



Introducing "Between the Issues"

Despite our best intentions, JUSUN does not always get sent out to you as regularly as we would hope. We try our best but, somehow, it always takes longer than we think to do the writing, edit, typesetting, layout, printing, addressing, stamping and writing gentle renewal reminders on each issue of JUSUN. Each step along the way, JUSUN risks being left at the bottom of the pile, especially when we are confronted with deadlines for briefs to be presented or meetings to be organized. Then, of course, some of the material may become "dated" and we start all over again.

In the end, JUSUN is always an attractive, high quality, informative newsletter. But it is not as newsworthy or up-to-date as we would like it to be. Realistically speaking, we can't include notices about meetings or conferences unless they are scheduled quite far in advance. All in all, it seems that JUSUN is not the best vehicle for conveying short notices or urgent messages. JUSUN is better suited to longer, more in depth feature articles or reprints of briefs which we have submitted on a specific topic, for example.

We want to keep you up to date with meetings, announcements and short news items but we also want to provide you with the more substantive material you now find in JUSUN. The solution? We've decided to try a new system of publishing two types of newsletters: JUSUN and Between the Issues. They will be published on an alternating basis.

This is the first edition of Between the Issues. What do you think? We welcome your comments. If you like the name "Between the Issues" for example, we'll gussy it up for the next edition.

General Membership Meeting November 18

The current EAC Board of Directors is smaller than usual. On top of that, we lost Ken Powell to Toronto and Joanne Langley to Medical School! At the last Board meeting, we named Bessa Ruiz and Elizabeth May to fill those vacancies but we would still like to add to our numbers and increase our representation of the community of members. So at 7:45, November 18, prior to the environmental lecture to be given by Bob Fournier, there will be a special business meeting of EAC members to elect new representatives to the Board. If you have suggestions for nominations, please phone the office. Nominations can also be taken from the floor, provided the nominee is present to accept.



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Your New Executive

Election of the 1980/81 executive was postponed until after the summer when full numbers would be restored to our Board meetings. At the September 23rd meeting, the following were elected: Bessa Ruiz, President; Susan Guppy, Vice-President; John Wright, Secretary, Cathy Frazee, Treasurer. During a three month absence next Winter/Spring, Cathy will be replaced by John Scheibelhut. Ginny Point is the Staff representative to the Executive. Board meetings are generally the fourth Wednesday of the month; location varies. If you would like to attend a Board meeting (members are always welcome) call the office a few days ahead.

Membership Renewals

This is just a quick renewal reminder for those of you whose memberships have lapsed. Some of you may not even know whether your membership has expired. If it has, there will be a subtle red circle around the expiry date on your mailing label.

Ecology Action Centre depends on your membership for its very existence. Please renew today.

Note: the individual membership fee is raised to ten dollars. At five dollars, we could not even cover the cost of JUSUN. We hope you will understand.

Public Participation Policy for Environment Canada

Environment Canada is in the process of drafting a policy on Public Participation. We would probably all agree that this is a step in the right direction, but how useful it will be is going to depend very much on the specifics of the policy. Environment Canada will be holding public hearings, probably in November, to solicit input from the public on this proposed policy.

Book Sale - November 13

The urban committee is sponsoring a second hand book sale at the Dalhousie Student Union Building from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13. Proceeds will go toward reducing our costs associated with the Market Place Plaza Appeal. (There is still no word from the Planning Appeal Board on the matter.) We're looking for generous donations of used books for the sale. Books may be brought to the office any time between now and the sale, during normal office hours. We're also looking for volunteers to help with the book sale.

Volunteers Needed

So much of our work at EAC depends on the countless hours of time given by our members. But we still need more help! Anyone interested in giving a hand with typing phoning, bulk mailings, bake sales, clerical work, book sales, for example, please call us.

Acid Rain Conference, October 24 and 25 in Moncton

Ecology Action Centre and the Conservation Council of New Brunswick are jointly sponsoring a two-day conference on Acid Rain, to be held at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Moncton. See the attached brochure for details.

