

November 24, 2008

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, November 24

- EAS Faculty Meeting, CIVL 3201 (11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 3

- EAS Leadership Team, CIVL 2173 (9 a.m.)

Friday, December 5

- ATMS Tea, CIVL 2201 (2:30 p.m.)

Monday, December 8

- EAS Faculty Meeting, CIVL 3201 (11:30 a.m.)

EAS SEMINAR

Thursday, December 4, at 3:30 p.m. in CIVL 1252:

"Marine Barite, a Recorder of Ocean Chemistry and Productivity." Adina Paytan, University of California - Santa Cruz

Refreshments at 3 p.m. in CIVL 2201

For more information, see the EAS online [calendar](#).

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Robert L. Nowack was a session chairman at the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) Annual meeting in Las Vegas, November 9-14 2008, for a session entitled, "Tomographic Velocity Model Building". He also gave the following presentation:

Nowack, R.L. (2008) Focused Gaussian beams for seismic imaging, in Expanded Abstracts, 78th Annual Meeting of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, Las Vegas, pp. 2376-2380.

Gabe Bowen was a delegate to a technical workshop on stable isotope monitoring programs at the International Atomic Energy Agency on November 18-20. He presented an invited talk on statistical and geostatistical gridding of precipitation isotope ratio data.

NOTE: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be a newsletter on Monday, December 1. The next issue is planned for December 8.

Happy Thanksgiving!

EAS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT NEWS

Linux kernel upgrade scheduled

RedHat has released a new version of the kernel for RedHat Enterprise 4, which includes several security updates. In order to maintain a secure computing environment, all EAS Linux machines will receive this new kernel at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2. The upgrade will force a reboot, so please plan your jobs accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact eas-itap@purdue.edu.

Office 2007 files

By now, all EAS-supported Windows machines should have Office 2007 with the exception of those who have requested reverting to Office 2003. If you still need 2007 installed, please e-mail eas-itap@purdue.edu. If you need to open Office 2007 documents on your personally-owned computers but do not have Office 2007, you have several options. The first option is to purchase Office 2007 from the Boiler Copy Maker in the Purdue Memorial Union. The free office suite from www.openoffice.org now contains support for the Office 2007 document format. Microsoft also makes a converter, available at:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word/HA100444731033.aspx>.

A NOTE FROM OUR ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

Money

Scholarship Search Account

The Division of Financial Aid strongly recommends that students visit <http://fastweb.com/> to set up a personal private scholarship search account. Fastweb is a nationally known scholarship company that does not charge students to provide a scholarship match service. By entering your personal profile, Fastweb will do a search to see if you match the eligibility requirements for over 600,000 private scholarships listed in their database.

The Division of Financial Aid (DFA) at Purdue University is notified of many private scholarship opportunities by many scholarship agencies from across the country. These information notices come on a rolling basis throughout the year. In order to make the private scholarship information available to

Purdue students, DFA sends all private scholarship eligibility criteria that we receive from agencies directly to Fastweb.

The Fastweb personal data profile and account set-up is easy. Once set up, you will receive your first list of potential scholarship matches, if there are matches. As Fastweb adds new scholarships daily to their database, your email will be prompted to new scholarship opportunities which meet your previously completed profile. Fastweb will provide you with contact information regarding the scholarships that meet your profile. You must then follow up with the scholarship agency via paper application or email as instructed. Be certain to list Purdue University as your current school in order to be matched with private scholarships specifically for Purdue University students.

Fame

Mother Nature Network Correspondent

The Mother Nature Network announces its *College Correspondent* initiative. One student from each major U.S. college will be selected to be the Mother Nature Network correspondent for 2009. MNN is running the contest in partnership with YouTube to find the country's best college environmental journalists (<http://www.YouTube.com/MNN>). MNN was co-founded by former environmental marketing executive Joel Babbit and Chuck Leavell, keyboardist for *The Rolling Stones* and "one of the world's most respected environmentalists."

Each of the winning correspondents will become a highlighted contributor at MNN for 2009 with his or her own video program or blog that will provide access to a nationwide audience. In addition, winners will receive a "Flip Ultra" video camcorder,

and the top five correspondents will be selected to participate in an all-expense paid summit, where they will share ideas with top environmentalists, business leaders, scientists and entertainers.

Participants will be chosen in two categories – online and video. Students can audition by submitting a two- to four-minute video to <http://www.youtube.com/mnn> or a 500-word blog to <http://mothernaturenetwork.blogspot.com/2008/10/announcing-mnns-college-contest.html>. People 18 years or older, and currently enrolled in college, are eligible to submit content. All entries must be in by **January 15, 2009**. For more information: Marla Hoppenfeld, Mother Nature Network, 678.595.9099, mhoppenfeld@mnn.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Jim Ogg – November 25

Paul Shepson – November 29

Darryl Granger – December 5



ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER:

This weekly newsletter is 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 departmental 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.

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>.

