

University of Miami FWEA Student Chapter: Fall 2004

The University of Miami student chapter of the Florida Water Environment Association has been very active implementing new activities this semester! We are proud to be offering tutoring for both undergraduate and graduate students in the Environmental Engineering Program. Our student members are available for extended tutoring hours most every day of the week. We offer these services in our FWEA room with two computers (soon to have internet connection), a resourceful library, a large, rustic library table, and a refrigerator on loan from a member. Thank you to Mike Lass, Colleen Block and all the members for helping! All in all the room is a great environment for studying. Within the next semester, we will be moving across the hall, but we plan to keep the same atmosphere and continue to provide such a great room for all to utilize.

Our group membership has expanded, reaching new members outside of the engineering program that are interesting in being a part of such a great organization! We have tabled in the University Center Breezeway, spoken to geology students, and reached out to biology undergraduate research students. My hope is to widen the environmental engineering student's perspective with the possibility of interdisciplinary studies.

Our next task has been to clean up the beach. This is a large effort, but we have been committed to go at least once a month to Hobie Beach and clean! We are working in conjunction with Miami-Dade County and they happily accept our help!



Hobie Beach Clean-up Nov. 12, 2004:
Amy Omae, Caitlin Feikle, Mary E. Durbin, Geoff Klug

Finally, we are planning our first outing for December 11th in Hollywood, Florida for a morning of canoeing from West Lake. January should be an exciting month for us, as we will go camping (possibly to the Dry Tortugas) and receive our newly designed t-shirts, thank you to Amy Omae!

We are planning some traditional FWEA activities for the spring semester. We will have speakers from various companies visiting, join class field trips to water and wastewater treatment plants and landfill sites, while continuing our beach clean-ups and tutoring. In April of 2005 the senior design group, the University of Miami "Hurri-cleans", will be competing in the FWEA student chapter design competition! Visit our site for any information! Happy Holidays!

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