

COLLECTION FINDING AID

Collection number:	Univ. MS 12
Title:	Eberhard Thiele collection
Dates:	1977-1990
Creator/collector:	Thiele, Eberhard, 1935-2009
Extent:	13 folders (.50 cubic feet)
Provenance:	Material was acquired from John L. Martin, 2012. Martin received materials from Thiele in 1997.
Language:	English.
Conservation notes:	Slides and photographs have been moved to separate folders from the originals; the original folder titles have been retained.
Access restrictions:	No restrictions on access.
Physical restrictions:	None.
Technical restrictions:	None.
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Separated materials:	Mimeograph sheets, 2 Coleman lantern mantles, miscellaneous (non-related) papers, grade lists, resumes (3 rd party), and duplicates were all removed and discarded.
Location of originals:	Not applicable.
Location of copies:	Not applicable.
Related materials:	Not applicable.

Published in: Not applicable.

Biographical information: Eberhard Thiele was born in Holzminden, Germany, on September 9, 1935. He moved to the United States in 1956 and served in the Army. Thiele married Edeltraut soon after leaving the Army; together they raised two daughters, Erika and Monika. He received a B.S. in Forestry from the University of California at Berkeley, a Masters in Natural Science from San Jose State University, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science Education from the University of California at Berkeley in 1976. He worked for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, then the U.S. Forest Service. While in California, he founded the new Conservationists, an environmental group credited with the establishment of the first Earth Day in 1970. Soon after receiving his Ph.D., Thiele accepted a faculty position at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, where he became the Director of the Environmental Science Program. He created and served as the first president of the Maine Environmental Education Association and served on the board for the Natural Resources Council of Maine. After retiring from the University, Thiele spent winters in Brandenton, Florida and summers on Little Blake Lake in Fort Kent. He and Edeltraut were divorced and Thiele remarried Lore Melusine on December 27, 1992. Thiele passed away on Saturday, December 26, 2009.

Scope and content: This collection consists of materials pertaining to the Wildland Ecology Field Studies program at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, 1975-1990, and of materials pertaining to the Page Camp on Long Lake in the Allagash Waterway. The Page camp consisted of a cedar log cabin, shed, well house, and outhouse and was leased by the University from the Maine Department of Conservation for 3-week courses during which students would study lake ecosystems, fisheries science, wildlife studies, terrestrial plant ecology, and forestry.

Included in the collection are administrative papers for the Page camp, such as license and lease agreements between the State of Maine and UMFK for the Page Camp for various years; correspondence; administrative papers concerning Page Camp including lists of repairs, correspondence, program brochures, a key to the camp, study reports from the camp manager, purchase requisition forms maps, inventories, and newspaper clippings.

The collection also includes papers pertaining to the Wildland Ecology Field Studies program courses: 331 Geology/Soils

Studies; 332 Lake Ecosystems Studies; 333 Fisheries Science; 334 Wildlife Science; 335 Terrestrial Plant Ecology; and 336 Environmental Education/Philosophy.

The collection materials have been retained in their original folder and item orders and therefore may not be chronological. In addition, the original folder titles have been preserved; the "ET" on the folders presumably stands for "Eberhard Thiele."

Inventory:

Wildland Ecology Field St. administration correspondence, 1977-1990. 18 color slides.	Folder 1
Wildland Ecology Field St. administration correspondence, 1977-1990. Primarily correspondence between Thiele and Herbert Hartman of the Department of Conservation. Also includes licenses and leases; lists of repairs to Page Camp; 1981 course program with Colby College.	2-3
ET 331-336 Wildland Ecology F.S., 1981-1990 (bulk 1985). Contains correspondence; leases; a key to Page Camp; program brochures; maps; brochures for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and Northern Maine Woods; a 1985 inventory of Page Camp; newspaper clippings; a 1985 study report from Armand Michaud (camp manager); purchase requisition forms; lists of repairs.	4-5
ET 331 Geology/Soils Studies, 1981. Contains correspondence and syllabi.	6
ET 332 Lake Ecosystems Studies, 1981-1985. Contains correspondence; syllabi; course administrative papers; articles.	7
ET 333 Fisheries Science, 1981-1985. Contains course materials; syllabi; correspondence.	8
ET 334 Wildlife Science, 1981. Contains syllabi.	9
ET 335 Terrestrial Plant Ecology, 1981-1982. Contains syllabi.	10

ET 336 Environmental Education/Philosophy, 1981-1985. Contains correspondence and syllabi.	Folder 11
ET 331-336 Wildland Ec. Field S. publicity, 1981-1987. Contains correspondence; articles; newspaper clippings; course materials.	12
ET 331-336 Wildland Ec. Field S. publicity, 1981-1987. 3 black and white photographs.	13