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INSIDE VT WOOD

Reminder...

Remember to submit department news items by Friday 3 pm of each week to Will Pfeil at 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

Dr. Phil Mitchell joins us this week for a seminar on Tuesday at 3:30pm. Hope you can find time in your schedule to come to the presentation and visit with Phil.

I will be meeting with Dr. Steger this week regarding development plans for the department – Dr. Kelly is joining me. This is a rescheduled meeting from two weeks ago.

I have senior exit interviews on my calendar this week and will be summarizing student feedback.

A group of computer science students have been working on an on-line interactive check sheet project all semester. They will present the project on Wednesday at 3:30 pm. Anyone interested can join in the presentation of the project as we move to develop a unique recruiting/advising tool.

The college administrative team meets on Thursday. If you have any questions or topics you wish me to carry forward into this meeting please let me know.

Dr. Don Orth has stepped down as head of Fisheries and Wildlife. Dr. Kelly will be conducting an internal search to name a replacement. Extend your congratulations to Don for a job well done these past 6 years.

Final Department Candidate in Bioprocessing/Biomaterials Interviewing May 15-16

Dr. Stephen Eichorn will be interviewing next Monday and Tuesday (May 15-16) as our final candidate in the cluster hire initiative in bioprocessing/biomaterials. A schedule will be coming out soon. Please plan to participate in this very important process and be a part of the outcome.

Virginia Department of Forestry Personnel at Brooks Tuesday

The Virginia Department of Forestry is organizing a Legislative Day in early June for representatives from northern Virginia. The meeting will be held in Northern Virginia. VDOF personnel will be at Brooks most of the day on Tuesday working with Paul Winistorfer and Dave Smith on the presentation.

Lean Manufacturing for the Wood Products Industry – Today through Wednesday

May 8-10, 2006 Princeton, WV, Wood Education and Resource Center

For more information, go to: <http://www.forestindustries.vt.edu/workshop.html> or contact: Earl Kline at 540/231-8841 or kline@vt.edu

NCSU Extension Specialist to Deliver Seminar in Department Tuesday



Dr. Phil Mitchell, Professor and Extension Specialist at North Carolina State University will be coming to the department May 9-10 for a seminar presentation. The title of his presentation will be “North Carolina’s Future Value Added Wood Products Industry”. His presentation will be May 9 at 3:30 pm in the Brooks classroom. A reception will precede this presentation. Phil will be staying overnight and available to meet with faculty on May 10 until about noon.

Smith Serves on National Task Force

Bob Smith has been asked to participate as an intern with the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy Task Force. The Task Force’s duty is to raise the awareness and performance of university-based natural resource extension programming in order to maintain and increase funding levels of the RREA appropriations to land grant institutions.

Smith and Bond Presenting at Richmond Expo Continuing Education Course

Bob Smith and Brian Bond will be providing a continuing education course in conjunction with the VFPA machinery show at Richmond on May 18th. The course is titled “Challenges and Opportunities in Manufacturing and Marketing of Products from Lower Quality and Smaller Diameter Forest Resources.” Bob is the session chairman for the marketing section and was on the organizing committee for the upcoming Smallwood Conference in Richmond on May 16 and 17.

Bob also recently presented the “Selling Forest Products Workshop” at Oregon State University on April 20th and 21st.

The College of Natural Resources Commencement Events

Saturday, May 13, 2006

College Commencement – 8:30 a.m. in 125 War Memorial Gym

Tree Planting – 9:30 a.m. near Cheatham Hall

Reception – starts at 9:30 a.m. in Owens Banquet Hall

Congratulations to our graduating undergraduate students!

PAYDAY INFORMATION

The paydays for May through September 2006 are as follows:

Monday May 1, 2006

Tuesday May 16, 2006

Thursday June 1, 2006

Friday June 16, 2006

Monday July 3, 2006 (also tentative summer 1 payday)

Friday July 14, 2006

Tuesday August 1, 2006

Wednesday August 16, 2006 (also tentative summer 2 payday)

Friday September 1, 2006

Friday September 15, 2006

Friday September 29, 2006

For a complete listing of the paydays for 2006 please visit the Bursar's Office website (<http://www.bursar.vt.edu>). Feel free to post the list of paydays along with this notice for your employees' review.

Paychecks can be picked up on paydays at Customer Service window #5 on the first floor of the Student Services Building (SSB) between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday. After payday paychecks are available at Customer Service windows #1-6 during the same hours.

