Senior Seminar in Plant Ecology

Tentative Syllabus

Biology 486 Spring 1994

Meeting Times T,TH 4:30-5:30 F&J Center Lecture Room D

Instructor: Charles Stinemetz Room 128-W F&J Center (726-3560) Office Hours: M,W,F 10:00-11:00 (Other times by appointment)

Meeting Dates Topics

Week I (Jan 11,13): Course Introduction, How to Prepare a Presentation

Week II (Jan 18,20): Plants as Metapopulations

Week III (Jan 25,27): Ecological Genetics Week IV (Feb 1,3): Disturbance Ecology

Week V (Feb 8,10): Effect of Introduced Species

Week VI (Feb 15,17): Interspecific Competition

Week VII (Feb 22,24): Physiological Ecology: Water Needs and Plant Stress

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Week VIII (Mar. 1,3): **Spring Recess** Week IX (Mar. 8,10): Midterm Exam

Week X (Mar. 15, 17): Pollination Biology and Pollination Limitation

Seed and Fruit Production a Case of Selective Week XI (Mar. 22,24):

Week XII (Mar. 29,31): **Easter Recess**

Week XIII (Apr. 5,7): Seed Ecology I: Variation in Seed Size and Seed Week XIV (Apr. 12,14): Seed Ecology II: Seed Banks and Seed Predation

Week XV (Apr. 19,21): Tropical Forest Ecology Week XVI (Apr. 26,28): Salt Marsh Ecology

The **Final Exam** will be given on **May 4**

Grading: Midterm Exam 20%

> Final Exam 20%

Presentations 25%

Writing Assignments 25%

Participation 10%