RECENT TRAVEL
Dr. Keir Becker was in London, England from September 4th to 8th to attend a forum on ODP-IODP - Industry Interactions at BP Exploration.

Drs. Guido Bracco Gartner and Mark Grasmueck were in Switzerland, France and Spain from August 16th to September 4th to conduct field research.

Dr. Gregor Eberli was in New York, NY from September 10th to 12th to attend a meeting with colleagues to discuss petrophysics project.

Dr. Pam Reid was in Davos, Switzerland from August 31st to September 8th to attend an International Sedimentology Meeting.

Graduate student, Peter La Femina was in Reykjavik, Iceland from August 4th to September 12th to conduct field research and attend a RIDGE conference.

Dr. Christopher Harrison was in Sante Fe, NM from September 6th to 12th to attend an executive committee meeting of the American Institute of Physics.

FOR SALE
17’ Grumman aluminum canoe. Includes paddles, life cushions and roof rack to move it. Wide and stable, $500. Call Michele at 305-361-4994.

ROSENSTIEL SCHOOL LOSES A STUDENT, SCIENTIST, and FRIEND
It was Monday morning when the phone call came to the School with the terrible news that 36 year old Mary Roche had died in a hiking accident in New Mexico. Remembered as a bright, determined, adventuresome, and nature loving individual, Mary touched the hearts of many at Rosenstiel in life as with her death. She was well on her way to her Ph.D. and her work will carry on in the papers she authored. A Memorial Service was held for Mary at the School on September 10th. Mary is survived by her parents, sister and fiance.

Farewell to Bwana Mary, Great Turtle Hunter (a name she gave herself after many turtle watches)
Mary of the ocean and sea...Exploration set her free from life’s boring daily chores, and introduced her to foreign shores.
The ocean was her second home. Serene and content she would roam through coral caverns in crystal water, seeking peace that life hadn’t brought her.
And then one day she changed her course, and left the ocean without remorse. She claimed the land her new domain, Mary of the mountain and plain.
She hiked the forest, seeking out its deepest secrets and no doubt, she learned them.
The Everglades she loved to wander, collecting samples and growing fonder of the land and its creatures, studying soil and all its features.
On field trips, we’d head out like two explorers, and search about for the perfect site to collect our samples and to reflect upon the beauty of the land.
I truly enjoyed working with her, and at times felt like her sister. We shared our thoughts and our dreams, and planned new exciting schemes for next day’s activities.
But then suddenly Mary was gone. In the desert she departed, and left us all, now brokenhearted.

Written for the Memorial Service by a friend of Mary

The Rosenstiel School community joins the nation in mourning those lost in the New York/Washington/Pennsylvania disaster. Our hearts go out to the victims, families and rescue workers.

Mary collecting gas samples in New Mexico

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ROSENSTIEL SCHOOL HAS HEART

This year UM committed to host the American Heart Association 3.1 miles Heart Walk on the Coral Gables campus and RSMAS was invited to enter a team. As of this writing we have 7 participants:

- Chris Mooers from AMP
- Charlene Grall from MAC/Tritium Lab
- Maria Aldana and her daughter from MPO
- Xinglong Wu from AMP
- Xiaobiao Xu from MPO
- and Michele Rowand from the Dean’s office.

Each walker has a pledge form and would appreciate your sponsorship of their walk that will take place on Saturday, September 22nd. There is still time to sign up to walk. Contact Michele at 361-4994.

GRANTS RECEIVED

During the month of August $3,452,408 were received in new grants and supplements.

DIVING SAFETY OFFICE Creates a presence on the Coral Gables campus

At the start of the new school year the UM/RSMAS Diving Safety Program (DSP) began a new course on the Coral Gables campus entitled “Introduction to Research Diving Techniques”. The class is designed to teach our undergrads, as well as others interested in scientific diving, the techniques used by the scientific community to gather data for the various marine sciences including archaeology, biology, chemistry, geology, and physical oceanography. During the class divers candidates will receive training in a number of data collection techniques as well as instruction in CPR, First Aid and Diving Accident Management. To complete the training students must perform in a variety of environments and conditions. This class has been developed to meet the standards of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)

“Introduction to Research Diving Techniques” will open many new doors for the University community. Students who have completed this course will have better opportunities to get internships at RSMAS and gain more experience as underwater scientists. They will also have an advantage over their competing classmates who don’t have the diving credentials when applying for graduate school or jobs because of the additional skills they have acquired. The teaching faculty will be able to better develop courses that provide students first hand experience and information. The research faculty will also benefit by the increasing number of divers available to help with their projects.

The Diving Safety Program is very excited about this new course. If you have any questions about the “Introduction to Research Diving Techniques” please contact Rick Riera-Gomez in the Diving Safety Office at 305 361-4107 or email at rgomez@rsmas.miami.edu.

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Deadline for publication in the next issue is October 15th. Submit articles to mrowand@rsmas.miami.edu.

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MARINE BIOLOGY AND FISHERIES

The Rosenstiel School was well represented at the 25th Early Life History Meeting of the American Fisheries Society (Aug. 8-13, 2001). Talks were presented there by Su Sponaugle, Claire Paris, Mark Sullivan and myself. In addition, Mark’s presentation received the Sally Richardson Award for Best Student Presentation! Submitted by Robert Cowen

MSGSO NEWS

This month brought some horrible tragedy to this side of the world, yet we should look forward to a brighter future. The middle of September was quite gloomy, and the rains didn’t help lighten the dreary mood of all those living here in America. October looks to be a much better month. As we’re all looking forward to candy, treats, and costumes at the end of the month, we must remember one simple little thing: No, it’s not the childhood phrase “Trick or Treat,” but rather “It’s time for the RSMAS Student Auction!”

The auction is going to be held on Friday, the 19th of October, and we need your help. Whatever you have to offer will most likely come in handy. We need people to go around and help solicit for goodies (ask your division reps). If you have any personal talents that you might want to auction off to help MSGSO raise money, let us know. Certainly dinner for 2, 4, 6, 8… and to go pretty well. Does anyone want to give a sailing lesson or even a nice evening cruise? Please let us know; we would love to help you help us! You could also begin thinking of the covered dish you’d like to bring for the potluck dinner (remember…brining food means free admission). None of this means anything if no one shows up to bid, so start inviting to your family and friends. Get involved in some way, and this auction will prove to be the best ever.

The week after the auction MSGSO will be holding the annual Halloween Party so start brainstorming your costume ideas - the most unique is always the best!!! If there are any problems out there that we can help solve, feel free to contact MSGSO at mgsso@rsmas.miami.edu. Otherwise, I hope to see you all at this month’s events.

Stacy Reeder, Vice-President, MSGSO

DARING TO DREAM

What would happen if this year, instead of the usual 30% of the people at Rosenstiel pledged to the United Way we had 50% participation? What if 20 people who never pledged before each pledged $75 in honor of UM’s 75th anniversary? What if everyone at RSMAS invited their buddies from Key Biscayne, NOAA, Southeast Fisheries and NMFS over here for the $5 pasta luncheon on October 4th?

It is just a short step between dreaming these things and doing these things. I am just the prodding voice each fall but you are the ones who have broken giving records consistently for the past 5 years at Rosenstiel. You make it happen through your commitment to the community. Let’s turn dreaming into doing for the sake of those who will benefit in 2002 from our United Way pledges. Please return your pledge card by October 1st.

Gratefully yours,
Michele Rowand, RSMAS United Way Ambassador