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Huxley class studies Anacortes spill

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"If any short statement summarizing the (oil) damage to the invertebrates on the south beach of Guemes Island can be made, it is that many animals died."

That was the opening statement of a summary report made by students at Huxley College, the environmental school at Western, after they examined the damage caused by a 231,000-gallon oil spill at Anacortes last April.

Even though the students, headed by Dr. Bert Webber, arrived two days after the oil spill and handled the study more as a classroom project than a scientific fact-gathering mission, they were still over a week earlier than the Environmental Protection Agency's official representatives.

"I think the most interesting aspects of the spill are its biological impact and how the department of ecology reacted to the oil spill," Dr. Webber said. "The way they reacted is particularly eye opening."

He said that Environmental Protection Agency subcontracted a company named Texas Instruments to check on oil spills. The agency says that Texas Instruments are supposed to be on the scene of an oil spill within 24 hours. In the case of the Anacortes spill, it took them ten days to get there.

"We managed to do some casual sampling while we were down there, but nothing comprehensive," he said. "It was really a part of a class for Huxley."

The class was Pollution and Marine Ecology, and the sampling took place between April 28 and May 15.

"Actually we'll never know how much damage was done in the spill area," Dr. Webber said. "Let's say 15 per cent of the fish were killed, but how do we know it was caused by the spill rather than some other cause."

"All you can really say is that there was a lot of damage done on the tide lands and sand."

But the minor sampling the class did was probably the most comprehensive study made of the area. Texas Instruments asked for a final report from the class for its files.

The students said there were a number of deficiencies in their report, namely that it was two days late in getting started and that it was restricted in the area it covered. Nothing was determined of the immediate effects on the plankton of the area or the juvenile fish, nor were the subtidal habitats monitored.

Still, even with the sampling restricted to free class time and a limited amount of gear, the students managed to come up with what Dr. Webber thinks was the most comprehensive report of the oil spill.

The sampling area included the south beach of Guemes Island three-quarters of a mile east of the ferry terminal.

The report stated that the highest mortality appeared to be in the chitons, limpets and cockles.

"Other organisms were not dead, but showed curious behavior," the report said. "A mud shrimp was observed crawling out of its burrow. The snail thais had fallen off of rocks and was lying with its foot extended, apparently anesthetized."

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New Fairhaven College dean assumes duties

by STEVE INGE
WWSC Alumni Officer

Dr. Kenneth Freeman, the new dean of Fairhaven College, has assumed his duties here at Western's first cluster college after arriving from Bensalem College, an experimental college at Fordham University in New York.

Freeman says Bensalem is a college which operates on a concept similar to that of Fairhaven, but with a much more extreme case of community involvement. At Bensalem, all decisions are made by a vote of the students, faculty and administration, with all votes being equal.

All faculty, students and deans lived on campus; and according to Freeman, "the intensity of the learning situation at Bensalem was such that no faculty member was able to stand it for more than three years." In his own case, the pressure led to his deciding to leave the college and the New York urban setting.

As to what directions Fairhaven will take under his guidance, Freeman is not yet certain. Not having had an opportunity to become involved with a new faculty and a new student body, he cannot yet say how he and Fairhaven will mesh. He does have some novel views on what might be done to make the Fairhaven experience more valuable.

"Surviving shore crabs were much smaller than those that died," he said. "Of the surviving animals there were more males than females."

Even as the weeks passed and the effect of the oil started to wear off in the area, the students still found the mortality rate in the clams was approximately 10 per cent on May 15. Also sea life, such as star fish, were still dying.

On the last day of the students' evaluation, they observed, "Diesel fuel was still apparent in these sediments." When the students had completed their study, Dr. Webber continued to make observations. At present the beach seems to have recovered to the extent that marine life is no longer dying. A visitor would probably not be able to tell that a spill had taken place. However, it will be several years before those animals that have died will be replaced. Work will continue by students to evaluate the long-term impact of the spill.

"I plan to use the oil spill as a classroom demonstration," the 29-year-old marine biologist said. "We don't have enough money to carry it on as a full-time study, but as a teaching tool that tragedy has great possibilities."
Elizondo seeks to build discipline

"I have argued for many years that ethnic studies is a legitimate discipline," says Sergio Elizondo, Western's new dean of the College of Ethnic Studies, who took over his new duties this fall.

"I am looking forward to building that discipline here," he went on. "Ethnic studies is a new field and it will change. Exactly how it will change at Western, I cannot say. In several months, perhaps I will have a better idea of where we want to go. For now, I will only say that it will change."

When asked about new areas of inquiry, Dean Elizondo replied, "I suspect we may want to add an oriental studies program. These people have a common ground with Blacks, Chicanos and native Americans of being culturally and racially different. It is impossible for them to join white society, as it is for me."

