

May 7, 2007

THE HEAD'S PERSPECTIVE

End of another semester...

As we come to the end another semester and of the 2006-07 (regular) academic year, we would like to congratulate our EAS graduating seniors and graduate students receiving MS or PhD degrees! 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 receptions or dinners at GSA, SEG and AMS meetings so we hope that we will be able to see you at one or more of these events.

For all EAS faculty, students and staff, we hope that your summer work, vacations and other activities are productive and enjoyable.

As most of you know, Professor Scott King will be leaving EAS and Purdue this summer to accept a position at Virginia Tech. Scott has been a very active and valued member of the EAS faculty since 1992. He has also been a personal and professional friend to faculty, students and staff. His area of research, geodynamics and mantle convection, has been a hot topic at many universities and research centers in the US and around the world and we will miss Scott's expertise in these areas. Scott has also studied hotspots, plate tectonic processes, and the interiors of terrestrial planets, and has developed computational and visualization tools for geodynamic research. We all wish Scott the best of success in his new position at Virginia Tech! The department often recognizes faculty members who retire or leave to accept another position with a gift of appreciation. Because of the recent tragic events at Virginia Tech and the impact on the people associated with VT, it is appropriate to make a donation to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund instead of a gift. I encourage you to consider doing so through:
http://www.vt.edu/tragedy/memorial_fund.php.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, May 14

- Leadership Team, CIVL 2173 (11 a.m.)

SPRING GRADUATES



Ashley Brooks, M.S.

Advisors: Michael Baldwin and Dev Niyogi

Ashley has taken a position as a meteorological intern with the Indianapolis National Weather Service. She will continue interacting with the Indiana State Climate Office.



Carrie Davis-Todd, Ph.D.

Advisor: Jon Harbor

Carrie has accepted a position as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Geomorphology in the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences at Worcester State College, MA.



Spencer Fairfax, M.S.

Advisor: Terry West

Spencer has accepted a position with Black & Veatch Engineering, Water Division in Indianapolis. He will serve as both a geologist and engineer-in-training. He will be working primarily on the subsurface exploration and tunnel design phases of the City of Indianapolis' Combined Sewer Overflow Deep Tunnel Project.



Alison Goss, Ph.D.

Advisor: Jon Harbor

Alison has accepted an appointment as a Presidential Management Fellow, and will be working with the U.S. Department of Energy as an Environmental Liaison for the Biomass Program.



Patrick Kennedy, M.S.

Advisor: Andy Freed

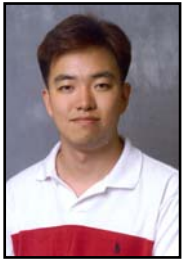
Patrick is actively seeking employment in industry and continues to tap dance.



Kent Knopfmeier, M.S.

Advisor: Jeff Trapp

Kent will pursue Ph.D. studies at Pennsylvania State University beginning in Fall 2007. He will continue his study of severe convective storms with either Dr. Paul Markowski or Dr. Yvette Richardson.



Tae-Jin Oh, Ph.D.

Advisor: Wen-Yih Sun

Tae-Jin has taken a position as a Research Associate at the National Center for High-Performance Computing in Hsinchu, Taiwan. He plans to begin his position this summer.



Dibyajyoti Tripathy, Ph.D.

Advisor: Jon Harbor

Diby has accepted a position as a modeler in the Hydrocarbon Charge Research and Development Team with the Chevron Energy Technology Company in Houston.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Steve Fritz – May 9

Dan Shepardson – May 26

Saad Haq – June 1



NOTE: This will be the last weekly newsletter for the semester. The next issue is planned for June 4.

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 for inclusion in the newsletter should be submitted to Gina Richey (grichey@purdue.edu) by **Friday noon** of each week for inclusion in the Monday newsletter.

