



NATURAL SCIENCES' WEEKLY

Monday March 14, 2005

1. The A Team Visits THIS week (March 15-17)!

From Lis Leyson, Executive Vice President:

"I know you have not forgotten about the visit by the Accreditation Team beginning Tuesday of next week and that you have memorized the mission statement and recall that we do have a code of ethics and core values and, if you don't mind my adding my personal opinion, a wonderful place to work."

All faculty are *invited* to attend one of two Open Meetings: Tuesday (3/15) from 2-3pm in Rm 1018, and Thursday (3/17) at 2pm in the Campus Theater.

2. Should We Jazz It Up?

From Jake:

"How about if we run a contest to name this newsletter? Natural Sciences Weekly is too boring for this division. The winner can get a free one year's subscription. (The losers get a 2 year subscription.) My suggestions are: "Natural Sciences Weakly" or "Vespa crabro" (I think that is the scientific name for the hornet, but check with Lenny to make sure.)"

Well...Any other entrants in the "Name This Newsletter Sweepstakes"?!"

3. Science Olympiad!!!!....Friday, March 18

This sensational event starts with Team Check-In at 7:30am and culminates with the Awards Ceremony at 3:30pm.

4. Curriculum Dates:

All new and/or revised curriculum must be ready for TECHNICAL REVIEW on AUGUST 31, 2005. Technical review does not require signatures but it does require that all paperwork is filled out properly. If you have curriculum that you wish to submit in Fall 2005, please let Sean Chamberlin know ASAP. There are some new features to course outlines, like Student Learning Outcomes, or SLOs, that are now required.

5. March is National Nutrition Month!

From: Nutrition and Foods Department

Important! Please note that March is National Nutrition Month. Therefore, the Food Police will be checking all lunch sacks for compliance with the newly revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Please have yours readily available for inspection upon request.

(Well, we're kidding about the inspection, but it IS National Nutrition Month, and if you want a copy of the revision, see Carol, Peggy or Karen!)

6. Division Seminar – “Islands: Getting There is Only Half the Problem”

March 17, 2005. Room 413 at Noon – 1pm.

An illustrated talk by *Dr. Allan Schoenher*

7. In Case You Were Wondering...

Independent study students under the direction of Sean Chamberlin are constructing a reef tank in north display room on the second floor of the atrium.

This effort is part of an emerging Reef Studies Program in the Earth Sciences department.

8. Science Roadmap Initiative (SRI):

IMSURE Undergraduate Summer Research Opportunity at UC Irvine. Contact Said M. Shokair, IMSURE Managing Director at (949) 824-4189 or shokair@uci.edu.

Please be aware of this new summer opportunity for some of our *transferring* students.

The Integrated Micro/Nano Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (IMSURE) will host 16 junior and senior undergraduates per year for a 10-week summer research experience in micro- and nanosystems. With a goal of helping students gain the skills and confidence to become independent researchers and make better career decisions, the experience focuses on intensive and direct contact with a large number of faculty and their graduate students through a series of pre-research lectures, hands-on projects, weekly seminars and workshops, an industry field trip, and social activities. Students will also have hands-on prototyping and fabrication experience by providing them direct access to UCI's Integrated Nanosystems Research Facility (INRF), a modern, industrial-grade facility for designing, constructing and testing micro-electro-mechanical (MEMS) systems, opto-electronics, fiberoptics and photonics, microfluidics, and hybrid systems.

The IMSURE Program is committed to promoting diversity within the fields of science and engineering. **Community College students, who are transferring to a 4-year institution next year, are encouraged to apply.**

Applications can be submitted online at the IMSURE Web site: <http://www.urop.uci.edu/imsure.htm>

9. A REMINDER:

The April 7 Division Meeting has been *rescheduled* for March 31 and will focus on Science Replacement Building issues and plans.

10. Scholarships Galore!

Information and applications on several Natural Sciences Division Scholarships – including the Joel D. Hail Memorial Scholarship - are available in the Division Office.

11. Why are some NASA scientists actually convinced that there is *life* – right now! – on Mars?

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/scitues_marscaves_050308.html

PLEASE NOTE: The next Natural Sciences' Weekly will next appear on Monday, March 28 (after Spring Break).

Please send e-mail submissions by 5 pm Thursday, March 24.