

THE NICHE

The Student-Faculty Newsletter of The Department of Biology
The College of William & Mary

Volume 2, Number 2

March 12, 1990

Fall Course Changes Due To Faculty Research Leaves

Bradley, Brooks, Byrd, Vermeulen

Professors Brooks and Vermeulen will be on research leave all of next academic year, and Professors Bradley and Byrd will each be gone one semester. The department will be hiring several one-year replacement faculty as well as a tenure-track Molecular Biologist.

These and other events necessitate some changes and ambiguities in next year's schedule.

Fall 1990:

NOT OFFERED in the Fall (offered in Spring 1991 instead): **Microbiology; Entomology; Molecular Biology of the Gene.**

Probably NOT OFFERED next year at all: **Comparative Anatomy.**

OFFERED in the Fall (ordinarily offered in Spring): **Biostatistics.**

Courses whose instructor will not be known until the new people are hired: **Animal Physiology; Vertebrate Biology.**

Spring 1991:

NOT OFFERED in the Spring (offered in Fall, 1990 instead): **Biostatistics.**

OFFERED in the Spring (ordinarily offered in Fall): **Microbiology; Entomology; Molecular Biology of the Gene.**

Courses whose instructor will not be known until the new people are hired: **Animal Physiology; Molecular Biology of the Gene.**

An active faculty leave program energizes teaching and scholarship as well as research, and the Department strongly supports this important program. But we also understand that changes in courses and instructors may cause problems for students as they plan their schedules. If these necessary changes present serious problems for you, please see the Department Chair.

Biology Club Becomes Co-Editor of THE NICHE

THE NICHE was developed last year by the Department of Biology Chair's Student Advisory Group to foster communication between students and faculty in the department. We wanted to increase the opportunities to exchange information among the various constituent groups within the Department of Biology. The first three issues were greeted favorably by Biology majors, faculty, and friends.

The next step in THE NICHE's development is to produce a regular publication schedule, perhaps three issues each semester. To that end, the Biology Club has agreed to co-sponsor the newsletter along with the Chair's Office and to yearly appoint an editor to insure timely publication.

If you have suggestions or questions, please address them to THE NICHE, Department of Biology ---or drop material off at THE NICHE mailbox in Millington Room 118. Let us know the kinds of things we should include in the newsletter to make it useful and interesting for you. Thank you.



Spinal Cord Regeneration Studies to Begin

Lloyd Guth, M.D., currently Chair of the Department of Anatomy at University of Maryland School of Medicine, will soon join our department as Research Professor of Biology. Dr. Guth, recipient of the prestigious Jacob K. Javits Research Award in Neurobiology, will be continuing his work on spinal cord regeneration. Students interested in this work are invited to contact the Biology Club or Professor Bradley, Chair of the Department's Undergraduate Research Committee, for access to reprints of several published articles by Dr. Guth.

The Department welcomes a new colleague and looks forward to his joining us this summer.



General Ecology 311 Will Be Offered In Summer School

Significant student interest in Ecology the past several years has generated enrollment pressure. In the Fall, three laboratory sections will be offered, AND Professor Capelli will offer General Ecology 311 in the second session of summer school.

As a special part of the summer laboratory, students will help Capelli study Lake Matoaka as part of the College's investigation of this important part of our campus. Lectures will be MTWTh 8:30-10:20; labs will meet MTW 10:30-1:00. Because the course requires a minimum enrollment of 10, please let Dr. Capelli know of your interest as soon as possible so he can begin planning.

THE NICHE

*Department of Biology
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, VA 23185*

TO: