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Education and Graduate Students Annual Report 2003

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Information Items:

1. Evaluation of student presentations continues to be an extremely popular program among students. There were 74 student presenters evaluated at the 2002 meeting in Lake Charles. More than 100 students have requested evaluations at the 2003 meeting in Lubbock. Elmer Finck will continue with the arduous task of assigning evaluators to each presentation and Brock McMillan will compile and send the evaluations back to the students.

2. "Breakfast with a Scientist" program is currently being organized by Robert Swihart. The program is in its 9th year and continues to be popular among both students and scientists. We thank all the scientists who have participated in this program over the years. We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with participating scientists. Each year the E&GS Committee nominates scientists to be part of the program but we welcome and encourage nominations from all ASM members, particularly students.

3. This is also the 9th year the Committee will sponsor a luncheon hosted by the President of the Society for Plenary Session speakers.

4. Since the 2001 meeting in Montana, the Committee has sponsored a Student Mixer/Round Table. The event provides an informal setting for students to meet each other and network and has been well received by the students. We are hosting the event (organized by Jacob Goheen, Yeen Ten Hwang, and Ryan Rehmeier) at the 2003 meeting in Lubbock on the first day of paper sessions (Sunday, June 22nd, 2003, 5:30-7:00 pm). At the 2002 meeting in Lake Charles, the Board agreed to provide financial support (pizza and soft drinks) for this social. Based on the success of the student social, the committee has decided to make the social an annual event.

5. For the second year, the Committee has included an "Information Sheet" directed toward the students that will be included in registration packets. This sheet, entitled "Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists!" is an effort to fully engage students in the Annual Meetings and the Society. It provides information about the various events and programs at the meeting, particularly student events, and provides hints on getting the most out of meeting attendance.

6. The Web Page subcommittee (Terry Doonan, Hopi Hoekstra, and Jill Kruper) has worked extremely hard over the past 2 years to design and develop several resources for

students that are organized into the Student Affairs web page. The E&GS Committee feels that the internet provides vitally important resources and is critical for attracting and retaining students to the field of mammalogy. The Committee also realizes the necessity of keeping the pages current and updated and continues to work closely with the Informatics Committee in that direction.

7. The committee is co-sponsoring, with the Human Diversity Committee, a Member Mixer during Sunday evening (June 22nd, 8:30-12:00 pm) at the Annual Meeting in Lubbock. Deidre Parrish has worked very hard with the Human Diversity Committee and the Local Committee to organize this event.

8. The Committee has submitted a proposal to the Program Committee to host a workshop, entitled "Careers in Mammalogy", at the 2004 meeting in Arcata. The purpose of the workshop is to expose students to a variety of careers in the field of mammalogy. More specifically, students will receive information about responsibilities and requirements for various careers and strategies for obtaining jobs.

9. Elmer Finck continues to coordinate the distribution of the "Careers in Mammalogy" brochure, "The Science of Mammalogy" brochure, and the general information brochure.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted

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