

# Evolution & Ecology

## Summer is a Great Time to Research Graduate Schools

*Utilize your free time in summer to find a grad program!*

### Emily Prieto Holzem

Academic Program Advisor

Summer is a great time to start researching different graduate programs and schools. With the extra free time you have you can go and visit schools and also make appointments to meet the faculty and the graduate advisors. I highly recommend that all of you really do your homework when trying to decide what graduate program you want to enter when you graduate. It truly is never too early to start finding out information, you can even start when you are a freshman! Regardless if it is medical school, veterinary school, law school or a business program contact the school and start finding out all of the intricacies of the individual programs. Never feel dumb asking the specific questions you might have to the graduate advisors. If any of you have any questions in regard to writing your statement of purpose, or searching out for your perfect school, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me.

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## EVE T-SHIRTS!

*Come check out the new EVE T-shirts!*

### Section of Evolution & Ecology

Division of Biological Sciences

For those of you who haven't heard, the Section of Evolution and Ecology created some EVE T-shirts. We are going to order some more the second week of Fall quarter because they were so extremely popular the first time around (we sold over 100 shirts). So if you are interested in purchasing a shirt just email me and let me know, or swing by my office in 2320 Storer Hall. You can also check out what the shirts look like. They are also a steal at about \$7.00 a piece.

### Bodega Marine Laboratory

A great opportunity that EVE majors should consider is the Bodega Marine Laboratory courses that are offered in Spring and Summer quarters. At Bodega Marine Lab you can experience the excitement of scientific



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discovery. Bodega Bay is one of the world's most biologically rich coastlines. At Bodega Marine Lab you can pursue an original, independent research project

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## Graduate Programs Cont'd

Something else to look into for all of you interested in graduate school, is the pre-grad school advising in 111 South Hall. Pre-Graduate School Advising is a sub-unit within the Advising Services department, located in Room 111 South Hall. For an appointment with a Pre-Graduate School Advisor, please call (530) 752-3000.

Pre-Graduate School Advising has three professional staff advisors and three student advisors. They provide information regarding admission to the following programs: master's and doctoral, teaching credential and Masters of Business Administration. The student advisors are UC Davis graduate students enrolled in Ph.D. or master's programs.

Some topics that are most commonly discussed with the pre-grad advisors are:

- how to select appropriate institutions to apply to;
- the importance of the grade point average in the admissions process; preparing for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) and the Praxis Series Test for teachers;
- gathering appropriate letters of recommendation and the Graduate Letter Service (GLS);
- Statement of purpose critiques;
- how to find funding resources for graduate school;
- other topics and concerns related to the graduate school admission process;
- discuss participation in the Undergraduate Research Conference (URC)

So please get in touch with the pre-grad advisors so you can learn about all of this valuable information!

## Tips for Getting into Graduate School-

*By Christine Mach (UCD student who will be attending a Graduate Program in Pharmacy in Fall '03)*

-Make a timeline of the classes you plan on taking, the dates of required standardized tests, and application deadlines.

-Gain experience through research and internships.

-Be involved in extra-curricular activities that span

beyond your career goals. Schools always enjoy seeing students who are well-rounded.

-Become well acquainted with the faculty in your department. Get advice and form networks that will possibly open more doors to wonderful opportunities.

-Look into personal statement topics and create drafts, have everyone read these and make sure that there is a clear point to your paper.

-Be aware of the number of letters of recommendation that you will need. Start asking professors at least six months in advance.

All of these tips will give you an advantage when applying to graduate school! ☺

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH ASUCD-

Something that all of you should consider doing that would not only bolster your resume, but your transcript as well, is involving yourselves in ASUCD (Associated Students of University of California, Davis). Not only is leadership valuable to graduate schools, but employers also look for students that have demonstrated leadership. The experience that you will get out of being a part of ASUCD is very worthwhile. You will also feel like you are contributing to UC Davis. Below is a job position that is currently open with ASUCD. The job is a City/County Intern that helps serve as a liaison between the city/county and the UCD student body:

Job Listing **Job ID:** 118-2003-951 **Unit Name:** City/County Affairs **Position:** INTERN Description **Hours:** 10 HRS/WK **Pay Rate:** \$28 /WK **Start Date:** ASAP **Enddate:** 03/31/2004 **Last date to file:** Open until filled **Purpose:** TO HELP WORK ON ISSUES CONCERNING CITY/COUNTY AFFAIRS SUCH AS UPCOMING ELECTIONS , ANNUAL HOUSING FAIR FOR ALL STUDENTS. **Duties:** \*LEARN THE STRUCTURE OF ASUCD.

