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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

- Faculty – We will meet again for a graduate curriculum work session on Friday January 26 at 2:00 pm Brooks Classroom. Please mark your calendar.
- I will be on Southside on Wednesday/Thursday moving our educational initiative forward with partners at the Higher Education Center.
- Our manufacturing systems faculty position search committee can begin screening applicants today. We have a strong pool of applicants and will move forward immediately and present candidates to the faculty for consideration.
- Check out the student bridges on display at Bollo's – Bob Wright assembled the display and installed it one night last week. This is great exposure for our program.

## WOOD 1234 Enrollment and Distribution

There are 24 students enrolled in WOOD 1234 this semester (early class enrollment data). Enrollment breakdown is as follows:

- 8 – wood science students
- 10 – university studies students
- 1 – life science undecided student
- 1 student each - geography, industrial design, landscape architecture, forestry, architecture
- 11 – freshman
- 13 - sophomores

Again, we have ample opportunity to attract and recruit students to the major via WOOD 1234. Student feedback on this course remains very positive. We will have an outflow of 8 students at graduation in May, so we have work to do in maintaining and building enrollment.

Joe Loferski is teaching this course again this semester, with lab assistance from David Jones.

## All-Student Meeting January 23rd – 4:30 pm Brooks Center

The department is hosting all undergraduate students for an informal reception and meeting on January 23rd, 4:30 pm Brooks Center. All faculty are encouraged to attend. Important topics for this meeting include:

- Selecting an option in the major
- Spring Scholarship deadlines
- Summer internships
- Transition to new faculty advisors for each undergraduate degree option
- Wood Manufacturing Enterprise Institute Organization
- Travel to Williamsburg for Virginia Forest Products Association Winter meeting

## CULD Exhibits at ProMat 2007

By Bonnie Maccubbin

The Center for Unit Load Design (Ralph Rupert, Bonnie Maccubbin, Mark White) exhibited in ProMat 2007, January 8 - 11, 2007, in the McCormick Center in Chicago, IL. ProMat is the premier international trade event in North America for material handling and logistics and is sponsored by the Material Handling Industry of America (MHIA). The 700 exhibits in the show featured manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, assembly, logistics and IT solutions for the supply chain.

## Bob Smith Presents to Students in Salzburg University of Applied Sciences

By Bob Smith

Hello from Kuchl, Austria. I presented a seminar to the faculty and student body of the Salzburg University of Applied Sciences on Wednesday evening. The first part of the seminar was “Forest Products and Wood Science at Virginia Tech” and the second part of the seminar was “Wood and Furniture Markets in the United States.”

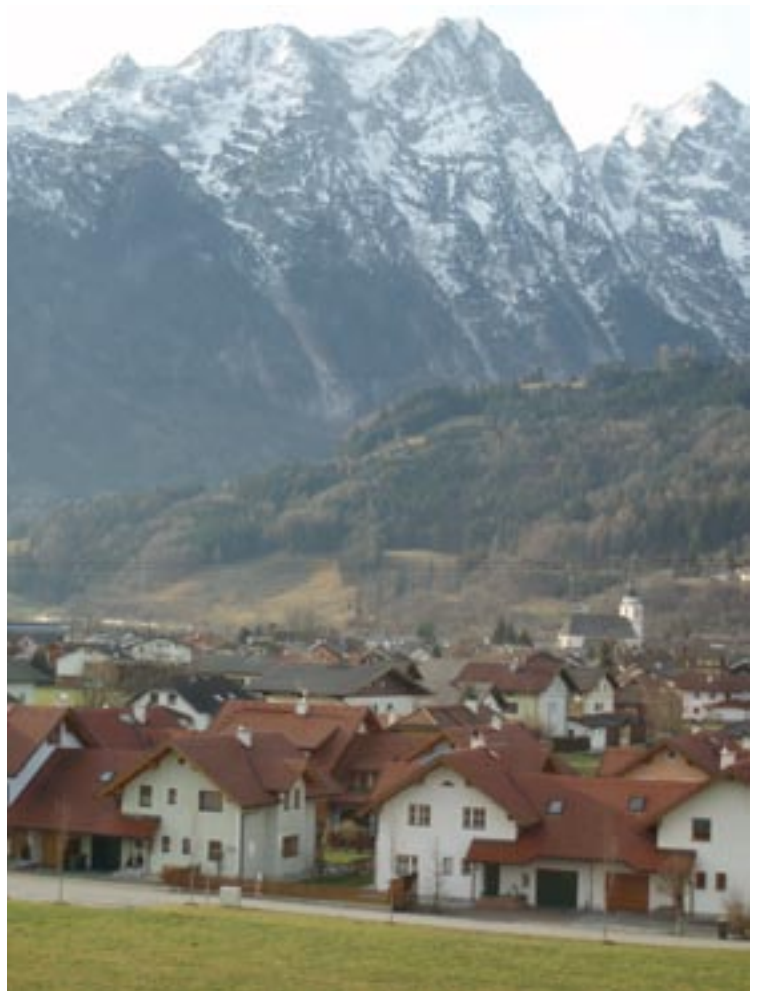


Image taken from Bob Smith's classroom in Kuchl, Austria.

## Stir Stick Bridges on Display at Bollo's

The student bridge projects from WOOD 3315 are now on display at Bollo's Café and Bakery in Downtown Blacksburg!



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## General Announcements

### Free, Non-credit Conversational Language Courses Offered

Richard Shryock ([shryock@vt.edu](mailto:shryock@vt.edu)), Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Dr. Brad Fenwick Vice President for Research, and Dr. John Dooley Vice Provost for Outreach and International Affairs are continuing a program of free, non-credit conversational language courses as a professional development opportunity for faculty and staff of Virginia Tech.

This semester (spring 2007) we will offer six courses. If you are interested in taking one (or more) of these courses, please contact the instructor directly as soon as possible.

We anticipate classes starting the week of January 22 (except for Arabic which will start February 14).

Italian: Maria Fellin ([mfellin@vt.edu](mailto:mfellin@vt.edu))

Monday 12:00 beginning level

Weds 12:00 intermediate level

Spanish: Bertha de la Garza ([bdlgarza@vt.edu](mailto:bdlgarza@vt.edu))

Tuesday 12:00 continuing students

Weds. 12:00 beginning students

Chinese: I-Ping Fu ([ifu@vt.edu](mailto:ifu@vt.edu))

Thursday 6-7:00PM

Arabic: Sedki Riad ([sedki@vt.edu](mailto:sedki@vt.edu))

Weds 12:15-1:30

Starts Feb 14

### Board of Visitors Accepting Applications

Ennis McCrery and Greg Sagstetter

At this time, we are accepting applications for both the Graduate Representative and Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Visitors. Information about both positions can be viewed on the Student Affairs website at:

<http://www.dsa.vt.edu/bov/>

Additionally, we have arranged two information sessions for anyone interested in the positions. These sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30 in Room G of the Graduate Life Center.

Please forward this information to any students who you believe would be qualified for these positions. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Respectfully,

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