Welcome to our new faculty member (see below) !!!

Student News

**Jeff Flood**, both Anatomy & Physiology as well as Biology 6-7, just received $4,000 in alumni scholarships at UCLA.

**Yun Kim**, both Anatomy & Physiology as well as Biology 6-7, and Biology 45I and 45W, is presently participating on an internship at the National Institute of Health, where he is working on the carcinogenic effects of anti-retroviral drugs such as AZT.

**Jenia Yadegaran**, Anatomy with Paul Wissmann and Biology 4 with Mary Colavito, entered the University of Houston College of Optometry this fall 2001 as part of the class of 2005.

**Dr. Jana Norris**, Biology 6, is presently teaching as a member of the Clinical Faculty in the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Allied Health Career

Students interested in a challenging Allied Health Career with good pay and excellent job outlook should check out the profession of Respiratory Therapy. SMC has an excellent program that offers students with a good background in Life Sciences a great career option. 100% of its graduates get local job placement! Students interested in getting

Department NEWS

For the department's flex activity, we spent the day on Occidental College's oceanographic vessel, the Van Tuna, under the leadership of our marine biologist, Ed Tarvyd. We had the opportunity to see how plankton samples are collected, and trawls are conducted. It was a beautiful day. One of the highlights was having a pod of Common Dolphins come by and ride our bow. We had a great time learning about the marine organisms, in spite of the fact some faculty members became seasick. For a series of seven candid shots, click here.

Faculty and Staff NEWS

We have added one new faculty members to our department this fall, 2001. Below are short biography on Dr. Garen Baghasarian.

**Dr. Garen Baghasarian** completed his B.S. and Ph.D. at UCLA, where his dissertation focused on symbiosis in algal-cnidarian systems. More specifically, his research concentrated on the mechanisms of coral bleaching, recovery of corals from bleaching events, and the subsequent maintenance and regulation of symbiosis. As a post-doctoral researcher, he looked t the biochemistry of predator-prey interactions, considering
information on our Respiratory Therapy Program should contact: Mel Welch, RRT, RC, Professor, Reps. Therapy, Phone: 434.3463; email melwelch@Prodigy.net. Office Hours: Mondays 8-noon at the Madison campus, Room 204B. Counseling appts available on Mondays at the Health Science Dept. on the Madison campus. Tours of UCLA Medical Center with a current RT student can be arranged to gain more insight into the profession and program.

Things to do.....

**TUTORS NEEDED**: Students who have successfully completed Life Science Dept courses such as Biology 21-22-23 (formerly Biology 6A-B, 7), Botany, Microbiology, Zoology 5, Anatomy1 and 2, Physiology 3 and are interested in teaching can be tutors. Contact faculty members in those disciplines for further information.

**Care-Extender Program** at Santa Monica-UCLA Center. Get experience in Health Care! CALL 310.319.4398

**CYBERSTUFF! Check it out!**

One can follow the fall migration of the monarch butterfly by going to the Digital Monarch Watch [http://kanecn.org/monarch/](http://kanecn.org/monarch/) (where you can electronically submit your tagging data) - during a Monarch migration, you can now fill out a form [http://kanecn.org/monarch/wave/](http://kanecn.org/monarch/wave/) and send in your report of migration. Then, using an advanced mapping technology, they will add your data to your fellow researchers' data and map the results at that moment! The more people who submit data, the more accurate (and colorful) the map will be. You will be able to return to this page at any time to see the current monarch progression map as well as all past maps. They will also be creating an animated image gallery, showing various map renditions of the seasonal migrations. To help create the map, they need three pieces of information from you: where, when, and what you identified.

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**Faculty Awards**

**Professor Douglas Allan** was awarded the Ayala Communication and Anixter, Inc. Chair of Excellence for the Life Sciences Department at the Santa Monica College Commencement. The three year tenure in this Chair includes $5000 per year. Doug has taught at SMC for 24 years. He has taught non-majors biology, human ecology, field zoology, botany, field botany, and field studies courses and has been an innovator in collaborative learning. He has been active in the California Native Plant Society, a docent trainer in the Santa Monica Mountains, and has been the driving force behind the native plant garden that is found in from of the home of the Center for Environmental Studies at SMC.

**Professor Ruth Logan** and Peter Geltner were presented the Award for Excellence in Institutional Planning from the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges for their paper on "The Influence of Session Length in Student Success."

**Professor Walter H. Sakai** was awarded $400 from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society to support his various bird banding activities in the Santa Monica Mountains, part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Further support has been provided by AVINET, Inc, a company specializing in bird banding equipment and owned by a former SMC student.
A student found this neat graph paper printer online. You can design all styles of grid and lined paper at http://perso.easynet.fr/~philimar/graphpapeng.htm

SOME QUOTES TO THINK ABOUT.

"Only after the last tree has been cut down, Only after the last river has been poisoned, Only after the last fish has been caught, Only then will you find money can not be eaten." Cree Indian Prophecy.

"Bugs are not going to inherit the earth. They own it now. So we might as well make peace with the landlords." Tom Eisner, Cornell University.