

ECO NEWS

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Notes from GSA

Courtesy of Craig Kirkpatrick

Three top items of interest from the last GSA meeting: (1) The regents are to vote February 15 on a proposal to eliminate the position of student regent. Apparently, the regents want our money, but not our voice. GSA is protesting the proposed elimination (contact GSA Chair Tami Winternitz, 2-6108, twinternitz@ucdavis.edu). (2) Married couples of the same biological sex will be eligible for married student housing, at select UC campuses, starting next academic year. Each campus has discretion as to whether to implement this policy. The UC Davis administration appears on course to implement it (contact Jennifer Reich, 2-6108, jareich@ucdavis.edu). (3) Information Technology (It-Cap) will soon stop providing free modem connections. (These are the things we use to check e-mail, or use melvyl from a non-networked computer.) The number of modems on campus has grown dramatically in the past five years, and It-Cap has received no additional state funding for this service. Minimum fee will be \$10 per month; implementation date not yet announced. Contact Bill Johnson of GSA (2-4090, wkjohnson@ucdavis.edu), or John Hess of It-Cap (jchess@ucdavis.edu); there should soon be an Information Technology World Wide Web Page with the specs on this change. With questions or comments, contact the GSA officers above, or give me a call or e-mail (2-0745, rcirkpatrick@ucdavis.edu).



EGSA MEETING

The February EGSA meeting will be held on the 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the 2120 complex of lovely Wickson Hall. The main agenda item will be nominations for the next Chair of the GGE. If you can not attend see the attachment regarding this important issue. Drinks will be provided; no pizza this time.

Principles of Ecology Exam

The written exam for Principles of Ecology (for Ph.D. candidates only) will be held on April 4th from 4-6 p.m. in 2124 Wickson Hall. Past exams are on file in Silvia's office.

GGE T-shirts

The t-shirts have been ordered and are expected in about two weeks. Lara Hansen will send out an email announcing their arrival, at which time they will be available at her office in Storer Hall.

EGSA Officers of the Future

Time to start thinking about which of the many glorious positions you wish to hold in the 1996-1997 academic year. Many positions will be available including Chair, Professor of the Year Awarder, Student Representative to the Executive Committee, GSA representatives (2-3) and a number of AOE positions. If you are interested in holding any appointed post contact Lara Hansen (ljhansen@ucdavis.edu) or Gail Dethloff (gmdethloff@ucdavis.edu).

Student Nominations for the New GGE Chair

As you should all know by now, Ted Foin will be stepping down from the position of Chair of the GGE in July of this year. The search initiated by Dr. Foin to find a replacement has been largely unsuccessful. There is reluctance on the part of interested faculty to accept the position due to the large time commitment and lack of compensation that accompany the post. However, Dr. Foin feels that a show of student support might sway a faculty member to accept this distinguished assignment. Therefore we are soliciting student nominations for the job.

The following traits should be considered when making a nomination:

- Seniority - The individual should have tenure.
- Experience - The individual should have prior experience in the administration of the Graduate Group in Ecology . This could include serving on AOE or GGE committees in the past four years.
- Personality - This position requires both understanding of student and faculty viewpoints and concerns and the ability to maintain a strong stance on issues. Organizational qualities are an extra bonus.

You may nominate a faculty member in two ways: 1) email gmdethloff@ucdavis.edu, or 2) fill out the bottom half of this sheet, fold it over, tape or staple, and intracampus mail the form (it is preaddressed for your convenience). Nominations will be discussed at the March EGSA meeting and then forwarded to Ted Foin.

Faculty member nominated: _____

Nominator's name (optional): _____

Brief list of qualifications of the nominee:
