Biology Club Happenings

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The Biology Club of 1985-1986 began the year with an organizational meeting on October 18th. This year's officers are: Peter Spengler, President; Al Klingelhutz, Vice-President; Mary Cecilia Hendrickson, Secretary; and Kitty Claveau, Treasurer. The people are Anna Joerger and Stephanie Miller. Items discussed were future trips, fundraisers, speakers and other group activities such as a deer count and picnics. One particularly important event is the Fall trip, which is scheduled for October 17-19, 1985 at Glacial Lakes State Park. If anyone is interested in this camping excursion, you might want to get a warm sleeping bag. It's going to be cold!

The Club is planning to take several weekend trips this year including cross-country skiing at Lake Itasca and canoeing down the St. Croix. All of these outings are good times to get away from school for awhile, enjoy the outdoors and make new friends. Other items such as the volleyball match against the Chemistry Club have not yet been scheduled. Keep an eye out for posters announcing club activities.

The BioClub is always interested in new ideas. Although we may be limited by time and money, there still are many enjoyable and worthwhile things that can be done. Readers are urged to contact the officers if they are interested in anything or just want to help out.

New Biology Chairperson Elected

By David Brandhagen, SJU
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If your ears start ringing every time you pass through the north hall on the third floor of the Science Center, you are not sick—it is just Dr. Henry's phone. His phone has been ringing nonstop since the start of the school year. This has caused some students to speculate that he may be moonlighting as a Gary's Pizza delivery person. These rumors were quickly dispelled, however, when this reporter learned that Dr. Henry was recently elected to a term as the Chair of the Biology Department.

He was preceded by Sister Phyllis Plantenberg, who held the position for six years before stepping down this year to go on a sabbatical.

Good luck Dr. Henry on your new position and thank you Sister Phyllis for six great years!
Bio-Gods at CSB/SJU?

By David Brandon, SJU
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Students and faculty must work together to eliminate this serious problem from our campus. The first step is to help the Bio-gods realize that they are sick. Bio-god fever is a very contagious disease. It may begin with an isolated case, but it almost always escalates into a full-scale epidemic. Once the Bio-god has admitted his/her illness, treatment can begin. Medical science has made tremendous advances in the treatment of this affliction. Through the process of desensitizations (gradually getting Bio-gods used to B's and C's) they can slowly be molded into normally functioning human beings.

The following is a true-false quiz to determine if you are a Bio-god. Please be as candid as possible. If you are a Bio-god, please turn yourself in immediately. Do not endanger the GPA's of other students.

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BIO-GOD QUIZ

1. I am often the only person in my biology courses because my classmates have found out that I am taking the course and have withdrawn.

2. When taking a test, professors have told me to "just write key" after the name blank.

3. B's and AB's give me a rash.

4. My name has appeared as a cross-reference in the class text.

5. One or more of my t-scores has appeared in The Guiness Book of World Records.

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BIO-QUIZ - Can you identify the following birds?

1. Angling monarch
2. Pope's predecessor
3. Livestock-shed eater
4. Coconut crooner
5. Getting venison
6. 10-dollar gold piece
7. Blue sleeping bag
8. Unsmooth complainer

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Results:

4-5 True - Bio-God (seek professional help immediately)
3 True - very lucky
2 True - lucky
1 True - you study too much, relax and enjoy yourself
0 True - welcome to the real world!
Changes in the Bio Dept.

By Pat Keffler, CSB
Senior, Natural Science-Education major

While walking down the corridor of the third floor of the Science Hall, you may have noticed that Dr. Poff's door is not open anymore. And, there are different names (sometimes several) on the doors that formerly said, "Dr. Bruce Dickau" and "Sister Phyllis Plantenberg". Don't worry — all the pros are alive and well!

Dr. Dickau now has an office in the HAB and you may see him in his research room. Dr. Dickau is the Chair of the Education department.

Sister Phyllis is on sabbatical spending first semester writing a lab manual for Radiation Biology and doing some professional reading. While her plans for second semester are not definite, she would like to work at a Marine Biology field station associated with a university.

Dr. Poff is also on sabbatical. He and his family are now living in Massachusetts. He is attending Amherst College and is serving as a "guest professor". He is also conducting research on women in the sciences at nearby Wheaton College.

In addition, there are two new faculty in the Biology department this year, Dr. Ilze Berzins and Ms. Joan Modermott. They are serving as the sabbatical replacements for Dr. Poff and Sister Phyllis, respectively. In this issue of BioFeedback have provided a "Profile" of Ms. Modermott and in the next we will profile Dr. Berzins.

We wish these professors well in their new endeavors.

A Freshman Perspective

By Eric Christensen, SJU
First-year, Biology major

By this time most students taking "Concepts of Biology" have had ample time to judge the course and, to some extent, determine the outlook of the semester. Hopefully, you have concluded that it should be a very interesting and exciting course. If not ... well, you can always change your mind!

Those students who have Dr. Saupe have undoubtedly noticed his "unique" taste in ties and are probably asking themselves, "Does this guy get dressed in the dark or what?" Besides making our eyes cross, the ties serve as "attention getters" to keep our minds off the sleep we could (and probably should) be getting!

Everyone, I'm sure, is also enjoying the lab sessions which are, in reality, ONLY three hours long!

Whatever your view, remember, you get out of it what you put into it.

ANSWERS TO BIO-QUIZ
1. Kingfisher
2. Cardinal
3. Barn swallow
4. Palm warbler
5. Killdeer
6. Golden eagle
7. Indigo bunting
8. Ruffed grouse
Fast Memory Available in the Bio Dept.

By Dr. John C. Cornell
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During the last few months a lot of memory has been added to the Biology Department. Members of the faculty are now able to recall a fact in less than 200 nanoseconds and can permanently record 150 pages of notes in just a few minutes. Has the faculty taken a course in speed reading? Does this mean that absent-mindedness is a thing of the past? Well, not exactly. It does mean that the Biology Department has obtained six new microcomputers. During the coming months you may be seeing the new computers as we begin to integrate computer exercises into some of the biology courses.

Students who are especially interested in computers and biology might consider taking my January Term course, "Programming the Living Computer". In this course we will develop computer simulations of biological phenomena. But what if you are not a programmer? In that case you may wish to become a user. Have you considered preparing your assignments with the aid of wordprocessing? Think how impressed your biology prof would be to receive a neat, well-written term paper. Did you know that some of the word processing programs include a spelling checker? How do you think Ilearn to spell so well? Incidentally, have you seen the microcomputers which are available for our use at CSB in the basement of HAB and the ones at SJU on the fourth floor of the Quad and in Alcuin Library? If not, check them out. Maybe you can benefit from some fast memory.

JOIN THE BIOLOGY CLUB

Are you interested in biology? Are you interested in learning? Are you interested in fun? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you are a prime candidate for membership in the Biology Club. To join this illustrious organization, please complete the following application and return it with your dues ($3.00/year) to the address below. You will be contacted by the organization and kept abreast of meetings and other club activities.

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