



**Newsletter
September, 2005**

Visit your NEW chapter web site and listserv at:

<http://www.sigmaxi.org/chapters/web/UofWashington>

The web site is a project in process, and is being built by using a simple template available through the national organization. Currently, it provides access to the listserv, allowing easy communication with chapter officers and members. It also has a complete listing of event details, and links to helpful web sites, as well as copies of recent newsletters.

There are a lot of things going on, and we hope to see you at one of our sponsored or co-sponsored events between now and the annual meeting in Seattle.

*** **Science Café for September.** See the enclosed invitation/flyer for all details.

*** **Seattle Science Lecture Series.** Priority seating for Sigma Xi members at these events, all through October and November. The series is co-sponsored by Sigma Xi, Town Hall Seattle, UW Bookstore, Pacific Science Center, University of Washington, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and others.

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
October 10	Ray Kurzweil	Man & Machines	Town Hall
October 11	George Dyson	Sea Kayaks	Town Hall, downstairs
October 12	William Ruddiman	8,000 Years of Climate Change	Pacific Science Center
October 17	Mario Livio	Symmetry	Pacific Science Center
October 25	Walt Reid	Prospects for Human Well-Being	Town Hall
October 27	Dava Sobel	The Planets	Town Hall
November 10	Andrew Weil, MD	Healthy Aging	Town Hall

All of the above lectures begin at 7:00, tickets are \$5.00 at the door. To receive priority seating, arrive by 6:45 and tell them you are with Sigma Xi. To find out more about the speakers and topics, visit our NEW Chapter web site at:

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*** **Science Café for November.** Sigma Xi member, Dr. James Gawel from UW Tacoma, will present a short program about large watersheds on 3 different continents. He will then lead the discussion/Q&A portion of the event. The café will take place on November 2nd (the night before the annual meeting begins), at the Elephant & Castle Pub and Restaurant (1415 5th Ave., Seattle, 206-624-9977). Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided, full menu and microbrews also available for purchase.

*** **Science on Tap.** This is a café group that meets at Ravenna Third Place books on the last Monday of each month. One of the organizers is a Sigma Xi member, and the UW chapter plans to co-sponsor a trivia night café some time after the turn of the year. Their next café is on September 26th, and will feature Mike Baker and Jeff Smiley, Brewers, who will speak about The Science of Beer Making. Ravenna Third Place books is located at the corner of 20th Ave NE and NE 65th St, free admission, free parking. Visit SOT's web site at: <http://www.scienceontap.org>

*** **University of Washington Postdoc Association.** The UW chapter of Sigma Xi co-sponsored this new UW organization's first event, a family picnic, by contributing \$250 for costs involved. Their activities may be of interest to many of our chapter members, since most initiate membership as postdocs. Visit UWPA's web site at: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwpa/>

Friendly Reminder: Your email address will save the chapter \$\$ on stamps and printing. Since our last newsletter, several members have contacted us, and with the listserv in place, it's even easier to do. Please send a note to the chapter listserv with your current email address: ch025@listserver.sigmaxi.org

Thank you!!

Officers still needed

Do you have any interest in helping the UW chapter to succeed in its mission to support communication and research in science? Without the involvement of a few core members, this chapter will become inactive, and the UW community will lose a valuable resource. An inactive chapter loses its funding from the national organization, and funding for Grants-In-Aid will no longer be available. The amount of time needed to be an effective officer is minimal - a few hours a month. Self-nominations are encouraged!! Please contact the chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Liz VanVolkenburgh at: lizvanv@u.washington.edu