

# ECO NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Events

**EGSA Meeting:** February 12 at 5:30PM, Foster Room, Meyer Hall. Pizza will be provided. Our new Chair, Heiner Lieth, will be in attendance and we will have a report from the curriculum committee.

**Directions to the Foster Room:** South side of Meyer Hall (computer classroom side) on the first floor. Turn left immediately after going through double doors on the east side of the building. Signs will be posted.

**EGSA Happy Hour:** February 20 at 5:30PM, Cantina del Cabo. Nachos for feasting!

## ***Notes from the January EGSA Meeting***

A number of issues were discussed at the January EGSA meeting. Here is a brief overview of the highlights:

- Mika reported on an issue that may be of interest to you all from the GSA meeting. There has been informal discussion of lowering TA salaries to match those of RAs. This would be accompanied by a full fee remission. Feeling at the EGSA meeting was generally not favorable for this change. If you have strong feelings please contact Mika as she is one of our voices at those meetings. She can be reached by email at mhcohen@ucdavis.edu.
- Dr. Heiner Lieth, our new chair, will be joining us at the next EGSA meeting (February 12) to address us briefly and comment on any question or concerns we raise. We strongly urge your participation at this meeting.
- Peter Hodum addressed the strong response to his call for comment on both the program review and the proposed statistics course. These comments were all forwarded to the Chair, anonymously of course. If you interested in receiving a copy of the comments of your peers feel free to contact Peter and he be happy

to send them your way. He can be reached at [pjhodum@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pjhodum@ucdavis.edu).

## ***It is still Grant getting time!***

For an updated list check out the grad studies grant and fellowship page at:  
<http://pubweb.ucdavis.edu/documents/gradstudies/fellows/fellow.htm>

## ***Clarification about the proposed stats course from co-chair Peter Hodum***

There has been considerable interest generated by the proposal for a new stats course for Ecology/Pop Bio grad students. After considerable input from students and various faculty the proposal has been shelved as the proposed topics overlap heavily with existing stats courses presently offered by Agronomy, AGR 205 and 206. I will be passing on the comments that I received regarding course content to the professors teaching the courses as they are receptive to modifying their curricula somewhat to address what we, as students, perceive to be important topics. If the professors are interested we can also organize a meeting with them for interested students to discuss these topics and course content.

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### **Silvia Says:**

**Fellowship Info:** For those of you who have submitted, or will be submitting, any application processed by me - I will attach your transcripts to your application.

**GGE Chair Mail:** Please address this mail to the GGE in DES. DO NOT SEND, OR HAVE ANYTHING SENT, TO DR. LIETH AT ENV. HORTICULTURE - IT DELAYS EVERYTHING WHEN HE HAS TO FORWARD IT BACK TO ME.

**ECL 204:** Dr. Caswell-Chen has decided NOT to offer this class next Fall 1997, it will resume in the Fall 1998.

**Fall 1996 Ecology students:** It's come to my attention that there may be some miscommunication about the ECL 296 requirement for first year students. Please be aware that you are required to take an ECL 296 EACH quarter of your first year. In the past there has been a Policy 296 offered, you are also free to take this seminar. Some students may have a time conflict with the 296 schedule. If this is the case, you may sign up for ECL 296 and actually attend the Friday seminar (informal seminar). This would be with the instructor's approval. On rare occasions, students can be allowed to take their last 296 during the following fall quarter - this is with the approval of the Graduate Adviser.

**Mike Johnson's new e-mail address is:**  
mbjohnson@ucdavis.

**Graduate Adviser Clarification:** Your official Graduate Adviser is Heiner Lieth. Your Major Professor is never your adviser. The AOE advisers' responsibility and authority is only for AOE business and Guidance Committee reports. Any petitions, forms, etc. that require the GGE Adviser signature must be signed by Heiner Lieth. So be sure to give everything to me so that I can get it signed for you, and sent on it's way.

**On a personal note:** You may have noticed that I'm around more these days. Guess what - it's that time of year! Fellowships, applications for admission. I'm working flex hours, but am here about three days of the week until 5PM - but don't always count on that. If you need to come see me in the 3-5PM range, give me a call first. Also, I ask you to be patient if there's something that you need, I may not always be able to get it to you right away. On the other hand, please allow some time if there's something that you're going to need in the future. This is also true for Graduate Studies, they are swamped with applications as well. Also, if I don't get back to you after a while on something that you need - jog my memory, I may forget!

**COME BY AND SEE THE FALL ORIENTATION PICTURES!** I've posted pictures from the Welcome Dinner and Retreat at BML. Come by and take a look - also, identify yourself. Write your name under your picture. The pictures are across the hall from my office

- Silvia



A tragedy occurs off the coast of a land called Honah-Lee.



The ever-popular Donner Party snow dome