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**Student News**

**Megan Lulow** (Bio6-7,45's) after receiving her doctorate in ecology at UCDavis with an emphasis on restoration, plant ecology and plant-soil relations (and having a baby) has taken a position as Senior Field Ecologist at the Irvine Ranch Conservancy. Megan's recent publication is entitled Restoration of California Native Grasses and Clovers: The roles of Clipping, Broadleaf Herbicide, and Native Grassland Density, in Restoration Ecology, an OnlineEarly Article doi:10.1111/j.1526-100X.2007.00334.x.

Her husband, **Jan Goerrissen** (Bio6-7,4's), also received his PhD from UCDavis studying the Ecology and Conservation of Grassland Birds in California. Jan is presently an adjunct faculty member at Orange Coast College.

**Prem K. Premsrirut** (Bio6-7, 1998-9) graduated from UCBerkeley and is presently a 3rd year graduate student in the PhD/MD program at Cold Springs Harbor Lab. Her dissertation work is looking at the Conditional Regulation of Tumor Suppressor genes in vivo using RNAi. A paper she recently co-authored is entitled Tissue-specific and reversible RNA interference in transgenic mice in Nature Genetics 39:914-921 (2007), published online: 17 June 2007! doi:10.1038/ng2045.

**Lauren Matsui** (Bio 21-22-23, 45) interned at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County's Ichthyology section. Her work recently was published in the following paper: Thacker, C.E., P.J. Unmack, L. Matsui, & N. Rifenbark. 2007. Comparative phylogeography of five sympatric Hypseleotris species (Teleostei: Eleotridae) in south-eastern Australia reveals a complex pattern of

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**Things to do.....**

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Hector Leon (Bio21-22-23, 2005-6) reports that he was just accepted to the School of Dental Medicine at U. Connecticut. Nathan Poiro (Bio21-22-23,) reports that he has been accepted into the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Rebecca Russell (Micro 2, Spr 2007) successfully completed her first semester at Duke University and reported to Micro professor Lucy Kluckhohn that she earned a 3.8 average, “which includes a graduate level class in Physical Assessment/Diagnostic Reasoning and Pathophysiology, where all the Micro that we learned came in handy!”

Kelley Falconer (Bio21-22-23, 45W) reports that she recently earned her MA degree in Philosophy at California State University at Los Angeles in December 2007, and is presently teaching philosophy as an adjunct professor Loyola Marymount University.

Darolyn Striley (Bio45's) recently left the Invertebrate Section at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History to take a position at the University of Chicago, where she will serve as the Administrative Assistant in the Encyclopedia of Life Project. The project's godfather is E.O. Wilson and the idea is to put onto the web information about every species on this planet. The project is co-sponsored by a number of institutions such as Harvard University and the Smithsonian Institute. Seed money has been provided by the MacArthur Foundation among others. A recent article on this project can be found in the cover article in the recent issue of Science New (2 Feb 2008, Vol173(5). Darolyn sent a URL for one of EOL's first commercials shown on U Tube


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Faculty and Staff NEWS

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and explored by this young man. On May 17 of this year, SMC will host the author at the Pavilion, where he will likely read portions from his book, answer questions, sign books, and meet with students and faculty.

**Internet Sites:**
BIOLITZ - Sponsored by the National Geographic Society, BioBlitz is a twenty-four hour event in which scientists and volunteers scour an area to identify as many species of organisms in a local area. One of the upcoming BioBlitzes for 2008 will be in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, right next door to us. The Life Sciences Department, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, and others will be participating in this effort to be held on 30-31 May 2008. For more information on BioBlitz, go to [http://www.nationalgeographic.com/conservation/bioblitz/](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/conservation/bioblitz/)