Ploughshares Conference: Foreign Policy Dialogue '80 October 24 and 25 in Halifax

Speakers for this thought-provoking conference include Ronald Huisken from the United Nations Centre for Disarmament; Professors Ken Booth and James Eayrs, both of the Political Science Department of Dalhousie University; Berit As, Member of Parliament of Norway; David Jones, Director of the Russian Research Centre of Nova Scotia and editor of "Soviet Armed Forces Review Annual."

Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 24. Lectures and discussions begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at approximately 3:30 on Saturday, October 25. All sessions will be held at the International Education Centre, St. Mary's University. For more information, please call 422-7361, local 262 or 254.



EAC Environmental Lecture Series, 1980/ 81

The Centre will be sponsoring another series of environmental lectures at the Nova Scotia Museum. The lectures will fall, usually, on the third Wednesday of each month. So far, the list of topics is as follows:

- Update on Point Lepreau
- Shopping Centres Reexamined
- Health Hazards of Mineral Mining in N.S.
- St. Margaret's Bay: Human Effects on a Marine Environment
- Urban Gardening
- Sustainable Agriculture: a Look at Developments at Home & Abroad
- Occupational Health
- Environmental Law

The first confirmed lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18. at 8:00 p.m. at the Museum. Bob Fournier, well-known science commentator for CBC's Information Morning Program, will deliver an informative and stimulating lecture on the topic of his choice. As soon as we find out what that topic is, we'll let you know! In any event, he is a terrific speaker and whatever he selects will, no doubt, be extremely interesting.

Urban Committee Notes

In addition to follow-up fundraising for Market Place Plaza, the committee is continuing work in the area of heritage resource preservation. We have applied to the Landmarks Commission to have Theatre 1707 on Brunswick St. and the Fisherman's Market designated as heritage resources. Let's hope these two buildings fare better than the Irving Arch which was demolished despite its designation as a heritage resource by the Landmarks Commission and Halifax City Council.

The committee is also investigating the proposed Sports Complex for Dartmouth, which is to be located on one of the remaining parcels of the Dartmouth Common Lands. While we supported the construction of a sports complex, it was felt that an alternate site should have been selected, thus preventing a further "whittling away" of the open common space.

Agriculture Committee Notes

The agriculture committee has some very promising plans for a travelling workshop on sustainable agriculture to tour various regions of the Province next spring. Anyone with suggestions or ideas about the workshop can phone the Centre and ask for Peggy Hope-Simpson.



Energy Notes

Susan Holtz is working on two substantial contracts in the energy field. The first is an investigation of Municipal Energy Management, working in conjunction with sixteen Nova Scotia municipalities to analyse the use of energy, with a view to improving the efficiency with which energy is used at the municipal level. This work is funded by a contract with the N.S. Department of Mines & Energy.

Her second major undertaking is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Law Foundation and tackles the question of "solar rights" by examining existing legislation and precedents around solar access. How do we properly protect a property owner's right to sunlight, for example?

In the spring, she will be updating the Soft Energy Path study which she and Bill Zimmerman prepared last year. This is part of a national contract arranged by Friends of the Earth, funded by Energy, Mines & Resources.

Susan will also be working on a contract organized by the Technical University of Nova Scotia to study the potential of waste biomass in the Province.

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PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM CANCELLED

October 6, 1980 - Ecology Action Centre announced today that it has been forced to cancel its neighbourhood paper recycling program. This paper collection service which was cosponsored by Ecology Action Centre, the Guiding and Scouting Movement and Coalition Supportive Services, has been in operation since October 1979 in Spryfield and since February 1980 in Fairview.

Paper recycling Coordinator Ginny Point identified questionable business practices in the paper recycling market as the main reason for the Centre's decision to cancel. "We have never received what we considered a 'fair price' for the newspaper we have collected," Ms Point said.

She explained that there is a high demand from the insulation companies in the Province for newsprint to be used for cellulose insulation. If the Centre had been able to deal directly with the insulation companies, it would have received approximately forty-five dollars per ton for newsprint instead of the twenty dollars per ton which it now receives from Scotia Recycling, according to Ms Point.

Ms Point said that all their attempts towards direct sales to the insulation companies were blocked by Scotia Recycling, the largest middleman buyer of recycled paper in the Province. "It is our understanding, for example, that Scotia Recycling has an exclusive contract to sell to most of the mills and insulation companies in Nova Scotia which use recycled paper," Ms Point continued.

