February 8, 2006, 6:00 PM: Class 5

Topics to be discussed:

Coral reef invertebrates: Ed Powell
Your research projects at RIMS
Snorkeling/skin diving lessons

Handouts
Ticket/E-TKT itinerary (signature required)
   Verify your name and correct itinerary
Green luggage tags
Anthony’s Key Brochure
Important Travel Information (from AKR/Bahia Tours)

Passport and immunizations and insurance.
If you haven’t done so make the arrangements!

PASSPORTS:
Please make at least 3 photocopies of your passport (the pages with your photo and vital information). Why 3 copies you ask? 2 copies for the trip leaders (Ed and I will each have a copy of your passport for safe keeping), the other copy/ies is for you to keep in a safe place while we are in Roatan. Perhaps in your suitcase and/or book bag, not in the same place as your passport.

Class/field trip notebook/journal/diary
You should already have one and you should be using it for the class
Log everything
You will be required to turn in your journal/logbook at the end of the field trip. Your journal/logbook will be returned to you.

YOUR RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS (please note recent changes):
1) Select partners/buddy for your project.
2) Select a research project - prepare an outline of your research project and present this project outline for approval to Don and Ed. Project approvals should be accomplished by/on Feb. 8.
3) Prepare your detailed project proposal. Use the "Project Methodology" outline that you received as a guide in preparing your detailed proposal.
4) This project proposal is due in class on Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

Health insurance and International Student Identity Card:
You must have health insurance! If you do not have health insurance that will cover you while abroad, you need to obtain short term health insurance (Study Abroad has information). The Study Abroad Center has information on insurance policies designed for students participating in international programs. The International Student Identity Card (ISIC) provides supplemental coverage as well as repatriation expenses up to $7,500 and emergency evacuation up to $25,000. **The ISIC policy is not a substitute for basic medical insurance.** All ISU students studying
abroad are required to purchase an International Student Identity Card (ISIC) for the duration of the program. An ISIC may be purchased at the Study Abroad Resource Center ($25.50) or at STA Travel.

Webpage for assignments and discussion:
Marine Biology Field Trip homepage is located at the following web address: 
http://molebio.iastate.edu/~d_sakagu/394HD.html

Pre-departure orientation program
The Study Abroad Center will have a pre-departure orientation program for students going on Spring Break Study Abroad Programs.
It is scheduled for:
Wednesday, February 15 from 2-3 pm
Location: Gold Room of Memorial Union
They have designed this one-hour program specifically to meet the needs of students going on short-term programs.

Fish quiz results: give back quiz

Snorkeling/skin diving
Everyone should get in the water and practice snorkeling/skin diving/freediving before we go.

Snorkeling lessons/class on Thursday's (Feb. 16 and 23, if necessary we may be able to add additional sessions).
You will need snorkeling gear (mask, snorkel, fins, dive boots, bathing suit, towel). If you have questions about getting gear please contact Don.
Class will begin at 8:00 PM at the Ames High School pool (as you enter the pool, if anyone at the front counter asks, just tell them you are with the scuba class and they should let you in).

Those of you that already know how to snorkel/scuba may wish to brush up on your skills and you are also welcome to participate.

SCUBA class
Don’t forget to read the next module, complete the Knowledge Review and study for the test.

Topics for next week's class:
Feb. 15
Sponge Biology: Dennis Lavrov (EEOB); Reef fish biology 1: Don Sakaguchi (GDCB)
Informational session on Honduras and the Bay Islands.
Discussion of your research projects: Project proposal is due.