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# INSIDE VT WOOD

## Reminder...

Remember to submit department news items by Friday 3 p.m. of each week to Will Pfeil at [wpfeil@vt.edu](mailto:wpfeil@vt.edu) for inclusion in Inside VT WOOD each Monday morning. All past issues of Inside VT Wood reside on our department website under the [publications link](#).

## News From Paul Winistorfer

- Students if you have not accessed our Wood Industry Student Placement Program website on our department homepage you are missing the opportunity to upload your resume for viewing by prospective employers. There are five positions now posted by our industry partners. Do it today. The more student resumes we can get in our system the more industry career listings we can attract. Do your part to help build a career path to and from our department for our students. Don't delay — do it today!
- The department has received funding from the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation (VFEF) to begin hosting a student summer camp for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade high school students. We are in the early stages for planning for summer 2009 and will have materials available soon for distribution to our state partners in the Virginia Initiative, as well as to the national WoodLINKS community. Thanks VFEF for your support of a new initiative in our department! We seek to create a very high quality experience that will bring high school students closer to our industry and department.
- Planning for Wood Week 2009 is in its early stages. We expect to have our event dates announced in early March. Wood Week will likely be the week of September 14, 2009.

## Mark your calendar:

- Virginia Forest Products Association Spring Meeting March 20-22, 2009 Williamsburg, VA.
- Virginia Forestry Association Annual Convention April 24-26, 2009 Norfolk, VA.

## Wanted: Representatives for the Graduate Student Assembly

Are you a graduate student in the department of Wood Science and Forest Products and interested in:

- Meeting other graduate students,
- Playing a part in student government,
- Being a more active graduate student, and/or
- Increasing your marketability when you graduate.

The department is looking for two (2) graduate students as representatives to the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA). The representatives will be required to attend the monthly meeting and to keep the department graduate students informed of issues that are raised during the meetings.

What does the GSA do?

“The GSA strongly promotes graduate student community across departments by providing social events to encourage graduate students to come together. Every year the GSA governing board and delegate body work to improve campus life, scholarly development, and graduate community by creating and implementing goals based on the issues and concerns of graduate students on campus.” [www.gsa.uusa.vt.edu/About/about.html](http://www.gsa.uusa.vt.edu/About/about.html)

If you are interested in being a representative, or know someone who may be interested, contact Tim Stieß at [tstiess@vt.edu](mailto:tstiess@vt.edu). For more information on the GSA go to [www.uusa.vt.edu](http://www.uusa.vt.edu)

### **Dr. Gi Young Jeong Joins the Department as Postdoctoral Associate**

Dr. Gi Young Jeong recently joined our department as a postdoctoral associate. He completed his doctoral studies on evaluation of tensile properties of loblolly pine strands using the digital image correlation and stochastic finite element methods in 2008 under the guidance of Dr. Dan Hindman. For his postdoctoral project Dr. Jeong will work with Dr. Zink-Sharp on correlating the relationships between silvicultural practices and micromechanical properties of softwoods. His office is located in 200 Cheatham Hall.



### **Robert Bush Works with The Appalachian School of Law**

Robert Bush traveled to the Appalachian School of Law (ASL) in Grundy, Virginia on January 13th to initiate an agreement between the College and ASL. The agreement, in the making for nearly a year, officially begins spring semester, 2009. It will allow ASL students to take CNR graduate courses and earn a Certificate of Graduate Study in Natural Resources from Virginia Tech while completing their law studies. Also, the agreement will provide CNR graduate students access to ASL courses such as Natural Resources Law. During his visit, Bush met with students and faculty informally and in three scheduled presentations.



Robert Bush and ASL Associate Professor Stewart L. Harris present the joint certificate program to students and faculty members.