

Auditioning

AudioVisuals

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Cry of the marsh, 12 min., color, sound, 1969. Bill Snyder Films, Fargo, N.D.

This striking, affective film contrasts the serenity and beauty of a marsh with the destructive forces of man's assault on it. Through a combination of excellent photography and natural sounds—there is no narration—the film portrays the draining of the marsh and the subsequent decline of plant and animal life. The film would make a good introduction to a discussion of ecology, conservation, and the preservation of natural resources. This film "tells it like it is" without a spoken word.

Tom Held

Man's natural environment: crisis through abuse, two sound filmstrips, color, plus two 12-in. LPs (\$35) or two cassettes (\$39); with discussion guide. 1969. Guidance Associates, Pleasantville, N.Y., in cooperation with the Associated Press.

Here is a highly recommended, shocking overview of the man-made crises of air, water, and noise pollution and the population explosion. The death of Lake Erie, the Santa Barbara oil leak, the threat to animals in Everglades National Park, the pesticide issue, and the refuse problems of the nation and of New York City in particular—all are clearly shown with dynamic visuals, accompanying sound effects, and narration. The filmstrips include comments by Glenn Seaborg, Sen. Gaylord Nelson, Stewart Udall, and Barry Commoner.

The following three 16-mm color films were produced by the Institut für Film und Bild and are distributed by Films, Inc., Wilmette, Ill. They consist chiefly of animated and still perspective drawings, which would not only inform but would also promote discussion, from junior high through college, about human growth and development. *Female Cycle* (8 min.) presents the cycle of menstruation. *Puberty in Boys* (10 min.) shows how sperm are produced and ejaculated and the effect of the male hormones on the vocal cords, body growth, and hair growth. *Pregnancy and Birth* (12 min.) first shows drawings of the female sex organs and then fertilization, cell division, and attachment to the uterine wall. An animated sequence shows exchanges between placenta and embryo and the

changes in body size of the female during pregnancy. Two short live scenes of a baby being born and given to the mother conclude the film.

The new A. B. Dick Co. biology film series, *Concept*, consists of 25 magnetic sound, 8-mm film cartridges, each approximately 5 minutes long. Each film has a teacher's guide and a student guide; the latter is on a spirit master for duplication. Nine of the loops show biologic techniques; the others, biologic investigations. Also available are film series in chemistry and physics. The films could be used by individuals or small groups to supplement other activities in biology. Each cartridge (\$27.50) can be projected only on the new A. B. Dick sound projector (\$149.50), which has a small built-in screen.

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Publications

Available from Field Services, Audio-Visual Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. 47401 is a list of films that examine some of the critical issues confronting America today. They are grouped under the following headings: drugs; alcohol and tobacco; technology and man; poverty; family and community life; black America; the inner city; and urban development. These films, from the anthology *America in the 70's*, are available for purchase or rental.

A well-illustrated and concise presentation of the fundamentals of TV engineering, production, reception, and recording, TV staff, planning the ITV system, and where to get help is available for \$1.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The title is *Instructional Television Facilities: Planning Guide*.

A catalog of National Broadcasting Co. documentaries and network specials, available in 16 mm for classroom use, can be obtained from NBC Educational Enterprises, New York City.

The fourth edition of *New Educational Materials* is available from Scholastic Magazines, Inc., for \$3.75. Organized by grade level and subject, it is a compilation of reviews and evaluations by teachers of recent films, recordings, books, multimedia kits, filmstrips, transparencies, film loops, and teaching-learning games.

Multimedia Catalog of science mate-

rials lists 16-mm and 8-mm films, filmstrips, and transparencies available from Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y.

The September 1970 issue of *Audio-Visual Communications* contained the second edition of "Audio-Visual Equipment and Production Directory," which provides sources of information on products and services.

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Sound 8-mm Film Source Directory is available from Technicolor, 1300 Frawley Drive, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627. It lists films that are cartridge for use with the Technicolor sound projectors. Also available from the same source is *Silent 8-mm Film Source Directory*.

Instructional Television Facilities: A Planning Guide is available for \$1 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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