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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

** EGSA 10th Annual Most Valuable Professor Award **

Nominations for the Most Valuable Professor award are sought from all graduate students in the Ecology Grad Group. Please provide as comprehensive as possible an overview of the candidate's accomplishments over the past academic year and his/her overall good qualities. The evaluation committee will base its decision solely upon the information provided by nominators, on these forms. You may attach additional sheets as needed. *Deadline for nominations is May 1st, 1995.* Send completed form to **Lara Hansen, EVE.**

Name of Nominee: _____

Teaching:

Advising:

Involvement and dedication to student interests (service on orals committees, seminar involvement, etc):

Specific Accomplishments over past year:

EGSA presents this award to a member of the UC Davis faculty in recognition of outstanding performance in the service of Ecology grad student education. Candidates will be evaluated for excellence in teaching and advising (beyond the confines of their own laboratory groups) and for documented concern for the interests of grad students in other contexts, such as curriculum development, extracurricular activities (e.g., lecture series, field trips), and performance of administrative duties. Professional or scholarly achievements and service to the professor's own graduate students are not to be considered.

SILVIA SAYS:

Turn in your progress reports immediately, if you have not done so! They were due March 15th.

Silvia still doesn't have email addresses for everyone. It will become increasingly important to have an account as the ecology grad student list server is set up (shortly after Silvia gets back from vacation: look for instructions on subscribing) and fliers are phased out!

AOE INFO:

Susan Shaheen is the Policy AOE representative
Ed Pearson is the Functional Ecology AOE rep
Lore Ruttan is the Human Ecology AOE rep... and there will be a meeting of this AOE (with BBQ) on Sat. Apr. 22 at Pete Richerson's house, 5pm: call 756-5054.

NEXT EGSA MEETING:

Wednesday May 10
5:30 pm, 2120 Wickson
Pizza, discussion, and entertainment as always!

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GSA Notes, Apr. 5 1995

Contributed by C. Kirkpatrick

- **UCD pro-femina Research Consortium:** New grants program for studies on gender, or for women studying anything. Grants up to \$1200. Contact: Stephanie Shields (director), 2292 Humanities & Soc. Sci. Bldg, 754-8851. (Program sounds broad, as if something like "Differential investment in reproduction by female and male wild cucumbers" would qualify.)
- **Dean Doug Minnis:** said that grad groups are a powerful tool for cross-disciplinary research at UCD, but that this value isn't reflected in the low number of RA and TA positions targeted to group students. The issue of equal treatment of Ecology grad students by different home depts. (in terms of space and employment) was raised, and decided to be better than 5 years ago, but not necessarily a solved problem.
- **Student Regent-to-be:** earnestly wants input so he can represent issues of concern to students! His name is Ed Gomez, and his number is (818)503-2419.
- **What to do** when you don't know what to do: A formal forum for grievances exists. "Memorize the mantra, GOT A PROBLEM, ANY PROBLEM? CALL THE GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DEAN OR THE GSA PRESIDENT." Phone number for both is 752-6108.

GGE Excomm Notes

No April GGE Excomm meeting. Will be two in May.

Ecology Social Events

SPRING PARTY

Thursday, May 25th at Putah Creek Lodge

More info next issue!

HAPPY HOUR

Cantina Del Cabo, Thurs. May 4th, 5:30-7:30

Nominations for an **ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION AWARD** can be made to the City Council. We got a letter telling us that "You or your company were identified as a contributor to the environmental well-being of Davis..." And so, from us they want nominations for a company, organization or individual who has contributed to the environmental quality of life for Davis citizens. I will pin the form up in the EGSA office; feel free to come take a look and make a copy if you have someone you'd like to nominate! Due date is May 9. Questions should be directed to Mike Goodison at 757-5686.

Ecology Graduate Student Profile

Catherine McCarthy

Catherine McCarthy (home department DES) grew up in New York City and did her undergrad work at Cornell, in natural resource management (wildlife biology, fisheries, and policy) and environmental engineering. At Cornell, she did research on pesticide contamination of groundwater and material transport through soil and water. The opportunity to study policy and environmental science in an interdisciplinary manner attracted her to the Grad Group here at Davis in 1988.

Catherine's initial work at Davis involved looking at public participation in environmental decision-making, in the context of National Forest management and planning. Her dissertation research investigates the public participation process of siting new hazardous waste facilities in CA. Legislation passed in 1980 has resulted in increased citizen participation in the siting process. Catherine has seven field sites in Northern and Central CA, with most of her field work being done in the northern Bay Area. Six hundred pages into her dissertation, she is almost done!

Currently, Catherine works full-time as a local bureaucrat. For four years she has done recycling and solid/hazardous waste management for the City of Davis Public Works, and last year she was hired to do similar work for the Yolo County Public Works Department. Working for both the City and the County can feel schizophrenic at times, Catherine says, but she enjoys the contrasts, and has become intimately aware of the tensions existing between different levels of government.

Catherine is married to Paul Davis, a grad student in Sociology, and former software engineer. They just moved to Muir Commons, a co-housing community in West Davis, where several other current and former Ecology grad students live (some of whom are old office mates). Catherine's other big news is that she is six months pregnant, expecting in early July. She says, "although I thought I knew what I was getting into, being pregnant has been a lot harder than I expected. The pregnancy has put major constraints on my ability to get things done (especially finishing my dissertation); accepting this loss of control has been very difficult for me."

As for her future plans, until recently she thought those would include leaving Davis soon as possible and going to the Southwest or Eastern U.S. Now, it looks like she and her husband will be in Davis for a while, as Paul really likes his program. Catherine does not foresee holding an academic career, and likes working in local government because it offers things which were missing for her in academia, including the connection between her work and "the real world," and the ability to see direct and immediate results from her efforts. She greatly enjoys the variability of her day-to-day work which allows her to draw on many different skills and bring in many different aspects of her education.