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Update

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I've been here as long as some of our longer-lived students, 3 years. As Assistant Director of MPA and MES, I help with recruitment, admissions, advising, internship development, student development projects (GSA, Professional Sponsorship Project, etc.), as well as a lot of various and sundry details that no one else really can or wants to handle. It's a huge variety of stuff, and I enjoy that. If I weren't doing this, I'd be trekking through the outback in Australia (as it is, I've put that trip off for 15 years, when I'm 50!).

I love talking to students and helping devise solutions to their problems. I consider myself primarily a learner's advocate. I have set aside Thursday evenings (except holidays) from 5 to 6:30 pm to meet with people who drop in, primarily prospective students, but I'm there for you folks, too.

Please remember my maxim: "Plan your education, and hold us to it! You are responsible for making sure that you get what you need out of Evergreen, so pester us if we evade or neglect you!"

Earth and Spirit Conference

by Bruce Baldwin

A conference on Earth and Spirit, "The Spirited Response to the Environmental Crisis," drew 110 people to Seattle in October. This was a full weekend of rituals and speeches, music and images, focus sessions and networking. Chinook Learning Center sponsored the gathering which drew leaders from Native American, Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, Goddess and other spiritual traditions.

Native American rituals opened and closed the conference, which was held at the University Christian Church and nearby locations. In the keynote address, Joanna Macy called us to, "practice the presence of the old growth forest...we have a multi-billion dollar industry to persuade us we are happy." She said it is very subversive to own our pain for the world. Our experience of profound interconnectedness with nature brings both deep grief and abundant grace. There were many inspirational speakers and workshop leaders, including Thomas Berry (*The Dream of the Earth*), Brian Swimme (*The Universe is a Green Dragon*), Christine Gregoire (Director, DOE), Billy Frank, Jr. (NW Indian Fisheries Commission) and Merlin Stone (*When God Was a Woman*).

Other highlights included a rich variety of music, poetry, projected images of Earth from space, dances of universal peace, and displays by various groups. Two members of the Penan Tribe of Borneo spoke about the threats to their rainforest homeland. A pre-conference institute was the first of four gatherings worldwide to prepare a spiritual statement for an international conference on the environment in 1992 sponsored by the United Nations Environmental Program.

This conference will not transform our civilization's relationship with the Earth or overturn predominant Judeo-Christian attitudes toward nature. It does, however, represent the growing strength of spiritual voices for humanity's unity with the natural world, and a unity among spiritual and ethnic traditions worldwide. My feeling is that strong spiritual forces are being released for planetary healing and that each of us can learn to work with them. If you wish to talk to me about the conference or these issues, contact me at 1-273-8014, or leave a message in my box in the MES Lounge.

UPDATE Needs Your Submissions!

Place submissions in the newsletter mailbox, Lab I Room 3024.

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.

Announcements

Evergreen Nature History Journal

...is gearing up for winter and spring issues. Writings and illustrations are invited for publication. Unite science and art! Winter issue deadline is February 1st. Watch for information in the CPJ and Update, or call Scott at 786-8259.

Mary Rose Got A Job!

Congratulations to Mary Rose Livingston, 3-year MES, who recently obtained a position with the Waster Resources Division at DOE. Mary Rose will provide support to a group of five hydrologists. She is looking forward to the diverse tasks, which include computer work and a program retreat.

Graduating in Spring or Summer?

There are a number of steps to take first. Now is the time to get your Application for Graduation from the Registration and Records folks in Library 1100. They will mail it to you if you call 866-6000 ext. 6180.

Change of Address

Please notify the Registration and Records office if your phone number or address has changed. We rely on their information when we mail things to you, so if you're feeling left out, it just might be because the College doesn't have your current address!

An Internship in Your Future?

Come to the Graduate Internship Orientation and find out! You'll learn about internship opportunities, how to apply for an internship, how to develop one, and more! The Director (an alum) of Washington's hottest program, The Governor's Fellowship, will be featured. It happens on Thursday, January 31 from 5 to 6pm in the MPA Lounge (Lab I, 3rd Floor).

MPA and MES Hit the Road

Information on MPA and MES, including how to get in, will travel to two state agencies in January. State employees can spend their lunch hour learning about the programs at DSHS headquarters in OB-2, Room F-20, on Wednesday, January 16, or at DOE, Woodland Square, 2nd Floor Conference Room on Wednesday, January 23. Both meetings will take place from noon to 1 pm.

Samuel May Research Contest

This annual contest, sponsored by the Western Governmental Research Association, seeks to encourage academic research in the area of government and public policy among students and practitioners. A total of five winning papers will be selected, four from graduate students and one from a practitioner. Winners of the awards will be recognized at WGRA's 1991 Annual Conference in April. While attendance at the conference is not required, expenses in connection with attendance will be reimbursed to a maximum of \$350.

Copies of the Guidelines for Submission are located in the MES and MPA Lounges in Lab I, 3rd Floor. Deadline for submission is January 31.

