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"One should live today as though one is going to die tomorrow,
and farm today as though one is going to farm forever."

--Old farmers' saying

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AUDUBON NOTES

AS AN INTRODUCTION...

For the benefit of our new readers, this humble tabloid is the quasi-official voice of the Huxley community. Published weekly by the Huxley Environmental Reference Bureau (HERB)/Humus Collective, it contains articles, photographs, drawings, poems, announcements, reports, essays, letters, etc. by and/or concerning Huxley students and faculty and environmentalists in general. We do not have regular staff writers; hence our existence depends upon the interest and contributions of our readers. Any creative efforts which you may wish to donate will be greatly appreciated. Material for publication may be left in the HUMUS box outside the Huxley main office or in ESC 70.

THE COALITION FOR A SAFE ENVIRONMENT is interested in establishing nuclear-concerned groups on college campuses in Washington State, or making contact with already existing groups. If interested, contact:

Cindy Swanberg, Student Rep.
Coalition for a Safe Environment
319 N. Foote
Olympia, Wa. 98502

Several interesting programs sponsored by the North Cascades Chapter of the Audubon Society will take place in the near future.

On Oct. 18 at 6:30 PM there will be a potluck dinner/get-acquainted hour at the Roeder Home (2600 Sunset Drive). All interested students are welcome.

The regular monthly Audubon meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art. The program will feature Tony Angel, Seattle writer, artist, and environmental educator.

Following are the dates and times of the remaining Audubon Wildlife Films in this year's series:

"Down South Up the Nile", with J. Bristol Foster, 8:00 PM, Sunday, Nov. 17.

"Mexican Adventure", with C. P. Lyons, 8:00 PM Tuesday, Dec. 3.

"High Country" with Ruth Sterling, 8:00 PM Thursday, Jan. 9, 1975.

Student memberships in the Audubon Society cost \$7 and include a subscription to the colorful Audubon magazine. For further information, contact John Miles, ESC 72.

Huxley students looking for resources and references and a quiet place to browse through educational material related to their concentration now have a place to go. It's the Center for Environmental Education, located in room 72 next to the HERB office.

If you are interested in visiting schools, working with kids and applying methods in ecology, come to the "Center".

We will be holding regular meetings on Thursdays at 4:00 to discuss goals and opportunities in environmental education. For further information, contact John Miles, Center Director, or Dick Smith, Co-ordinator.

SAVE THE WHALES

SAVE THE WHALES: BOYCOTT JAPANESE GOODS T-shirts can be ordered through the HERB office for \$3.50 apiece. Ask Chris Abel for details.

SHORELINE-DEVELOPMENT NOTICES AVAILABLE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Seattle District) public notices regarding proposed projects are on file in the H.E.R.B. office. Decisions on whether or not to issue permits for projects are based on impact as expressed by public interest; citizen input is therefore solicited. So if you have comments, criticisms, etc., these notices will tell where to send them. Projects generally include such things as buildings, docks, sewage treatment plant outfalls, wharves, harbor maintenance dredging, and the like.



PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Bellingham-Whatcom governmental planning-related monthly meetings are as follows:

- Bellingham City Council--1st and 3rd Mondays, 8:00 PM, City Hall.
- Bellingham Board of Adjustments--2nd Tuesday, 8:00 PM, City Hall.
- County Planning Board -- 3rd Tuesday, 8:00 PM, County Courthouse.
- Bellingham Planning Board--3rd Wednesday, 8:00 PM, City Hall.
- Council of Governments--3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM, County Courthouse.
- County Board of Adjustments--4th Tuesday, 8:00 PM, County Courthouse.

Welcome, new students and returning students, to Huxley College. Your contributions to Huxley, and to the environmental welfare of the world, are needed now much more than they have been in the last few years.

Recent policy decisions in the U.S. show only too clearly that the "Earth Day Bandwagon" has all but stopped. A problem does not go away, however when it ceases to receive public attention. Environmental degradation has not slowed down or stopped, simply because fewer people care about it. On the contrary; because fewer people care, those who do are the more desperately needed. This is why the nation and the world need you now more than before.

We are entering a new period of environmental awareness. We seem to have recognized the problem areas and seem to be aware of the defects of current approaches to solutions. We are learning that a good part of the solutions lie in personal lifestyles: if we are to influence a whole society to be less consumptive of resources we must examine, and eventually rectify, the consumption patterns of individual lifestyles.

The Huxley program is still new and developing, and student input and criticism is especially important to it. We welcome your suggestions and criticisms on any aspect of what we are trying to do. Students have after all, been an integral part in making Huxley what it is.

Let me also introduce myself to you, since I am a newer addition to Huxley than many of you. My home is

Denver, Colorado although I lived for the past three years in South Florida, where I was chairman of the Department of Physical Sciences at Florida International University and Associate Director of the Center for Environmental and Urban Problems. I have been extremely active in various citizen conservation efforts since 1964. My special environmental area of interest is air and energy resources, although I have taken an active part in helping to establish several wilderness areas, (Weminuche Mt. Zirkel, Rocky Mtn. National Park, Marble) and one National Monument (Florissant).

This is my first time in the Pacific Northwest, and my first experience of life in a city with fewer than a million inhabitants. I am learning about Bellingham life but I hope to be able to interject a "big city" perspective into the education framework. Big cities are where the urban problems are.

