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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

- Wood Magic is Wednesday October 11 at Brooks. Please participate if you can.
- Thank you to the entire department for your contributions to our Wood Week activities over the past week. We had a great week across the department. Many photos from the week are included in this issue of Inside VT Wood. Thanks to Angie, Debbie, Rick, Kenny, David, and Will for their help with many behind the scenes support activities.
- Thursday October 12th is the majors fair. The department will have our display set up. Additional volunteers are needed to help during the day. October 12, 2006 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Owens Banquet Hall.
- Our next Department Meeting is October 18th – 9:00 am Brooks Classroom.

VT WOOD Hat Helps Win Annual Brunswick Stew Competition

Congratulations to Randy Bush and his Stew Team!

“Got good coverage for VT Wood as we were interviewed on the local television station on Saturday during the Brunswick Stew Competition. (By the way ... the Red, White and Blue Stew Crew [J.R. Bush - Stewmaster] has retained the 1st Place Trophy we won last year!) I’ve attached a picture with hat and my daughter who was one of my Assistant Stewmasters.” noted Randy Bush, Virginia Forest Products Association President, on his win in the Brunswick Stew Competition. Way to go Randy!

Randy commented a few weeks after this photo was taken, “Wore the VT Wood hat during Ag & Forestry Day at the State Fair (where we escorted the Governor around the various exhibits). He commented on the hat and I told him that it represented the Forest Products program at Virginia Tech and told him a little about it. He commented that, ‘it’s a good program.’” Thanks Randy for your support of our program!

Randy Bush, president of the Virginia Forest Products Association, proudly wears his VT Wood hat at the Brunswick Stew Competition. Randy’s daughter helped with the stew!



Wood Magic This Wednesday, October 11

by Audrey Zink-Sharp

Wood Magic 9 is THIS Wednesday, October 11. This means that there is no parking at Brooks until after 2:30 p.m. that day. Parking is available at the Corporate Research Center, and the Airport folks are kind enough to offer us parking as well. Or maybe you wish to ride the bus that day.

It also means that there will about 200 children, teachers, and guests at Brooks from 9:00 that morning until about 2:00 that afternoon. Please keep that in mind when you plan your day or go about your day at Brooks Wednesday, Oct. 11. We use most of the facilities, classrooms, and labs (and people!) at Brooks during that time. Hopefully this will not conflict with teaching and research too much for those few hours.

Rain or shine, Wood Magic 9

World Trade of Forest Products

by Bob Smith

I taught a one-half day course for the Virginia Dept. of Forestry at their in-service training at the Skelton 4-H Center on Smith Mountain Lake on "World Trade of Forest Products" on Sept. 28th.

Center for Forest Products Marketing and Management Meeting Recap

by Bob Smith

The Center for Forest Products Marketing and Management held their annual meeting on Oct. 4th. Over 25 members and staff participated in the session which include updates on Center programs and presentations from faculty and students. Patrick Altham was awarded a plaque for his service as Chairman for the past two years. Don Bright from Morgan Lumber Company will serve as the new Chairman and Brent Wood from Rex Lumber Company will serve as Vice-Chair for the next two years. During the evening reception 14 students were awarded over \$18,000 in scholarships.

WS&FP and CNR Graduate Student Numbers for Fall 2006

by Bob Bush

	Masters	Doctoral	Total
FIW	23	24	47
FOR	33	31	64
FPR	13	14 (8 FPR + 6 MACR)	27
GAEA	NA	2	2
GEOG	25	NA	25
MNR	53	NA	53
Total	147	71	218

This level (218 students) is an all-time record for the College.

General Announcements

(1) Registration is still being accepted for the following October Conversations With Faculty:

Undergraduate Research, Friday, October 6, 1:30 - 3:00

Christine McIntyre (Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise) and James Collier (English) will share their experiences and engage participants in a conversation about undergraduate research--how to design it, how to manage it, and how to achieve the aims of inquiry-based teaching without assigning full-blown research projects.

