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# COSEN

Dear COSEN member:

Welcome back from Spring Break. As usual, we (Sally Frutiger, Bonnie Lamvermeyer, James Freeman) are hoping you will mark Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m. on your calendars. Meet us at Slayter Snack Bar for a chance to choose your own selections for dinner. We will then move to a comfortable location for our continuing discussions. Be sure to suggest topics that you are interested in exploring in future weeks.

Freshmen and sophomores: Deadline is March 25 for your application materials including a faculty recommendation to be turned into Dr. Stukus if you wish to apply for the very popular all expenses paid Research Experiences in Science and Mathematics Conference. This will be held June 8-14, 1992 on the Duke University campus in Durham and at the Duke Marine Laboratory on the Atlantic Coast. See the previous flier for more information.

Attention: All COSEN students are still invited to attend the Oberlin planned COSEN-sponsored panel discussion of the topic, "Black Americans in the Sciences and Engineering: Is Race Really An Issue?", on Monday, March 30 at 7 p.m. See the previous announcement for the list of speakers and topics. Call or leave a message for Dr. Freeman if you want to go. Time is running out for arrangements so do this today.

Anyone interested in attending the Carolinas Retreat for COSEN students needs to know that our budget is low so currently we are sending only one car departing from OWU. If you want to ride along, let one of the mentors know. Plane fares are beyond our financial ability at the present time.

Also, COSEN members should be reminded of the Sigma Xi lecture by Bradley Lepper, archaeologist with the Ohio Historical Society, "The Burning Tree Mastodon: Legacy of the Ohio Ice Age," which will be Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in Fellows Auditorium. The 11,000 year old bacteria cultured from this mastodon's last meal is considered to be one of the top 50 science stories of 1991 by Discover Magazine (January 1992).

In addition, the Psychology Department and the Psi Chi Colloquium is hosting a talk by faculty member Janice McLean on Thursday, March 26, at 4:30 p.m. entitled "Panic Attacks: Their Victims, Roots, Progression, and Treatment." Dr. McLean has coauthored a book on this subject and has been active in clinical treatment of patients.

Send me notices of science activities that are open for the public or all the science departments to attend.

See you Tuesday and other times this week.  
Bonnie Lamvermeyer, Ext. 6375

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Dear COSEN member:

This week is a busy one for science activities both on and off the Denison campus. Monday, March 30, was the COSEN panel discussion "Black Americans in Science and Engineering: Is Race Really An Issue?" at Oberlin College. James Freeman, one of the COSEN mentors at Denison was a panel member. Thanks to all the other COSEN members that made the trip to Oberlin for this special event.

On campus this Monday there was a Physics seminar on "Forty-five Minutes of Chaos: with Demonstration!" by Roger Rollins of Ohio University. In addition, Monday evening featured the All-College Convocation by anthropologist Mary Catherine Bateson of George Mason University who presented "Earth Kinship."

Tuesday the Biology Department hosted a seminar by Don Miles of the Department of Zoological and Biomedical Sciences at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. His talk on "The Adaptive Significance of Morphological Variation Related to Locomotion in Sceloporine Lizards" was well received by a diverse audience.

Wednesday the Denison Scientific Association Colloquium will present George Gilbert of the Chemistry Department speaking on "How I Got Into Science: Gilbert Chemistry Sets?" in Barney 102 at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 2, at 4:30 in Ebaugh 103 will be an illustrated Chemistry seminar by Mohamed Gohar, Chief of Arson Crime Laboratory, Ohio State Office of the Fire Marshal.

Also, on Thursday, April 2 at 6 p.m. there will be a Psychology Club dinner at Mulberry House. Sign up in the Psychology Office.

Saturday the campus will host the District Science Fair which will attract the best projects from the counties comprising the East Central District of Ohio. Both junior high and high school projects will fill the field house to capacity. COSEN student members are encouraged to get involved as judges. We need your help. You remember the experience of having your science fair project judged, this time YOU ARE THE JUDGE, at least one of a pair of scientists that will evaluate each project on a set of criteria which will be explained Saturday morning. This is both a fun and an educational experience for the judges. I'm always surprised by how much some of the students have accomplished with minimal supplies and/or equipment. Students and faculty should contact George Gilbert as soon as possible to fill out a card indicating which areas of science they would like to judge. However, if you wait till the last minute to decide, report to Herrick Hall between 8:15-8:30 on Saturday morning April 4 to receive instructions, a partner, and (if you are an early arrival) a doughnut/coffee. While this is occurring and in the afternoon, several of the science departments are hosting



tours of their laboratories and facilities. Check with the chair of your department to see if arrangements have been made to coordinate majors who volunteer as tour guides through their department. Get involved!

Off-campus on Saturday at OSUN-COTC Founders Hall there will be the Women's Changing World Conference on "Options for Change and Growth". Registration is at 8:00 a.m. with speakers and workshops occurring from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Students and faculty are welcome. Child care is available at a small charge. Registration does cost \$15.00. Contact the Newark YWCA for registration and more information on topics to be featured. I will be involved in this conference so let me know if you have more questions.

Looking toward next week, all interested science students are invited on Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. to the Faculty Lounge of Slayter. Dr. Mary Katherine Loudermilk '83, pediatrician from Cincinnati and Dr. Boyd Bowden '62, an orthopedic surgeon from Columbus will discuss their medical school experiences, current practices, and their views on the medical profession (where it is and where it is going). The new Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-med honorary) members will be recognized. The Silbernagel Award for outstanding premedical senior will be presented.

The Chemistry Department will feature alumna scholar Catharine Harris Ogata '74 on Thursday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m. in Ebaugh 103. Watch the weekly and daily for more information.

COSEN is going to the Columbus Zoo. A behind-the-scenes tour of the gorilla facility will highlight the trip. Contact co-president Erin Craig or me for more information as the date has yet to be determined.

O.K. you studied diligently all week. You resisted the urge to put the books down and relax with the gang. The exams covered the material you studied. The term paper is finished. You participated in some of the above science activities at Denison or beyond. Need to do something different? Join some of us for "Tapas + Tangos + Tunes", a Latin American Fiesta at Mulberry House on Saturday April 4 at 8:00 p.m. Come join the party being thrown by the Slayter Programming people for the benefit of The Denison Singers as they prepare for a May concert tour in Venezuela. Some of the science students and faculty (as well as members of the rest of the campus) have been taking dancing lessons. Jan Rathburn will be there to lead the dancing (I'm glad I've had one cha-cha lesson). The Denison Singers will provide a musical interlude midway through the party, presenting some of the lighter pieces they will take to Venezuela. A minimum \$3 donation should be sent to Dan Meyer, Slayter Box 1288, to reserve a spot or take your chances that there will still be tickets available at the door on the night of April 4.

See you soon. Bonnie Lamvermeyer, COSEN mentor.

*Bonnie Lamvermeyer*