

Saltwater News

A Monthly Newsletter for UNH Marine Program Faculty, Staff and Students
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From The Director

We want to encourage our Marine Program faculty to have the undergraduate students engaged in marine research in their laboratories, or in independent research courses, to participate in the **2004 UNH Undergraduate Research Conference**. As part of this annual undergraduate research conference, the Marine Program and EOS are co-sponsoring an "Earth, Oceans, and Space Symposium" to be held on April 28th. This symposium will feature student research in the fields of earth, ocean or space science that contributes to, or benefits from, an interdisciplinary scientific perspective. This symposium is intended to compliment the COLSA Undergraduate Research Conference that will be held on May 1st. Students wishing to present posters should register on line by March 12, 2004. The Earth, Oceans, and Space Symposium will feature food, music and awards for the best posters in ocean science and interdisciplinary projects (e.g. Tech 797). For more information, go to the MP web site at: <http://marine.unh.edu/URCAAnnouncementPage.pdf>.



Attention Marine Science and Engineering Graduate Students! On February 18 (and March 2) you should have received an invitation to visit our Marine Science and Engineering Graduate Student survey site. Your participation in this survey will allow us to maintain better communication with our graduate students, keeping you better informed of Marine Program news and opportunities. We urge those of you who have not yet done so to follow the link on our home page, <http://marine.unh.edu>, to participate in this important process. You can see the format of the site by linking to: <http://marine.unh.edu/facstaffstugradstudents.html>.

To those of you that we may have missed with our email, we apologize and hope that you will visit the site and fill out the survey so that we can ensure that you are on our graduate student mailing list in the future. This is a site that cannot be completed without your help and input.

Faculty Members: You can help by urging your students to participate. Take a look at the page – let us know of students who have yet to respond and who might not be on our email list.

Student News

Timothy Moore, of the Ocean Process and Analysis Laboratory, was awarded a Best Student Poster at the ASLO/TOS Ocean Sciences conference in Hawaii in the session "Interactions and Feedbacks Among Marine Pelagic Ecosystems, Biogeochemical Cycles and Climate, in a Globally Changing Environment". Congratulations Tim!



Beyond New Hampshire

The Travels of Fred and Cathy Short.....Fred and Cathy left UNH on Feb 2 headed to Suva, Fiji where they were meeting with the Fijian SeagrassNet team leader to perform the quarterly SeagrassNet sampling. While there, Fred also established a second SeagrassNet site in Fiji.

From Fiji they flew on to Cairns, Queensland, Australia to perform a number of experiments in the expansive seagrass meadows throughout the Cairns area, Green Island and Thursday Island (Barrier Reef).

Continuing on to Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia (a 25 square mile atoll in the middle of the Western Pacific Ocean), they will be taking part in yet another SeagrassNet workshop.

On the move once again, Fred and Cathy will fly to Perth, Australia where they will work with Dr. Diane Walker at the University of Western Australia for approximately 3 weeks researching the seagrass in the waters surrounding Perth and Rottnest Island, Western Australia. Dr. Walker was a visiting scientist at Jackson Estuarine Laboratory from April – July 2003.

Leaving Perth on May 19, Fred and Cathy will fly to Selangor, Malaysia, and visit Dr. Madya Japar Sadik at the University of Putra Malaysia. They return to UNH on May 26. Now **THAT'S** a sabbatical!



Jonathan Pennock served on a recent panel for the EPA STAR Graduate Fellowships in Oceanography and Coastal Processes. This competitive program provides an opportunity for exceptional students to obtain stipend and tuition support for up to three years of graduate study. If you would like any insight into the review process, please contact Jon (jonathan.pennock@unh.edu; 862-2921).



The 2004 Ocean Sciences Conference in Hawaii co-sponsored by ASLO/TOS was well attended by both faculty and students from UNH – **Annette Schloss** (Oral presentation), **Janet Campbell**, **Joe Salisbury** (oral presentation and session chair), **Tim Moore** (student poster), **Mike Novak** (student poster), **Amy Holt Cline** (student poster) and **Hui Feng** (student poster).

Spot Light on the Marine Program Website

Did you know?

We've added a new section to the bottom of the front page of the website <http://marine.unh.edu>. This is an area where we will list recent news and happenings within the program (e.g. new seminars, news articles, funding opportunities, etc...). This info will change frequently – stop in often.

Did you know?

<http://marine.unh.edu/newsseminars.html> lists marine related UNH seminars? If you have a seminar that should be included, email linda.wade@unh.edu.

Did you know?

<http://marine.unh.edu/newssaltwaternews.html> lists all of our archived copies of this newsletter.

Did you know?

<http://marine.unh.edu/newsinthenews.html> lists newspaper articles about the people and centers within the Marine Program.

Marine Program Pot-Pourri

The Marine Program Office welcomes two new occupants. **Ross Hansen**, Island Manager for SML and **Brett Leach**, Facilities Manager for SML are sharing office 102B in the Marine Program office suite. Come in and introduce yourselves the next time you are in the vicinity. Welcome, Ross and Brett!



The Marine Docents are once again presenting their popular boat building program in May at the UNH Kingman Farm in Madbury. For more information call 749-1565.



Cornell University is currently searching for a director for the Shoals Marine Laboratory. Two candidates will be visiting UNH next month, meeting with faculty and doing presentations. Emmett Duffy will be here on April 22 and will present “Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning: Caught in the Food Web?” in Room 303 James Hall. Willy Bemis will be here on April 29 and will present “Evolution of an Ichthyologist” in Room 303 James. Both seminars begin at 4:00PM with light refreshments at 3:30PM.



NH Sea Grant has just introduced their new web site – check it out: <http://www.seagrant.unh.edu/index.html>.



UNH Great Bay Coast Watch Seeks Volunteers: Are you concerned about the quality of your local water? Would you like to help protect it and the environment it supports? Sponsored by NH Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension, the University of New Hampshire Great Bay Coast Watch (GBCW) invites individuals interested in monitoring the water quality of Great Bay and the New Hampshire coast to its annual spring meeting Wednesday, March 10, at the N.H. Fish and Game Building, Route 155A in Durham, at 7PM. To learn more about volunteering and GBCW activities, contact **Ann Reid** at NH Sea Grant Extension at 603-749-1565 or ann.reid@unh.edu.

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Wendy Lull**, President of the Seacoast Science Center, and **Jim Chase**, Vice-President of the Seacoast Science Center, on the recent deaths of family members. Jim's father passed away in Connecticut on February 29th. Wendy's mother passed away on March 5th in New York. Condolences can be sent to them at the Seacoast Science Center; 570 Ocean Boulevard; Rye, NH 03870.