Welcome

……….to a brand new school year! This is your first issue of the Mudd Slinger for the 2004-05 year, the official newsletter for the Geology Department. Let me introduce myself, I am Sarah Rechtzigel the new Administrative Assistant in the department replacing Betty Bray who retired in June after 33 years in the department. I formally worked in the Dean of Students Office for seven years and am now happy to be here in Geology. Please feel free to stop by anytime with questions or just to chat. Have a Great Year!

Introducing

Mike Smith, Visiting Instructor for Fall 04
Kristin O’Connell, Educational Associate for the year

2004-05 SDA’s

Please welcome William Gallin and Louise Miltich as your Student Departmental Advisors this year. Fell free to contact them for any questions you may have about Geology, courses, or the department in general.

Seniors

The first Comps Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 4:30 p.m. in Mudd 68. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL SENIORS TO BE THERE. We will discuss comps proposals, questions about graduate school, employment, and other senior year concerns. This date is very close to the comps proposal deadline so be sure you have an advisor and try to talk to your advisor before the meeting. Please let Sarah know who your comps advisor will be. A quick reminder that the comps proposals deadline is Friday, October 1, don’t leave it until last minute.

Research Projects

Students who would like funding for research this fall or winter break should read the guidelines in the Geology Web page.
http://www.acad.carleton.edu/curricular/GEOL/Resources/comps/rsrchguide.html
Fall Field Trip
Northern Minnesota
October 15-22

A note to students going on the field trip
We want to make sure that you all understand our thoughts regarding missing classes and labs because of the departmental field trip. We think that the best thing is to explain to your instructors that you would like to go on the trip and thus miss some classes, in full recognition of the fact that missing classes is serious and that you do not expect any special pardons, permission, etc. This must be done with some tact – you can’t expect your instructors to be thrilled about the idea of your missing class, and you definitely can’t expect or ask for their approval. Your instructors may suggest some make-up work, but you must make it clear that you do not expect that. Think of this as an attempt to stay on good terms with the rest of the college—so they don’t get too jealous about these trips. Thanks!

All-Science Poster Session
This year’s Fall All-Science Poster Session for presentation of undergraduate research results in Math/CS and Sciences is scheduled for: Friday, October 4th, Hulings Atrium 3:30-4:30 p.m. All students who have carried out research either here or elsewhere should participate.

Here are some poster tips:
- You should come to the atrium at least 20 minutes in advance to set up your poster. Some posters may have to lean against the wall, on tables, if the easels fill up. Arrive early to get an easel.
- The poster boards (easels) are 48” x 29” and they are made of plywood, with no cork mat. Therefore you cannot pin anything to the board. Your poster should be attached to a single sheet of cardboard/construction paper (the stiffer the better). The boards have a narrow shelf at the bottom that will support your poster.

As always, an array of refreshments will be available throughout the poster session.