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Final Charter Comments

Next Tuesday, the voters of Thurston County will cast their ballots on an issue of particular regional significance — Proposition #1, The City-County Charter.

In an effort to provide details of this landmark document, we outlined significant elements of the Charter in the last issue of *Update*, and presented a timeline for its implementation. In this edition, we've prepared a quick analysis of the economic consequences of the Charter.

New Mandatory Programs

The Charter provides for the consolidation of four programs currently handled by intergovernmental contract: regional planning, public health, water quality and housing. An amount equal to up to 10% of the sales tax collected by each city and town could be transferred to the county to fund these programs (see Table I). The actual amount would be set each year after governmental negotiations and public hearings.

This consolidation at the county level saves money for the other jurisdictions, with the exception of the City of Olympia (which receives the majority of the sales tax receipts in the county). Even at the 10% cost-sharing ceiling, the smaller towns would save .08% to 3.11% of their 1990 budgets.

Specific New Costs

1) The Charter expands the county commission from three members to five. Redistricting the county requires the services of a professional geographer.

2) With the creation of community councils, there would be election costs and planning support from county staff.

3) A study of local governmental finances, including options for revenue-sharing between the jurisdictions, is mandated.

4) Every ten years, a Charter Review Commission would be elected to suggest possible amendments. This would require election costs, staff support and public outreach assistance.

These costs are itemized below in Table II. In sum, the cost of expanding the county commission, electing three Community Councils and staffing their land use planning, and conducting the redistricting and financial studies would be about \$300,000. This is about three-tenths of one percent of the county's current year budget. Looked at another way, it represents an investment in the future of less than \$2 by each county resident. — PM

I. Costs for Transfer of Regional Programs

Program	Cities/Towns	County	Combined
Regional Planning	116,464	137,326	253,790
Water Quality	124,386	163,624	288,010
Housing Authority	18,411	4,089	22,500
Public Health	481,518 (179,358)*	465,362 (767,522)*	946,880
Total	\$740,779 (438,619)*	\$770,401 (1,072,561)*	\$1,511,180

* Current health funding to be changed by new funding formula between the jurisdictions

II. Cost of New Positions or Activities

Annual	Periodic	One-Time	New Program or Service
200,000	—	—	Salaries, benefits and staff for 2 county commissioners
—	7,500	—	Community council elections every 2-4 years (3 @ \$2,500)
—	36,000	—	Community council planning every 5-10 years (3 @ \$12,000)
—	120,000	—	Election, research, and outreach for charter review commission
—	—	2,000	Geographer for redistricting
—	—	50,000	Study of government finances
\$200,000	\$163,500	\$52,000	Total

UPDATE Needs Your Submissions!

Fall Quarter Deadlines: **Nov. 9** (alumni mailing), **Nov. 30**

These are the last days for submissions. Please place all submissions in the newsletter mailboxes in Lab 1 Rm 3000.

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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Minutes (in brief) of All-MES Meeting

Thursday, October 25th

The Evergreen Boats

Harry Branch, one of the captains of the Evergreen boats who is interested in seeing the boats better utilized, came to give a presentation on this issue. Evergreen has two boats: the 39' Sea Wolf (12 person boat) and the 44' Resolute (13 person boat). These boats are equipped with labs and marine testing devices. They have been used in the past in a variety of different core programs but as yet no one has made a on-going commitment to integrating the boats into their program.

The issue of the boats being used by the MES program came up last year. According to Ralph Murphy, the program lacks the resources (mainly in terms of faculty) to integrate the boats into the core program but there are other avenues for their use within the program (ie. group contracts). There will be a trip set up for those interesting in seeing the boats and further investigating their use by program in the near future. Contact Sue Bush (1st year MES) if interested.

ERC

Liz Trowbridge, the ERC Advisor and a 2nd year MES student gave a brief presentation on the Environmental Resource Center. The two coordinators for the ERC have just recently been chosen. One will be John Wulfers, a 1st year MES student. The ERC is one important avenue for MES students to become active in the school and Olympia community. With Liz as the ERC Advisor (an internship position available each year to an MES student) and John as an ERC coordinator we can also help to create a stronger link with the undergraduate environmental studies program.

Electives

Ralph Murphy gave a presentation on issues that concern MES electives. There has been a long debate over the issue of Depth vs. Breadth. Due to a lack of resources for obtaining faculty we must make some strong choices concerning the type of electives the program should be offering. Do we want more indepth study in a few specific areas (ie. several tracked classes in Salmonid Ecology or Economics) or do we want a variety of electives covering a broad array of topics which will give us a strong overview of environmental study but no depth in any particular area? If you are interesting in forming a Student Advisory Board to discuss the issues of electives and help make these decisions please contact Anna Bachmann.

Student Activism

This issue has come up several times in the past. Some students feel the need to become more active in the community. Various ideas have been proposed such as strengthening the link between MES and the ERC (which we hope we have succeeded in doing with the creation of the ERC Advisor internship that Liz Trowbridge now has), letter writing campaigns, hosting environmental fairs, attending hearings, group contracts centered around a community action project, and publishing MES student votes on issues up before the legislature. If you are interested in MES student activism please contact Anna Bachmann.