Finally, I want to wish you well in your choice of environmental studies as your field of endeavor. I hope that you have made this choice out of love of life and love of the land, and that you will some day see yourself as a spokesman for the land, which has no voice of its own and needs yours all the more.

Ruth Weiner
Dean

SUMMERTIME PERSPECTIVES AND REFLECTIONS

While the bulk of the Huxley student community dispersed in a trans-continental emigration by mid-June of this year, I elected to remain in Bellingham and face the challenge of a tight job market. After some three weeks of lackadaisical searching, I ended up driving a forklift and stacking brick at a concrete-products plant.

Perhaps the most important insight I gained (next to acquiring a visceral grasp of why workingmen like to drink beer and watch TV) was an understanding of the labor class' perspective on environmentalism. When one earns one's money in other parts of the country or state and attends school here, it is easy to be opposed to those economic activities which detract from the beautiful natural environment of this area. However, when the choice is between having scenery or earning a living, what decision can one make?

"I'd hate to have to live in the city," my foreman stated once when I visited him on his forty-acre tract out on Smith Road. "People are stacked right on top of each other, and you hardly have any privacy. I'd hate to see things get built up like that out here."

"We're caught in a bind, though," I observed. "People have to move in and build houses if we're going to stay in business; but as long as they keep moving in, the area is going to get more crowded."

It's the kind of dilemma that leaves one silently chewing one's lower lip for long periods of time.

"So you're going back to school?" asked one of the workmen at the plant.

"Yeah."

"Too bad. You were just starting to get the hang of things. What are you studying?"

"Urban and regional planning", I answered, gingerly avoiding the term "environmental".

"You mean ecology?"

"That's part of it."

"Fuck, why the hell are you wasting time on that?"

"It's a wide-open field," I answered, handing up several more pieces of pumice flue-lining onto the truck.

"Yeah, everyone's getting on the bandwagon."

"Well, I don't want to see this area turn into an antheap like King County."

"Oh, hell, that won't happen here." He paused. "At least not for a long time. Say," he added, "is your home here in town?"

"Yes."

"At least you're not one of these damn outsiders."

It is a basic principle of economics that the more one has of any one economic good, the less is its per-unit worth. The same rule holds true for scenery and open space. Here in Whatcom County, which is rich in environmental quality yet economically depressed, many of our unemployed would be very happy to trade some of our clean air or uncluttered countryside for jobs in new industry or construction. And who can blame them? It is very easy for "eco-freaks" who don't work here to advocate preservation of Whatcom's environment even at the cost of high unemployment, but how many of us would feel the same if we had to find work and support our families here?

Granted, we must recognize the economic value of a quality environment and that industries should be required to pay for those "external" costs which they impose. Yet as long as Whatcom County's unemployment rate stands around 12%, the concept of zero economic growth will not be a popular one in this area.

--Eric J. Bowen

HUXLEY COLLEGE COMMITTEES SEEK STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Huxley College's academic, social, and community life is guided by its student-faculty governing committees. With the graduation of many of their members of last year, several of these committees are in need of new student members. Anyone interested in serving can contact one of the faculty members listed below:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>OTHER FACULTY</u>
Admissions	Lynn Robbins	H. Teasley, D. Vecchione
Community Affairs	Skip Everitt	R. Berg
Curriculum	John Miles	J. Newman, M. H. Yu
Personnel	Bill Summers	E. Gayden, G. Peterson
Policy	Ruth Weiner	G. Peterson, H. Webber

As we go to press, the final meeting times and places of these committees have not been decided. They will be announced sometime during the coming week.

KARMIC LIBERATING EXERCISES

1. Spend the night in an all-night cafe. Try to look inconspicuous. Watch who comes in and who goes by on the street.
2. Gather colorful autumn leaves (vine-maple are excellent). Tuck one or two behind your ears; give the rest to passersby. Note their reactions.
3. Unplug the television and turn the front to the wall for a week. Note the length of time required for this arrangement to seem normal.

-----PAPER CLIPS-----

Some detectives in Munich recently traced down a shipment of 100,000 clips, in order to find out where they go; they found:

- 25% had been used for attaching papers.
- 19,413 were used as chips by card players.
- 15,842 were topped with tissues and used as typewriter cleaners.
- 14,163 were nervously twisted into Dali-like shapes during telephone conversations.
- 7,212 were used to keep nylons up.
- 3,196 were used to clean smoking pipes.
- 5,434 served as toothpicks.
- 5,309 as manicure tools.
- 2,431 as screw tighteners.
- 7,000 missing.

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HERB COFFEE DEN & BEVERAGE BAR

NOW OPEN!!

Stimulants and suppressives are now offered for an anti-inflational price of 10¢ per cup to all students in the HERB Office, ESC 70. Coffee, (both Taster's Choice, Brim, and Sanka), Tea, Non-Dairy Creamer, and sugar are provided. Once our budgetary problems have stabilized, hopefully the price per cup will sink to the unbelievable low of 5¢. However, your assistance is desired. Should you find yourself a frequent visitor to our Bar, please try and bring your own cup. (You can leave it there.)and therefore save us the unenvironmental practice of providing plastic cups. While you are there, browse through our Reference Files, read one of our current environmental periodicals, or simply have a nice chat over environmental controversies with our informed staff. Bring your own cup and flavoring, and the hot water is free!!

