

Alumni News from the IUP Geoscience Department

GEO-TIDINGS

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A GREAT 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

The Geoscience Department marked its 30th Anniversary last October with a two-day gathering of alumni, staff and students over IUP's Homecoming Weekend. The event was a great success, bringing together alumni, faculty and current students in a celebration of Geoscience at IUP. As part of the festivities, the Geoscience Club held a rock and mineral sale to raise money for field trips and conferences, with terrific specimens donated at cost by *Treasures of the Earth* in Johnstown. Our special 30th anniversary t-shirts sold out early on Friday afternoon, as geoscience alumni toured the new labs in Weyandt Hall and stopped in to chat with members of the department. Some of our grads, like Peter Weilersbacher, dropped by just for the afternoon; others like Chuck Bove came all the way from San Francisco and spent the entire weekend at IUP. Other alumni attendees included Dorothy Merritts, Russ McConnell, Mark Yanoski, Tom Metarko, Chuck Peterman, Dale Skoff, Barb and Brian Dunst, Brian Roth, Dennis Donati, Ralph Feather, Carla and Dave Brezinski, Tom Moore, Jon Pima, Michelle Bosko Gajewski, Paul Hale, Bob Pilat and Susie Shaffer Smith. Current and retired faculty included Walt Granata, Connie Sutton, Fred Park, John Taylor, Karen Rose Cercone, Steve Hovan, Lynn Marquez and Tom Lierman.

On Friday evening, nearly 40 alumni and staff gathered at the Rustic Lodge to meet new and old friends, and to hear Assistant Chair Connie J. Sutton discuss the Geoscience Department's history and goals for the future. Joa

SOME WORDS ABOUT PAUL A. PRINCE

by John Dembosky, B.S.Ed. '93

“You should be able to turn it on and off like a switch” is one thing I’ll never forget Professor Paul A. Prince telling me in regards to a spirited and disciplinary teaching mode that all teachers need to have and control. No matter how he personally feels on any particular day, a teacher must always be a mood conducive to learning as soon as he steps into a classroom. Those were words spoken to me one sunny day I met Mr. Prince along the steps to the parking lot beside the HUB. I have shared those words many times with other, novice instructors looking for some words of wisdom about teaching.

Paul Prince had a knack for high intensity instruction, likely from his years of experience at rigorous schools such as MIT. One always needed to be in class in time, or better yet, ahead of time, to assure that the copious notes that would solidly fill the chalkboard before one arrived could be hastily scrawled into a notebook. A few brief moments were all one had as soon as Mr. Prince began his lecture to get those notes (that had an unbelievably short half-life) before they were replaced with yet more diagrams, sketches, partial derivatives and the like. I’d never taken notes like those of Mr. Prince before, not after his meteorology and oceanography classes, but I’ve referred to them several times since!

The fake dramatic act, a Paul A. Prince specialty, was always a great way to keep his students’ attention. The actor and the tee!

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Jeff Miller '92

Thanks a bunch for the latest Geo-Tidings. It was really nice to hear how well the Department is doing and that everyone is alive, well and busy! As for me, I can't believe it's been 5 years since I moved out west. It has been a truly rewarding experience. After completing my MS in Hazardous Waste Management (emphasis in Geology) at Idaho State in Pocatello, Idaho, I moved to Salt Lake City. Then Cheyenne (skied with Keith Rittle!), then Denver, now back to Utah. I'll move anywhere as long as the mountains are close. I have a 'permanent' residence in Littleton CO as my office is based out of Denver. I am currently working for URS Greiner/Woodward Clyde, one of the larger design/engineering firms in the industry. Our office does a lot of design/engineering, oversight and project management for the US Air Force 'facility restoration

ALUMNI SPOT-LIGHT

In each newsletter, we highlight alumni who have provided outstanding support to the department over the past six months. This time, we thank:

John Reynolds '71 for the major gift of funding which helped us start the Walt Granata Fund. Both the Geoscience department and Dr. Granata deeply appreciate John's generosity!

Tom Moore '76 for his significant contribution to the Walt Granata Fund. Tom's donation was matched two for one by Phillips Petroleum, making it three times as effective! Tom wrote the IUP Foundation that: "Walt Granata, as professor and department chair at the IUP Geoscience Department during both that department's formative years and my tenure at IUP made a significant impact on both the University and my personal life. He helped make me what I am today—a successful petroleum geologist. This is but a small 'thank you' to Walt, the Geoscience Department and Indiana University of Pennsylvania.' Thank you, Tom, for honoring Dr. Granata and IUP with your gift!

Keith Rittle '90 for his generous donation of funds earmarked specifically for purchasing new departmental vans. In making his contribution, Keith noted that he really enjoyed the field trips he was able to take as an IUP student. We're glad he had such fond memories of them!

The Geoscience Roll of Honor

The following alumni, staff and friends have contributed to the Geoscience Fund over the past two years. Is your name on the list? Would you like to see it there? Just use our convenient donation form below to send in your contributions to any of our departmental funds. And

Geoscience Alumni Update Form

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Permission to Publish Your Address & Email in an Alumni Directory: Yes No

Your news for our next newsletter:

Please fill out and send back to the Geoscience Department, 115 Walsh Hall, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana PA 15701-1052. Or email your news updates to jftaylor@grove.iup.edu.

IUP Geoscience Fund Donation Form

To help you direct your donation to the correct account in the IUP Foundation, please cut off and attach this form. Make your check out to the Foundation for IUP, and put the appropriate account number on the memo line of the check. Remember, gifts to the Foundation for IUP are tax-deductible! If you've already sent in a gift, we thank you and welcome any additional support you can give.

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30th Anniversary T-Shirt Order Form

If you missed the 30th Anniversary Banquet, don't despair! You can still have your very own 30th Anniversary T-Shirt! Just send in this order form along with a check for \$12 (includes \$2 shipping and handling cost). All profits from T-shirt sales support the IUP Geoscience Club's activities, such as attending conferences, running optional field trips and subsidizing student attendance at the spring banquet. All shirts are ash gray with maroon printing.

Spring 1999 IUP Geoscience Seminar Series

If you live in the Tri-State area or are planning a trip back to IUP this semester, you might want to mark these dates on your calendar:

- January 29: **Dr Fred Marton** (Carnegie Institute) The Effects of Mineralogy on the Velocities of Subducting Slabs. Talk held at 4 pm in 104 Walsh.
- February 26: **Dr. Tom Anderson** (Univ. of Pittsburgh) MegaShear Zones in New Mexico. Talk held at 4 pm in 104 Walsh.
- March 26: **Dr. Richard Murray** (Boston University) Assessing Marine-Terrestrial Links—the ODP Record of Panamanian Uplift, Caribbean Tectonics and Andean Orogeny. Talk held at 4 pm in room 32 Weyandt.

April 30: 25th Annual Geoscience Day. Talks from 9 am to 3 pm, 134 Weyandt

- Inaki Aguirrezabal Potential Lead contamination problems on the IUP campus
- Terry Kish Pennsylvania Seismicity: Natural or Induced?

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