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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

- We have completed all needed approvals on campus to move forward with our development initiative for the department. We will be taking organized steps beginning at the retreat June 13th.
- We are in negotiations with a candidate for the cluster hire position and will keep you informed of our progress.
- I am participating in a legislative briefing in Northern Virginia this week to a group of invited legislators. I am making a presentation about the industry in Virginia, along with Virginia Department of Forestry personnel and Dave Smith from the college.
- WoodLINKS is an industry-education partnership; I serve as the current president of WoodLINKS USA. The WoodLINKS newsletters will be posted to our department website under our publications link during my term. I consider WoodLINKS a strategic educational partner in our mission. You can find the current issue there now.
- There have been more contacts from my visit to the Southside. I will be returning to South Boston June 19, 20 and July 10. I have made contacts with the Pre-engineering dual enrollment program, the Governor's School of Virginia and Buckingham County Schools. All parties are very interested in establishing links with us and our program.

Inside VT Wood Moves to Bi-Monthly for Summer Months

Inside VT Wood will move to bi-monthly schedule effective with this issue. Summer publishing dates will be June 19, July 3, 17, 31, and August 14th. We will resume weekly in mid-August.

Retreat June 13-14th Pipestem State Park

Departure from Brooks 7:50 am June 13th – don't be late. If you plan to ride in one of the vans – please be sure to be on Angie's list. If you are not riding in a van – you are on your own. The retreat begins at 9:30 am sharp on June 13 – Faulconer Room, Pipestem.

Notebooks for the retreat are being prepared now. You don't need any other additional materials.

Entire Department June 13th

Faculty Only June 14th

New Atomic Force Microscope Installed at Brooks

An Asylum Research MFP-3D-Bio atomic force microscope has been installed in Composites classroom at the Brooks Forest Products Center. The MFP-3D-Bio combines atomic force microscopy and optical microscopy (brightfield, phase contrast, fluorescence). The instrument was largely funded by the Institute of Biomedical and Public Health Sciences with contributions from the College of Natural Resources, and by Drs. Roman, and Egertsdotter (Forestry). The acoustic enclosure and active vibration isolation system, isolating the system from environmental vibrations, was sponsored by SEMI. The instrument will be supervised by Drs. Roman and Egertsdotter.

Center for Unit Load Design Advisory Board to Meet This Week

The Center for Unit Load Design Advisory Board will meet on June 8th at the Hotel Roanoke.

David Jones Creates College Gifts

Thanks to David Jones for designing and making gift mementos for the College's recent Perspectives Day – a program developed for friends and donors of our college. The oak pen holder has inscribed on it the Perspectives Day program title. The on-campus sign shop has laser engraving capabilities and did the engraving work.



Coming Up – REMINDERS

Creative Achievements – Annual Report

- We will go to the printer on July 1 with Creative Achievements. Be sure to have all of your personal entries in the database as soon as possible. Don't forget to reach back to Jan 2005 since we did not publish an annual report for the 2005 calendar year. Creative Achievements will cover the period for January 1, 2005 – June 30 2006. Angie, Debbie and Will can assist you with the interface, or in making entries. Don't let your contribution be missed.