\*WORK COLLECTIVELY ON STAFF TO IMPLEMENT KNOWLEDGE OF CITY/COUNTY ISSUES TO THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY. **Skills:** N/A Contact information: **Name:** CLINTON GUTIERREZ **Phone:** (916)801-1245 **Email:** N/A Options: **Work Study:** no **Options:** N/A



## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE-

The purpose of the Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is to acquaint undergraduates with the process and academic rigors of presenting research in a scholarly manner. Undergraduates attending UC Davis who are conducting research under the direction of a faculty member are eligible to submit an abstract for consideration. More info. regarding the URC can be obtained from the Advising Services office.

### Calendar of Events

#### EVE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

PLACE: 2342 STORER HALL

TIME: OCTOBER 9, 2003 FROM 4-6PM

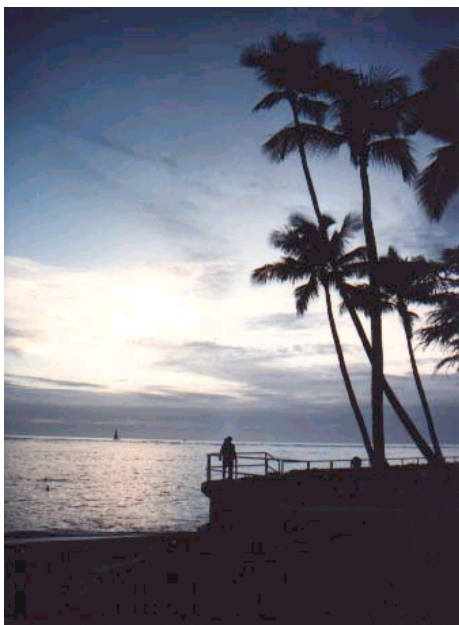
Come meet new and returning students, faculty and staff in the Section of Evolution & Ecology. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your peer, staff, and faculty advisors. There will also be treats!

#### DEANS ASSEMBLY

PLACE: 2205 HARING HALL

Time: September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:15AM

All entering freshman and transfer students can meet with the Dean at the Dean's Assembly for their colleges. General information on services, programs of study, and advising will be presented.



## BML Cont'd-

that is determined by your own curiosity and guided by distinguished scientists. Some of the features of BML are small classes, collaborative hands-on learning in the lab and in the field and state-of-the-art scientific equipment, with instruction in how to use it.

You also get to know your instructors on a first-name basis. Bordering your dormitory are a natural reserve, state parks and Bodega Harbor, where a changing cast of neighbors included black-tailed deer, snow plovers, wildflowers, salmon, gray whales and harbor seals. Something else that all of you should think about is that all 15 units of academic credit you receive at Bodega Marine Lab counts toward the EVE major. The Undergraduate Program at Bodega Bay gives you a chance to go beyond what you would learn in a classroom. You get to apply the scientific theories you learn in school to research projects.

If any of you are interested in signing up for Bodega Marine Lab, or getting more information please contact the student recruiter Taryn Stokell at [tkstokell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:tkstokell@ucdavis.edu) or come in and see me and we can discuss the various opportunities at BML.

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*"Most students tell me that this is the best experience that they had in their college career. The amount of attention they get from individual faculty and researchers is rare in most campus departments." -Lisa Valentine, (Spring & Summer Class BML Coordinator)*

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## EVE CLASS OFFERINGS FOR '03-'04:

Here is a list of the classes that are going to be offered in the 2003-2004 academic year.

**Fall Quarter '03-** EVE 140, 102, 117, 101, 147, 190, 115, and 100.

**Winter Quarter '04-** EVE 104, 175, 112, 100, 103, 112, 112L, and 101.

**Spring Quarter '04-** EVE 100, 101, 108, 119, 141.

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