On Friday, September 26, Scotia Recycling notified Ecology Action Centre that it is planning its own city-wide paper collection service. Their trucks will precede the City garbage trucks throughout the City and will collect that which they can identify as recycleable paper, Ms Point said.

"We have no intention of competing with Scotia Recycling for the paper. After all, our main goal is to see the paper recycled. We are disappointed with the way in which the issue was handled; however, we sincerely hope that Scotia Recycling will succeed in maintaining and strengthening the valuable service which began a year ago," commented Ms Point.

She concluded by saying that she would prefer the City to take an active role in terms of licensing or regulating any paper recycling program. If the service were tendered out, the City could require a performance bond to ensure that recycling was managed fairly and responsibly by the successful bidder.





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**Judge throws
book at Swiss
game hunter**

WHITEHORSE, Y. T. (CP)
— A Yukon judge has thrown the book at Swiss big-game hunter Heini Nussli, ordering him to translate Yukon gaming ordinances into German and write a 2,000-word essay on how the Yukon game branch might deal with foreign hunters like him.

Nussli, a former member of the Swiss parliament and mayor of Huttwilen for 30 years, and two other Swiss hunters were found guilty of hunting without proper licences by Magistrate Barry Stuart this week.

Nussli, convicted of illegally killing a black bear and mountain goat, was ordered to print 1,000 copies of his translation, giving 500 copies to the Yukon Territory and the remainder to international big-game hunting organizations. He was also fined \$1,600.

The other Swiss hunters, industrialist Fredicle Ursinger and surgeon Marshall Zimmerman, were fined \$15,000 and \$500 respectively. Ursinger was convicted on two counts under the Yukon game ordinance. Zimmerman was convicted on one count.

P.S. Judge Barry Stuart is a former professor of law at Dalhousie University. He is a supporter of EAC and was very active here in the area of environmental law.

Halifax Civic Election - Candidates' Questionnaire

The urban committee sent a short questionnaire to each candidate for mayor or alderman in the upcoming election. Candidates were asked to make their views known on the following topics:

- 1) Halifax's policy of not spraying city trees with chemical pesticides,
- 2) future uses for former Halifax Watershed Lands,
- 3) the future of the Fisherman's Market,
- 4) legislation which would give property tax concessions to property owners using alternative energy systems,
- 5) legislation which would protect a property owner's right to sunlight,
- 6) civic awards to be presented for exemplary building renovations or restorations,
- 7) demolition control legislation which would permit demolition of sound buildings only on approval of the building permit for the replacement building,
- 8) declaration of land holdings, assets and business dealings at the time of nomination.

The results of the questionnaire will be tallied and made public prior to the election. Anyone interested in further details can call Ginny at the office.

Courses offered by Part-time Studies and Extension,
Dalhousie University

(To register, please call Part-time Studies at 424-2375.)

- 1) WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY - Tuesdays, Feb. 3 to March 10 -
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Room 101, Dunn Physics Bldg.

There will be three sessions of theoretical and practical information on developing solar energy. A resource person from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College will discuss practical ways farmers can harness solar energy using 'around the farm' equipment. Three sessions will provide theoretical and practical information on wind energy. Instructors are Dr. David Gobel and Dr. Brad Blackwood of the Dalhousie Physics Department. There is a nominal fee.

- 2) AQUACULTURE - Wednesdays, January 7 to February 25 -

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in Room 2970 of the Life Sciences Bldg.

This course would be ideal for people considering starting an aquaculture venture in Nova Scotia. It consists of eight lectures and discussion and will describe existing and possible ventures in Nova Scotia as well as some undertakings in other parts of the world. Some practical problems involved in starting up aquaculture will be explored. The instructor is Gary Newkirk, Biology Dept., Dalhousie University. Registration fee is \$50.

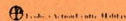
Social Activist Lille d'Easum Dies at 81

Lille d'Easum, one of the founders of the Canadian anti-nuclear movement, died August 13 in Vancouver. "Lille influenced people who developed their own groups," said ecology activist Joseph Roberts. "Out of contact with her, people like Fred Knelman (Montreal environmental activist) and Gordon Edwards (national chair of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility) got started."



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Robinson letters



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