

BIORHYTHMS

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Hello everyone,

We have decided to revive the monthly biology newsletter, *BioRhythms*. The aim of this newsletter is to keep both faculty and students up to date as to the activities of the BioSEPC and also to inform every one of important upcoming biology events. We would like to encourage readers to contact us in response to the newsletter or just to bring up any concerns they would like to see addressed by our committee. Enjoy!

Old News

Recap

In the past few weeks, we have been busy conducting student surveys for Prof. Cabeza's interim review. We received helpful feedback and would like to thank all of you who responded on such short notice. In addition to the review, we also put together the Biology Picnic at Prof. Robertson's house and an ice-cream study break on the Monday before Fall Break.

Upcoming Events

Study Breaks and Miscellaneous News

We are going to be holding a **Mythbusters study break** on **Monday, Nov 20th at 8 pm**. As for biology t-shirts, we have received a great idea from Zach Wegermann (08) (image shown below)! If anyone feels like they have a better idea for the biology t-shirt email us by **Monday, Nov. 6**.

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One Hydrogen Bond Above the Rest

Candidate Searches

As you might already know, Prof. Robertson went on senior faculty status last year and is only teaching part-time. Thus, the Biology Department is conducting a search for a full-time Plant Biologist. Candidates will be giving seminars on various dates during the month so keep your eyes peeled for updates. We have had many applicants for the Plant Biologist position and the seminars are sure to be great, so come on out and give us your feedback. Remember, one of these candidates will become a full time professor at Grinnell and this is your chance to have an impact on the makeup of the biology department! Student feedback is weighed heavily in the decision making process, your opinion DOES matter!

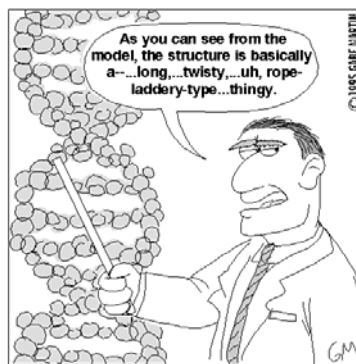
BIO 220 Biotechnology and Its Social Impact

Unfortunately when the recent course schedule was being put together Professor Robertson's Bio 220 course was not included. The course will be offered spring semester on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:15-4:05 pm. A course description is provided below.

BIO 220 Biotechnology and Its Social Impact 4 credits

An investigation of genetic engineering techniques and products as applied in agriculture, medicine, industry, law, and the environment, as well as the social, economic, and technical implications of their use. Topics include genetically engineered plants and animals, gene therapies, in vitro fertilization and human cloning, DNA fingerprinting and genetic testing. Does not count toward the major. Prerequisites: second-year standing. ROBERTSON

Biology Comic of the Month



1953: The structure of the DNA molecule is first described.

Ali's Random Fact of the Month

Cockroaches

Cockroaches can survive headless for up to a week!

- Your Friendly BioSEPC