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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

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September 18, 1969

Dear Professor Rogers:

Enclosed is a preliminary announcement of a one-day symposium at the AAAS 1969 Annual Meeting to be held in Boston next December. The symposium is to concern itself with undergraduate studies in environmental sciences. Garrett Hardin of the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California has agreed to deliver the second 40 minute talk on the subject of long range programs. The first speaker is yet to be chosen.

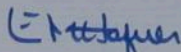
I am asking you to suggest names of other people who should receive direct notification of this symposium, particularly if they might wish to make a major contribution. Their professional activities should include human ecology and environmental studies, especially as expressed in undergraduate programs or courses either planned or in operation.

Student participation in the symposium is an experiment in response to a growing positive current of student concern. Undergraduates across the country have already formed extra-curricular groups concerned with environmental problems. Courses centered on these problems have had excellent student response. There is growing recognition of an enormous educational need.

The success of the AAAS experiment will depend on the quality of the student contribution. I am therefore soliciting your recommendations of possible student participants and observers. Please include outstanding high school students if you have contacts among them. Students will need to submit brief biographies and recommendations if they wish us to help with their expenses as participants. Support will be sought for about fifty students.

I would welcome questions from you and a brief account of your activities. With your permission, I would make such information available to the symposium participants. Also I look forward to the possibility that you may be interested in an active role at the symposium. If you are, let me know immediately in order that our plans can materialize.

Yours sincerely,



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SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENT

AAAS ANNUAL MEETING

Boston: December, 1969

TITLE Undergraduate Studies in Environmental Sciences
ARRANGER E.M. Hafner, Hampshire College
TIME One day (Two 3-Hour Sessions); December 27, 1969

SYNOPSIS In the face of a rising tide of danger to the quality of man's environment, American scientists and educators are beginning to build academic support for the study or environmental science as a new discipline. Their aim is to place it beside the conventional sciences with full and equal status, thus to attract talented students to intensive preparation for new and continuing crises in the decades ahead. It is essential to such preparation that it not be delayed beyond the years of undergraduate study. The symposium will look at ways in which colleges are planning to meet the challenge. It will also invite the participation of students already committed to the ideals of the movement, and who have organized themselves for the purpose of giving it additional force and direction.

SPEAKERS The first session is organized around two principal statements of 40 minutes each on the topics:

"Education for Today's Ecological Crisis", (speaker to be chosen)
"Education for Tomorrow", Professor Garrett Hardin.

followed by a discussion among expert witnesses of the movement. The second session, with similar format, will be organized by leaders of the national student movement toward the environmental sciences. Under the direction of Joseph Rhodes, Junior Fellow at Harvard, they will choose their speakers and discussants for maximum coverage of viewpoints of the problem.

AUDIENCE The symposium should attract academic and industrial scientists with concern for the movement, and students who are or will be involved in the new college programs.

PUBLICATION Papers presented to the symposium will be submitted for publication in Environment, the official publication of the Scientists' Institute for Public Information.

AAAS SYMPOSIUM: BOSTON, DECEMBER 1969

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