

CONTACT

THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF WHEATON COLLEGE'S DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

Contact – the word means so much

Special Points Of Interest:

- Geology field camp at the Science Station
- Geologists aid in Hurricane relief work
- Update on Jim Clark's Sabbatical

Inside this issue:

Science Station	2
Musings	
Jeff's Journals	2
Doc Mo's Memoirs	3
Geologists help with Hurricane recovery	5
Geology Scholarships	5
Clark's Capers	6
Student News	7
Alumni Updates	7
Abstracts and Publications	8

CONTACT. Its pretty easy to pick a name for a geology newsletter. When I was a student at VPI we called our geology club newsletter Tech-tonics (I don't believe the name was as enduring as the unifying theory). I always thought a good title for a petroleum geology newsletter would be "Cuttings." I think Jeff Greenberg coined "Contact" for this tiny tabloid and it really is perfect. We all know that strata touch between contacts and that is what we would like to do with you. We really do want to keep in touch with you.

You are important to us. It means a lot when you visit and tell us your stories. Sometimes you send us geological specimens or books for our seminar room. Some of you have been generous with funds for scholarships and special projects. CONTACT gives us the opportunity, impersonal as it is, to tell you our stories.

The geology department is alive and well at Wheaton. You have heard us in years past talk about the constant struggle of recruiting majors, but God has been faithful through the years to bring us wonderful students. This last year we graduated 10 students in geology and environmental studies and as you will read below, these students are headed off in a variety of amazing directions. We had a great group of 11 geomajors in the Black Hills last summer. And within the first few weeks of this fall semester we talked with several students who intend to take on geology as a major or minor.

According to college statistics, last year there were 542 students enrolled in courses offered by our department or involving geology faculty. Statistics also show that the student:faculty ratio in geology courses is higher than for the other science departments. With these numbers, we could really use another geoscientist in the department!

In September, Jeff Greenberg was honored for 20 years of service to Wheaton College. I submitted this reflection to the Provost for the Awards Service...

Jeff Greenberg is the soul of the Geology Department. Within a few years of his arrival, he recruited a cadre of devoted students, recruited two new faculty to restore the departmental status of geology, and renewed a tradition of teaching geology at Wheaton that goes back to the days of Jonathan Blanchard. Since the major was first established in 1935, there have been essentially three eras of leadership in geology, not unlike the geological timescale: the Wright era, the Boardman era, and the Greenberg era. Jeff stresses interdisciplinary connections in the classroom and across the campus and student come to appreciate the authenticity and transparency of his life in Christ.

In January '06, after all these remarkable years of dedicated leadership in geology, Jeff passed to me responsibility for department administration. I know he does not miss the meetings and the paperwork that piles on the department chair and he is now working on new projects in the department and for the Science Station. It will be my challenge to return to the department the sustained, guidance, devotion and enthusiasm he has given us over two decades.

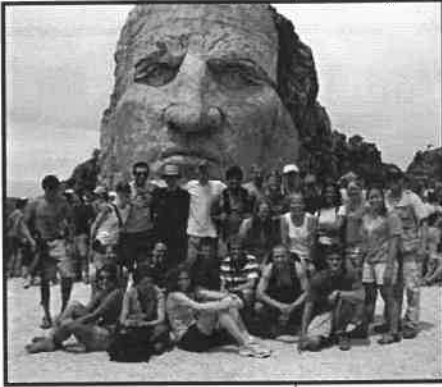
- Steve Moshier



Summer of 2006 geology majors attending field camp at the Science Station

Science Station Musings

A visit to the Crazy Horse memorial in the Black Hills



“Geology is very excited to have pioneered the application of student academic majors into practical missions.”



Dr. Greenberg and students in South Africa

I could tell you that summer courses in the Black Hills are excellent in their integration of faith and learning. I could tell you that they are cost effective and in a wonderful surrounding. I could tell you these things, and they would be true, but they would not tell even half the story. This year, there were eleven students in the geology track. Nine majors were joined by an environmental science major and a geology student from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. For me, the work in the Black Hills was the integrative culmination of my time at Wheaton. I was one of four exiting seniors.

