



## Econews

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### Welcome Silvia !!

EGSA extends a warm welcome to Silvia Hillyer who has taken Judy Stewart's position as Manager of the Graduate Group in Ecology. Silvia formerly worked for the Cooperative National Parks Resources Study Unit, housed in Environmental Studies, and brings additional knowledge and experience from an earlier position as graduate secretary for Applied Sciences. Silvia hopes everyone will stop by soon to introduce themselves and say hello. We wish Silvia all the best in her new job !!

### Ecology T-Shirts are on the way !!

The **Ecology T-shirt** design is complete, and the T-shirt committee is working overtime finalizing silk screening details and finding a shirt distribution company. Stay tuned to your mailbox (or your department office) for order forms, which will hopefully be out in a week. This year's design focuses on the the web of ecological diversity. Remember, all proceeds help out EGSA, and the T-shirt looks great !! So don't forget to buy one, two, or a few (they make perfect holiday gifts, don't they ??).

### Do Lunch with a Seminar Speaker

Ecology graduate students are encouraged to interact with the visiting Ecology Seminar Speaker (Thursday's seminars). In fact, LUNCH

FUNDS are available for students wishing to take speakers out on Friday afternoons. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet people behind the names. For more information, see Lola Brocksen in 2128 Wickson (DES, 2-6750).

### Mark your Calendars

Mark your calendar and don't forget to attend the next EGSA meeting on Thursday, November 2 at 5:15 p.m. in 2147 Wickson. Also, the December meeting will be on December 7 at 5:15 in the same place. Come and get involved in your graduate student organization!!!

### EGSA Third Annual Sierra Retreat and More

This year's retreat was another booming success!! With 16 folks attending, all enjoyed great fun (and food). If you have any ideas for future social events, drop a note to EGSA or come to the next meeting. Some past and current thoughts include a ski trip during winter quarter, EGSA parties, a whale watching excursion, intramural sports teams, etc. Let your creative, fun-loving tendencies run wild!

### Conservation Biology Forum



As many of you know, UC Davis is currently developing a conservation biology program (with its own faculty and curriculum). You may also have noticed that the Graduate Group in Ecology has many students with interest, especially for research, in conservation biology. These students, however, are housed in many different departments and study very different aspects of ecology. Several of us feel that there is a need to bring together these students under the common theme of conservation and are in the process of forming a group to hopefully accomplish this. The activities of this group could include such things as a journal club, seminars given by faculty and students, etc. that focus on conservation biology issues and that encourage discussion on these issues.

If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact by phone or mail either Cathy McCalvin (2-536, ARS), or Ray Sauvajot (2-7124, DES). Let us know what you think and give us some ideas on the type of activities that would be useful and interesting to you.

### EGSA Directory Update

A new year is here and that means issuing an updated version of the EGSA Student Directory. I realize we called for requests for revisions last quarter, but as things dragged on, summer came and went and now we have all of this year's new students to add to it..... so if you haven't already sent your revision or filled out a questionnaire (send name, major prof, department, home phone - optional, campus phone, and research interests) to the Directory Committee, please do so by **November 1**. Extra copies of the directory are in the EGSA mailbox in DES if you lost yours. Please correct any errors next to your name. The 1989-90 directory will be out in a new and exciting format by **December 1**. If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to the Directory Committee/ EGSA - DES.

### NSF Graduate Fellowships!!!

As was reported in the Graduate Guide this quarter, six students on the UCD campus were awarded NSF Graduate Fellowships from last year's competition. Of the six, four are in the Graduate Group in Ecology!!! A hearty congratulation to Mike Brown (WFB), Jeanine Hardison (Agronomy), Craig Kirkpatrick (Anthropology), and Lloyd Morrison (Zoology) !!!

### GSA Announcements

- Voting on constitutional amendments @ next ecomeeting, November 2nd, 5:15 pm.
- New GSA representatives for the Ecology Group:

**Fred Lubnow** - DES  
**Cathy McCalvin** - Agronomy  
**Matt Orr** - Entomology  
**John Breen** - Agronomy

Any problems or suggestions relevant to the Graduate Group Association can be referred to any of our representatives.

Any new student needing help with coursework, class suggestions, or life in general contact your EGSA dept. rep. or any of the EGSA executive council. We're here to help, that's why we make the big BUCK\$.



There will be a farewell dinner for Judy Stewart on November 4th at the Symposium on 8th Street (near Albertson's). All students and faculties are invited to attend. EGSA is paying Jud's tab but y'all will be responsible for our own chow. Come on down and lets show her a good time. RSVP by October 27, leave a note in EGSA mailbox in the DES office or contact Steve at 756-3347. Let me know how many so I can reserve the tables.



### **Volunteer Needed !**

The EGSA is looking for a volunteer to serve on the Ecology Group admissions committee. If you are interested, submit your name to the EGSA mailbox and show up at the next meeting. Vote will take place then; application review for admissions starts in January. For further information contact Steve at 756-3347 or Peter Moyle in WFB, Briggs Hall.

### GSA Dance

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### **BBQ on October 21st**

Putah Creek Lodge.  
Fun & Food provided  
Begins : 4:00 p.m.  
Who may attend?  
All graduate students  
+ 1 guest



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