Achieving Diversity to Enhance Teaching and Learning, Friday, October 20, 1:30 - 3:00

Mary Connerly (Management) and Richard Shingles (Political Science) will initiate this conversation by sharing their perspectives on the challenges, best practices, and considerations in designing and teaching courses with diversity-related learning outcomes.

To register, go to: <http://www.ceut.vt.edu/events.html>

(2) Proposals are still being accepted for faculty study groups. For information, go to: <http://www.ceut.vt.edu/facstudy.html>

(3) One group is seeking members: Peggy Meszaros (Human Development) and Mary Denson Moore (English) are forming a CEUT Faculty Study Group to study indicators of excellent teaching. While well known indicators or criteria for judging research exist, these same markers are essentially absent for teaching. The goal in this study group will be to read widely, examine what other colleges/universities are doing in this arena and to identify indicators that could be considered as judgments about teaching. If you are interested, please contact Mary Denson Moore at mmoore@vt.edu or Peggy Meszaros at meszaros@vt.edu.

Mu of Virginia, the Virginia Tech Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa

Mu of Virginia, the Virginia Tech Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, invites nominations for this year's Al Sturm Awards. In addition to our traditional Research Award, we are proud to announce the creation of the Sturm Award for Excellence in the Creative Arts. Deadline for nominations is February 15, 2007.

Details and Nomination Forms are available at: <http://filebox.vt.edu/users/pheilker/Sturm.Nominations.0607.pdf>

If you have questions, please contact Paul Heilker at paul.heilker@vt.edu or 1-8444.

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Provost Special Summer Session Task Force

One of the recommendations from the Provost Special Summer Session Task Force was to develop an incentive program to promote summer session as an integral component of a student's learning, discovery and engagement experience while with Virginia Tech. To that end, the Provost Office has established a Summer Session Grant Program that awards \$5,000 grants for departments to deliver individual courses in the 2007 summer session that are new to summer offerings.

Cross-college program development grants are also available. Proposed course offerings can be classroom-based, labs, online or blended. Criteria, application process, and key dates for the grants can be found at:

<http://iddl.vt.edu/domains/summer/ssgp.php>

Applications for the Summer Session Grant Program can be submitted electronically between October 6 through November 6, 2006. Notification of awards will be made on November 17, 2006. The Summer Session Advisory Committee looks forward to receiving proposals from your department.

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Competitive Small Grants Program for Faculty to Support International Program Development at Virginia Tech

Program Overview:

The Office of International Affairs and OIRED invite Virginia Tech faculty to apply for a limited number of small grants to support new initiatives in the following areas:

- Curricular projects for development of academic programs dealing with global issues
- Academic or research development projects to position grantees for larger external funding
- The cost of planning and administering new education abroad or student exchange programs

Only one grant per program will be considered. The Small Grants program is not for ongoing initiatives but rather to provide seed money to establish new programs. An extension or new direction in an existing program could be considered for funding if it is clearly demonstrated that the proposed change is significant.

Program Objectives:

- Develop and support academic programs that will contribute significantly to the university's international mission
- Facilitate and enhance interdisciplinary programs that have potential for obtaining external funding for further program development.

Program Description:

Up to \$1500 may be requested. Funds will be managed and accounted for according to established university procedures. A university-wide committee will review the proposals and make decisions on funding. Preference will be given to quality proposals that show some level of matching funds, which may be "in-kind" contributions.

Two grant cycles per year are anticipated. The deadline for applying for the Winter-Spring period (i.e., November - April) is November 15. Interested persons should review the full program description and application procedure at: <http://www.oired.vt.edu/Education/Faculty/grants.htm>

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Call for proposals: "Getting to know Europe"

The European Commission has launched a "Getting to Know Europe" grant competition for activities that encourage greater understanding of the European Union and of the many ties between the United States and the European Union, in local communities in the US. Activities can include competitions, publications and other information products, training and briefing sessions, study and exchange visits, and town twinning arrangements.

The deadline for submissions is 8 November 2006.

