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## ON STUDENT-FACULTY RELATIONSHIPS IN ECOLOGY

In recent months there have been several reports of sexual harassment (one such case was the subject of a complaint that was acted upon by the University) and just as importantly persistent broken promises and other forms of mistreatment by faculty.

I am concerned that these practices stop completely and immediately. As you all know, sexual harassment is not tolerated under University policy and should be reported whenever it occurs. Similar comments apply to situations where faculty mistreat their students (prominent examples include denial of pay for work already done, false promises for publication credit or financial support, and threats of retribution).

There are official channels for reporting sexual harassment, but sometimes these do not extend to the graduate group, even when our own faculty and/or students are involved. Furthermore, there is real and understandable fear that complaints are likely to have lasting professional consequences. There are obviously valid reasons for silence, but on the other hand, silence serves to perpetuate the injustices, and more so subjects others to the same. Last month we held an informal meeting for complaints (to be kept informal and in confidence). We intend to make this a regular institution in the Graduate Group in Ecology, and we would like to encourage all of you to feel you have an avenue for redressing grievances.

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### \*\*\*\* ELECTIONS \*\*\*\*

#### 1992-1993 ECOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**WHEN: 5:30pm, Thursday, April 16, 1992**

**WHERE: 2120J Wickson Hall**

EGSA is run by Ecology graduate students and provides various services and functions for grad students. The Executive Committee is composed of five students, and each heads a specific aspect of EGSA as well as assisting with general organizational tasks. In addition, the EGSA Executive Committee has two votes in the Graduate Group in Ecology's Executive Committee.

The following is a short description of the five positions and a list of who hold the position currently. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact an Executive Committee member for more information and come to the meeting. *At least several of the current council members will not be seeking re-election for next year. To ensure that EGSA continues its various functions (including this newsletter, the directory, and its active role in administrative decisions -- so get involved!!).*

**Newsletter Editor**-- Prepares *EcoNews* and coordinates its mailing (Catherine McCalvin)

**Activities Coordinator**-- Organizes directory, new student orientation, Outstanding Prof, etc (John Breen).

**GSA Rep**-- Regularly attends GSA meetings and organizes other Ecology students to attend (Emily Schwalen).

**Public Relations**-- In charge of bulletin and photo boards, ensures attendance at GGE meetings, etc  
(Catherine McCarthy)

**Treasurer**-- Completes paperwork for GSA funds and maintains budget (Ray Sauvajot).

