

## Midwest Region

From Gary Willson, Ecologist, Operations, for the Region, comes word of an article from the *Journal of College Science Teaching*, written by Dr. James Jackson who has conducted contract research for the Regional Office at George Washington Carver National Monument and Fort Scott NHS. The article (in the November 1985 issue) describes the unique opportunities for funded research and employment for undergraduates in national park sites – specifically junior and senior level students at Missouri Southern State College working at George Washington Carver. Major research objectives were to collect baseline data on the prairie vegetation, water quality, and small mammal populations, helping park officials develop management plans and “to restore the historic scene . . . wherever practicable.”

A memorandum from Gentry Davis, Monument superintendent, in reply to a congratulatory note from Director Mott, described the research program “which answers specific needs identified by management,” which provides opportunities for 30 undergraduate students annually to conduct hands on research, and which requires an annual outlay of only \$1,000 on the part of the park.

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Dr. Douglas A. Wilcox, Research Aquatic Ecologist at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, was recently named by the Board of Directors of the Society of Wetland Scientists to be the new Editor-in-Chief of its professional journal, *Wetlands*. The Society of Wetland Scientists is an international organization of research and resource management personnel with major professional interests in the biology and management of wetlands. Dr. Wilcox has been an associate editor of the journal for three years and will succeed the current editor, Dr. Gene Silberhorn, in early 1987. His role will be to form a new board of associate editors, each with technical expertise on a specific subject matter, distribute submitted manuscripts to them for review, make final decisions on suitability of papers for publication, make decisions on journal format, and coordinate activities with the publisher and abstracting services.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore reports the completion of an action plan for endangered and threatened plant species. The plan was developed by George Oviatt as part of the project requirements for the Resources Management Trainee Program.

The action plan, while specifically addressing lakeshore species, provides guidelines for dealing with both state and federally listed plant species. Policy for collection, survey and restoration is discussed as well as the format for a ten-year program to monitor these species.

Copies of the plan entitled "Action Plan for Endangered and Threatened Plant Species within Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore" are available from the Resources Management Branch, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN 46304.