

THE DEPARTMENT of BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES NEWSLETTER

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Happy Graduation!!!

THIS WEEK ~ **FINAL EXAMS** - Monday-Friday, May 12 -16th

Friday, May 16th ~ Commencement Rehearsal (see below)

Saturday, May 17th

~ **CNRS Graduation Ceremony** - 8:30am (met in the West Gym @ 8:00)

~ **Biological Sciences Department Reception: SciB Lobby, 10:30-Noon**

GRADES DUE ~ **Wednesday, May 21st by 11:59p.m.** (see below)

Commencement Rehearsal

FRIDAY, May 16th ~ Commencement Rehearsal for **Name Readers and Marshals only**. Please note that the process for name readers has changed slightly this year, so it is very important to come to rehearsal. **Please meet in the West Gym no later than 1:00 p.m.** Rehearsal is scheduled from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

GRADUATION RECEPTION



The reception for graduates from the Biological Sciences Department will take place right after the graduation ceremonies, **Saturday, May 17th, from 10:30 - Noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity for friends and relatives of graduates to see firsthand the areas where graduates have studied and learned.

GRADES DUE

All grades must be entered by the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. If you need assistance, have questions about grade policies, or questions about entering grades, please contact Jane Fusek (x6187) or Hillary Dashiell (x6203). Additional information about grading, including grade mode definitions, can be found on the Registrar's homepage under Links for Faculty and Staff - Grading information:

<http://www.humboldt.edu/~reg/GradingInformation.html>

HSU Natural History Museum Event

Learn to ID Mammal Skulls, Sat., May 31, from 2 - 5 p.m.

Instructor: **Dr. Karen Reiss, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor at CR
\$25 members/students (\$30 non-members) ~ Limited to 10 participants.

Have you ever found a skull, skull fragment, or tooth out in the wild? Are they sitting around collecting dust on your bookcases? In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to identify the most common local species. We'll start with a review of the major groups and most common species of north coast mammals. Then we'll learn some basic skull and tooth anatomy, and the skull features that typify each major group. Finally, we'll learn how to use a dichotomous key to identify unknowns. At the end of the afternoon, you'll be a pro! Be sure to bring those dusty bits from home! <http://www.humboldt.edu/~natmus>

**Biological Science
Student Earns
Best Talk Award
at the WCBSURC**

Winter Santander, a Botany and Zoology double major, was awarded the Best Oral Presentation Award in the Physiology Section of the West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference. The Conference was held on April 12, 2008 at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. Winter's presentation was based upon research she has conducted in the laboratory of **Prof. Bruce A. O'Gara** of HSU's Biological Sciences Department. Winter's talk was entitled: *Protection From Neuronal Copper Toxicity by Dopamine or the Dopamine Reuptake Blocker Nomifensine in the Aquatic Annelid Lumbriculus Variegatus*. A highlight of the Conference was the plenary talk *Genomics and the Future of Medicine and Society* delivered by Francis S. Collins, the Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute. Congratulations!!

**Fred and Margaret
Telonicher
Memorial
Scholarship**

The Telonicher Memorial Scholarship is granted annually to an undergraduate student in the biological sciences, in any stage of their college studies. The award is given exclusively on the basis of academic excellence. This year's recipient is **Christopher Reddin**. We believe that Christopher exemplifies the quality performance and high ideals that were so characteristic of Professor Telonicher. Congratulations!!

**Trinidad Head
Plant Walk
(CNPS)**

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) invites everyone to a plant walk on Trinidad Head on **May 17, 2008 (Saturday), 10 a.m. - noon**. Learn more about the flowers, trees, shrubs, berries, and ferns that cover the wind-blown ocean bluffs. Bring binoculars for viewing the birds nesting on the offshore rocks. Meet **Virginia Waters** at the beach parking lot near the base of Trinidad Head. (707) 822-2015, www.NorthCoastCNPS.org.

**LAST DEPT.
NEWSLETTER
for the
ACADEMIC
YEAR**

The purpose of the department Newsletter is to inform students, staff and faculty of upcoming seminars, events and various deadlines, which affect our daily lives. Submissions are always welcome. The Newsletter is distributed weekly on Mondays and is also available on the web at: <http://www.humboldt.edu/~biosci/> See you in August!!

**Environmental
Health and
Safety Summer
Training
Opportunities**

First Responder Operations Level Friday, May 30 08:30-12:30
Advanced emergency response training for hazardous materials incidents. Open to anyone who has taken First Responder Awareness Level training.

First Responder Awareness Level Friday, June 6 13:00-15:00
OSHA First Responder training for any employee who may happen to witness a hazardous materials release. Learn how to safely secure the area, notify the proper responders, and more.

Go to <http://www.humboldt.edu/~ehos/calendar.php> to sign up for the classes. If you have any questions call or email Tom Manoli at x5711 or tfm7001@humboldt.edu

Happy summer break to all...see you in August!