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NEWSLETTER

AS THIS IS THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE 78-79 SCHOOL YEAR, A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL THE NEW GRADS. ACCORDING TO DR. LOVE, THERE SHOULD BE AROUND 50 OF YOU. CONGRATUALATIONS. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT YOU'VE BECOME MEMBERS OF THE E.G.S.A. (FOR BETTER OR WORSE). "OLD-TIMERS" WHO ARE STILL IN RESIDENCE NUMBER AROUND 150 SO YOU ARE IN GRAND COMPANY.

1. There will be a General Meeting of the Ecology Graduate Student Association (E.G.S.A.) on Wednesday, October 11th, from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Conference Room (2124) of Wickson Hall. Bring lunch if you want. The agenda will include:

- a. Filling positions on standing committees: organization, newsletter/publication, seminar and budget
- b. Discussion and approval of this year's budget (which is relatively large)
- c. Explanation of "normative time"

2. There will be a General Get-Together on Thursday, October 5th at 5 p.m., immediately following the seminar by H. Ronald Pulliam (see below) in Memorial Union II. This is your chance to get to know some new people, to share summer experiences, and ponder the flocking behavior of Homo sapiens. BEER AND BEER AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

3. The E.G.S.A. has a bona-fide mailbox in the Division of Environmental Studies office, 2132 Wickson. Messages of a nice nature may be left there.

4. The E.G.S.A. currently has some office space in 2146 Wickson Hall (Winnie Spurr's office). There will be a fellow student there from 3 to 4 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning September 26th and through at least the month of October. Come by to ask questions you may have regarding bars and other nite spots, vegetable gardens and solar heating, etc. as well your graduate program, classes, professors, jobs, etc.

5. The E.G.S.A., the Institute of Ecology and the Graduate Group in Ecology co-sponsor an Ecology Seminar Series. The 1978 Fall presentations (see attached calendar) promise to be very interesting. Treat yourself on Thursday afternoons to some fine seminars.

6. Friday Lunch Talks are another activity co-sponsored by the E.G.S.A. These lunch talks are of two different types. Some are informal meetings with the "Thursday seminar" speakers to discuss topics presented at the seminar, etc. Other Friday lunch talks are more formal seminar presentations by Ecology graduate students. The E.G.S.A. seminar committee will be pleased to assist any interested student in arranging such a seminar. (See attached calendar for list of scheduled speakers.)

7. The standing committees of the E.G.S.A. really need and encourage your active participation and support. If you can't attend the October 11th General Meeting, get in contact with one of the following coordinators before that date:

- a. Matt Rowe, Chairperson of the E.G.S.A. and Organizational Committee (752-2916)
- b. John Bradley, Chairperson of the Newsletter/Publication Committee (752-2793)
- c. Pat Arrowood (752-2916) or Ross Virginia (752-3490), Co-chairpersons of the Seminars' Committee
- d. Doug Updike, Chairperson of the Budget Committee (752-6586)

ECOLOGY SEMINARS

1978 FALL QUARTER SERIES

Please include the following seminar information in the Campus Record at the appropriate times for the dates listed. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Casey or Cliff Shockney at 2-3026.

Thursday, October 5

ECOLOGY\*—H. RONALD PULLIAM, Museum of Northern Arizona: The evolution and dynamics of bird flocks. 4:00 p.m., MU II. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

Thursday, October 12

ECOLOGY\*—THOMAS W. SCHOENER, University of Washington: The distribution of vertebrates on small islands: an observational and experimental approach. 4:00 p.m., MU II. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

Thursday, October 19

ECOLOGY\*—JERE H. LIPPS, University of California, Davis: Trophic resources, environmental stability and Antarctic marine communities. 4:00 p.m., MU II. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

Thursday, October 26

ECOLOGY\*—WILLIAM H. DURHAM, Stanford University: Coevolution of biology and culture. 4:00 p.m., MU II. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

Thursday, November 2

ECOLOGY\*—LAUREL R. FOX, University of California, Santa Cruz: Defoliation in Australian forests: Tannins, nitrogen and timing. 4:00 p.m., MU II. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

Thursday, November 9

ECOLOGY\*—ROBERT T. PAINE, University of Washington: Experimental biogeography of *Postelfia*. 4:00 p.m., MU II. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

Thursday, November 16

ECOLOGY\*—MONTGOMERY SLATKIN, University of Washington: Ecological character displacement. 4:00 p.m., MU II. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

Thursday, November 30

ECOLOGY\*—DONALD W. TINKLE, University of Michigan: Ecological and evolutionary constraints on life history strategies in reptiles. 4:00 p.m., MU II. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

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ECOLOGY FRIDAY LUNCH TALKS

- October 6 H. Ronald Pulliam, Museum of Northern Arizona  
The evolution of ideas  
2124 Wickson
- October 13 \*Thomas W. Schoener, University of Washington  
The distribution of vertebrates on small islands: an  
observational and experimental approach  
2124 Wickson
- October 20 Steve Neudecker, Ecology Graduate Group, UCD  
Transplant experiments to test the effect of fish  
grazing on coral distribution  
2120-J Wickson
- October 27 \*William H. Durham, Stanford University  
Coevolution of biology and culture  
2124 Wickson
- November 3 \*Laurel R. Fox, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Defoliation in Australian forests: tannins, nitrogen  
and timing  
(Meeting place to be announced)
- November 10 \*Robert T. Paine, University of Washington  
Experimental biogeography of Postelfia  
(Meeting place to be announced)
- November 17 John King, Ecology Graduate Group, UCD  
Elkhorn Slough ecological study--alternative strategies  
for preservation  
(Meeting place to be announced)
- November 31 \*Donald W. Tinkle, University of Michigan  
Ecological and evolutionary constraints on life history  
strategies in reptiles  
(Meeting place to be announced)

\*These talks will be informal discussions relating to the speaker's  
Thursday afternoon Ecology seminar.

Lunch talks will begin at 12 Noon.