One last, important note. Sam Watson will be relinquishing the role of Rachel Carson Environmental Forum Coordinator. This position will be filled by Maryrose Livingston, a 3rd year MES student. If you have any questions or wish to become involved with the forum please contact Maryrose.

MES & MPA Information Nights

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Master of Environmental Studies

Thursday, November 8, 1990

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lib 2100

Master of Public Administration

Monday, November 12, 1990

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lib 2100

A panel of faculty, students and alumni will discuss each program.

Information on the application process will also be provided.

Those interested in Fall 1991 admission are invited.

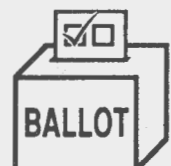
MPA Faculty Notes

Judy Woo, a member of the MPA Teaching Faculty, has resigned for personal reasons. If you'd like to contact Judy, you're welcome to call her in Seattle at 365-5925.

According to MPA Director Lucia Harrison, the Deans and faculty are working on an evaluation and selection process for Judy's replacement, either from the ranks of undergraduate faculty or outside the college. Students will be kept informed of their progress.

Two other positions will soon be filled for next year's MPA faculty, one in Research Methods and the other in Public Sector Economics. Students will be actively involved in the interview process once next year's budget has been prepared.

**Don't Forget to Vote
on November 6th!**



Thanks Are In Order

Without the ideas, support and help of several people in the MES program the discussion **Reaching the Summit: Pathways of Environmental Action** would never have taken place. I

My thanks go to Tina Claude, for the panel was her brainchild from the start, Eli Sterling, for his invaluable support and role as the panel facilitator, Jim Franklin, who helped bear the load of organization, Liz Trowbridge, for her suggestions and delicious food, Birdie Davenport, for the wonderful mountain, and Linda White, Rick Baldwin, Jim LaSpina, Gordon Peck, Kim Harper, Toni Higgs, Maryrose Livingston and Nordia Holochuck, for help with the set-up in the Library and CAB.

As it quickly became apparent this event did not belong to me. It belongs to the MES Graduate Student Association of which I am just one member. In my role as GSA coordinator I wish to make every event we put on a group effort. **Reaching the Summit** was a beginning.



I believe that the panel was a real success in many ways but when we become involved in such events we must ask: Are our goals clearly defined? Are our questions provocative enough? Are we learning what we set out to learn? These are the kinds of questions that should constantly be asked in seminar, but they should also be asked

when we, as members of the Graduate Student Association, work together to put on events for ourselves, the college and the larger community.

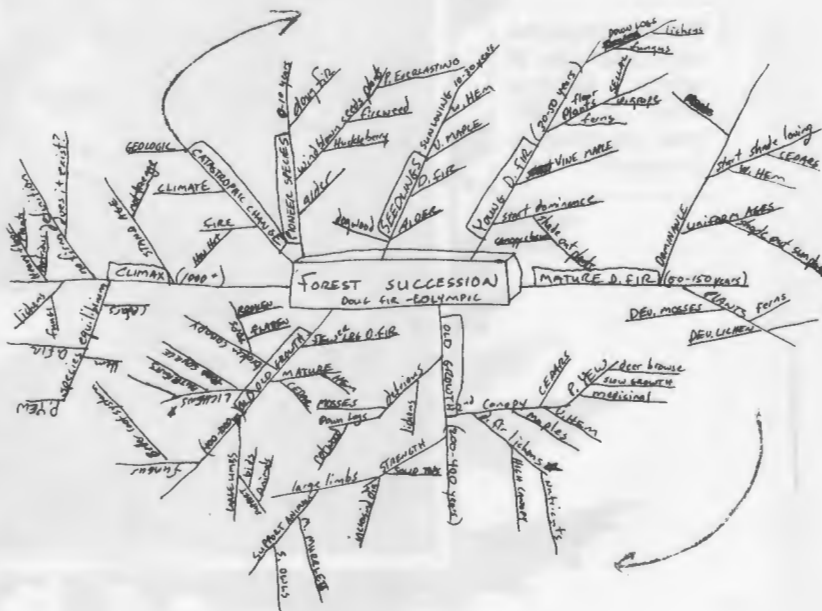
They are the questions that I hope will be dealt with as the planning for **The Rachel Carson Environmental Forum** takes place. It is only in answering them to our satisfaction that the forum will be worthy of the effort that is put into it.



...a different way to take notes

My first attempt at using this method was during last weekend's MES field trip to old growth forest. I found it fairly easy to use and it really helped me to see the whole picture of how things interrelate. This is difficult with a linear form of notetaking (normal outline form or writing out verbatim what is being said.)

