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SCIENCE NOTES

Olympic Field Seminars

The United States Department of the Interior will hold "Olympic Field Seminars" between June 26 and October 4. The 1987 schedule includes seminars at Olympic National Park, Mount Rainier National Park and Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument (in Gifford Pinchot National Forest).

Seminar topics will include archeology, photography, writing, ecology and studies of the area plant and animal life. They will run between two and five days in length and cost between \$30 and \$200, depending on the nature of the workshop. Most seminars are offered for credit through Western Washington University at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

The seminars will be conducted mainly in the field and will require some hiking. It is suggested that class members be in reasonably good physical condition to prevent injuries.

More information and registration materials may be obtained by writing to Olympic Field Seminars, Olympic National Park, 600 East Park Avenue, Port Angeles, WA 98362-6798 or by phoning (206) 452-4501 ext. 227.

— S.A.A.

Biotech Film Available

"Of the Earth: Agriculture and the New Biology," a new film showing the applications of biotechnology to agriculture, is now available for classroom use. The film shows how new technology will make the American farmer more efficient and more competitive in the world marketplace.

This 28-minute documentary deals with the engineering of beneficial microbes and crop plants, and specific applications of biotechnology, including virus resistance in plants, increased protein in corn and the use of microbes to protect plants from frost and insects. Interviews with ten top scientists, including Nobel Laureate Paul Berg, round out the presentation.

The 16-millimeter film or a videotape (1/2 inch only) can be reserved on a free loan basis by writing to Modern Talking Pictures, Inc., Scheduling Department, 5000 Park Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, or by calling (813) 541-5763. All orders should specify #18891, the film's identification number.

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Chemistry Project Booklet Out of Print

The booklet entitled, "A Chemistry Project from Start to Finish," which was announced in the winter issue of *ISTJ* as available from the American Chemical Society, is now out of print. The number of requests and orders has been so extensive that ACS is asking that no additional requests be sent until there is a news release of availability.

— C.W.B.