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CUSA OFFICERS ELECTED

At its meeting of March 30, 1988, CUSA, the Chemistry Undergraduate Student Association, elected officers to serve until December, 1988. Elected were:

President: Andrew Gelasco '90 Vice-President: Bob Gillis '89
Treasurer: Paul West '89 Secretary: Sepideh Khorasanizadeh '90

CHEMISTRY ALUMNI CAREER FORUM SCHEDULED

The first annual Chemistry Alumni Career Forum, sponsored by CUSA and the University Placement Service, will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 1988, starting at 8:00 PM in Room 804 of the Campus Center. At the Career Forum, three UMass bachelors graduates will discuss and answer questions about opportunities and careers in chemistry. Tips on how to go about getting a job, including what questions the student should ask and what questions the student should expect to be asked, will be featured. This will be a very informative session for students of all classes. Attendance at the Career Forum will not be restricted to chemistry majors; any undergraduate student with even a passing interest in chemistry will find this Forum of great value.

Don Donovan '89 is the CUSA Event Chairperson for the Career Forum. The alumni participants will be:

Mr. Kirk Grim '75
FTS 7 Product Manager
Bio-Rad Digilab Division
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Mr. Eric Gundersen '86
Research Assistant I
Wyeth Ayerst Research
Princeton, New Jersey

Dr. Frank Plankey '71
Chief Engineer for Analytical Instrumentation
Baird Corp.
Bedford, Massachusetts

Dr. Plankey will also be able to draw on his earlier experiences as a chemistry professor at the University of Pittsburgh? Maybe he will tell us why a person would leave a faculty position at a major university for an industrial position.

ACS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCED

The Ninth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Section of the American Chemical Society is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 1988, starting at 9:00 AM. This year's symposium will be held at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, CT.

The symposium provides an opportunity for undergraduate chemistry majors to present accounts of their undergraduate research. UMass seniors Ellen Goldman and Bruce Lerner are on this year's program.

ACS Awards for outstanding scholarship are presented at the Symposium. Each Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Department in the Connecticut Valley Section is allowed to select one student for this honor.

All chemistry majors are encouraged to attend. The only costs involved are \$6.75 for lunch and, of course, travel. However, the Chemistry Department will arrange or subsidize the travel. Students who wish to attend are asked to contact Prof. Wynne - GSMN 244 by no later than noon on Friday, April 15. The list of attendees must be mailed on Friday afternoon.

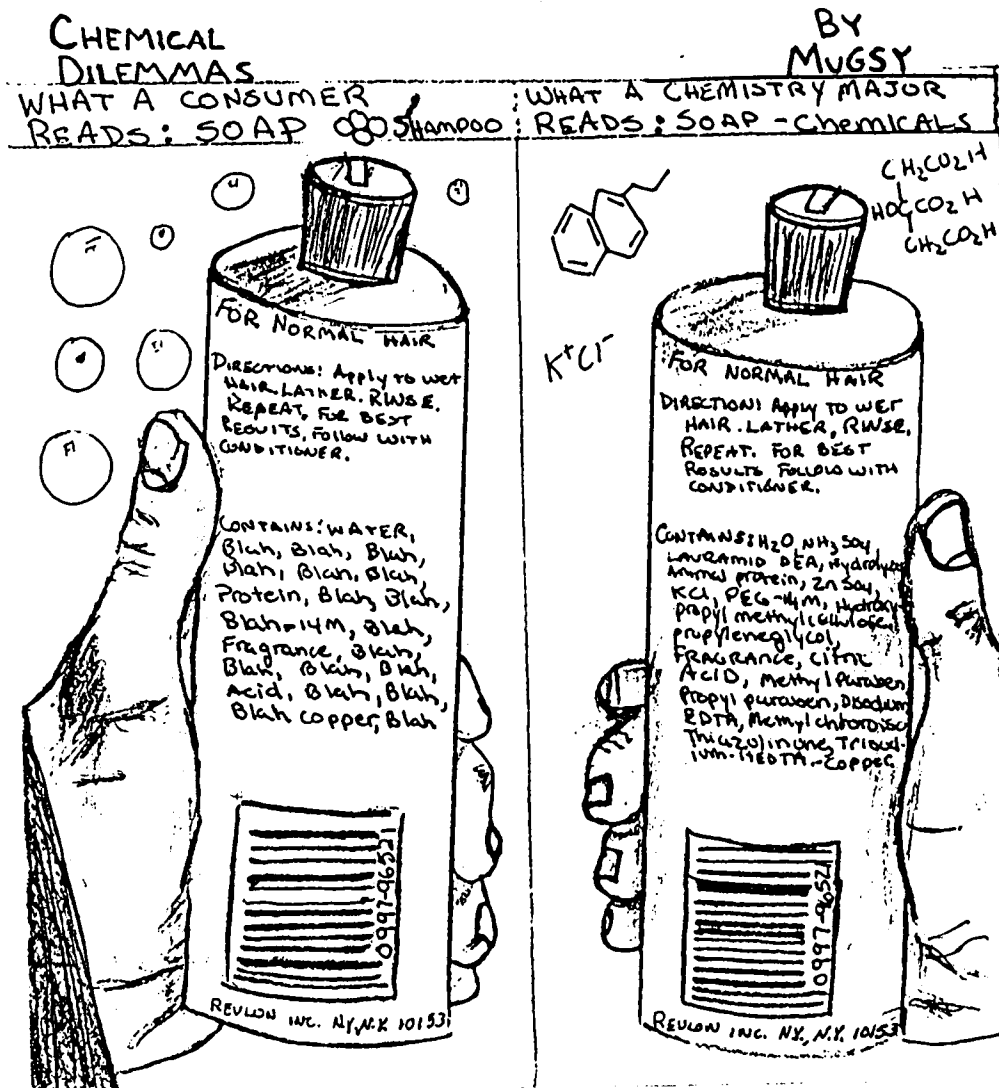
POST-COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION FOR THE CLASS OF '88 PLANNED

