

Whole Earth Days is finding sex in rocks

By BRENDA WEEKS

Whole Earth Days has come to York. Many were wondering what the hoopla was all about with Greg Martin's extensive advertising campaign which began weeks ahead of time. Martin and fellow coordinators have brought an impressive entourage of speakers announced by balloons and posters to conduct a search for the secret of life, here at York this week.

Tuesday marked Day One of the embarkment. We were invited to 'join the celebration' by a group of sincere symphonic singers. The 'warm vibes' they generated set the stage for the moderator, straight from a communal farm in King City, who assured the audience of the 'wonderful people here to speak today'.

Visiting from the University of Louisiana, with living proof that 'the earth is alive', Dr. John Waskom came forward.

"What is our consciousness in relationship to a rock? Do we ever ask ourselves if a rock has feelings?" These cryptic questions led to a consideration by Waskom on 'the bigger thing - Earth'.

"We are astronauts on a little ball in space, moving in a particular direction, and yet going somewhere with no purpose," Waskom said. Probing his audience further, he asked, "Have you ever tried to understand the universe?"

"Sometime I would like to give a lesson on the sex-life of a rock" Waskom declared. "Somehow or other rocks are considered sexless, and most people prefer to leave rocks to the geologists, saying that they have no real relationship to life," he continued.

Waskom defended the mineral kingdom to be every bit as viable as the man, animal, and plant kingdoms.

Organic gardening was the next topic that kept the ball rolling. John Philbrick, president of the Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association of North America

took the floor with his wife, Helen, who does home crafts.

"Life is intangible and invisible, so it is easy not to pay any attention to it," said Philbrick. Looking over at his wife beside him, he continued. "Women feel more about the life forces than men do, since they are creators of men."

Philbrick moved into safer territory, as he spoke of bee hives and maple sugar factories as other centres of life. His eyes glowed as he told of "the live stream that comes from the maple logs, which as they burn, release all the sun's energy that has gathered over the years".

Philbrick went on to clear up some of the controversy surrounding the life of plants.

"Plants are alive, and the cycles of the moon affect them. Just try watering your plants 48 hours before a full moon, and you will be amazed by the new buds and leaves that will spring up," Philbrick exclaimed.

"Just remember that the thought-world is the real world, and it takes its place beside life and love," Philbrick concluded, as his wife cleared her throat to speak.

It was easy to picture Mrs. Philbrick with a gardening hoe in her hand as she spoke so knowledgeably of the first gardeners, the Pilgrims, who were taught by the Indians, the native gardeners.

"The Indians assisted in organic gardening, for they showed the Pilgrims how to get better results by planting fish with their corn kernels," she said. "Companion planting was another lesson they shared, for they often planted pumpkins between the cornstalks. Some plants just like to work together," Mrs. Philbrick summed up.

New Earth Notes, the next talk, was not about gardening, but a testimonial on communal living from a man who's been there, and plans to go back.

Jerry Kvasnicka, editor of a monthly new lifestyle magazine from Colorado, spoke of



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today's disillusioned society as moving into the Golden Age of the Metaphysical Shopper.

"The idea has been to go back to the earth, back to the land," Kvasnicka said. "And there has been quite an interest in the communal counter-culture, where one could get away from the abuses of technology, the overstuffed bureaucracy, and away from all the distracting influences of the media."

Kvasnicka claimed his commune succeeded where so many others have failed, because, he and his colleagues were

"really into the flow of what they were doing" while so many of the early communes consisted of people only interested in "grooving out".

Workshop sessions covering everything from natural healing to wilderness survival were to follow. The next two days promised more of the same.

So step out of the whirlwind that engulfs you and your life, and see if you can get your head together with some of the Whole Earth ideas on cohesive living.

On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to the Communications Department, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Today, 12 noon - Development of Teaching Skills Seminar "The Dialectic of the Contemporary University" with Dr. Howard Adelman, Atkinson Philosophy Department - 108, Behavioural Science.

1:15 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Guest Speaker (Canadian Studies Program) "As I Saw it: the Office of the Prime Minister under Mackenzie King and Louis St. Laurent" with the Honourable J.W. Pickersgill, P.C. - 204, York Hall, Glendon.

2 p.m. & 7 p.m. - Computer Services Course - "Introduction to Basic" introduces the user to the use, structure and concepts of the language - to register call local -6308 - T124, Steacie.

4 p.m. - Lecture (Physics) "Seismic Activity in the Mica Dam Region" by Dr. H. Dragert, Department of Geophysics and Astronomy, University of British Columbia - 317 Petrie.

4:30 p.m. - Guest Speaker (Visual Arts) "What is a Work of Art?" with Professor Frances Sparshott, University of Toronto - 312, Fine Arts.

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - Communications & Interpersonal Relationships (Centre for Continuing Education) "Theory of Small Group Dynamics I" with Alex Owen - general admission \$6; \$4 for students - 107, Stedman.

Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - EDEXS Symposia Series (Education, Centre for Continuing Education) "Severe Communication disorders" - general admission \$8 - 038, Administrative Studies.

Monday, 4:30 p.m. - Biology Research Seminar - "Acoustic Communication in Katydid (green crickets)" with Dr. Glen Morris, Erindale College - 320, Farquharson.

Tuesday, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. - Computer Services Course - "Introduction to JCL" - working knowledge of some high-level processor necessary - to register call local -6308 - T124, Steacie.

Wednesday, 12 noon - Development of Teaching Skills Seminar - "Using Undergraduates as Teaching Assistants" with Judy Snow, Psychology Department - 108, Behavioural Science.

