

The Summer Monthly News

June 2, 2008

TEACHING HONOR ROLL

Several of our faculty colleagues have made the department's Teaching Honor Roll for the 2008 Spring semester (based on student evaluations; overall instructor rating) as noted below. Congratulations!

Service Courses (=> 4.0)

Larry Braile	EAS 100	4.3
Jerry Krockover	EAS 102 (two sections)	4.7/4.5
Brenda Beitler Bowen	EAS 104	4.5
Noah Diffenbaugh	EAS 106	4.8
Andy Freed	EAS 106	4.8
Saad Haq	EAS 111	4.3
Jennifer Haase	EAS 116	4.0
Ernie Agee	EAS 117	4.7

Undergraduate/Graduate Courses (=> 4.5)

Gabe Bowen	EAS 191R	4.8
Terry West	EAS 385	4.8
Jeff Trapp	EAS 422	4.9
Sonia Lasher-Trapp	EAS 532	4.8
Bob Nowack	EAS 559A	4.5
Ken Ridgway	EAS 590	5.0
Noah Diffenbaugh	EAS 591C	4.8
Darryl Granger	EAS 591D	4.8
Ken Ridgway	EAS 591R	5.0
Greg Michalski	EAS 591S	5.0
Terry West	EAS 591T	5.0
Qianlai Zhuang	EAS 591W	5.0
Andy Freed	EAS 591Z	4.5
Eric Riggs	EAS 591Z	4.9
Sonia Lasher-Trapp	EAS 631	5.0
Terry West	EAS 640	5.0
Bob Nowack	EAS 657	4.6

The following TAs have made the Teaching Honor Roll for the 2008 Spring semester by achieving a score of 4.5 or higher as rated by their students. Congratulations!

Nahyr Rovira-Figueroa	EAS 102 labs	4.8 and 5.0
Joy Dugan	EAS 102 lab	4.5
Loran Parker	EAS 102 lab	4.7
Russell Balliet	EAS 111 labs	4.7 and 4.8

Patrick Brennan	EAS 111 labs	5.0 and 5.0
Piotr Przybylski	EAS 111 labs	4.5 and 4.9
Emre Unal	EAS 111 labs	4.9 and 4.9
Hollis Yenna	EAS 111 labs	4.9 and 4.8
Dane Brown	EAS 312 labs	4.8 and 5.0
Cristina Carbajo	EAS 312 lab	4.8
Christie Lindemann	EAS lab	4.5
Nathan Hitchens	EAS 432	5.0
Tom Dautermann	EAS 591A	5.0

OUR RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Haq, S. S., and D. M. Davis, 2008: Extension during active collision in thin-skinned wedges: Insights from laboratory experiments. *Geology*, **36**, 475–478.

Lasher-Trapp, S., 2007: Clouds in a warmer climate: Friend or foe? *Oxford Forum on Public Policy*, **3**, 353-368.

Parashar, R. and J. H. Cushman, 2008: Scaling the fractional advective-dispersive equation for numerical evaluation of microbial dynamics in confined geometries with sticky boundaries. *J. Comp. Phys.*, **227**, 6598-6611.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT

Gabe Bowen was an invited participant in a National Research Council workshop on deep time paleoclimate research on May 5-6 in Irvine, California.

FROM OUR BUSINESS OFFICE

Recent Award

Nowack, R.: Frequency-Dependent Characteristics of Regional Seismic Phases: Propagation of Pn in Western China. Air Force Research Laboratory – \$338,261

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Nathan Hitchens gave a presentation entitled, "Characteristics of Sub-diurnal Extreme Precipitation-Producing Systems" on May 27, 2008 at the Joint Assembly of the American Geophysical Union in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

SPRING FLING FUN



Photo courtesy of Steve Smith

The Weather Wizards Place Second in Spring Fling Trivia Face Off

On Wednesday, May 21, 2008 the EAS trivia team, The Weather Wizards (team members include Dan Arthur, Jen Bewley, Erin Jones, and Colleen Henry Reiche), successfully won four rounds of trivia, earning a spot in the championship round. In the final round, the Wizards faced the Juice Box Heroes. The two teams went question for question and after 8 questions were tied 4-4. The faceoff came down to the final question, "Which household bug rolls over on its back when it dies?". Unfortunately, the Juice Box Heroes beat the Wizards to the buzzer, correctly answering the final question with the answer of cockroaches. The Weather Wizards would like to thank all of the members of EAS who supported the team during the faceoff, especially Nathan Hitchens for his coaching and uplifting spirit.



Photo courtesy of Steve Smith

Amber Everest, Michelle Miller, Tricia Brooke, Kathy Kincade, Steve Smith and Virginia Ewing (l-r) took a stroll in the fitness walk.

ITAP NEWS

Major systems outages on July 19 and July 26

All central IT services will be down on Saturday, July 19, and Saturday, July 26, from 4 p.m. until 8 a.m. the next morning, due to a complete power outage in Freehafer Hall. The outage will close ITaP instructional computing labs. There will be no access to Purdue home directories, shared files or folders, email, Blackboard Vista, Software Remote, Purdue Air Link wireless Internet connections, Purdue or ITaP Web pages, VPN service, or OnePurdue SAP or Banner. The outage is also expected to prevent campus users from accessing any IT service that requires a Purdue career account login and password.

Matlab update soon to be available for Linux

The newest release of Matlab (R2008a) will be available for EAS Linux and Solaris machines in early June. Please check <http://www.purdue.edu/eas/resources/it> for specific dates as they become available.

METEOROLOGY INSTRUCTOR VACANCIES

Prairie State College has vacancies for adjunct instructors for two courses in introductory meteorology for the fall 2008 term. Minimum qualifications are a M.S. in atmospheric science or related discipline, or at least 18 graduate hours in atmospheric science. Students who have the hours but lack a thesis are welcome to apply.

More information and application instructions can be found on the Prairie State website (<http://www.prairiestate.edu>), or contact Lee Anne Burrough (lburrough@prairiestate.edu).

Prairie State College is located in Chicago Heights, Illinois, near where I-294 crosses into Indiana. We are a 2-year community college with a very diverse student body.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Tricia Brooke – June 5
Melissa Guinn – June 5
Hersh Gilbert – June 16
Jennifer Haase – June 18