The advantages of this form are (for some): improved learning and recall, flexible format, stimulates a creative flow of ideas, allows more free time to listen, review material more efficiently, and understanding and seeing the context of what is being said to the main subject. It reminds me of those days in Junior High diagramming sentences - but lots more fun. A copy to the article, "Mind Mapping" by Barbara Lau is available in the MES lounge. — AP



MES Field Trip

Last Saturday, October 27th, the first year core class of the MES program took a trip into the Olympic and Mt. Barbor-Snoqualmie National Forest. Robin Leshner of the U.S. Forest Service gave a talk and guided our group through a succession of forest lands, ranging from recently clear-cut and burned areas to a stand over 1000 years old.

It was quite impressive for me to see and better understand what Old Growth is. Robin Leshner was an excellent source of facts and information about species identification and interaction. — AP
(Photos by Allen Pleus)



Robin Leshner of the US Forest Service identifying a pioneer species, fireweed, in a 10-year old clear-cut. Across the road is an area which has been heavily burned after clear-cutting.

Robin explains the ecological role of upper canopy lichen in a 680-year old stand of Douglas Fir.



Photo Extravaganza



MES Faculty Tom Womeldorff and Richard Cellarius (r) with student Greg Claycamp.

Elizabeth Petrich, Amy Morgan, Janine Bogar, and others inspect a core sample taken from a 680-year old Fir.



Internship Opportunities

These are brief descriptions of currently available internships. For complete information and listings, check the Internship Board next to Carol Simila-Dickinson's office, Lab 1 3024.

WHO: Dept. of Natural Resources, Administration Division
WHAT: Administrative Intern
CONTACT: Margie Reed @ 753-5322
DURATION: 1-2 quarters
SALARY: TBA Full-time (neg)
DEADLINE: A.S.A.P.

WHO: Thurston County Office of Water Quality
WHAT: Water Quality Education
CONTACT: J. Koenings/L. Usher @ 754-4111/786-5445
DURATION: Begin Jan. '91, complete by May 1, 1991
SALARY: \$6/hr. up to 40hrs/wk Total to \$1900 + \$120 mil.
DEADLINE: December 1, 1990

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

WHO: Thurston County Public Works
WHAT: Solid Waste Assistant, State Work Study/Internship
CONTACT: David Merrill @ 786-5136
DURATION: 1 Year (neg?)
SALARY: \$5.75/hr.
DEADLINE: Job starts 1/3/91

WHO: Dept. of Ecology, Water Quality Program
WHAT: Temporary Environmentalist III (pending)
CONTACT: Steve Saunders @ 438-7086
DURATION: 6 mo - 1 yr
SALARY: \$2184-\$2795/mo F/T
DEADLINE: Nov. 7, 1990

WHO: Dept of Community Development
WHAT: (3) MPA Administrative Interns
CONTACT: Carol Simila-Dickinson @ 866-6000 ext 6405
DURATION: Jan - March + '91
SALARY: \$1470-\$1688/mo
DEADLINE: Nov. 6, 1990

WHO: Washington State Senate
WHAT: Summer Internships
CONTACT: Jackie McClure @ 866-6000 x6560
DURATION: Summer?
SALARY: ?
DEADLINE: NOW! Nov. 2, 1990

WHO: Department of Ecology
WHAT: Legislative Aide
CONTACT: Earl Tower/Connie Shumate @ 459-6033
DURATION: Jan - April 1991 (4 mo.)
SALARY: ?
DEADLINE: Nov. 5, 1990

ERC News

Ish Coalition Plans International Demonstration

Many local environmental groups feel a sense of urgency with the recent events surrounding the struggle of Canadian Indian tribes for environmental, cultural and spiritual protection through Native Canadian land rights laws.

We are planning a demonstration at Peace Arch Park on the Canada/US border at 10 a.m. on November 4 to show our solidarity with the Indian Bands of British Columbia and our outrage over the provincial logging practices on these sacred Native lands.

We are inviting Native Indian chiefs and leaders to speak, and are contacting all interested environmental, church, and social justice groups in the US and Canada to mobilize and join tribes, bands and activists at the demonstration.

For more information, contact Ish Coalition members:

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Internship Fair 11/29

by John Wulfers

The South Puget Environmental Education Clearinghouse (SPEECH) and The Evergreen State College Graduate Program in Environmental Studies are co-sponsoring "Environmental Education in Your Future: An Internship Fair," on Thursday, November 29th from 3-6pm in the Library Lobby.

This event is being presented in cooperation with the Thurston County Office of Water Quality, Thurston County Cooperative Extension, City of Olympia Water Resources, and the American Littoral Society.

The purpose of the fair is to provide internship opportunities for interested students and members of the South Puget Sound environmental community.

The Internship Fair will provide participating organizations with a chance to recruit enthusiastic environmentalists for projects that may be taken for academic credit, depending on the student's situation. The organizations will be recruiting for both paid and unpaid positions.

This is a valuable opportunity for MES students to strengthen their resumes or educational goals. If you have been looking for that ideal environmental job or internship, then this fair is the key! Hope to see all of you there.