

Greenpeace Whale Show Tremendous Success

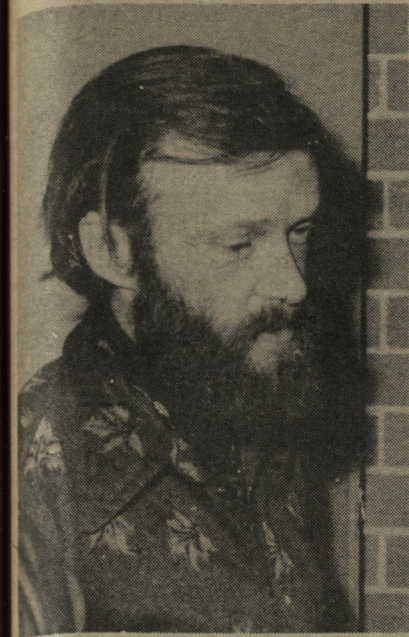


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Bob Hunter on his way Out of the Auditorium

If you weren't one of the approximately 150 people in attendance to hear Bob Hunter and the Greenpeace Whale Show you really missed out on a rewarding and exciting experience.

Bob began his lecture by remarking that Greenpeace was not a group of "Conservationists" but rather they were "Preservationists."

He went on to explain the origin of Greenpeace from the "Don't Make a Wave Committee." This group planned to sail into the Nuclear test area around the Aleutian Islands. "Greenpeace" was what the boat "Phyllis Cormack" was renamed to take the Committee on their protest voyage.

In the spring of 1972 the test site was closed down and the Amchitka has been turned into a bird sanctuary. That same year they sailed to France to protest the testing of nuclear explosions on the atmosphere.

During the protest the crew of the Greenpeace ship were harassed unbelievably. They were rammed, arrested and finally the Captain and Navigator was beaten with rubber truncheons.

Captain McTaggart lost partial sight in his left eye.

Bob then went on to explain their involvement in the preservation of whales. Slides were shown with a taped narration which held for the audience a combination of beautiful music and breathtaking photography. Towards the end of the slides and the first of two films the audience witnessed the senseless slaughter of one of the most developed mammals to have gained existence on this world (and to be losing their existence).

I don't think words alone can depict the useless feeling that comes over you while watching these great beasts being slaughtered.

Mr. Hunter went on to explain their plans for the future. They will be going out once again this year to protest the slaughtering of whales but in addition to this they hope to bring an acute awareness to another related problem, the slaughtering of the harp seal pups.

It was only two or three decades ago that the harp seals numbered nearly 30 million. Now, they are down to less than a million and the Canadian Government is allowing the slaughter of over 120,000 this year

by Norwegian and Canadian vessels.

A film was shown narrated by Jack Lord (Book him Dan-0 Murder One) which showed the seals in their natural habitat before showing the slaughter of these pups.

Greenpeace is taking a fourteen man expedition to save the seals. They plan to take a green indelible dye which is harmless to the seals. The hope is that with green markings on the pelts they will be worthless hence they won't kill those pups.

In this one article I can't even attempt to explain the ordeal and plans of the Greenpeace. All I can do is ask you to talk to someone who heard the lecture. Anyone who was there can probably give you an insight to the plight of the seals and the whales.

If you would like more information on Greenpeace or would care to make donations contact myself (if necessary through the Student Union Office) or Barry Peters, President of the Biology Club and we will be glad to help in any way.

The Biology Club will be selling posters and tee shirts from the Greenpeace Foundation so watch for them.

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Greenpeace camera crew approaches Soviet whalers

Rex Wyler Photo

FOR SKANA AND HYAK
by Gay Lefroy

They're kings of the Sea!
No other animal do they fear;
Save Man.
Travelling in pods. Wild
and Free
These black and white beauties strike an awe in me and yet as invulnerable as they seem to be; These creatures so much larger than we have fallen prey to mans insatiable greed. Some go to aquariums where they're put on display. They put shows on

for us day after day - after day.
They're well fed and clean, healthy and strong;
But I can't help thinking we are terribly wrong,
For Hyak and Skana were meant to be free!
Living their lives in the open sea!
So please let's free them from their sentence in jail
There should be no boundaries for the Killer Whale.

Unemployment Riots Threaten

WASHINGTON (ENS-CUP) --- The much-heralded "patience" of the growing legions of the unemployed may not last through 1976. The Christian Science Monitor reports that economists and social scientists are beginning to fear that the huge unemployed work force in the US may resort to concerted action and social disruption as their numbers continue to increase.

The reason for the concern is that the rate at which the unemployed are exhausting their unemployment benefits is about to soar. This year, the total number of workers who will exhaust the 65 week of benefits is expected to be slightly over 400,000. But during 1976, that figure is expected to top 750,000, according to government statistics.

Plants Suicidal?

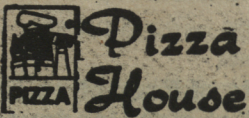
MICHIGAN (ZNS-CUP)--- A University of Michigan scientist who last year discovered that plants commit suicide, now says he knows how the plants kill themselves - although he doesn't know why.

Furthermore, most economists are predicting that the unemployment figures will not improve next year, but hang right around 7.5 to 8.5 percent. And neither the major labor unions nor the legislature currently have any plans pending for extending benefits or otherwise coping with the mounting crisis.

Professor Larry Nooden, studying under a department of agriculture research grant, says he found plants that want to end it all release what he calls a "killer hormone." He says the killer hormone spreads throughout the plant, causing a color change and eventual death.

The result, say many experts, may be organized riots in the bicentennial year.

Nooden says the killer hormone appears usually at the time the plants begin to flower or develop pods. Why some plants commit suicide, Nooden says, "remains a mystery."



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