My sabbatical leave was highly productive. In my application for sabbatical leave, I proposed to accomplish three major endeavors: participation in a research cruise in the Spring, collaboration with Dr. Isabella Abbott, and research on bio-active products from Hawaiian Seaweeds.

The cruise was delayed until July, and our team’s submersible time would have been cut in half, so I postponed our leg of the cruise until 2006. My other sabbatical work resulted in the completion of two manuscripts, which were accepted and are now in press:
I also worked on a third manuscript, which will be submitted to the Bulletin of Marine Science in November 2005, McDermid, K.J., B. Stuercke, and G. Balazs. Nutritional composition of marine plants in the diet of the green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas) in the Hawaiian Islands.

During my sabbatical, I also developed a new course, MARE 194, Current Issues in Marine Science, which I am teaching in Fall 2005 and Spring 2006. The curriculum combines information from books, articles, web sites, National Public Radio audio clips, videos, DVDs, and lectures. Next semester I plan to incorporate a few hands-on activities and guest speakers.

I also performed service to the University while on sabbatical. I reviewed the graduation audits of Marine Science seniors graduating in May 2005. I was selected to be a member of the 2004-2005 Panel of Referees, and submitted to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs, a Referee Review of Appeal based on a negative decision on a faculty member’s promotion application.

My sabbatical did contribute to my professional development, and strengthened my teaching and research contributions to the University. I look forward to my next sabbatical in seven years!

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