Life Sciences News

"The unexamined life is not worth living."
"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing."
"There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance."
"Wisdom begins in wonder."

all from Socrates

Student News

Dr. Michele Coleman (Bio 6, 7, 45W Fall 97, Spr 98, Kansas State School of Medicine in May 2004) is doing a year's internship at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York (SE Long Island).

Darolyn Striley (Bio 45 and student bird bander) spent a month working at a Mesozoic fossil dig, featured in the 7-8/2005 Natural History Magazine. The Thomas excavation is located in the badlands of near Ekalaka, Montana and headed up by Dr. Luis Chiappe, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

Karen Howe (Bio 21-22-23-45W, 2002-03) completed her baccalaureate at Northern Arizona University and is now an Ecologist for her tribe, the Tohono O'odham National in southern Arizona.

Drs. Jan Goerrissen and Megan Lulow recently completed their PhD's at UC Davis and are now Reserve Stewards at the University of California's Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert Research Center, located near Mohave National Park.

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 appointment. There is also free valet parking for all donors.
Students interested in summer research programs such as the one above can go to the link provided by Aram Kim (Biology 23, Spring 2004) at
http://www.yale.edu/necuse/
http://www.the-aps.org/education/uggrf/SumResLINKs.html
http://research.berkeley.edu

HOW TO RATE HURRICANES?
   Category 1 - 74-95 mph
   Category 2 - 96-119 mph
   Category 3 - 111-130 mph
   Category 4 - 131-155 mph
   Category 5 - 155+ mph

   Realize that here in southern California, the Santa Ana winds may get up to 50+ mph in the canyons.

HOW HURRICANES GET THEIR NAMES?
   Prior to 1953, hurricanes had complicated latitude-longitude names, but to make alerting the public simpler, names began to be used. Female names were picked using our Naval tradition, along with the supposed temperament of the storms. In 1979, male names were alternated with female names (Women's Lib). There are six sets of names that are rotated every six years. There is, however, a "hall of fame" list. Particularly devastating or "influential" storm names are "retired" and replaced. In 2004, Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne were retired. Katrina will undoubtedly make the infamous list. There are 21 names on each of the six lists. If there are more than 21 such storms, they go to the Greek alphabet.

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, Anatomy 1 and 2, Physiology 3 and are interested in teaching can be tutors. Contact faculty members in those disciplines for further information.

Faculty and Staff NEWS

Ruth Logan, the driving force of our biology majors program, has retired after 33 years of teaching in the Life Sciences Department. She taught the first course in the majors series, which was Biology 6, which became Bio 6A and now Bio 21. Besides the majors series, Ruth taught our first distance ed classes on campus, served as department chair from 1991-1997, and was our principal representative during our "earthquake years" as our new Science Complex was built.

Professor Logan was also Academic Senate President in 1981-82 and served on innumerable committees through the years....Executive, Program Review, Long Range Planning, Curriculum, Professional Development, Student Affairs, and various statewide committees. In 2004, she was nominated for Hayward Award for Outstanding Faculty member. She was also a founding member of our Faculty Association.

In her retirement, among the things she plans to do with her husband, Barre, long time chemistry professor at Pierce College, is to travel. Her first trip is to go to the Arctic Circle to see Polar Bears!


Ed also joined his graduate professor, Dr. Nicholas Collias, emeritus, to collaborate on some loose ends on some research they conducted over 40 years ago.

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