

# ECOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes:

April 8, 1985

The first spring quarter meeting of the EGSA was held April 4 with 20 people attending. Officers elected for the next year were: Chair Cheryl Bellrose (WFB), Vice-chair Bob Meese (WFB), Secretary Sheila Ward (Env.Hort.), and Treasurer Shani Kleinhaus (Avian Sci.). EGSA funds total ~700.00 at this point. We voted to allocate \$25.00 of EGSA funds towards the remaining debt from the retirement party of the former EGG secretary.

March survey results indicated that EGSA members are most interested in trips to UC Reserves, social activities, and social interaction with faculty. Dr. Merton Love is looking for a faculty representative to EGSA meetings. Any and all are welcome to attend.

There is still room for students, faculty, and other warm bodies on the Napa Valley Wineries Tour this Saturday April 13 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. See Bob Meese (WFB). It will be a good time.

The EGSA will sponsor get-togethers at the Last Resort Pub every other week this quarter at 5:00 pm after the Thursday seminar: April 18, May 2, 16, 30. Free nachos.

Intramural sports: Joanne Kerbavas (Env. Studies) is coordinating teams for softball, volleyball, and innertube water polo. John Beldock (Appl. Sci.) is doing the same for soccer. Sign up outside Judy Stewart's office door soon. All, but especially women needed. (Coed teams.) Faculty and others welcome.

Set aside May 10 for an EGG student-faculty potluck picnic at the Putah Creek Lodge Grounds. Bring a dish to share and meat to grill. Families welcome. Softball, volleyball, soccer? Anyone play guitar? Maybe a keg to pitch in on? Ideas? Contact Sheila Ward (Env. Hort.) 756-6237.

Sonki Mastrup (WFB) is planning a beer party for later in the quarter. (Maybe have everyone bring a few of their favorite slides too?) Details pending.

John Beldock (Appl. Sci.) is organizing a trip to a UC Reserve for this quarter, probably to Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve near Lake Berryessa. More on this later.

Steve Thompson (WFB) and David Baker (Epidemiol./Prev. Med) are the two new representatives from EGSA to the Graduate Student Association.

Leon Baustein (Entomology) is investigating an EGSA white-water rafting trip. He will report at the next meeting.

Doria Gordon (Env. Studies) is working on a mailing list of EGSA members for members.

Next EGSA meeting will be 5:00 May 2 at the Last Resort Pub and will include that picture taking...

Dear EGSA Members:

I look forward with great pleasure during the upcoming year to developing a creative and vital organization in which we can all actively participate. We have an enthusiastic Executive Council which will work hard toward achieving the goals we collectively choose to establish.

As ecologists, communicating the importance of our ideas in an effective manner is necessary to ascertaining not only individual but group recognition. Therefore, I think our first priority is to increase communication among ourselves and make ourselves known to the campus community. Since spring is upon us, a series of get-togethers for both graduate students and faculty within Ecology will be forthcoming. Dates, times and location of these activities will be found in this and other newsletters to be published shortly before these events.

At this time I wish to especially thank the interim Chair, Bob Schmidt, and many others who were largely responsible for taking the initiative to make EGSA a reality. I will enjoy getting to know many of you in the upcoming months and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Bellrose  
Chair-Elect

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NEWSLETTER

Dear

After one quarter of quite stimulating talks and good participation at the brown-bag seminar, the second round left the organizers quite frustrated and disappointed in many ways. In spite of a variety of topics, most of the Ecology Students, probably including you, fell into the typical "UCD-blah" attitude. Classwork and research are no excuse for apathy and lack of participation.

We are the largest graduate group on campus, and it is admittedly difficult to communicate with almost 150 people in many departments, however, there are dozens of students who have not even shown up in Winnie's office. Countless pleas to assist us with various tasks aimed at increasing exchange of ideas fell on deaf ears.

Each quarter the EGSA receives \$ 1.00 per registered student from the Graduate Student Association. It just takes one or two people to go to the quarterly meetings. Last time, despite several announcements, nobody went, and we lost approximately \$ 150.00.

If you feel it is time for you to fight apathy and get involved, please contact Bob Schmidt in WFB, Jane Palmer, or Rainer Hoenicke, both in DES. We need help, and both I and Jane feel that we have done more than our share to liven things up a bit.

Our last action with respect to brown-bag seminars consisted of asking Carolyn Walker from the Office of Educational Placement to give a short workshop on academic job application procedures, C.V.-writing, and interviewing. She will come on 10 Feb. 83 at noon to 2124 Wickson. There will also be another Pizza Party in celebration of Darwin's birthday at Jane's place on the same day after the afternoon-seminar ( start: 1800 hrs). It would be nice to see you there. A little reminder with specifics will be in your mailbox later.

Yours,

*Rainer*