We were privileged to learn about creation and the God of creation from professors who were willing to share, not only their expertise with us, but also their lives. We learned to trace God's hand through his creation-- not only in gneissic granite and recumbent folds, but also in chestnut-sided warblers and the insects that our compatriots in entomology would hunt in the library where we mapped.

Oh the Library-- listening to Switchfoot while compiling maps; heaps of rocks at every desk, Brunton Compasses piled in the front and the massive plastic rock hammer. Memories like these are the highlights of the summer. Johny Cash, and the Devil's Tower music mix. Christmas Puppy. Discovering (Thanks to our intrepid classmates) that several mines were open for rock hunting. Frisbee at every gas station, cramming everything into one van for two days on the western trip when the mini van broke down. Jay's moose. Sweet times of fellowship with students, faculty and staff. Building friendships with and gaining great respect for the people around me. It was a highlight of my time at Wheaton; living, growing, being stretched and healed in and through a close community of God's people gathered together to learn about his world.

- Bethany Thornton ('06)

Jeff's Journals...

A new year and a trade off. I exchange almost forty semesters of department administration for a heavier teaching load. Steve assumes the chairmanship and I am extremely thankful for his willingness to serve. Being without our good friend Jim Clark for the year doesn't make the transition an easy one, but so far, so good. I have been compelled to redo all the visuals for the two sections of Intro Geology. For me that means to shelve all the old transparencies and go for PowerPoint slides. I resist the temptation to put gobs of text on each slide. Many pictures speak for themselves while I punctuate the impact with stories.

We are currently waiting for the publication report of the student project among the poor of South Africa's Pellsrus Township. Last fall, the work was presented and quite well received at the annual GSA meeting in Salt Lake City. It is wonderful now to have the project gaining publicity in *Waterlines* the British journal of appropriate technologies for water supply and sanitation. The three Wheaton students were supported financially through the SMP (Student Missionary Project) and I was able to supervise their efforts on site with help from alumni (thanks!!). The RSA project has become a prototype for some future SMP placements. Geology is very excited to have pioneered the application of student academic majors into practical missions. We are looking for more such opportunities for our majors and ourselves as mentors in service-research problems. Any suggestions?

We have great students and the desire to guide them in demonstrating the whole Gospel to the needy world. We need contacts all over the globe and we need ideas of where to get travel support. I should mention that I will have (by the time you read this) made a chapel address on behalf of SMP to encourage Wheaton College students and their faculty to consider the more direct application of their major studies to ministry via SMP. Not all mission-oriented undergraduates can afford the time commitment required for the more intensive HNGR internship program. The new

(Continued on page 4)

Congratulations Geology and Environmental Studies 2006 Graduates!

May and August of 2006 brought the Geology and Environmental Studies programs 11 new graduates! Our May graduates included Andrew Luhmann, Taylor Shipman, Jenny Bellington, Erik Nimlos, Matthew Soerens, Tanya Lubansky, and Christy Page. **Andrew** spent the summer as an intern with Sheaffer International working with GIS. This fall he began his first year of graduate work at the University of Minnesota towards his master's degree in Hydrogeology. Andrew has also been recently engaged to Audrey Roberts. **Taylor** married Christine Allen following graduation in July. He is beginning graduate work in water resource management at the University of Arizona. We hear that **Jenny** has decided to return to college is pursuing a second Bachelor's degree. After spending one of his semesters abroad in New Zealand learning about volcanoes, **Erik** will enhance that experience as he begins graduate work at SUNY Buffalo. **Matthew** is continuing to work in the area of development as the Citizenship & Outreach Coordinator at World Relief. Representatives from our Environmental Studies program are finding enjoyment in natural resources. **Tanya** is currently working in Washington D.C. for a nonprofit group, Wildlife Habitat Council, who helps large landowners, particularly corporations, manage their unused lands in an ecologically sensitive manner for the benefit of wildlife. **Christy** is looking for opportunities in the Chicago area.

After an incredible summer at the Science Station the Geology Department said goodbye to the final 4 graduates: Bethany Murphy, Jay Mehta, Jon Shuptar, and Rebekah Miranda. **Bethany** married James Thornton immediately following the Science Station field camp and is now working for Bon Appetit here on campus while her husband finishes up his master's degree in education. **Jay** is looking for opportunities in the Chicago area. **Jon** has also remained in the Chicago land area and is gainfully employed with an environmental consulting company. **Rebekah** has returned home to Florida to finish up her final course work.

