

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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CHAIR'S CORNER.....

Yes, we are still living in the trailer, I mean Natural Science Building 2, and approaching our first anniversary!! We have settled into our new digs and are teaching classes here as usual. The renovation of Friday Hall continues on schedule (more or less) and the contractor still predicts completion sometime early in 2008. Dr. Hill and I recently went on a tour of the building and we are very excited about our new space. Even though there is a lot of work to be done the basic layout of the building is in. Drywall is up and rooms are recognizable. We will have some great office, lab and classroom space for our students. All classrooms and labs will be outfitted with new furniture and smart computer technology. We are also planning our own GIS lab and hope to offer some classes starting next fall. We hope to start moving in spring semester and get set up for classes starting in the fall of 2008. That will work out well for us as fall 2008 will be the start of two new programs for EVS. We plan to offer our Masters of Arts degree program at the graduate level and will begin a new joint degree with Biology in Environmental Conservation. The added space and facilities we will be getting will be put to good use!

The EVS department is a busy place as usual. We have hired another faculty member to start this fall: Dr. Anthony Snider, the former North Carolina Estuarine Reserve Manager. If this sounds familiar you are right; last year we hired Dr. John Taggart who was also a North Carolina Estuarine Reserve Manager before Dr. Snider. We are also welcoming Dr. Michael Voiland to the department. Dr. Voiland is the current North Carolina SeaGrant director and has been given an appointment in our department as a visiting research scientist. Mike has agreed to teach classes for us on a periodic basis and will join our faculty when he leaves his position at SeaGrant. We are thrilled to have both of these highly qualified and just plain nice guys join us!

We awarded our first endowed scholarship for the EVS Department this spring. The recipient of the William Burr Scholarship is Eileen O'Connor. Eileen is a senior B.S. student with a physical science concentration and needless to say, one of our top students. We also awarded three scholarships provided by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, two from the UNCW Bookstore, and 2 Graduate scholarships. We are all happy that we are starting to build support for our current students from the generosity of former students and others. Thanks to all who contribute to UNCW Environmental Studies either directly to our trust fund or through donations to the University. We hope to offer more scholarship opportunities in the future. As always, we have a great bunch of students to work with and many are deserving of recognition.

As you can see, we are on the verge of some major changes in faculty and curriculum. We hope this will make the program even better. It is hard to believe but this is the start of my 13th year as head of EVS and I could not be more proud of what we have done in that period of time. I know I am a bit biased, but I think we have an outstanding program and faculty, very committed students and successful alumni. Not bad if I do say so!! Please let us know what you are doing and we will pass it along in the newsletter to the other alums.

Jack C. Hall





Congratulations

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to the recipients for the following scholarships:

William Burr Scholarship

Eileen O'Connor—Senior—B.S. with a Concentration in Physical Science

NC Department of Transportation

Donna Tierney—Junior—B.A. with a Concentration in Individualized Specialization Study

Anna Patterson Tommerdahl—Junior—B.S. with a Concentration in Biology

Sean Weyrich—Senior—B.S. with a Concentration in Engineering

UNCW Bookstore

Trevor Richard Lancaster—B.A. with a Concentration Coastal Environmental Management

Jessica Kathleen Makowski—B.S. with a Concentration in Biology

Graduate New Scholar

Kate Newcommer—Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Environmental Studies

Graduate Tuition Scholarships

Eryn Moller—Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Environmental Studies

Theresa Celia—Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Environmental Studies

Faculty News

Dr. Rotenberg has recently completed his second research season with his Painted Bunting Citizen Observer Team (PBOT) project. The “team” now consists of over 200 volunteers who report data during the bunting’s breeding season here in the Carolinas. He and his colleagues have a paper entitled **“Painted Bunting Conservation in the Carolinas: Traditional Monitoring Meets Citizen Science”** that was recently accepted to *New Directions in Urban Bird Ecology and Conservation*, a volume in the *Studies in Avian Biology* series published by the Cooper Ornithological Society. Information on the PBOT program is available at: www.uncw.edu/paintedbuntings. In May, his EVS 370 class spent 2 weeks in Belize exploring the interface between humans and their perception of their environment. Dr. Rotenberg and his Belizean colleagues were recently awarded their second year of funding from The Nature Conservancy for his research project, “An Integrated Community-Based Harpy Eagle and Avian Conservation Program for the Maya Mountains Massif.” For more information please see: <http://www.nature.org/wherewework/cenralamerican/belize/news/news2398.html>.



Dr. Taggart taught SCI 519 (Advanced GAG/EVS laboratory with Dr. Shew) and 520 (Advanced Introduction to EVS) during Summer II session. These courses were designed for education graduate students and middle/high school teachers. His manuscript entitled **“Management of Feral Horses at the North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve”** was accepted for publication by the *Natural Areas Journal*. He is currently working on another article entitled **“Prescribed Burning by the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation”**. This is a collaborative effort with Mr. Marshall Ellis, the western regional biologist for the division. Field research has been initiated at the 2,559-acre Sandy Run Savannas State Natural Area (managed by the NC Division of Parks & Recreation) located in Pender/Onslow counties near Maple Hill. Multi-year work will involve an inventory of plants and soils plus pine savanna restoration design, sampling and monitoring.