12 noon - 1:30 p.m. - Women in Business (Women's Resource Centre, Administrative Studies) a forum to acquaint Women with graduate study at York in public and business administration; speakers include Dean Crowston, Professor Alice Courtney and Professor Ronald Burke - 034, Administrative Studies.

4:30 p.m. - Chemistry Winter Seminar Series - "Enzyme Models Based on Non-Covalent Binding of Substrates" with Dr. J. Peter Guthrie, University of Western Ontario - 317, Petrie.

7:30 p.m. - International Women's Year: Lecture Series (Arts, York Colleges) "Sociological Perspectives on Women" with Anne-Marie Henshel, York's Sociology Department - Club Room, Bethune.

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Today, 3 p.m. - Natural Science Film - "Generation Upon Generation" from the Ascent of Man series - G, Curtis.

8:30 p.m. - Performing Arts Series (Fine Arts) featuring actors Shami Chaikin, Paul Zimet and Michelle Collison in "Electra" directed by Joseph Chaikin, written by Robert Montgomery - general admission \$5; \$4 for staff; \$3 for students - Burton.

Friday, 8:30 p.m. - Film (Winters) "My Name is Nobody" - general admission \$1.50 - I, Curtis.

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. - Concert (Absinthe Coffee House) featuring Carol Hanson - 013, Winters

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Monday, 8 p.m. - Films-Discussion (Stong) "Tamara's Tapestry World" and "Wild Rice", documentaries by Tadeusz Jaworski, will be screened - Tamara and Tadeusz Jaworski will discuss the films - Senior Common Room, Stong.

Tuesday, 12 noon - 2 p.m. - Concert (Music) with members of the York Jazz Workshop - Junior Common Room, Bethune.

3:15 p.m. - Le cinéma québécois (Humanities 383.3) "Souris, tu m'inquiètes" (Aimée Danis, 1974) et "Il y eut un soir, il y eut un matin" (Pierre Patry, 1964) - A210, York Hall, Glendon.

8:30 p.m. - Concert - the Glendon College Orchestra, under the direction of Alain Baudot, will perform, soloists include Carolyn Jones (pianist) in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20, K.466, and Barry Craig (clarinetist) in Karol Kurpinski's Clarinet Concerto - the programme will also feature Beethoven's Second Symphony in D Major - Old Dining Hall, Glendon.

Wednesday, 3:15 p.m. - Film (Humanities 373) "Emitai" (Sembene Ousmane; Senegal, 1971) - 129, York Hall, Glendon.

7:30 p.m. - Screening (Film) "Hester Street" - with visit of producer and director of film, Raphael and Joan Silver - L, Curtis.

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Today, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - AIESEC - office is open Monday through Friday at this time - 020, Administrative Studies.

8 p.m. - Eckankar - 103, Winters.

Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters.

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Badminton Club - Upper Gym, Tait McKenzie.

Monday, 2 p.m. - Christian Science Organization - testimony meeting (library facilities available on request) - 030A, Winters.

7:30 p.m. - York Bridge Club - Founders Dining Hall.

8, 9, 10 p.m. - Hatha Yoga - 202 Vanier.

Tuesday, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Israel & Judaica Study Group - S173, Ross.

6 p.m. - Gay Alliance at York - 226, Bethune.

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Stamp Club - S173, Ross.

7 p.m. - Self-Defense for Women - Bethune Cafeteria.

8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - Scottish Country Dancing - admission 50c - Dance Studio (2nd floor), Vanier.

Wednesday, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Coin Club - S173, Ross.

MISCELLANEOUS

Today, 12 noon - 4 p.m. - Whole Earth Days Conference (CYSF) conclusion - today's programme includes: 12:00 noon - Original Musical Drama Presentation "Room for Living" with John Swain and Sound Matrix; 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Speakers - "Spiral: The Nature of Design" with Dr. John Waskom; "Congregation of Life Forces" with John Philbrick; "Earth Tones" with Jerry Kvasnicka; "The Source: Being There" with Alan Hammond - L, Curtis; 4 p.m. - Concluding Remarks - speakers will be present' refreshments served - S872, Roos.

Friday, - Muslim Students Prayer Meeting - for time, location call 633-3821 or 537-1087.

Sunday, 7 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - 107, Stedman.

Monday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Religious Counselling - call P. John Varghese, S.C.M. Chaplain at 671-3664 (each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; same time, location) - 205, Vanier

12 noon - 2 p.m. - Visual Art from the Bible - 221, Stong.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - President Macdonald at Glendon - for an appointment call Mrs. Goodman at 667-2223 - President's Office, York Hall, Glendon.

6 p.m. - Student Served Dinners - every Monday through Thursday - Winters Dining Hall.

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - call Chaplain Judt at 661-7838 or 633-2158 - 226, Founders.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - York Christian Fellowship - non-denominational - Music Room, McLaughlin.

9:30 p.m. - Panel Discussion - "Public Land Ownership: What Difference Does It Make?" with discussants Ann Louise Stong, Professor of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania; Chester Hartman, author and urbanologist (San Francisco); William Doebie, Professor of Advance Environmental Studies in the Field of Implementation, Harvard University; Hans Blumenfeld, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Toronto; and Ephraim Diamond, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cadillac Fairview Corporation (Toronto) - fourth and final videotaped session from the Public Land Ownership Conference at York, November 13 - 15 - CICA-TV, Channel 19.

COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

Absinthe Coffee House - 039, Winters College (2349)

Ainger Coffee Shop - North Entrance, Atkinson (3544)