

Restoration Ecology Conference Slated

A half century of restoration research at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum will be commemorated Oct. 11 and 12, 1984, with a symposium to explore the value of ecological restoration as a technique for basic research. Entitled "Restoration Ecology: Theory and Practice," the symposium also will examine the role of experimental and theoretical ecology in the development of "the science and art of community and ecosystem restoration."

The registration fee of \$40 (through Sept. 28) covers admission to all sessions, two lunches, an evening banquet, and a tour of the UW Arboretum. Speakers come from Michigan, Wisconsin, California, Minnesota, Florida, Liverpool, England, and North Wales, and will address basic questions on the role of soil and climate in community development, introduction of species, community structure and species diversity, assembly of communities, plant-soil interactions, nutrient cycling and mycorrhizae, competition, succession, and the role of fire and other disturbances.

The presentation is designed for scientists, managers, administrators, and others interested in ecosystem restoration and development. Contact is Nancy Dopkins, UW Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Highway, Madison, WI 53711, or (608) 262-2746.