College Diversity & Community

The Washington Center for Undergraduate Education presents a conference entitled "Ourselves Among Others: Diversity and Community in America's Colleges." It will be held February 1 and 2 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel to explore the questions: Who are we? How do we relate to each other? What is important to learn together?

Presenters will attend from colleges throughout the country, including Patrick Hill from TESC. Brochures are available in Bonita's office if you're interested. The cost is \$105 for the conference, and an additional \$25 for a post-conference workshop.

Puget Sound Research Conference

Over 3 million people live in the Puget Sound region today. In the next twenty years, another 1.5 million are expected to join us, drawn by the quality of life and the environment. Puget Sound faces a severe challenge in the changes that must accompany growth. Already it is showing signs of the strain, early symptoms of wear and poor management: toxic chemicals in urban bays, closed shellfish beds, destroyed and degraded wetlands.

As managers of our public and private resources struggle to stay ahead of the problems created by growth, they rely on our current understanding of the Puget Sound ecosystem, an understanding supplied and updated by research.

Continuing a tradition begun in 1988 with the first Meeting on Research in Puget Sound, Puget Sound Research

'91 will present the latest in basic and applied research on the Sound and the problems it faces. This conference, presented by the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, will be an opportunity for research sciences, resource managers, policy makers and the public to ask and try to answer some of the most important questions of our times.

Conference highlights include special sessions on public attitudes towards policy makers, technical and education issues, a curriculum exchange and much more. The conference takes place January 4 and 5 at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle.

Student registration cost is only \$20 before December 15, and \$35 afterwards. For more information, call 284-2441 or 464-7597.

Internship Opportunities

If you're interested in pursuing an internship, complete the orange internship form in the bin outside Carol's office and give to Bonita. I'm updating the internship films as well as the applicant forms. Many of you have been contacted by phone, but there are others I could not reach. Please let me know if you're still interested. — Carol S-D

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: NW Assoc of Marine & Aquatic Educators
WHAT: Awareness to Action Conference Assoc Planner
CONTACT: Laurie Usher @ 786-5445
DURATION: Winter, 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. - 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: Energy Outreach Center
WHAT: Technical Specialist
CONTACT: Lyle Tribwell @ 943-4595
DURATION: Negotiable
SALARY: Volunteer
DEADLINE: Dec. 15, 1990

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: Mason County Conservation District
WHAT: (1) Nonpoint Pollution & Shellfish Model
(2) Agricultural Best Mgt Practices Model Farm
CONTACT: John Esarey @ 427-9670 ext. 391
DURATION: 4/1 & 6/1 completion respectively
SALARY: Volunteer
DEADLINE: Dec. 14, 1990

WHO: Dept. of Wildlife - Aquatic Education Program
WHAT: (1) Single Parent/Child Fishing Program
(2) Summer School Fishing Program
CONTACT: Michael O'Malley @ 586-5508
DURATION: One Quarter
SALARY: Volunteer
DEADLINE: Dec. 31, 1990

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WHAT: Administrative Intern
CONTACT: Margie Reed @ 753-5322
DURATION: 1-2 quarters
SALARY: TBA Full-time (neg)
DEADLINE: A.S.A.P.

WHO: Nisqually Reach Nature Center
WHAT: Various projects
CONTACT: Pam Miller @ 459-0387
DURATION: Ongoing
SALARY: Volunteer
DEADLINE: None

WHO: Nisqually River Education Project
WHAT: Water Quality Education Specialist
CONTACT: Chris Mann, Box 476, Yelm 98597
DURATION: Thru 5/91
SALARY: \$6/hr + mileage
DEADLINE: Dec. 21, 1990

WHO: Thurston Conservation District
WHAT: Model Farm Fish Inventory Intern
CONTACT: Chris Wailline @ 754-3588
DURATION: Jan-May 1991
SALARY: \$5.75/hr.
DEADLINE: NOW!

WHO: Black Hills Audubon Society
WHAT: Wastebuster Program Intern
CONTACT: Vicki Mercer @ 352-7299
DURATION: 3-12 months
SALARY: Monthly stipend possible
DEADLINE: Jan. 31, 1991

WHO: Discovery Park
WHAT: Park Intern
CONTACT: Gale Gruza @ 386-4236
DURATION: Negotiable
SALARY: Volunteer
DEADLINE: At least 2 wks before internship begins

Rachel Carson I Need You!

Last year's Carson Environment Forum was one of the most successful events ever held on this campus. The Forum is designed to integrate intellectual and cultural expressions of environmental problem-solving. Please join me in planning this year's event. Also, if you have suggestions for this year's themes, speakers or performers, please put them in my box in the MES Lounge.

I am asking for volunteers for the Planning Committee, which will design, organize and produce the Forum. If you would like to be on the Planning Committee, please call me (357-3784) or leave a note in my box as soon as possible. The first planning potluck will be at my house (601 73rd Ave NE, in Boston Harbor) on Friday, December 7 at 6 pm. Thanks! - Mary Rose Livingston

