

Department of Natural Resource Ecology & Management Undergraduate Newsletter

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DEPARTMENT STUDENT SERVICES

Department of Natural Resource Ecology & Management Student Services Center (SSC) is located at 124 Science II and the phone number is 294-6148. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Lyn VanDePol (lvdp@iastate.edu) is the undergraduate advising secretary in the center. John Burnett and Ann Hawkins are the Student Services Specialists. Job announcements are available in file drawers located in the student (computer) desk in room 124 and posted on the hallway bulletin boards on first floor. A catalog, Schedule of Classes, Career information, Curriculum sheets, Add/Drop slips, and other information can be found in the wood racks on the far west wall inside room 124.

ADVISORS

Following is a list of advisors, office numbers, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Advisors will be available on a walk-in basis or by appointment. Some advisors have office hours posted outside their office doors. If you are unable to contact a professor personally, see Lyn in the SSC or you may leave a voice message on their phone audix, a written message in their mailbox in 339 Science II, or you may send them an e-mail message.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 12 First half-semester courses end.
Midterm grade reports due from all departments on Web CT and AccessPlus.
- Oct. 15 Second half-semester courses begin.
Advising period for Spring 2008 registration begins.
- Oct. 17 Registration period for Spring 2008 begins.
Seniors graduating Spring 2008 should submit a Graduation Application (see info below).
- Oct. 19 Last day to process most schedule changes in a second half-semester course without a fee or to add/drop a second half-semester course without signatures of instructor or advisor.
Last day to drop a second half-semester course without the drop appearing on the permanent record or counting toward the limit of dropped courses.
Last day to change a second-half-semester course from Pass/Not Pass to grade basis without it counting toward total allowable P/NP credits used for graduation.
- Oct. 20 Fee payment deadline for fall. Final payment due.
- Oct. 26 Last day to add/drop full-semester courses or withdraw without extenuating circumstances.
Last day to change a full-semester course to or from Pass/Not Pass. This action does count toward total allowable P/NP credits used for graduation.

NREM SEMINARS

Friday afternoon seminars are open to all faculty, staff and students in NREM and other departments with similar interests. They are sponsored by the NREM Graduate Student Organization and are held in room E164 Lagomarcino from 3:10 – 4:00 p.m.

The full NREM seminar schedule is available at:

<http://www.nrem.iastate.edu/news/seminar.html>

- Oct. 5 No seminar
- Oct. 12 Scott Rolfes, Army Corps of Engineers, Prairie/Savanna/Wetland Restoration
- Oct. 19 Tom Rosburg, Drake University, title to be announced
- Oct. 26 No seminar

FALL 2007 GRADUATING SENIORS

Students planning to graduate fall 2007 should have already submitted a Graduation Application. The form is found at www.iastate.edu/~registrar/forms/ (about 2/3 of the way down the left column) and there are hard copies in the SSC. The Graduation Office in 10A Alumni Hall will take late applications, but get it to them quickly if you're thinking about graduation in December. It isn't too early to submit applications for Spring 2008 graduation.

PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

NREM 104 is the Practical Work Experience requirement (no credits) for both Animal Ecology and Forestry majors. You are expected to complete a minimum of 400 hours (3 months, full-time, but not required to be done all at once) of relevant work experience in natural resources, animal ecology or forestry. For approval of the requirement, there is an evaluation of your experience form on the website that is unique to each of the A ECL & FOR majors, or Lyn has hard copies of the A ECL form in the SSC.

For A ECL majors, fill out the form and return it to Lyn. She'll send a letter explaining the process and a different evaluation form to your employer. When that form is returned to us, your

advisor will sign yet another form that will be sent to the Registrar. After grades for the present semester are added to your permanent record, the NREM 104 will be added.

Forestry majors will fill out their form and submit it to Dr. Engle, NREM Chairman, in room 339 Science II. After your meeting with him, he'll sign the final form and it will be sent to the Registrar. After grades for the present semester are added to your permanent record, the NREM 104 will be added.

PLEASE do the paperwork for your work experience very soon after completion! If you do it, say, between your freshman and sophomore years but wait until your last semester as a senior to submit forms, we find oftentimes that your supervisor will have moved on to another position and it's very difficult to track them down at another position/agency/state/etc. Also, especially if you're an A ECL major and you complete more than one experience, please submit paperwork for all positions as that makes it much easier, down the road, for John or another advisor to compose a reference letter for you if they have all the facts in your file.

DON'T FORGET

Room 241 Science II is the Computer Lab for Animal Ecology & Forestry major students. Hours for the lab are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. There are lab monitors on duty at all evening hours to help you with any problem you may encounter, or to help in any way with computer questions.

The NREM Reading Room for student use is room 312 Science II. Hours for this room are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a quiet place to study and there is a computer for student use available.

SPRING 2007 DEAN'S LIST

Each semester the university issues a dean's list made up of those students who have carried at least 12 hours of graded or S-F courses with a 3.50 grade-point average or above for the semester. Courses taken on a P/NP basis do not count as part of the 12-hour requirement. No dean's list is issued for summer school. The entire university list may be viewed at:

<http://www.iastate.edu/~registrar/info/deanslist.pdf> .

