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Students \$1.00. TIME: 8:00 PM

JAN. 16 "MALHEUR: MARSH, MEADOW & MOUNTAIN"

FEB. 20 "UP COUNTRY UGANDA"

The black silhouette of an eagle — traditional arch-enemy of small birds — has proved to be a lifesaver for countless birds in danger of sudden extinction through collision with reflecting glass. Every day a dozen or more birds dashed themselves to death against the gleaming glass of a new office building which turned out to be smack-dab in the middle of the birds' normal flight path. A wide range of electronic warning devices and even an owl decoy were tried, but all efforts failed until black vinyl cut-outs of eagles were applied to the windows, inside. In more than two years, only a handful of birds have failed to heed the aquiline warning.



*Saved by a
silhouette*

* Note: November 10, the work crew at Beechwood got all their work done in the morning and had a wonderful hike in the afternoon. Because ACRES areas are growing in number and chores have increased, we have scheduled two winter WorkDay-FieldTrips. Hope you can join us and know our areas better by a working visit. We will be done by about 2:30 and heading home.

QUARTERLY COVER ARTIST is Mrs. David K. Snyder, Angola. Bonnie has two small boys and her family enjoys camping and biking. Using dried weeds, flowers and driftwood, Bonnie creates "Woodland Rustics" which she sells in the area.

RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE UPPER WABASH RIVER

Huntington College proposes a multi-year, varied program of scientific and educational activity centered around the restoration and revitalization of the arboretum and botanical gardens and the Huntington College Herbarium created in 1935 under the direction of Dr. Fred A. Loew.

The Loew Arboretum and Botanical Gardens continued to prosper until Dr. Loew's death in 1950. Faculty members and maintenance staff were able to maintain the area, but it ceased to grow or to be fully used.

Associated with the arboretum and botanical gardens is the Huntington College herbarium, a collection started by and kept up by Dr. Loew but added to over the years by other Huntington College faculty members.

Approximately forty acres of the campus constitutes the Loew Arboretum and gardens containing 700 specimens added by Loew. Loew's herbarium collection was intended to contain all the plants of Huntington County.

Geographically, Huntington College is located in the headwater area of the Wabash Basin. The northernmost limits of the basin can be found approximately 20 miles to the north and east in Allen County, Indiana in the Little River watershed. In the immediate vicinity, the Army Corps of Engineers has constructed three major flood control reservoirs on the Salamonie, Mississinewa and on the main stem of the Wabash at Huntington. An Upper Wabash Basin Resource Center, through the restoration of the Loew collections, will benefit the career opportunities of Huntington College students as well as 18 elementary and secondary schools in the surrounding area and students from Taylor University, St. Francis College, Ball State University and the regional campus of Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne. Huntington College intends to make the proposed facility and study center available to all of these institutions as well as to conservation, nature study and environmental groups for recreation and education. The arboretum and herbarium will open new opportunities for continuing education courses in nature study, plant taxonomy, and aspects of physical geography.

Loew spent most of his life as a teacher at Huntington College, and as a scientist was elected to both the Indiana and Michigan Academies of Science and to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. When he was not a teacher, or a student, Dr. Loew was involved in the social and political affairs of Huntington County. He was the county's first Agricultural Extension Agent. Loew set out to collect the river valleys of the Wabash, Salamonie and Mississinewa Rivers and to carefully note on a complex filecard system where each specimen was collected. He continued the work over nearly 20 years and as a result laid down an invaluable baseline of data.

Huntington College plans include the preservation and upgrading of the herbarium which includes more than 2,000 specimens of approximately 700 species; restoration of the Loew Arboretum and Botanical Gardens; upgrading the botany program of the college; and begin an upper Wabash study program to evaluate the effects of the reservoir construction on the plant life of the respective valleys.



WONDERS, GREAT AND SMALL
Do you pause to gaze in wonder
At the panoramic sight
Of a wind-swept desert canyon,
That seems to stretch for miles
Until it meets the sky of blue;
Yet miss the rugged beauty
Of the gnarled and barren trees
As they overlook the view?

