Department News

Anatomy/Physiology Professor Hired

Thomas Hancock, Ph.D., was hired as an Assistant Professor of Biology and will teach Anatomy/Physiology and Animal Physiology. Tom comes to us from James Madison University in Virginia where he taught Animal Physiology and integrated lab. Recent research activities included analyzing the proximal causes of variation in locomotor ability in salamander larvae, such as velocity, acceleration, and maneuverability. Welcome Tom.

Staff Comings & Goings

John Shields, Scientific Instructional Technician I, moved into the Scientific Instructional Technician II position vacated by Brenda McCracken, who was hired as an Anatomy/Physiology Lecturer. John has been with the department since December 2000.

David French was hired as Scientific Instructional Technician I. David had been working as a Research Assistant at The Scripps Research Institute in California.

Sabrina Quiroz was hired as Secretary Senior to replace Carol Parrish, our long-time secretary who retired November 1 (see related article on page 2). Sabrina had been working for EWU’s Information Resources as an Information Technology Systems Specialist I.

Russell Matheson was hired as Animal Technician I to replace Annette Marcus, who moved to Oregon. Russ is a Biology major focusing on the Pre-Med/Pre-Dental option. He’d been working part-time for the department since Fall 2003.

Welcome & congratulations to all. For more information about our staff go to Biology’s web site http://www.biology.ewu.edu (click on the “Staff” link from the top right menu).

Prism School Visits

EWU Biology Department

Prism School students visited EWU’s Biology Department earlier this year to learn more about ecology. Heather McKeen, Senior Associate Faculty, allowed students to explore and discover the microorganisms in pond water. Diane Zahand, Prism School Facilitator, indicated that “the children’s enthusiasm and excitement was contagious!” Heather then followed up the lab by discussing food chains and food webs in and around the pond.

Prism School was established to serve the needs of capable, motivated learners from grades kindergarten through third grade.

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Carol Parrish Retires

Besides being Halloween, October 31 marked Carol Parrish’s last day at Eastern Washington University. Carol had been employed by the university for 30 years.

After stints in several other departments on campus, Carol settled in Biology and has been with the department for 24 years. Students, staff, and faculty relied on Carol’s knowledge and compassion. In fact, she listed “helping students complete their education and degrees” as a stated interest on our staff web page.

At Carol’s request, no formal (or informal) reception was held. Knowing her love of gardening … and now having time to do more of it … the department presented Carol with an assortment of gardening goodies plus an engraved watering can recognizing her years of service to the university.

We’ll miss Carol and wish her the very best in retirement. She and Wayne have plans to travel … so maybe the gardening will have to wait a while. Happy retirement, Carol!

Prism School (cont. from page 1)

One of the school’s goals is to develop a love of learning, which is accomplished through hands-on activities and field trips.

Prism School staff, students, and parents appreciated this educational opportunity and Heather’s outstanding presentation.

Thanks to Diane Zahand for contributions to this article.

2004 Graduates

The following Biology majors graduated in 2004. Congratulations to all!

Graduate Students
James Stegen MS

Undergraduate Students
David M. Bates BS
Heidi J. Boucher BS
Sara J. Breed BS
Jacob R. Bucholz BS, BAE
Erica L. Bunnell BS
Casey Carl BS
Megan M. Cathey BS
Christina D. Fairbairn BS
Heather R. Foged BS
Katrina M. Fradet BS
Heather P. Fryling BS
Keith R. Garner BS
Stephanie L. Gonzalez BS
Samuel R. Green BS
Tyler S. Green BS
Jeremai J. Hafer BS
Nicole M. Hale BS
Kimberlee A. Hamblet BAE
Kailie S. Hansen BS
Brandon L. Hauver BAE
Cassie L. Hebel BS
May L. Hickman BS, BAE
Samantha M. Howard BS
Marty R. Johnson BS
Lisa P. Jones BS
Eli A. Ker BS
Joshua A. Kidd BS
Nichole C. Kostoff BS
Shavonne R. Lanier BS
Casey R. Ledbetter BS
Roxanne M. Lennon BS
Hilory C. Levine BS
Joseph L. Marshall BS
Timothy R. Martinson BS

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2004 Graduates (cont. from page 2)

Yvonne M. McCaa       BS
Kathren E. McGree      BS
Sara A. Miller         BS
Richard J. Montandon  BS
Robert A. Moon         BS
Sara M. Nafzgar        BS
Zachary K. Norling    BS
Tim J. Ochoa           BS
Michael S. Oliver      BS
Arika J. Olson         BS
Tara M. Pankey         BS
Carrie A. Pawley       BS
Morah D. Peltonen      BS
Chris L. Plager        BS
Derek D. Rader         BS
Jamie L. Rodgers       BS
Clinton S. Roe         BS
Jeremy R. Ryf          BS
James A. Sagen          BS
Yuliya V. Salfetnikov  BS
Aaron L. Staley        BS
Lori M. Stokes         BS
Kristal J. Talbot      BS
April M. Taylor        BS
Josh C. Trick          BS
Amy M. Tuttle          BS
Teresa A. Vavrosky     BS
Benjamin A. Wells      BS, BA
Mattie L. Whitney      BS
Rian C. Zeigler        BS

To our graduates: We hope you’ll keep in touch with us and let us know what you’re doing. Be sure to check out future issues of Biology News to see what we’re up to. ♦

Our apologies if any graduates were omitted.

Graduate Honors

Frances B. Huston Award:
Morah D. Peltonen

Outstanding Biology Seniors:
Erica L. Bunnell
Megan M. Cathey
Lorrie A. Foster
Heather P. Fryling
Emily Diana Hall
Debra L. M. Horiuchi
Meagan L. Jones
Shavonne R. Lanier
Morah D. Peltonen
Taylor Updegrove

Outstanding Natural Sciences Senior:
Heidi Bucholz

Congratulations on these honors and on your achievements!

Fall 2004 Hollister-Stier Textbook Awards

Recipients of the Fall Textbook Awards were:

Jennifer Baldwin-Bonney
Jon Eckhart
Christopher Kirkpatrick
Venus Smith

Congratulations to all ... and thank you to Hollister-Stier for making these awards possible!
Fall Quarter

As you may have deduced from the preceding pages, the Summer issue of Biology News which normally carries graduation announcements and honors was non-existent; and the Fall issue was delayed. Changes in staffing over the last few months meant that many non-essential tasks were postponed. But with our re-staffing now completed, we don’t anticipate future interruptions to Biology News.

Please visit our web site quarterly to see what’s new in the Biology Department. The Winter issue of Biology News should be online by late February 2005.

Have a great holiday season. See you in January!

Sue Murphy, Editor

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