



BUILDING A STUDENT COMMUNITY



NEWS

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Biology Club News

The Biology Club has a new advisor! Dr. Frank Gilliam will now be the Club's advisor – so email him with any ideas you have for Club activities at gilliam@marshall.edu. The first meeting of the Fall semester will be held on **Monday, August 30 at 4:30 p.m. in room 382** (Science Building). Watch for flyers posted in the hallways that will announce future meetings, which will probably be held at the same time and place every other week.

If you'd like to be added to the Club's email list, send your name and email address to Dr. Gilliam at gilliam@marshall.edu. New members are always welcome, and even if you are unable to attend the meetings, you will receive email updates about other activities you may be able to fit into your schedule.

You Can Switch to a BSC Advisor

At orientation you were assigned a freshman advisor, who may or may not be a BSC faculty member. It is suggested that you switch to a BSC advisor before you register for the spring semester. A BSC advisor will be better able to explain the details of our program, and help guide you to the correct major within BSC, including the classes that best support your interests. To switch to a BSC advisor, visit the College of Science office in Science Hall room 270, and ask them to assign you to a BSC faculty advisor. It's a good idea to see your advisor at least once each semester to be sure you are meeting University requirements, Marshall Plan requirements, BSC requirements, and most importantly, following a path that best addresses your interests and will take you where you want to go after graduation.

BSC Tutoring Center

The BSC drop-in Tutoring Center will be available again this fall. Tutors, who are BSC graduate students, will be available to help students in BSC 104, 105, 120, and 121. The tutoring center will give you a chance to put your between-class time to work, with the advantage of the presence and aid of a BSC grad student. Tutors can meet with individuals or with study groups. This academic year the tutoring center will be located in **room 209**, but as this issue of the newsletter goes to press, the tutoring hours have not yet been set. The hours will be announced in your lectures, and flyers will be posted on the door to room 209 and in the hallways shortly after the semester begins. Tutoring Center hours will begin at the start of the semester, so don't wait until after the first exam to come get help! We're also open to suggestions as to what would make your studying efforts more successful, so please feel free to make your thoughts known by dropping by the tutoring center and letting the tutors know what other services you'd like to see offered.

Do You Want to Earn An Honors Designation for 400-level Courses?

It is possible to earn an honors (H) designation on your transcript for certain 400-level BSC courses that are also offered as 500-level courses. If you wish to explore this option, approach the instructor of the 400/500-level course(s) that you are enrolled in. The two of you will discuss the additional work that will be required to earn the honors designation, and you will work out a contract with the instructor that will be approved by the University honors program. (This may still be done after you are already registered for the course, as long as it is early in the semester.) In order to enroll for the honors option you must have a minimum 3.3 overall GPA. More information about

Marshall's Honors Program and the Honors Option is available at the Center for Academic Excellence, located in Old Main 230. You may also reach the Center at 696-5421.

BSC Tuition Waivers Awarded for 2004-2005

The BSC Department is pleased to announce the Undergraduate Research Tuition Waiver awardees for this academic year. **Elizabeth Fet** will work with Dr. Thomas Pauley *In Search of a Potentially New Species of Desmognathid Salamander in West Virginia/DNA Analysis*; **Thomas Hagerman** will work with Dr. Suzanne Strait on *Further Research on the Species Desmognathus Comparing Reproductive Cycles*; **Kristopher Reynolds** will work with Dr. Jagan Valluri on *Medicinal Plant Cell Culture in a Microgravity-based Bioreactor*; **Brian Sang** will work with Dr. Suzanne Strait on *Morphological Variation in Earliest Eocene Marsupials*; and **Carrie Williamson** will work with Dr. Suzanne Strait on *Early Eocene Rodent Diversity and Morphology*. Congratulations to our tuition-waiver awardees, and good luck with your research! Applications for tuition waivers are available in the main office, S350. Application materials are collected in the spring semester according to the posted deadline.

Brag Box - an abbreviated list of recent BSC student and faculty accomplishments:

- Jonathan Gilkerson, BSC B.S. May 2004, has been accepted by the University of California at Davis. He will pursue his Ph.D. in their Plant Molecular Biology program.
- Katie Maxwell, BSC B.S. May 2004, has accepted an internship offer from the Dolphin Research Center in Grassy Key, Florida. Part of what qualified her for that position was her summer capstone experience working with manatees at the Columbus, Ohio zoo.
- Jean Perry, BSC B.S. May 2002, has completed the Master of Science program at Southwest Missouri University. Her thesis dealt with the effects of pesticides on hibernation physiology in Belding's Ground Squirrel. Last summer she worked on a field project tagging and collecting data on black bears in Arkansas.
- Kaleb Hypes, BSC B.S. 2002 and M.S. 2004, will begin her PhD studies at the University of Florida, Gainesville. She'll be in their Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences.
- Jennifer Bush, BSC M.S. May 2004, will begin her PhD studies at Purdue University, in Indianapolis, Indiana. She'll be pursuing her research in Purdue's Biology Department.
- BSC faculty Dr. Jim Brumfield has been awarded a Fulbright Lectureship. Dr. Brumfield will spend a semester in the Kyrgyz Republic, lecturing at two institutions there. His topics will include remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), subjects he studies and teaches here at Marshall.
- Ms. Staci Aulick, BSC M.S. graduate and current anatomy instructor, was the female Olympic Course Overall Winner at the Tri-State Triathlon held Sunday, August 1st, at Beech Fork Lake!

Job Opportunities – details at MU's Career Services Center, 5th Avenue at 17th Street

- <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> is an extensive listing of Federal job openings.
- Don't forget to check out Marshall's **Career Services Center**. They have listings for permanent jobs, summer jobs, and internships. They'll also help you develop your resume, and practice with you so you may improve your interview skills. Contact Career Services at www.marshall.edu/career-services/, or email them at career-services@marshall.edu.

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