Do you stand in awe while looking
At the splendor rising high
Of a mighty autumn forest,
So rich in flaming colors
From blazing red to burnish brown;
Yet miss the fragile flowers
Half-hidden by the falling leaves
That come gently drifting down?

Do you look with rapt emotion
At the rolling, churning waves
As they strike the rugged seacoast,
And then are transformed upward
In a veil of mist so fine;
Yet miss the sun-warmed pebbles,
Slowly polished by the sea,
That are found along the coast line?

Earth holds many kinds of wonders.
Some are great and some are small.
If we cherish them, care for them,
They will remain a gift for all.



Sharon Brommer

We travel together, passengers on a little
spaceship, dependent on its vulnerable resources
of air and soil; all committed for our safety
to its security and peace; preserved from
annihilation only by the care, the work, and,
I will say, the love we give our fragile craft.

—Adlai Stevenson,
from his final speech as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

ACRES winter dates

JANUARY 11

Friday Evening - Starting at 7:30 FILM FESTIVAL
Concordia Senior College lounge - Fireplace and refreshments, casual viewing of conservation films including: ACRES TV spots, Multiply and Subdue The Earth, Too Thick to Navigate - Too Thin to Cultivate, Glen Canyon, The Place Nobody Knew and more.

JANUARY 19

Saturday Morning - Meet at 10 AM sharp METEA TRAIL HIKE
Meet on west side of town square in Cedarville.
Dress warmly and bring lunch packed to carry in your pocket. The METEA Trail follows Cedar Creek. It is rugged and beautiful. Congressman J. Edward Roush, who has been extremely interested in Scenic River status for the Cedar Creek, will join our hike. We will be done by 2 PM.

JANUARY 26 *

Saturday - WORK DAY-FIELD TRIP at MENGERSON AREA
Meet at Mengerson Parking area, middle of 5800 block Stellhorn Rd. (if very snowy or icy, park in N.W. corner of Kroger lot) 9:30AM
Bring a lunch. Dress warmly. You will need sturdy work gloves.

FEBRUARY 8

Friday Evening - 7:45 DEATH OF A LEGEND
Concordia Senior College, North Classroom Building 201.
This film was produced by the National Film Board of Canada for the Canadian Wildlife Service, Department of Environment. It is the wolf's story in the heart of Canadian wolf country. The wolf, says this film, is one more aspect of the natural world that needs protection before it is too late. We will discuss endangered species.

FEBRUARY 16 *

Saturday - WORK DAY - FIELD TRIP at LONIDAW
Meet at east edge of Heritage House parking lot, 4747 N. Lima Rd. (Route 3 between I 69 and Bypass 30) 9:30 AM Bring lunch, dress warmly, wear sturdy boots and gloves.

MARCH 8

Friday Evening - 8:00 BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF CHARLES
PM DEAM

Concordia Senior College, North Classroom Building 201.
Mrs. Clinton L. Baumgartner will present an engaging discussion of the life and work of Charles C. Deam, famous Indiana plant taxonomist. Ernestine Baumgartner lives on the Deam property in Bluffton Indiana, this accounts partly for her keen interest and appreciation for Deam's life and work.

ANNUAL ELECTION COMPLETE

Newly elected ACRES Board of Directors members are: Bill Bloch, Jane Dustin, John Ellenwood, Florence Klotz and Dan McCain. Elected December 7, these five Directors will serve three year terms. The full Board again elected Robert Weber to serve as President; John Klotz and Frank Kirschner as Vice Presidents; Jane Dustin as Secretary and Ethyle Bloch as Treasurer.

ACRES STUDENT MEMBERS ! The Student Conservation Association will be accepting applications for their 1974 summer work program in the National Parks and Forests. There is a wide choice of High School wilderness groups and a number of Park and Forest assistant jobs for college undergrads and grads. Interested?

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