A ECL

August, Chad
Bernard, Jessica
Beyer, Amanda
Beyer, Stacy
Borne, Sarah
Boss, Rebecca
Brown, Emily
Buckley, Todd
Burch, Rebecca*
Caspers, Todd
Cole, Aaron
Cressey, Ryann
DeBoom, Corey
Fredlake, Shana
Gates, Dan
Gonzalez, Nadya
Johnson, Alexis*
Kilburg, Eric
Konrady, Steven

Larsen, Drake
Lore, Jonathan
McDonald, Molly
Nagl, Nichole
Olson, George
Olson, Maria
Rea, Peter
Sellers, Laurel
Shappell, Matthew
Slutts, Lacey
Smith, Nicole
Stember, Daniel
Tanke, Sharon
Thomas, Shawn*
Uhlenkamp, Tony
Unsworth, Nathan
VanDenBussche, Jennifer
Wallace, Benjamin
Wessling, Erin
Wigen, Skyler

FOR
Andrusyk, Lucas
Barney, Lindsey*
Bianchi, Adam
Christensen, Jamis
Donahey, James*
Fender, Melissa
Hawes, Casey

Kleinschmidt, Jesse
McKim, Kathryn
Nath, Eric
Terry, Brad
Wagenaar, Hannah
Woolery, Phillip

* denotes double major

FORESTRY CLUB CONCLAVE THIS SATURDAY

The Forestry Club will host the 56th Annual Midwestern Forester's Conclave Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. More than 100 forestry students from seven Midwestern schools will test their skills in forestry related events such as: dendrology, wood identification, chain throw and log roll. Competition starts at 7:45 a.m. and continues throughout the day. Spectators are welcome. For directions to the 4-H Center, see Lyn in the SSC for a map.

NREM SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS

The deadline for ordering NREM shirts and sweatshirts is this Friday. All are available in S-XL and you can add \$1.50 per size larger than XL (some up to 4XL) and there is a good selection of colors. Basic prices for apparel are: twill, \$40; denim, \$25; crew-neck sweatshirt, \$22 (also available in youth sizes for \$15); and hooded sweatshirt, \$42. Stop by the SSC, room 124 Science II, to see samples (to try on) and view colors.

NREM WEBPAGE

The webpage for NREM is www.nrem.iastate.edu. There have been some changes made to the webpage, and we particularly want you to be aware of the new Calendar section. Events of interest to Animal Ecology and Forestry majors are added to the page as they are made known. Be sure to check this page often!

GRAD STUDENT AWARD

David Miller, PHD candidate in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and Teaching Assistant for Dr. Bill Clark in Ecological Methods the past couple years, was recently awarded the Donald Rusch Memorial Game Bird Research Scholarship. The award was given to him at the 14th Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society in Tucson, AZ last week.

Dr. Dave Otis is Dave's major professor overseeing research to develop statistical estimation techniques and a complementary large scale field survey design to facilitate the implementation of a long term national monitoring program for annual dove recruitment. The project is a cooperative effort between the USFWS and 20 state wildlife agencies. Congratulations, Dave!!

NREM CLUBS

There are 10 clubs associated with NREM. For a calendar of their activities, please see the website at: <http://www.nrem.iastate.edu/students/undergrad/clubs.htm>. If you have questions, please see Ann in room 134 Science II or e-mail her at anniehwk@iastate.edu.

MELISSA FENDER MEMORIAL

On Saturday, 13 October, family and friends of Melissa Fender will gather outside of Beyer Hall to plant and dedicate a tree in her memory. Melissa was a spring 2007 graduate with a BS in Forestry who died the end of July. She was active in Forestry Club and was a member of the ISU swim team, hence, the tree at Beyer. You always found Melissa with a big smile and a willingness to get involved and help wherever she could. She was a 'people-magnet'. More

details will be sent as soon as they're available, but reserve time now on your calendar to attend the dedication.

SPRING 2008 REGISTRATION

Registration for spring semester 2008 will begin on Wednesday, 17 October. On this day, most graduate students and last semester seniors will be able to register. Your registration start date is determined by the number of credits you've completed, including the present semester. You may see your start date on AccessPlus and it will be given you by your advisor when you receive your RAN (registration access number).

In a few days you'll receive a message telling you that your degree audit is available in the SSC. Please come to get it as soon as you receive this message. Then, sign up for a meeting with your advisor (they should have schedules posted outside their office doors). John Burnett's schedule is on the counter in the SSC. Dr. Jungst will post a schedule after he returns on 22 October (none of his advisees will register for classes before that date). Dr. Thompson has made arrangements with her advisees. If you have questions, please see Lyn in the SSC.

The University schedule states the following **start dates** apply (but are NOT cast in cement -- you may register several days later):

Graduate, Wednesday, 17 October

All seniors, Thursday, 18 October

Projected juniors, Thursday, 25 October

Projected seniors, Thursday, 1 November

Continuing freshmen, Thursday, 8 November