

# EcoNews

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## A Message From The GGE Chair: Prof. Ted Foin

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First, I wish to announce that, as a result of our high ranking by the National Research Council, Dean Greenwood has used part of her discretionary fund to increase the size of our block grant. The consequence of our quality is that one or two more students can be supported by the block grant, so part of the credit ends up going to you.

Second, there has been an extraordinary response from students willing to serve on the Curriculum Committee this year. Among other issues, the committee will be 1) conducting the first full-scale internal review of our course quality and the curriculum; 2) looking at evening out requirements of the AOE; 3) suggesting new courses to fill holes in the curriculum; and 4) re-examining the 290 requirement as it is currently implemented. I wish to thank our students for their willingness to serve, and to encourage others of you who wish to influence what the GGE does to join. Contact Gail Dethloff for details.

Third, as many of you know, this is my last year as Chair of the GGE. I have not been able to find a new chair to this point of time, and am getting ready to turn it over to the Dean. Before I do this, however, I would like to entertain new candidates nominated by our students. Do any of you wish to nominate new candidates? Send me a brief note via campus mail, e-mail, or call. I would appreciate your analysis of qualities pertinent to being the new chair in your nominations.

Thanks very much for your help, Ted Foin.

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**Remember...the next EGSA meeting is January 24th at 5:30pm  
in 2124 Wickson Hall.**

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### Did you answer the poll?

Through email EGSA asked you to describe what you need in the way of a Quantitative Methods course. Please send word to Gail Dethloff if you haven't had a chance to do so yet. Send her some email at [gmdethloff@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gmdethloff@ucdavis.edu).

**Next Month in EcoNews:**  
an update on the status of GGE,  
admissions and award stats,  
and all the news that is news.

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**Mail to:**

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**Jastro Shields Research Awards**  
Due Jan. 31, 1996.

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## THE AOE REPRESENTATIVES

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### Did you want to explore career options?

Check out the new seminar ECI 269-3 Ecological Careers! It meets every Monday from 11am to 1pm in 261 Olson. On Jan 29th, non-academic careers are featured. Academic careers are the focus on Feb. 5th and 12th. Hear from recent graduates on Feb. 26th. There will be a special training on time management by John Yoder on March 4th. This is a highly useful skill for busy academics and Prof. Yoder does an excellent job of conveying the essentials. On March 11th, hear the latest on Guidance Committees.

## GGE TSHIRTS CAN BE ORDERED

Contact Lara Hansen by Feb. 9th to order your GGE Tshirt. The design for this year was a beautiful work of art and the shirts come in lovely designer colors like sage and forest green, so check this out. Any of the oldsters around can tell you that the last tshirt became a collector classic.

### BE THERE OR

### BE UNSUSTAINABLE!

Social times with other GGE-ers can be had at the Cantina del Cabo, 139 G Street. This month we had our happy hour on Thursday Jan 11, from 5 to 7 pm. Next month we will return to the third Thursday of the month. Nachos, beer, and good company!

## Graduate Student Seminar Series Careers in Higher Education:

### The Interview Process

This biweekly seminar is designed for graduate students and post docs interested in postsecondary careers. During each program, faculty and personnel directors from a variety of institutions will provide: Instructions on the application process, What to expect during the interview, An actual mock interview

For:	Attend:
Community Colleges	Thurs., Jan.25 1-3pm
4Yr State Colleges	Thurs., Feb.8 1-3pm
Research Institution	Thurs., Feb. 22 1-3pm
4Yr Private Colleges	Thurs., Feb.Mar.7 1-3pm

All meetings will be in the Mee Room, MU.

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## THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION -- WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

GSA is the official voice for UCD graduate students. Through GSA, we have a number of formal and informal avenues for communication with each other, the UCD administration, as well as with UC system-wide administration, and with graduate students at other UCs.

Ecology students have the opportunity to be well-represented at GSA. The rules provide for one representative for every 30 members of a graduate department or group. Since we have around 200 students in Ecology, that means that we are eligible to send about 6 voting representatives to GSA meetings. (Ecology is the largest graduate program at UC Davis.)

If you are interested in an easy way (one evening per month) to keep yourself informed and give yourself a voice in University affairs, consider becoming a representative. Contact Craig Kirkpatrick (752-0745) for details.

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**GET ON THE HIWAY...** Want to know about new job prospects, helpful hints about bureaucracy hoops, reminders about upcoming deadlines, and Ecology graduate student events??? Then contact Silvia Hillyer to learn more about the GGE email group for graduate students. The best way is to complete everything you need to do to get an email address on campus first. You can get help with this at the ITCAP center in Shields Library. Then send Silvia a note via email: shillyer@ucdavis.edu and let her know you are interested. She will let you know how to subscribe to the list. Several AOE's have their own group lists for group mail as well. Ask your AOE rep about this.