Student News

Zarahai Tornabene (Anat I with Paul Wissmann, Physio with Mary Bober, and Bio21 with Tom Chen/Ruth Logan) entered the UCLA Bridge Program and was the first "Junior College" participant to enter a poster, and now was the first "Junior College" participant to win the CAMP Statewide Award for posters in the Life Sciences at the CAMP Statewide Undergraduate Research Symposium held at U.C. Irvine. Her poster was entitled "Sex differences in RNA expression in Kidney," came from her work in Dr. Arthur P. Arnold's lab.

Andrea Pickart (Field Zoology courses with Doug Allan & Walt Sakai in 19 ?) recently illustrated the book, Trees and Shrubs of California. This is the 62nd book in the prestigious California Natural History Guide Series. Andrea is an ecologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Series, and manager of the Christiansen-Lamphere Dunes Preserve in Arcata, CA.

Dorothea Hall (Biology 6, Fall 96; Biology 7 & Biology 45W, Spring 97) received her MD from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She will begin a year internship in Chicago in June, and return to Milwaukee in 2002.

Jennifer Merlic in Physical Sciences pointed out a wonderful site illustrating "our" position in the cosmos at


DONATING BLOOD?

To donate blood, call 1.800.GIVELIFE or 1.800.448.3543. Call between 8am to 9pm to schedule an appointment.

American Red Cross of Santa Monica, 1450 Eleventh Street at Broadway, Santa Monica. 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, except holidays, 9:30am - 4pm.

American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles, West District Office, 11355 Ohio Avenue, West Los Angeles (enter from Sawtelle entrance at V.A. Facility) 12pm to 7pm. 2nd and 4th Saturday of each, except holidays, 7am to 1:30pm.

A REAL DEAL is donating blood at St. John's Health Center, where perks include a free cholesterol test, pair of free AMC theatre movie passes, and entry into a monthly drawing. Platelet donations, a process which takes about twice as long, earns more movie passes! Call 310.829.8025 for details and an
for a three year residency in anesthesiology.

**Yun Kim** (Biology 6A, Fall 98; Biology 6B, Winter 99; Biology 7 & Biology 45W, Spring 00) will be teaching acupuncture at the University of Guadalajara in Mexico this spring.

**Jeff Cole** (Biology 6, Spring 95; Biology 7, Fall 96) received his baccalaureate from UCLA and has been accept into graduate school at the University of Kansas in entomology. Jeff is also highlighted in the Natural History Museum Entomology Section, having re-organized the Odonatan (dragonflies and damselflies) collection.

**Lik Cheung Hsueh** (Biology 6, Fall 2000; Biology 7 & Biology 45W, Spring 2001) reports that he has graduate from UC Berkeley.

**Haleh Foroutan** of the same vintage as Lik also graduated from UC Berkeley and will attend graduate school in Education at UCLA.

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**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

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**CYBERSTUFF! Check it out!**

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**Department NEWS**

The Life Sciences Department was well represented on Professional Development Day. **Kent Hodson** led a Campus Botanical Tour. **Oriana Kim-Rajab & Mary Bober** led a session called Know Thyself: A hands-on investigation in Anatomy and Physiology. **Doug Allan** led a Campus Botanical tour: California Native plants, **Mary Colavito & Kent Hodson** led a session called "It's in your Genes!" **Ellen Baker** presented "Composting at home." And then, **Ruth Logan** and **Oriana Kim-Rajab** were on the committee that planned this program.

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**Faculty and Staff NEWS**

**Dr. Kay Azuma**, one of our Anatomy and Physiology instructors, was awarded a sabbatical leave for the fall 2002. During her sabbatical, Kay earned a Master Gardener certificate through the University of California Cooperative Extension office. Dr. Azuma also completed two SMC Online Courses, CIS 50 (Introduction to the Internet) and CIS 52 (Web Page Design Using FrontPage), completed SMC's Technology Training’s self-paced instruction for both the Fundamental & Advanced PowerPoint, and Worked on the agenda for SMC's Academic Senate Distance Education Committee.

Kay says that more information the Master Gardener program may be obtained from the following sources: UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener homepage at [http://fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu/masgar.html](http://fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu/masgar.html), UC Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program homepage at [http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/selectnewpest.home.htm](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/selectnewpest.home.htm), Pittenger, Dennis (ed), California Master Gardener handbook (2002, Regents of the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural
Sun-angle is an on-line tool to calculate the angle of the sun and other related information for a particular location, date, and time. The URL is http://www.susdesign.com/sunangle/

Roger Cobb found this great site, showing aerial shots of almost the entire California coast. A retired businessman has taken over 12,000 high resolution digital photographs from the Oregon border to the Mexican border. The intent was to monitor activities along the coast, mostly illegal stuff done on private land (tree cutting, grading, illegal construction, pollution, etc) that are not visible from the road. But it is a great site to look at the habitat along our coast.

www.californiacoastline.org

Ed Tarvyd recently (2002) co-authored a paper with Nicholas E. Collias and Ronald J. Barfield, called Testosterone Versus Psychological Castration in the Expression of Dominance, Territoriality and Breeding Behavior by Male Village Weavers (Ploceus cucullatus) in the British journal Behaviour, 139:801-824. Ed says that this comes, in part, from work he did for his Master's Thesis some 40 years ago. Old data is still good data.