DURATION: neg.
SALARY: Volunteer; after 10 wks - neg.
DEADLINE: Ongoing

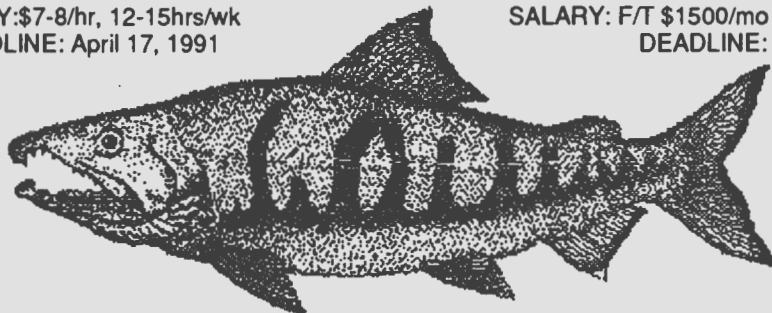
WHO: African American Affairs Commission
WHAT: Research Assistant
CONTACT: James Kelly @ 753-0127
DURATION: May to August 1991
SALARY: \$8-10/hr, unknown hrs/wk
DEADLINE: April 20, 1991

WHO: Nat'l Network for Envir. Studies (NNEMS) Div. EPA
WHAT: Funding specific topics w/internships/fellowships
CONTACT: Ginger Wandless @ 202-475-9477

WHO: Thurston Conservation District
Dobbs Crk Model Farm
WHAT: Insect Survey Intern; Benthic Organism Intern;
Manure Composting Intern; & Watershed Topographical
Model Intern; OR PROJECT PROPOSAL
CONTACT: Chris Walline @ 754-3588
DURATION: Neg. over Spr. Sum, & next Fall + quarters
SALARY: N/A Call
DEADLINE: Until filled

WHO: City of Lacey
WHAT: Department Assistant I
CONTACT: Personnel Director @ 491-3213
DURATION: Permanent
SALARY: \$8.34/hr - 30 hrs/wk
DEADLINE: April 19, 1991

WHO: Participation 2000 Campaign Program
WHAT: Training & Placement of Staff/Staff intern
CONT.: (614)461-7193
DURATION: Late July ot Mid-November
SALARY: F/T \$1500/mo + housing; P/T \$1000/mo.
DEADLINE: April 30, 1991



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