

May 5, 2008

THE HEAD'S PERSPECTIVE

End of the Semester

We hope that this has been an educational, productive and enjoyable semester for you. I am sure that it has probably been a busy semester as well. I would like to recognize the students that are graduating this semester. Receiving graduate degrees are Sweta Bhattacharya (MS), Ming Lei (MS), Colleen Reiche (PhD), Ryan Sriver (PhD), and Megan Walker (MS). Receiving BS degrees are: Michael Beall, Daniel Bowman, Jeanette Brass, Nicholas Chisler, Benjamin Evans, Richard Fisher, Megan Hoesly, Bretton McIlrath, Courtney Obergfell, Lee Ann Okuly, Kimberly Peters, Kristen Schuler, Kyle Spangle, Abhishaan Vipat, David Wade, Sara Weisser and Patrick Wright. Congratulations! We wish you the best in your future careers or additional education. For those of you leaving Purdue, we hope that you will remain in contact with the department and come back to visit us when you can. We will also be hosting booths and receptions at GSA, SEG, AGU and AMS meetings so we hope that we will be able to see you at one or more of these events. After the 9:30 a.m. commencement on Saturday, May 10, the College of Science will be hosting a reception in the Lawson Building (in the commons area on the first floor) to honor all CoS graduates and their families. Graduates, families and EAS faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend. Again, congratulations to all of our EAS graduates!

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, May 5

- EAS Mini-Retreat, CIVL 2201 (8 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Please note – this will be the last newsletter for the 2008 spring semester. The next issue is planned for June 2. The newsletter will then continue on a monthly schedule through the summer.

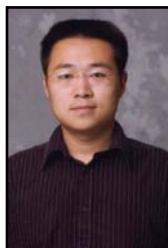
SPRING GRADUATES



Sweta Bhattacharya, M.S.

Advisor: Larry Braile

Sweta is with Petrotel in Dallas, Texas working as a seismic processor.



Ming Lei, M.S.

Advisor: Dev Niyogi

Ming will continue to pursue his Ph.D. with Dr. Niyogi.



Colleen Reiche, Ph.D.

Advisor: Sonia Lasher-Trapp

Colleen is actively seeking employment in applied atmospheric science research for either the government or private industry.



Ryan Sriver, Ph.D.

Advisor: Matt Huber

Ryan has accepted the NOAA Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship award. He will be working with Michael E. Mann at the Pennsylvania State University.



Megan Walker, M.S.

Advisor: Noah Diffenbaugh

Megan is actively seeking employment in the areas of science writing, environmental education, and disaster mitigation.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Mike Baldwin gave an invited presentation entitled, "Development of a Verification Methods Testbed" at the WRF DTC Verification Workshop, April 16-18, 2008 in Boulder, CO. He also gave a presentation entitled, "General Framework for Features-Based Verification" at the NCAR Workshop for the Spatial Forecast Verification Methods Inter-Comparison Project, April 14-15, 2008 in Boulder, CO.

Riggs, Eric M. and Havholm, Karen G., "Geoscience Teachers in the Park: A Partnership between NAGT and the National Park Service at Mammoth Cave National Park." GSA North Central Section Meeting in Evansville, IN.

Terry R. West presided over a technical session at the North-Central Section meeting, held April 24-25, 2008 in Evansville, IN. The session titled, "Applied Geology: Environmental, Hydrogeological and Geotechnical" consisted of eleven papers on this general subject. Terry West and Linda Sylvester (MS student in EAS) coauthored the oral presentation "Bedrock High in Glacial Terrain Yields Groundwater Supply and Construction Problems for Residential Areas, Tippecanoe County, Indiana". In the afternoon poster session, Linda Sylvester presented the paper "Characterization and Analysis of an Isolated Wetland Receiving Agricultural Runoff," the subject of her MS thesis research now underway. The paper was coauthored by members of her thesis advisory committee, Laura Bowling, Phillip Owens, Barbara Cooper and Terry West.

ITAP NEWS

Server patching scheduled

On Wednesday, May 7, the EAS Technology Support staff will be performing routine security updates on EAS servers. Hypocenter will be unavailable from 6 a.m. until 8 a.m., this includes network printing and file shares. From 8 a.m. until 9 a.m., the following services will be unavailable:

wxp.eas.purdue.edu
chat.science.purdue.edu
weather.eas.purdue.edu
sftp.eas.purdue.edu

Long distance rates lowered as SUVON discontinued

Long distance rates for domestic long distance and calling card calls will be reduced to \$.055 per minute, effective June 1, 2008, for the West Lafayette campus due to an anticipated increase in

call volume. This is a reduction of more than 20 percent from the previous rate of \$.07 per minute.

Purdue University CIO Gerry McCartney says, "ITaP continues to work on modifying our phone and data charges to be more in-line with the external market. As a result of the SUVON discontinuation, we are happy to be able to pass on a significant rate reduction which has immediate beneficial impact on all our long distance users."

The Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication Systems (IHETS) decided to discontinue the State Universities Voice Network (SUVON) service. After May 29, Purdue faculty and staff at all campuses will start dialing long-distance calls the same way, even when dialing other Indiana colleges and universities. SUVON is a private voice network connecting Indiana's institutions. It was created to encourage educational and business collaboration between faculty and staff members. Purdue users know the SUVON access code of 8 + 1 + the number.

Long-distance calls previously dialed using SUVON will be handled as all other domestic long distance calls. They will require an authorization/MERS code for billing. Purdue callers will dial 7 + 1 + the number + authorization code.

Users who inadvertently dial the old SUVON access code after May 29 will hear a recorded message with instructions on using an authorization/MERS code.

Any questions about dialing long distance may be directed to ITaP Telecommunications at 49-44716.

A NOTE FROM OUR ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

Summer Job

If you are here over the summer and looking for work, Purdue University Residences is hiring summer employees to prepare residence halls for the fall semester. "Summer utility workers will clean, scrub and paint residences as well as move furniture, maintain grounds and complete various other tasks as needed." Summer utility workers work Monday through Friday, and the salary is \$7.30 per hour.

Applications are available at <http://www.housing.purdue.edu>. All employees must be high school or college students at least 17 years old.

Have a great summer!

Nancy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Jon Harbor – May 5

Bill Zinsmeister – May 6

Steve Fritz – May 9

Dan Shepardson – May 26

Saad Haq – June 1



ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER:

This weekly newsletter will be the place to look to keep up with departmental happenings, announcements (seminars, student group events, scholarship and award deadlines, departmental committees), job and grant opportunities, and anything else you need to know about the department. It should cut down on the glut of email and other forms of separate announcements – **if it is in the newsletter, we assume you know about it** and no other reminders are needed. Past issues will be available on our department web site (www.purdue.edu/eas/). Material should be submitted to Gina Richey (grichey@purdue.edu) by **Friday noon** of each week for inclusion in the Monday newsletter.

For answers to common technology questions and the latest updates from the EAS Technology Support staff, please visit <http://www.purdue.edu/eas/resources/it>.

Also, as an additional resource for information about departmental events, seminars, deadlines, etc., see our departmental calendar at <http://calendar.science.purdue.edu/eas/seminars>.