Drs. Hill and Buerger presented at the Thirteenth International Symposium on Society and Resource Management in Park City, Utah this June. Their presentation was **“Development of a methodology to predict public parking and access requirements sufficient to accommodate projected annual and peak visitation demand for a nourished beach”**. This was also co-authored with J. Herstine, C. Dumas and J. Whitehead.

Welcome

*It is a curious situation
that the sea, from which
life first arose, should
now be threatened by the
activities of one form of
the life. ~Rachel Carson*

Welcome New Faculty

Dr. Anthony G. Snider—Assistant Professor: Natural Resource Management

He received his Ph.D. in Forestry from North Carolina State University. Prior to coming to UNCW, he was the Southern Sites Manager for the NC Coastal Reserve/NC Natural Estuarine Research Reserve. Dr. Snider also taught natural resource policy, administration and management at the University of Minnesota. He has published in *Forest Policy and Economics* and *Journal of Forestry*. He is an award winning poet and has recently completed his M.F.A. in Poetry at Vermont College.

News From Alumni

Here is what some of our alumni are up to, please let us know what you are doing — evs@uncw.edu.

Robert Miller – 2006 – Is currently working to complete his second undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering at NCSU. He is interning this summer with S&ME in their Environmental Division out of their Charlotte office.

Whitney Jappe – 2006 – is working as an Environmental Scientist for a civil/geotechnical and environmental consulting service firm in Greensboro, NC.

Brandon Lamb – 2004 – is a technician running ambient monitoring equipment and performing compliance inspections on small air emission sources for the NC Division of Air Quality as well as attending ECU's MS Environmental Health program.

Brandon Neilson – 2003 – is working as an environmental specialist for Trileaf in the Chicagoland area. He is currently performing Phase I and Phase II assessments, completing the NEPA process, and other environmental consulting programs.

Daniel M. Govoni – 2002 – working in Morehead City, NC with the Division of Coastal Management as the Assistant Major Permits Coordinator.

Stacy Waters-Bailey – 2001 – Resides in Suffolk, Virginia. Has just accepted the position as Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management in Isle of Wight County, VA.

Paul Pascarosa – 2004 – Environmental Scientist with MAP Environmental, Inc. in Southern Virginia.

Katie Hoover Alvarado – 2001 – Public Service Faculty Member – University of Georgia Marine Extension Service. Primary focal areas is providing policy and technical assistance to local governments on land use planning and stormwater management. Other focus areas include green (sustainable) development.

Eric Gaither – 2007 – Park Ranger at Lake Berryessa, CA. He writes: "I work for the Bureau of Reclamation which manages the lake. Yes this is the same Reclamation that made all those terrible dams out here and was at the center of the Echo Park Dam controversy (I was paying attention in your class Dr. Buerger). I have a blog that I try to keep updated with pictures:

<http://epicwolfmanadventures.blogspot.com/> I have things from the area I am living as well as from other places I am going to on my weekends in California. This is my first time ever out west so all this stuff is new to me. This is a seasonal position and will be at this position max of 6 months".

Jovian Sackett—2004—is a GIS Analyst for the Southern Environmental Law Center (SouthernEnvironment.org) in Chapel Hill, NC. He will also be defending his masters thesis this fall entitled "The Politics of a View Political Ecology of Rural and Scenic Communities in the Swannanoa Valley, NC." He is pursuing a M.A. in Geography from the University of South Carolina.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

May 12, 2007

Amatuli, Kristine Constance
 Benefield, Brian David
 Bishop, Whitney Ray
 Bleicher, Jarrett Austin
 Callahan, Adam N.
 Cole, Jennifer Leigh
 Collogan, Matthew Edward
 Crain, Adam Edward
 Cser, Helene Elise
 Dalrymple, Donald Joseph
 Davis, Casey Adam
 Dickson Brown, Jennifer L.
 Dixon, James Tyler
 Draper, Jeffrey S.
 Evans, Jacob Daniel
 Gaither, Eric Alexander

Gerhart, Jeffrey M.
 Gould, Andrew Thomas
 Hartman, Kristine Tara
 Jernigan, Emily Nannette
 Keegan, Philip Robert
 Matsumoto, Eri Lauren
 Moore, Lindsay Ruth-Kate
 Moose, David Eric
 Peace, Connor William
 Robbins, Carly S.
 Russell, Teresa Elizabeth
 Ryder, Ashley Angelina
 Sitter, Richard Draus
 Torruellas, Ileana
 Williams, Justin Marshall
 Wilson, Christopher James

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

Mandy Elizabeth Uticone
 Grace D. Lee
 Chandler Thomas Madray



Alumni Let Us Hear From You

Email us with the following information at evs@uncw.edu

- Name**
- Address**
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- Graduation Year/Degree**
- Employer/Position/Title**
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*Take care of the earth
 and she will take care of
 you. ~Author Unknown*

FRIDAY HALL RENOVATIONS



Dr. Hall admiring his new office in Friday Hall

Dr. Hall suggesting some changes to the plans.



Dr. Hill checking out a faculty office—could be his.