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WINTER EVENTS

JAN. 16

FRIDAY EVENING **INTERIOR ALASKA**

Fort Wayne YWCA, Room 26-28

7:30 ACRES OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS
(Coffee and Conversation)

8:00 Frank Kirschner, ACRES Vice President and
Soil Scientist will show slides and describe
his work and travels on a federal project in
the Alaskan interior this past summer.

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FEB. 21

SATURDAY at the ROPCHAN MEMORIAL NATURE RESERVE Near
Orland.

TIME: 9:00 AM **Hike and Trail Work**

Meet at the south end of the Marriott Inn Parking
lot (Washington Center, Coldwater Road, I-69 corner)

Bring: Lunch, Drink, wear warm clothing, waterproof
boots, work gloves, ax, saw, loppers, plastic
bags.

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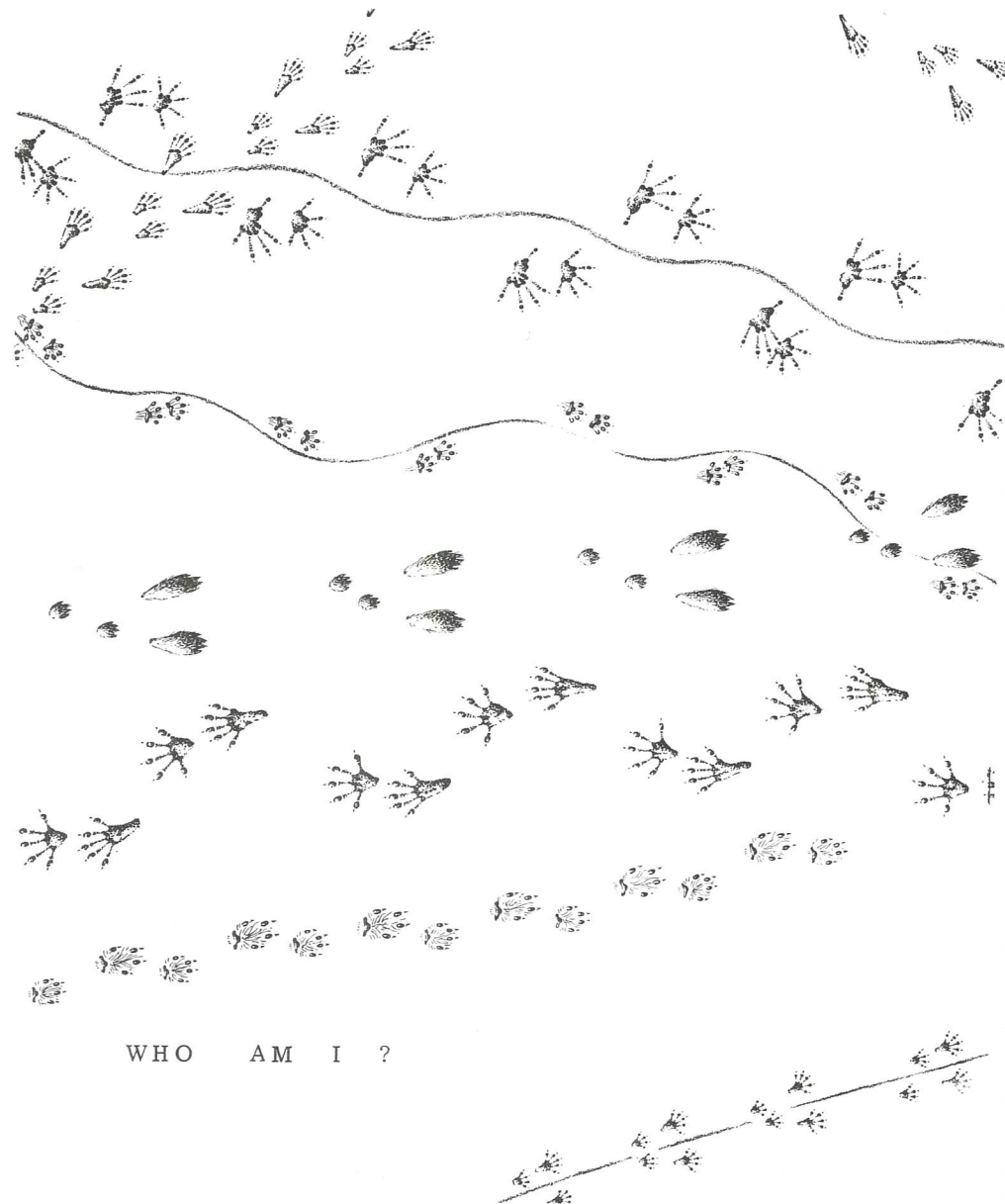
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FRIDAY EVENING

WHALES, DOLPHINS SEALS

7:30 PM Inspired by the Whale Symposium (Nov. 9-12 in
Bloomington) a group of ACRES student members,
in cooperation with Indiana University and
Purdue University, Fort Wayne present a program
of films, discussion and music on Whales, Dol-
phins and Seals.

