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Volunteers are needed

to house prospective ecology graduate students visiting campus. There is even a limited amount of EGSA money allocated for taking prospective students out to dinner! If you'd like to host a prospective student, contact Silvia, and contact Julie Reynolds about "dinner money."

AOE Seminar update

Representatives from the following AOE's attended the January EGSA meeting: Conservation Biology, Ecotoxicology, Basic/Theoretical, Restoration, and Agroecology. AOE graduate seminars are planned for Conservation Biology this quarter (Tuesdays, noon, 125 Wellman) and for Ecotoxicology in the spring. Restoration Ecology had its graduate seminar for the year last fall. If any of the remaining AOE's are having difficulties planning their graduate student seminars, please contact Julie at jareynolds@ucdavis.edu or 759-8664.

Happy hour planned

Do you want to hang out and relax with your fellow ecologists? EGSA is hosting "happy hours" for all Ecology grad students, faculty, staff and friends on the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Cantina on G street (between 1st and 2nd streets). So the first happy hour will be Thursday, March 2nd. EGSA will spring for nachos and other munchies!



American Fisheries Society campus group:

A student affiliate of the American Fisheries Society is starting a group on campus. The group's focus is: supporting California native fishes and aquatic ecosystems through education, conservation and restoration. The group is open to anyone: grad, undergrad, young and old. It will be holding meetings, talks, and planning sessions on every other Wednesday (started January 25) at 6pm in room 6, Wellman. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8.

The group is not limited to fishy people; anyone with an interest in aquatic ecology is welcome! You don't have to be a member of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) to attend the meetings, and they will not coerce you to join AFS, either. NOTE: the group is looking for future speakers/presenters. This would be a great opportunity for graduate students to present research or talk on any topic related to aquatic systems.

Anyone who would like more information should contact Scott A. Matern, samatern@ucdavis.edu or telephone 752-0205.

The next Principles of Ecology written examination is scheduled for 6 April, 1995, 4-6 pm. Students who want to learn more about this exam should ask Ted or Silvia about it. If you wish to take the exam, advance notice is required.

The fall 1995 exam is in some question because of low interest over the past two years. Those of you planning ahead and interested in a fall examination should let Ted know soon; otherwise it is likely to be cancelled. If interested, now is the time to speak up!

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NOTES from GSA MEETING Jan. 11, 1995

These notes were taken by Carolyn Lundquist, and are included under our new plan to publish brief summaries of GSA and GGE excomm meetings in *EcoNews*.

- GSA Winter Social event may be cancelled and combined with the Spring Social event, due to lack of funds.
- The GSA ListProc newsgroup will soon (may now be) running; it will have important events and information for graduate students.
- Departmental Fund Applications are due. Travel Awards (GSA) are in the process of revision. Expect info in the ListProc or the GSA newsletter. They'll be accepted March 1st-31st.
- Latest governmental input on fee increases from our buddy Pete's new budget: education received a 2% increase rather than the desired 8% increase, so fees will increase approximately 10% next year.
- A Partial Fee Remission Resolution was approved, supporting a permanent funding source for the Partial Fee Remission Program (PFRP) and a fee waiver to protect graduate student employees from fee increases. The idea is to maintain a stable fee level so that grad. education at UCD remains affordable and competitive. Student Academic Services (SAS) submitted an alternative proposal to discontinue the PFRP and incorporate the \$ into the Block Grant Program, which is \$6.1 million in permanent educational fee funds, and to allocate these funds on the basis of enrollment rather than TA/RA's. This proposal was not approved.
- \$75 was donated to the Davis Community Guide which will be distributed at the Community Housing Listing Service.

Notes from the GGE executive committee meeting held Feb. 1st are not yet available, but should appear in the next newsletter!

The next EGSA meeting is...

REAL SOON!

Wednesday, February 8th.

usual place: 2120 Wickson "complex"
(outside the EGSA office)

usual time: 5:30 pm

Silvia will be out of the office

February 16, 17, 20

PROGRAM IN COLLEGE TEACHING

provides chosen grad students who are interested in teaching at the college level the opportunity to gain teaching experience by working with a faculty mentor. Participants complete individualized "learning contracts," and join discussions with other folks in the program. The program lasts 1 year but scheduling is flexible. You must be a regularly registered student to apply. At the end of the program, participants receive a certificate along with annotation on their transcripts. For more information, attend one of these meetings:

Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 2:10 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 9:00 am

Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 4:10 pm

All held in 25 Wellman Hall. Or contact: Will Davis, Teaching Resources Center, 17 Wellman, 752-6050.

TIP: always illustrate your graphs with lots of pretty organisms.