The Chemistry Department will sponsor a post-Commencement reception for the graduates of the class of '88 and all their guests. This informal reception will start immediately after the Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 22, 1988, and will last as long as people wish to stay (or until Tuesday, whichever comes first). It will be held in Room 101 of LGRT A. Many members of the Chemistry Faculty will be present. A complimentary buffet luncheon will be provided.

Nine graduates have already indicated their intention to attend the reception with their Commencement guests. Other graduates who wish to do so are asked to contact Prof. Wynne - GSMN 244 as soon as possible (say, immediately) to provide the names and addresses of their guests who will be invited by letter from the Department.

BULLETIN BOARD REMINDER

Have you been checking the undergraduate chemistry major bulletin board regularly? Frequently, it offers many nuggets of information and interest - cooperative positions, research opportunities, permanent and summer positions, graduate study information, notices of special events, etc. All too often, items of genuine interest are not recieved until the deadline for responding is close at hand, so you should check this bulletin board frequently. In case you have yet to learn of its existence, the bulletin board is in the hallway of the main floor of Goessmann Laboratory opposite Rooms 146, 146A, and 147 (right around the corner from the undergraduate student mail boxes).



ADVISING MEETING SCHEDULED

CUSA will sponsor an advising meeting for all freshmen, sophomore, and junior chemistry majors on Thursday, April 14, 1988, at 8:00 PM. It will be held in Room 1634 of the LGRT (the Math lounge). Class advisors will be present and preregistration forms will be available. Students are encouraged to attend, as this is an exceptional opportunity to discuss courses with persons who have already taken them. Refreshments will be provided.

SEAN DALEY WINS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Sean P. Daley '89 has been named a 1988 Alumni Scholar. Sean, a resident of Westfield, MA, is a 1985 graduate of Westfield High School. Currently, he is doing undergraduate research with Prof. Peter Lillya.

Alumni Scholars, who are selected from the junior class, receive a \$750.00 cash gift applied to their senior year tuitions. Designation as an Alumni Scholar is a high honor; the competition for Alumni Scholarships is intense. Each year, only six Alumni Scholarships are allocated to the entire nine undergraduate departments in the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Candidates for Alumni Scholarships are nominated by their departments. The selection is made by the student's Dean.

AMERICAN STUDENTS' PROGRAMS AT KINGS COLLEGE ANNOUNCED

Seeking the opportunity to develop links at the undergraduate level with American universities, King's College of the University of London is offering programs for American students. The future possibility of a formal exchange program is under active consideration. A brochure describing these programs is available on loan from Prof. Wynne - GSMN 244.