Mountain Lake

Echoes 1996
Dear Mountain Laker,

I trust that all of you are settled into a new academic year. About twenty of us are gathering tonight for our annual fall work weekend at MLBS to cut firewood, clear trails, put up posts for new trail signs, put together the Echoes, and generally get the place ready for winter. The leaves have already begun to change color, but we have not had our first frost yet. Pryia is still in residence trying to finish her REU project but otherwise the station goes from crowded on weekends to quiet during the weeks.

Plans for next summer are still tentative. I am counting on Peter Kareiva to return for Conservation Biology with a new guest star during first session and the Anne & Alastair show to return to Behavioural Ecology second session. I think we can count on Doug Taylor and Rytas Vilgalys to repeat the DNA traveling road show second session. I am working on two new courses, one about plants, the other about insects. Final plans and details will be sent with the 1997 brochure this winter.

I wish to thank you for an exceptional summer in 1996. I thought the REU program was spectacular and all classes highly successful. It was especially wonderful to see how everyone helped get Eric Nagy off to a great start as Associate Director, especially when I left him holding the bag with Brenda Christensen when I returned to Charlottesville for surgery. Thanks just as much to all for being so great the rest of the summer as well. I hope that you look back on the summer as both a great educational experience and a lot of fun in class, in the field, at the races, on the river, in the woods, in the dining hall, and around the station.

Best of wishes for the last three months of the Year of Kalmia and for the beginning of the Year of Anax. I hope to see many of you again next summer. Tell your friends about us and remember us when you make your fortune.

Sincerely,

Henry Wilbur
Director
Mountain Lake Biological Station  
Research Experience for Undergraduates Program  
Final Project Presentations  

Thursday, August 8, 1996  
2:10 - 5:30 p.m.  
Auditorium

2:10 Introduction

2:15 Miriam Heuhsen: The Effect of an Invasive Ladybug Species on a Native Ladybug Species.

2:30 Jessica Nehrling: The Effects of Nutrient Additions on Soil Chemistry.

2:45 Marc Brock: The Effects of Sex Ratio Variation on Gynodioecious Silene vulgaris.

3:00 Amy Barber: Interactions Between a Native and an Introduced Salamander.

3:15 Break

3:30 Sadie Jernigan: The Effect of Floral Display Size on Male Fitness in Silene virginica.

3:45 Heather Kieweg: The Effect of Nutrient Addition on the Photosynthetic and Dark Respiration Rates of Aster acuminatus and Rubus hispidus.

4:00 Peter McIntyre: Effects of Predatory Pseudoritton Larvae on Growth, Survival and Cover Object Usage in Laval Desmognathus fuscus.


4:30 Break

4:45 Eric Levy: The Effect of Three Years of Nitrogen Addition on Root Biomass.

5:00 Joel Kuiskern: Fitness Differences Among Local Populations of Silene alba.

Rytas lecturing
(why is he looking one way & everyone else the other?)

Analyzing data...
Eric, Henry, Marc
Sadie & Alastair
I think we'll have to go with blueberries!

Quantitative Methods

Pat, Wendy, Naren & Andy look on as Alastair explains collection procedure
Biology of Fishes

Front: Mickey Chinn, Christine Suh, Beth Watkins, Tessa Johnson, Ray Burger
Back: Rich Raesly, Mark Keogram

DNA
(or Promethia)

Front: Katharine Ross, Alicia Schultheis, Gretchen Arnold, Leslie Risser, Laura Wolfe, Gabriella Mandelstam
Back: Rylos Vilgalys, Gordon Burleigh, Tom Odenhein, Adam, Brian, Benjamin, Paul, Dan

Label: A-S
Picture Day
Ornithology

Standing l to rt: Kate Eldridge, Christine Suh, Matt Katz, Paula May, Andy McIntyre, Ray Chandler, Melissa McGaha, Chris French
Kneeling: Sarah Smith, Paul Moosman
For the birds...

Junco Flock: Val Nolan, Ellen Keterson, Erin Kennedy, Steve Hudman, Sharon Lynn, Shan Bentz, Eric Snajdr, Andy Stoehr
Classroom displays & demonstrations

Research: Juncos & Silene

Open House
PLANT RESEARCHERS: 1 to rt: Sadie Jernigan, Michelle Dudash, Charlie Fenster, Katherine Rose, Gretchen Arnold, Stacie Emery, Joel Kniskern, Peter Goff

SALAMANDER RESEARCHERS: 1 to rt: Jennifer Johnson, Amy Barber, Henry Wilbe, Jen Seek, Peter McIntyre

TREE SEEDING RESEARCHERS: Jona Keilendick & Sarah Swank.
REU’S: Standing l to r: Peter McIntyre, Jessica Nehrling, Miriam Heusden, Eric Levy, Eric Nagy, Sadie Jernigan, Joel Kniskern
Kneeling: Heather Kieweg, Amy Barber, Larkin Strong

Charlie’s Angels: Wendy Rohrer, random fern researcher, Charlie Werth, Lilian Xiang, Stacie Emery
Conservation Biology

Front: Peter Kareiva, Ellie Bateman, Wendy Polak, Sean Watts, Elizabeth Bishop, Sandra Culp, Geoff Sinclair
Back: Martha Groom, Kathrine Ross, Shannon Borges, Dorothy Overpeck, Toby Odenheim, Danielle Whitmore, Naren Wadhwa
Expectations

WELCOME TO EXPECTATIONS

PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH rehearsal

The Doldrums
Surprise Maureen!

crowd awaiting guest of honor
L to rt: Katie Fenster, Tom Fenster, Houston Chandler, Isaac Kareiva, Hazel Nagy-Galloway, Lindsay Wilbur, Helen Wilbur, Celina Kareiva
July 4th
Children's Games
around 250 people attended!
THE CHICKEN GUY

[BEFTER KNOWN AS "BIG" TOM ANGLEBERGER]
get ready!

set

holding your arms up keeps the bugs away?
The fans

Volleyball Tourney

over

new dance Jeff?
When we play volleyball—nothing can stop us—not even a little rain!
One of our favorite spots...the Cascades
Triathlon '96

Mountain
Lake
Biological

The judges
The crowd

My dad's the one in the crazy tights!

The athletes

2nd place team
Erie, Peter & Amy
The winners!
Eric, Alastair & Peter

The prize!?
WELCOME HOME HENRY!
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