

Alumni News from the IUP Geoscience Department

24th ANNUAL GEOSCIENCE DAY

Our 24th annual Geoscience Day was a technical and scientific success, with an outstanding series of student and alumni presentations. Under the capable guidance of Dr. Darlene Richardson, our students made the leap this year to the digital age, presenting their research talks with the help of Microsoft Powerpoint, a Pentium laptop computer, an Iomega Zip Drive and a digital projector. This technology allowed them to integrate words, pictures and data on a single screen, and also to make multiple changes to their slides (no more last-minute trips down to Pittsburgh!)

The day started with a Best Paper

ALUMNI NOTES

Marty Arford '97

Marty writes from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to say that he had a great trip down to Costa Rica this March. He found lots of volcanic ash and tephra in the sediment cores he collected for his Master's project, so he's still doing some geology!

Chuck Peterman '74

Chuck informs us that he recently left IT Corporation, where he was no longer doing much actual geology. He has found some short-term employment but is still seeking a longer-term job in either petroleum or environmental geology. Although he enjoys being in the Indiana PA area, Chuck says relocation is always an option for the right job with the right company. He can be reached by email or at (724)-349-5340.

Michael Petrunyak '92

Mike is now a lieutenant in the US Army. He tells us that it's been a while since he's been on campus at IUP, and that while he misses some things (like Professor Prince) there are other things he doesn't miss (like Professor Prince's exams.) Mike spent the last four years in Germany, but is currently stationed at Fort Drum, New York, right next to the Adirondacks. He complains that he can't get a compass to work worth a darn up there so close to the shield and all the metal in the ground, but he enjoys the interesting weather up there.

**Jon Pina B.S. '72,
MS Geol '78, MS Safety Sci '89**

Jon recently started his own environmental firm in the Indiana area, Evergreen Health & Safety

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ALUMNI SPOT-LIGHT

In each newsletter, we highlight several outstanding alumni who have provided support to the department over the past six months. Our thanks this time go to:

John Repetski '69--for coordinating the donation to the IUP Geoscience Department of specimen cabinets worth approximately \$10,000 from the United States Geology Survey in Reston. These cabinets will be used to store our many paleontological and mineralogical samples, while saving us the need to spend our limited equipment funds for storage.

Nancy Durika '92--(along with her wonderful family) for taking time off her job to transport the new specimen cabinets from Reston up to IUP. Hope you didn't leave any dents in the rental truck, Nanc....

James Loch '83--for donating monetary awards to support the Best Paper and Best Research awards given out on Geoscience Day. This is Jim's third year as our award sponsor, and his generous support is deeply appreciated.

Ralph Feather '71--for serving as a judge on Geoscience Day and helping to give feedback to our students on their research presentations.

Chuck Peterman '74--for sharing information about a local environmental well-field which the Geoscience Department may be able to use as an educational site.

Matt Valentine '87--for taking time off to be our featured speaker at Geoscience Day and also taking the time to judge and give feedback on the student presentations.

Dave Brezinski '77--for contributing his time and expertise as a geologist with the Maryland Geological Survey to assist department faculty who carry out research and conduct field trips in the Blue Ridge, Frederick Valley

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