Please be sure paychecks are picked up promptly. It is important for employees to keep their payroll address current in order for important documents, such as paychecks and W2 forms, to be delivered correctly.

To avoid delays caused by returned mail or waiting in lines, payroll direct deposit is available. Stop by the Bursar's Office to pick up a form or download one from our web page (<http://www.bursar.vt.edu>).

As a general rule paydays are on the first and the sixteenth of every month unless one of these dates falls on a weekend or holiday. Then the payday will be the first business day preceding the weekend or holiday.

You can always view your pay information from the Faculty/Staff section of the Hokie Spa at the following address https://banweb.banner.vt.edu/pls/bprod/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin. Once logged in just click on the 'Hokie Team' heading to view your Benefits and Deductions, Most Recent Pay Stub, Pay Information, Tax Forms and Current and Past Jobs.

Questions regarding the pay dates or payroll direct deposit can be directed to the Bursar's Office at 540-231-6277.

FPS Great Lakes Section Seminar

Innovative Packaging and Transportation of Wood Products

Kellogg Hotel, East Lansing, Michigan, USA

May 9, 2006

Just a reminder to those not registered - The FPS Great Lakes Section is still accepting registrations for "Innovative Packaging and Transportation of Wood Products." Please print out a registration form at <http://www.forestprod.org/glsection06meeting.pdf> and mail it with a check to Alan Applegate, Paladin Industries Inc., 4990 W. Greenbrooke, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

The Great Lakes Section of the Forest Products Society, in collaboration with the Michigan State Department of Forestry, the Michigan State School of Packaging and the Michigan Department of Natural Resource is organizing on May 9, 2006 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan a seminar on "Innovative Packaging and Transportation of Wood Products." The seminar will feature an outstanding list of speakers and attendees will visit the School of Packaging laboratory and Comprehensive Logistics in Lansing, Michigan.

This seminar is of particular importance for furniture manufacturers who are increasingly faced with the need to provide secured packaging and are faced with more shipping and transportation damage claims than ever.

National Council for Science and the Environment is pleased to co-sponsor the Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 National Sustainable Design Expo on the National Mall in Washington, DC on May 9-10, 2006.

The Expo will highlight advances in sustainable design and technology. Exhibitors will showcase practical yet innovative products and solutions for consumers, businesses, and government.

The Expo will take place on the Mall, between 3rd and 4th Streets, SW, near the Capitol, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. The following companies will be exhibiting:

3M (www.3M.com)

McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry (<http://www.mbd.com/>)

BMP, Inc. (www.bmpinc.com)

NaturaLawn (www.nl-amer.com)

Community Forklift (www.communityforklift.com)

Reware (www.rewarestore.com)

Dow Chemical Company (www.dow.com)
Sheehy Auto Sales (www.sheehy.com)
Falcon Waterfree Technologies (<http://www.falconwaterfree.com/flash.htm>)
Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy (<http://ejournal.nbii.org/>)
FlexCar (<http://www.flexcar.com/>)
Target Corporation (<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001095>)
GreenFloors (<http://www.greenfloors.com/>)
TYMCO, Inc. (www.tymco.com)
HUVCO (www.huvco.com)
US Greenfiber (www.cocooninsulation.com)
Journal of Engineering for Sustainable Development (<http://www.collegepublishing.us/jesdhome.htm>)

Special demonstrations will be provided by:

-General Motors' HydroGen3 Take a test drive of HydroGen3, their hydrogen powered fuel cell minivan that emits only pure water vapor.

-Greenbuilders will demonstrate environmentally-friendly building techniques for residential and commercial instruction using straw bales and lime plaster. The demo will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9.

The National Sustainable Design Expo will be held in conjunction with the P3 Award Competition, a student design competition for college students from across the U.S. who have developed sustainable solutions to environmental challenges. 41 student teams were selected to compete for the 2nd Annual P3 Awards in May 2006. The teams represent 21 universities across the country.

PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR FACULTY.....

This email serves as an invitation for you to attend our annual Summit on Student Athlete Success on Thursday, May 18, 2006. This year's Summit will be held in Torgersen Hall. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the 1st floor Atrium Area. The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in Room 2150 (large auditorium).

The keynote speaker will be Amy Perko, Executive Director of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics (<http://www.knightcommission.org>). An agenda will be sent a few days prior to the event. If you are interested in attending the Summit, please RSVP to Terrie Repass (tmae@vt.edu or 231-6165) by May 12.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you on May 18.