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1. Phytograd and Plant Biological Sciences Graduate Program

“Best Dissertation” Award Program – Deadline: April 15, 2004

Any current or former student who meets the window of eligibility (July 1, 2002 – April 15, 2004) may be nominated.

If you have any questions, please call Myrna Smith at 25-7579.

2. Calendar of Events

March 15 – 19

Spring Break

March 19

Last day for undergraduate/professional students to apply for May session
2004 graduation

All College Meetings

Monday, March 29, Noon – 1 p.m., MCB 2-122, Minneapolis Campus

Wednesday, April 7, Noon – 1 p.m., 239 Gortner, St. Paul Campus

Please attend one of the two meetings regarding the draft of the CS Compact for 2004-05. Discussions will be on the outcome of last year’s compact and the major compact goals for the coming year. Your input is important.

PLANT SALE – Presented by the Plant Biology Phytograds and the CBS Greenhouse

Herbs, Orchids, Blooming Plants, Dorm Plants

Wednesday and Thursday

March 31 & April 1

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul Student Center

Earth Day April 22, 2004

Join women friends and colleagues in celebrating women's contributions to the University. Attend the Office for University Women's annual CELEBRATING UNIVERSITY WOMEN event in COFFMAN MEMORIAL UNION'S MISSISSIPPI ROOM, FROM 2:30-4:30 P.M. ON APRIL 22. Details are forthcoming regarding the keynote address, various awards, music, and refreshments.

CBS Commencement

This year's CBS Commencement will take place on **May 15, 2004**. The reception, with light refreshments, will **begin at 6:30 p.m., in front of Northrup Auditorium**. The Commencement **ceremony will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.** We encourage you to join us in congratulating our dedicated students of the Class of 2004.

3. Faculty Meetings

Mar. 25 Faculty Meeting, 406A BSC, 10:30 a.m.

4. Seminars and Symposia

PLANT BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Tuesdays, 3:30 PM, 335 Borlaug Hall, St. Paul Campus

(*Unless Noted Otherwise)

March 16 Spring Break

March 23 Dr. Maureen Stanton, Professor, Section of Evolution and Ecology, University of California/Davis

“Evolutionary responses of plants to environmental heterogeneity”

Host: Dr. Cynthia Weinig

Plant Molecular Genetics Institute & The Center for Microbial & Plant Genomics Discussion Series

Wednesdays, 12:00 noon, 105 Cargill Building, St. Paul Campus

March 10 Dr. David Marks, Associate Professor, Plant Biology

“Control cell fate in plants: Why do plants have hairy leaves?”

March 24 Dr. Seijin Park from Dr. Jerry Cohen's lab

Brown Bag Lunch Series on Microbial and Molecular Evolution

Tuesday, March 30, Noon – 1 p.m., 274 Mc Neal Hall

12:00 – 12:10 Welcome by Dean Robert Elde

12:10 – 12:25 **Dr. Larry Wackett**, Distinguished McKnight University Professor and Head of
Microbial Biochemistry

*“Evolution and Genome Organization of Microbes Biodegrading New
Chemical
Inputs into the Environment”*

12:25 – 01:00 Open Discussion

5. Miscellaneous Announcements

CBS Commencement and Gown Rental Information

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The deadline for faculty gown rentals is April 1st. For further information on faculty gown rental information, please go to:

<http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/grad/faculty.html>

For questions about commencement, please contact Nikki Letawsky Shultz at
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