

Science in the News

Once again we will use articles from the magazine "Science News" as the source of topics for class discussion and presentation. "Science News" is the publication of the Society for Science & the Public, and is published biweekly.

Copies of the magazine will be distributed to class members at least a week prior to their use. This will enable class members to become familiar with the varied articles and also to request that certain topics be discussed. The cost of the four issues of "Science News" will be \$10 for the semester. The first available issue may be picked up at the PSRC about a week before the first class session. Please call the PSRC office (609)924-7108 to check if the magazines have arrived. Payment may be made at the office or at the first class session you attend.

Class participants will be sent an email on or about the Wednesday prior to each class meeting listing the articles and topics to be discussed and also, if needed, references to on-line sites that will provide additional information on the topics. INTERNET and E-MAIL ACCESS IS REQUIRED.

Class members are strongly encouraged to make presentations based on their own interests or background, or on topics from current news. Several class members have made presentations each term, and they were well received. A guest who might aid in the presentation is welcome to attend that session. You may invite any guest you wish to ONE session during the term.

We will also consider articles from other publications that may be of interest to the class or members of the panel. In this case, references to or copies of the article will be circulated online in the days before discussion. Contributions from class members in their areas of expertise, either as presentations or during discussions, will be especially valued. In addition to the course leader, the panel of specialists has a biologist, a physician, a neuroscientist, an experimental psychologist, and a physicist.

Leader: Bob Robinson, a chemical engineer who was employed in R&D and management in the pharmaceutical industry.

Fridays: 9:45 to 11:45 am, 8 weeks: March 8 through May 3 (no class on 4/19)

Location: Monument Hall Multi-Purpose Room