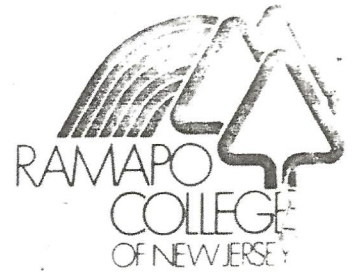


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December 18, 1981

Mr. Stephen Tarnell
Executive Director
Weis Ecology Center
150 Snake Den Road
Ringwood, NJ 07456

Re: Proposal for Funding

Dear Mr. Tarnell:

Ramapo College of New Jersey herewith proposes to Weis Ecology Center funding for \$6,000, to be sent to the Ramapo College Development Fund, commencing January 1, 1982 to be used in cooperative projects, internships teacher participation and conferencing toward the goal of increasing awareness and sensitivity to the environment and nurturing the development of environmental studies.

We are intending and stating that this funding be used over a two year period.

It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a productive and mutually beneficial relationship between Ramapo College and the Weis Ecology Center. This relationship will involve work with the Office of Research and Development of the College, the Director of the Weis Ecology Center, the Program Coordinator of the Weis Ecology Center and the staff of the School of Environmental Studies and related programs currently in existence at Ramapo College.

In the coming funding year, 1982, we will continue to explore other areas of mutually beneficial funding i.e. micro computers for the development of human ecology programs at Ramapo College School of Theoretical and Applied Science.

We thank you for all your assistance and your prompt attention to the document.

Very truly yours,

Ann Meckler
Director of Grants

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cc: Vice Pres. A.T. Jacobs
Messers. H.S. Kaufman, R. Shine, R. Bond, R. Graham, E. Winshell, L. Wormack,
W. Makofske, P. Savio, R. Pasvolsky
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December 21, 1981

Ms. Ann Meckler, Director of Grants
Ramapo College of New Jersey
505 Ramapo Valley Road
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430

Dear Ms. Meckler,

Thank you for your proposal for funding received here December 19, 1981.

On behalf of May Weis and the Weis Ecology Center we are pleased to award Ramapo College Six Thousand Dollars.

The purpose of this funding is to pursue mutually beneficial projects toward the goal of increasing awareness and sensitivity to the environment and nurturing the development of studies in this important area.

We envision the application of this award to include internships at Weis, teacher participation, conferencing and other related cooperative projects. The scheduling for all the above will be coordinated jointly by yourself, the respective department heads and staff, the program coordinator of W.E.C., our program committee representative and myself.

May Weis, the Board and staff of the Weis Ecology Center hope that this is the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship. We are looking forward to working out the details and jointly confronting our challenge for the 1980's...preservation and regeneration of the environment.

Sincerely yours,


Stephen E. Tarnell

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cc: May Weis
J. Bloch
W. Grant
J. Wyckoff

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DOROTHY ECHOLS
FROM: ANN MECKLER *aw*
DATE: JANUARY 17, 1984
RE: WEIS ENDOWMENT

Dr. Leonard Weis, the son of the late May Weis, has turned over stock to the college which will net approximately \$26,000. An additional \$26,000 will be donated shortly by Dr. Weis. The interest from this sizable endowment is to be used to permanently fund the May H. Weis Student Internship programs in Environmental Studies.

Dr. Weis wants to be sure that he donates enough so that we can keep the same level we have in the past, per year, and has expressed his wish that if there are \$300 to \$400 in personnel expenses here, this too can be used as part of the internship program.

As a part of this understanding, the money is ours to keep only so long as we maintain some form of environmental studies at the college that will produce qualified interns.

I am very pleased with this first endowment for the college.

/es

cc: P. Bischoff
F. Brodzinski
J. Kabat
W. Hayes
W. Makofske
D. Echols
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Mrs. May Weis, 89, of New York City, a pioneer activist in environmental issues, recently donated funds to Ramapo College which will enable two students to serve as interns at the Weis Ecology Center in Ringwood, N.J.

A graduate of Barnard College, Mrs. Weis serves as honorary chairman of the environmental committee of the National Council of Women of the United Nations which works with 72 member-nations. She is the author of two booklets, "Water and Arid Lands" and "The World Meteorological Organization."

"We look to college-age students to carry on the concern for our environment," said Mrs. Weis at a recent luncheon in her honor at the four-year state college. She added, "Environmental ethics are the basis on which we can learn international peace."

Mrs. Weis established the Weis Ecology Center in 1974 on a 120-acre site which includes an old iron mine, cascading waterfalls, and forested wilderness. It was her founding hope that the center will help people to realize the importance of safeguarding our environment.

The two Ramapo College students who will benefit from Mrs. Weis' generosity this summer are Nancy Theissen, a junior human ecology major from Franklin Lakes, and Diane Hynes, an environmental studies co-major from Westfield.

June 2, 1982

Ramapo College and Weis Ecology Center establish joint program. Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ, and the Weis Ecology Center in Ringwood, NJ, have joined forces to establish an innovative environmental education program in northern New Jersey between a public and private institution.

A two year grant of \$6,00 from the Center to the College funds the establishment of two May H. Weis internships named after the Center's ^{89 year old} benefactress.

The interns, Nancy Theissen and Diane Hynes, are both involved in working towards degrees in Ramapo's School of Environmental Studies. These students work at the Weis Ecology Center from May of 1982 through the end of September and will act as a liaison between the institutions in the development of programs, using the facilities at the Center and at the College. Mr. George T. Potter, President of Ramapo College, hailed the new ties between the College and the Center as a major step toward helping people in the State of New Jersey to maintain a sense of environmental awareness. Stephen Tarnell, Executive Director of the Center, and Terrence O'Leary, were optimistic and enthusiastic about this relationship. Mr. Tarnell said: "We have a need for interns and Ramapo College has a need for the kind of practical hands-on experience that we offer at our Center."

The Weis Ecology Center is a 160 acre private non-profit environmental and recreation center located off Snake Den Road in Ringwood. It was incorporated in 1975 to promote ecological relationships and to afford the general public an awareness and understanding of nature.

Ramapo College, which was established in 1970, has, since its inception, had a School of Environmental Studies consisting of an interdisciplinary faculty committed to environmental education and issues.

Office of the
President



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March 31, 1982

Mrs. May H. Weis
500 East 77th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Weis:

This letter is to express my great thanks to you for the gift of \$6,000 that you donated to support our programs in Environmental Studies. We very much appreciate your generosity.

Arrangements have been made to make use of your gift to establish the May H. Weis Environmental Internship Program, to support student participation in field studies at the Weis Ecology Center this summer. I have every confidence that students will take enthusiastic advantage of this important opportunity.

I believe you know that we have a wide range of Environmental Studies programs under way here at Ramapo College of New Jersey. We would very much like to have you visit the campus so that you could see some of these programs in person. If this idea appeals to you, please contact us to explore mutually convenient dates and times for your visit. We would be more than pleased to arrange for an automobile to bring you to and from Ramapo, and to have you meet with staff and students in our Environmental Studies program while you are on campus.

Thank you again for all your kindness. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

George T. Potter
President

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cc: Mr. Stephen Tarnell, Dr. H. Kaufman, Ms. A. Meckler ✓

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