PLACE: Room 146, Kettler Hall (IU-PU Campus, first
building off Coliseum Blvd. in the east wing)
Use parking areas on the east side of the
building for easy access.



WHO AM I ?

ENJOY A WINTER TREAT - Visit an ACRES area! The terrain comes alive
with shape and form not evident in summer. If you go to Noble County,
visit the Edna W. Spurgeon Woodland Reserve and enjoy the wooded knobs
there or The Lloyd W. Bender Memorial Forest with more gentle slopes
and river habitat and icy bottomlands. Lonidaw, near Kendallville
where giant trees take form and individual identity against a winter
sky. Enjoy a winter hike!

Gray Squirrel

TO THE OLD SETTLERS

Since the last glacier had retreated north,
Ten thousand years there lay in sun and rain
Land, dense with trees, yet near the grassy plain,
Awaiting people who would prove its worth.

Opposum

The timber fell and then the fields were plowed.
You built a church and graveyard on the knoll.
You felt no guilt that flintlocks took their toll,
Nor prayed to God, "Forgive our mushroom-cloud."

Cottontail
Rabbit

You lived with cows and horses from your birth,
And liked to watch wild prairie-chickens fly.
You never rode in jets that seam the sky;
You felt no sonic boom assault the earth.

Long-tailed
Weasel

With grip as firm as when you swung your axes,
You build a government, the schools, and trade.
We have kept on expanding all you made
Till fear of death gives place to fear of taxes.

Raccoon

Your life seems simple, its horizon tight,
From horse-and-buggy "Doc" to shaded grave.
But was there less of what we also crave:
Productive work, and love, and faith in Right?

Red Fox

You saw environs more as Nature planned:
The air unsullied and the waters clean.
Looking ahead, you could not have foreseen
Than men would swarm like locusts on the land.

White-footed
Mouse

I wonder, were you to look down from your star
To judge how we are rich, or how bereft,
By balancing what's used-up against what's left,
Might you then think We'd gone a bit too far?

Spirits of all whose dust made Wabash loam,
Watch over for us one unchanging treasure - -
A remnant of the past for future pleasure,
This cherished valley where you loved to roam.

By Alton A. Lindsey
(Prepared for ceremonies
dedicating Portland Arch
as an National Natural
Landmark.)

ROPCHAN MEMORIAL LAND ACQUISITION FUND ESTABLISHED

ACRES extends very sincere thanks to Sam and Adeline Ropchan for the establishment of this memorial fund to continue the purchase of natural areas in northeastern Indiana.

The Ropchans' generous assistance comes from their realization that natural areas, if they are to be set aside, must have acquisition action now, not later. ACRES President, Bob Weber, expresses the hope that the Ropchans' contribution will encourage ACRES membership toward new heights of support and participation in our natural area preservation goals. Thanks many times over to Sam and Adeline Ropchan!

SCA - STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Each year, this program offers National Forest, Park and Wilderness work opportunities to High School and College (grad and undergrad) students. Students interested in the '76 program should write at once:

Student Conservation Association, Inc.
Olympic View Drive
Route 1, Box 573A
Vashon, Washington 98070

ACRES ELECTION RESULTS

Re-elected for three more years of service to the ACRES Board of Directors are Jim Barrett, Ethyle Bloch and Pat Bolman. Two new Board members join our busy Board. Pat Pichon from Howe, Indiana and Jim Haddock from Kendallville will serve three year terms.

QUARTERLY COVER ARTIST is ACRES Vice President, Hy Goldenberg, Huntington, Indiana. His scratchboard creation depicts some of the fascinating sea creatures, subject of ACRES March winter meeting.

WE NEED THE TONIC OF WILDERNESS
We can never have enough of nature. We must be refreshed by the sight of inexhaustible vigor, vast and titanic features, the sea-coast with its wrecks, the wilderness with its living and its decaying trees, the thunder cloud, and the rain which lasts three weeks and produces freshets. We need to witness our own limits transgressed, and some life pasturing freely where we never wander.

Thoreau (Walden)

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