"Americans live in a pluralistic society," he continued, "whether they know it or not. It is the role of ethnic studies to examine that pluralism and to make it work; to create respect for those things which make men different. The twentieth century is the century of the minority, for they no longer accept the imposition of an alien culture as a substitute for their own. Ethnic studies must understand that change, and help direct it."

Born in Mexico, Elizondo received his early education in Mexican public schools. He attended Escuela Normal de Sinaloa at Culiacan, and earned his B.A. at Findlay College in Ohio. His graduate work was at the University of North Carolina, where he specialized in Spanish literature.

His teaching experience prior to coming to Western was at the University of Texas and at California State College at San Bernardono. He has contributed to a variety of professional and Chicano publications, and has been a consultant for many agencies concerned with bi-cultural education.

Vikings win league opener

Tabbed as the team to beat in the Evergreen Conference football race this season, Western's Vikings got off to a fast league start by defeating the tough Oregon College of Education Wolves 20-7 in their opener September 18 at Bellingham.

Quarterback Glenn Hadland picked up where he left off last season as he passed for two Blue touchdowns and ran for a third. The Wolves had been considered as the Vik's toughest hurdle for top conference honors.

The Vikings were stalled, however, in their second game – a non-conference tilt against Pacific Lutheran University at Tacoma – when they bowed to the Knights 15-7. In that game, Hadland's younger brother, Jim, was the quarterback for the Knights.

Western got back into the conference race October 2 at Ellensburg against always formidable Central Washington.

50-year reunion

Members of Western's class of 1922 are making plans for a 50-year reunion to be held next June. Chairing the committee organizing the event is Helen Rehn of Gig Harbor.

The committee will be holding meetings throughout the next few months completing details, according to Steve Inge, alumni officer. Inge said the class of 1923 will probably be included in the reunion which will be held on the WWSC campus.

Persons interested in the plans should write to Mrs. Rehn at Rt. 5, Box 5161, Gig Harbor 98335, or contact the Western Alumni Office.

Roll Call

'19 MR. and MRS. SETH J. MARRIAN (RUTH PETITE) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last November.

'26 MR. and MRS. PAUL RULE (HAZEL REEVE, '27) are living on a farm between Monroe and Sultan. He has retired after 40 years of teaching and she is teaching second grade in Seattle.

'27 DOROTHY JACKSON BENNETT has retired from her position as superintendent of the intermediate school district in Snohomish County after 41 years in education. In tribute to Mrs. Bennett, a group of teachers will join with a number of community organizations in launching a fund drive to build a permanent facility for students at the Silverton-Waldheim Educational Laboratory. . . . MR. and MRS. CALVIN MOSER (VIOLET WAECH, '28) returned from Colombia, South America, in June after serving there, without salary, as members of the International Executive Service Corps. He set up a factory to produce car batteries and she packaged food for the poor and worked in a school for abandoned children.

'30 ARTHUR C. GRAVROCK has retired after 34 years of service with the Seattle public schools.

'37 CLARENCE G. SOUKUP retired from teaching after 29 years in education. His last 21 years of teaching were spent with the Shoreline school district.

'56 MARY HILLAIRE, Lummi Indian and faculty member at Evergreen State College, has released 52 of her carvings to the Northwest Coast Museum for public viewing. . . . EDWIN R. NEWELL has been appointed chairman of the mathematics division at Highline Community College.

'57 ROBERT K. LEDFORD has been awarded his doctor of education degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

'58 PETER HEGG has been named vice principal of Hoquiam High School. . . . ROBERT ROSI is the new principal of the elementary school in Royal City.

'63 GERRY C. CARLSON is teaching fifth grade in Everett.

'64 DAVID P. BENSELER has been awarded his Ph.D. in Germanic languages and literatures from the University of Oregon. . . . ELYWN D. WOOD has received his Ph.D. in chemical oceanography from the University of Alaska.
'66 ARLENE R. LAMB became Mrs. Christian N. Bruhn, Jr. in June ... RALPH MUNRO has been asked to assist the Nixon administration in establishing the new Action Agency, which will include all federal volunteer programs. ... ALAN GUY STEWART is practicing law in Campbell River, B.C. ... PERRY AIKEN received her M.S. degree in counseling psychology from the University of Alaska ... DAVID RICHARDS took the former Judith Hugo as his bride in July. ... MR. and MRS. DENNIS FREEBURN (KATHY, '70) are living in River Falls, Wis., where he has been appointed Coordinator of University Housing Programs-Activities at Wisconsin State University.

'67 STANLEY R. KUNTZ received his Elder's Ordination in the United Methodist Church at the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Tacoma in June. He is pastor of the United Methodist Church in Burlington ... MICHAEL W. PENLEY received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Illinois in June. He is presently working on an M.D. degree at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. His wife, JUDITH, is the departmental secretary for the department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese at the University of Illinois ... MR. and MRS. CONRAD GOERL (JEAN Laird, '69) are living in Seattle where he is assistant manager for the House of Values in Lynnwood ... ALAN RUSSELL is the head basketball coach for Interlake High School in Bellevue.