For full details please visit the website at: <http://www.eurunion.org/infores/CallforProposGetttoKnowEU.htm>

Or contact Helen Henderson: helen.henderson@ec.europa.eu

23rd annual World Food Day Teleconference

The 23rd annual World Food Day Teleconference will be held on Monday, October 16, between noon and 3:00 p.m. in 1810 Litton Reaves. The telecast will be hosted by Ray Suarez, a senior correspondent with the PBS Jim Lehrer NewsHour, and will feature a panel of three notable proponents of grassroots development including Deepa Narayan, senior adviser for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management at the World Bank. Panel discussion will be centered around civil society's increasing involvement in the fight against hunger and poverty.

Panelists will address such topics as the expanding role of individual activists, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the information revolution, grassroots movements, debt relief for poor nations and the Millennium Development Goals. This event is open to students, faculty, and members of the Blacksburg community.

Please contact Miriam Rich for further information. Phone: 231-4153, and E-mail: mrich@vt.edu

GRDP Deadline is October 13th

Deadline is fast approaching. Graduate Research and Development Program. The GRDP DEADLINE is OCTOBER 13th, 5:00 PM via online submission. Any questions, contact the GRDP program chair Joe at gsa.grdp@vt.edu
Application and additional information available at: <http://www.gsa.uusa.vt.edu/GSA/Programs/GRDP.php/>

Wood Week Revisited

Student Scholarship Reception

The following photos are from our Student Scholarship Awards and Recognition Reception held on Wednesday October 4, 2006 at the Inn at Virginia Tech. You can find the scholarship reception program with a full description of all scholarships and student photos [here](#).



From left to right - Front Row: Joshua Hartzog, John Foster, Jonathan Frey, Kevin Eberling, Jesse Paris, Ryan Anthony, Benjamin Ralston, Jonathan Pace

Back Row: Stuart Clontz, Brian Perkins, John Oliver, Randy Feehan, Thomas Blount, Josh Hosen, Brian Thompson, Jennifer Dvorsky, Daniel Roethle



Chip Frazier presents the WBC Scholarship to Thomas Blount



Chip Frazier presents the WBC Scholarship to Benjamin Ralston



Wibke Pohle presents the PalletOne Scholarship to Ryan Anthony



Paul Winistorfer presents the National Wooden Pallet and Container Association Scholarship to Jennifer Dvorsky



Pat Altham presents the James W. Howard Atlanta Hardwood Corp. Scholarship to Jesse Paris



Tom Inman presents the Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. Scholarship to Brian Perkins



George Thomson presents the Baillie Lumber Co. Scholarship to Stuart Clontz



Bob Miller presents the Frank Miller Lumber Co. Scholarship to Daniel Roethle



Don Bright presents the Morgan Lumber Co. Scholarship to Jonathan Pace



Bruce Griffith presents the Virginia Forest Products Association Scholarship to Josh Hosen



Paul Winistorfer presents the Boehm-Madisen Lumber Co. Scholarship to John Oliver



Paul Winistorfer presents the Danzer Group Scholarship to Brian Thompson



Paul Winistorfer presents the Hardwood Manufacturing Association Scholarship to Randy Feehan



Paul Winistorfer presents the Hardwood Publishing Co. Scholarship to Joshua Hartzog



Paul Winistorfer presents the Jeld-Wen Foundation Scholarship to Ben Ralston



Hank Graeser presents the Bryan Graezer Memorial Scholarship to Jesse Paris



Marianne Stern presents the E. George Stern and Jean Stern Fromberg Memorial Scholarship to Josh Hosen



Paul Winistorfer presents the Victor Clay Barringer Scholarship to John Foster



Audrey Zink-Sharp Ragsdale - Jonathan Frey, Kevin Eberling, Jennifer Dvorsky, Daniel Roethle, Jesse Paris

Career Awareness Fair

We had a very successful second annual career awareness fair in association with Wood Week 2006. The career fair was held in the Brooks Engineering Lab on Thursday October 5, 2006 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Our special thanks to our industry partners for their participation and support of our students.



