

BIORHYTHMS



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New Stuff

You may notice a few SEPC faces missing this semester. Three of our junior members have gone abroad! Good luck to Hannah in South Africa, Marci in Costa Rica, and Courtney in Australia!

If you're interested in starting/joining a journal club about ecology & evolutionary biology, email [louthana] to let her know you're in!

If you think you'd like to spend your summer doing research, start checking professors' boards outside their offices and your email for great opportunities. And, as always, feel free to ask any SEPC member (in person or via [bioSEPC]) about their summer research experience.

If you'd like to research at Grinnell, the application is due February 18th (Monday); students will be notified of offers by March 10. Please see Stephanie Peterson (1232) for an application.

The BioSEPC is currently conducting several professor reviews. If you are notified and asked to take part, we **STRONGLY** encourage you to participate. The more feedback we get, the more of an impact you have!

Upcoming Events

The weekly Friday seminars in room 2021 have resumed*. There will be no talk this week but student presentations will begin on the 15th. Snacks and drinks are provided, but bringing a bagged lunch is suggested.

The deadline to register to present a poster at the HHMI Symposium on Undergraduate Research is February 6th (TODAY!).

It's Bio T-Shirt Time!

Think you can design an awesome Biology Department T-shirt? Submit your T-shirt designs to [BioSEPC] or post them on the Bio Commons Bulletin Board by March 1st. If your design wins, you'll get a free T-shirt.

Faculty Insider: Carolyn Bosse

I am in my 17th year as a lab coordinator at Grinnell College. It's staggering to think of the number of times I've taught students how to do serial dilutions. When I'm old and senile, I'm sure I'll be mumbling something about the difference between concentration and dilution factor, exponents, and conversions between microliters and milliliters.

I came to Grinnell 2 years after finishing my BA in Biology at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD. I had planned on teaching high school biology, but landed here instead and it couldn't have worked out better. That's one thing that age gives you - perspective. Life doesn't always turn out the way you plan, but if you stay flexible and make the most of the situation, some wonderful and surprising things can happen.

My main area of interest is science education. Teaching is my first love, and biology is definitely a close second. One of the advantages of working in a college environment is that it encourages me to keep learning. Outside of my office, I play piano and organ, crochet, and enjoy reading fiction. Right now on my bedside table I have a book called *Blind Your Ponies*. It's about a losing basketball team in a tiny town in Montana. It could almost be a biography of my high school of 100 students on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota. I even played organ for our high school rodeos. So you see – you never know where life will take you!

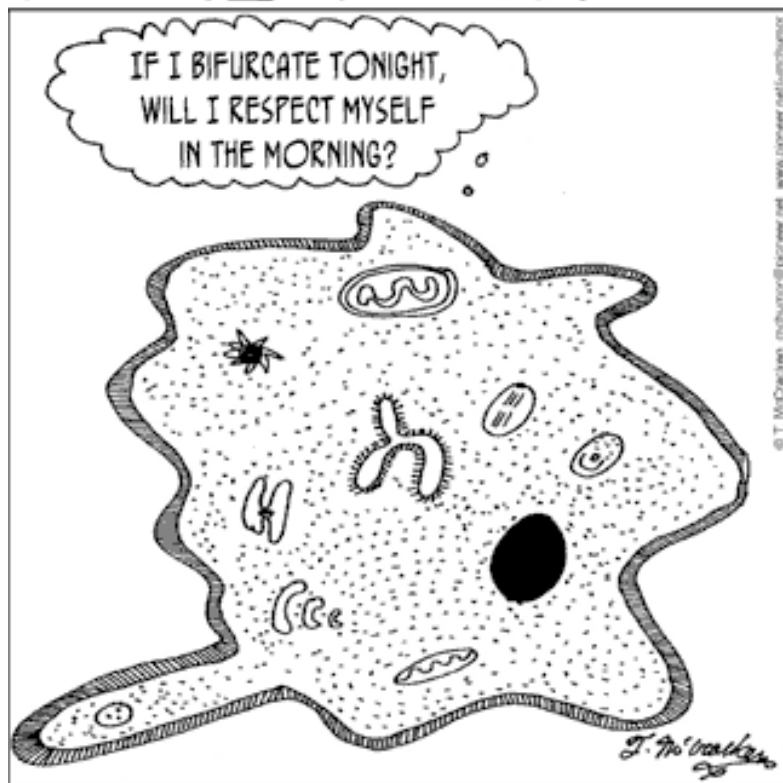
My husband and I have two children. My daughter, Allyssa, is a second-year student at Lawrence University and my son, Scott, is in 8th grade. My husband, Gordon, is a network systems director so we're lucky that he keeps us all in electronics and figures out how to make them all talk to each other. Computers are an area that changes even faster than biology!

For those alumni reading the newsletter, please send an e-mail or stop in when you're in Grinnell. It's fascinating to hear what you've been up to since graduation. For those of you still in school, drop by and ask me about serial dilutions.

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Biology Comic of the Month

MCHUMOR by T. McCracken



http://www.pioneer.net/~mchumor/amoeba1_bframe.html

Random Fact of the Month

North America's smallest frog—the Little Grass Frog (*Pseudacris ocularis*)—is no bigger than a house fly!



<http://www.sciensational.com/biology.html>

<http://www.frogphotos.home.mindspring.com/photos/little>

Keep an eye out for future issues of BioRhythms! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

We can be contacted at [biosepc].

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