'68 SUSAN M. LATHROP and RAY F. KENT were married in July and are living in Everett ... MR. and MRS. BYRON SMITH (JUDY ROBERTS, '69) are living in Seattle where he is a building management specialist for the General Services Administration directing federal building operations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. She is working on educational television programs at Channel 9 ... MARIE F. REX became Mrs. Robert L. Jacobs in June. They are living in Vancouver, Wash. ... MARILYN A. HANSON and Richard A. Desbrow were married recently. They are living in Alhambra, Calif. ... NILE CLARKE recently took the former Deanne De Witt as his bride in Seattle ... MR. and MRS. WALTER A. MULVEY (CAROL NEWSTEAD, '69) are living in Oregon where he is employed with the First National Bank of Oregon at the Portland main office and she is teaching third grade in Beaverton ... MR. and MRS. GARY GIZINSKI (LINDA, '69) are teaching school in Mt. Vernon ... ROBERT J. LANE has been named assistant manager at the Lynnwood Branch of Seattle-First National Bank ... JUDY ANN SOLLIE and James S. Hiester were married in July in Mt. Vernon and are now living in Edmonds where she teaches first grade ... ANNE C. WEISS became the bride of David Boe recently. They are living in South Dakota where she is the activity coordinator for South Dakota State University.

'69 CAROLYN M. AUSTIN recently became Mrs. Bruce E. Uhl. They are living in Bellingham ... DONALD DORN is the new director for the Skagit County Multi-Service Center ... Navy Airman KOOS JAGER recently graduated from Avionics Technician School "A" at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Tennessee ... GEORGE P. HARVEY has returned from a year in VIsta and is currently working on an M.Ed. in college student personnel administration at WWSC ... SUSAN COLLINS and Fred Shanafelt were recently married and are living in Redmond ... KAREN VAN HOOK is working in the speech pathology department at Rainier State School in Buckley ... RUTH E. STADSTAD and Gerald L. Noe were married in June. They are living in Bellingham.

'70 ALICE DAVISON has accepted a contract at the University of Nevada where she is compiling data from a 14-state survey on low-income families for a research project ... BARBARA J. DUNKIN became Mrs. David Creswell in a recent ceremony. They are living in Oak Harbor ... W. STEPHEN GREGORICH recently took the former MARGO L. MUTSCHLER as his bride. They are living in Spokane where he is attending Gonzaga Law School ... MR. and MRS. DAVID VANDER PLOEG are living in Eugene, Ore., where he is teaching junior high industrial arts and she is teaching second grade ... CHERYL L. STEWARD and ROBERT E. BUTCHER were married in June. They are living in Wenatchee where he is teaching junior high industrial arts and she is a speech therapist ... GEORGE BOWEN is working at Peoples State Bank in Lynden as a management trainee ... TERENCE F. McMillan took the former Mary E. Croyle as his bride in June. He is teaching industrial arts in Joyce, Wash. ... WILLIAM P. HAWK is teaching and coaching basketball and track at Enumclaw High School ... ROBERT S. L'Heureux is employed as an accountant for the Ketchikan PulP Co. ... HARLAN C. JACKSON took the former JOANNE M. LeVENHAGEN as his bride in July. He teaches at Everett High School ... CHRISTINE CUNNINGHAM and WILLIAM P. HORNER were recently wed in Burien. They are teaching elementary school in Aberdeen ... DENNIS D. BAUER was recently commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy and is presently stationed at Pensacola where he is in flight training ... STEPHEN L. SWAN and Liane C. Kerr were married July 24. They are living in Australia where he is employed as a physical education instructor ... MR. and MRS. JAMES W. KULLHEM (CANDIE) are living in Denver where he is teaching sixth grade and she is teaching fourth grade ... ROBERT LEMAN is teaching art in Lyons, Colo. ... GREG LARSON is teaching social studies and coaching football and baseball in the Fife school district.

'71 ELLEN R. TAYLOR and STEVEN D. MAURER were married in June ... LOUANNE POTTIS became the bride of MICHAEL JONES in June. They are living in Quantico, Va., where he is undergoing Marine officer training ... BRUCE S. POTOCKI is attending law school at Willamette in Salem ... CHARLES J. DAVIS has graduated with honors at Lackland AFB, Tex., from the training course for security policemen ... MR. and MRS. DENNIS MOORE (MARGARET DAVIS) are living in Fairbanks where they are studying the education of the bi-lingual and culturally deprived ... KATHLEEN A. LA FLEUR became the bride of David L. Crowe in June. They are living in Kansas City ... STANTON CADDEY has been awarded a fellowship at the University of Idaho's College of Mines to work toward his doctor of philosophy degree in geochemistry.