Some of our 2006 Graduates (Back Row): Rebekah Miranda, Bethany Murphy, Jenny Bellington, (Front Row): Erik Nimlos, Matthew Soerens, and Taylor Shipman.

Senior Seminar

Spring semester is time for senior seminar. The special topic for the past seminar ('06) was natural disasters. Students presented papers on natural hazards (geological and environmental) for a variety of chosen places, ranging from Manhattan, NY to Glacier National Park. Brief papers were submitted by the students as evidence of serious thinking on: faith and working (geoscience careers), faith and living (environmental stewardship), and faith and learning (origins). The class also had the opportunity to travel to NIU, Dekalb to attend a geology department seminar followed by a pizza feast at Gino's East.



Alumni Updates

Darren Breen ('01) – Finishing up his final project of chronically the life of a truck driver for his Master's degree in Photojournalism at the University of Missouri.

Ginny Hargrave ('05) – Starting her second year at New Mexico Tech and beginning to work on her thesis which involves modeling groundwater flow in mountain block recharge areas.

Katie Lethe ('03) – Loving being out in beautiful Portland, OR and working as an environmental Consultant doing Phase I and Phase II reports as well as being a licensed lead-based paint and asbestos inspector.

Elisabeth Bowers ('02) – Working as a natural resource consultant for an engineering and environmental firm in Portland, OR.

Don Beaumont ('49) – Beginning to teach his eighth course (with over 100 students enrolled) on the 2 billion year history of the North American continental crust at Senior University in Texas.

Nicole Titus ('02) - Married Neile Havens in March '06.

Daniel Wolbrink ('99) and wife Rose are expecting their first child very soon...

Doc Mo's Memoirs...

We have been pretty busy since our last CONTACT. Summer was a blur, but since it was most recent let's start then. It was my pleasure to co-direct the Wheaton College Science Station again this summer (Biologists Ray Lewis and Kristen Page helped direct, too). I supervised the administrative tasks through the year leading up to the program, but Nicole Havens and Program Assistant Amanda Abuhl did much of the heavy lifting. I would like to take credit for hiring a great group of young folk for the staff. They included Amanda, Jered Abuhl ('04 grad and Amanda's husband), Than Robinson ('05 grad, Environmental Studies) as maintenance assistants, and in the kitchen there were Anna Ruth Merritt ('06 grad), Shaila Cockar ('03 grad), and Hillary Petersen (Bethel University student). Geology major Glenn Sharman served as Resident Advisor for Men. Mary Ann Curry returned as Head Cook. Our legendary Maintenance Supervisor Bob Schryvers suffered a major loss, as his beloved wife and our good friend Linda died suddenly in mid July. We were honored to offer the Boardman Dinning Hall for a reception after her memorial service, with hundreds in attendance.

I made two trips out to South Dakota, first in late May for the opening and initial weeks of Field Methods and second in mid-July for the last two weeks of Field Methods and the western trip (read Bethany Thornton's recollections on the geo majors course). In between trips I slaved over writing a book review, finishing a manuscript summarizing five years of field work in the Sinai, and preparing a talk on our Theories of Origins class for the annual meeting of the American Scientific Affiliation (held this year at Calvin College in Grand Rapids). For vacation, our family enjoyed one weekend at Illinois Beach State Park and Carol and I enjoyed three days in Door County, Wisconsin.

There were exciting developments concerning my geoarchaeological research in Egypt. In October, my colleague Jim Hoffmeier (OT scholar and Egyptologist at Trinity University) and I were interviewed by a film crew from National Geographic Channel for a documentary, Exodus Revealed. It premiered Passover/Easter Week and has rerun a few times since. That very week when I spent my allotted 3 minutes of fame I returned to the Sinai to explore the sediments of the ancient Ballah Lake (now a dry, mud flat). Do you want to go there? Google Earth to Port Said and then travel south down the Suez Canal until you reach the first major town (Qantara), just north of the big bridge across the canal. That is where we were working. Hoffmeier and I published a paper this year in which Jim argued that Ballah Lake is a good candidate for the biblical Re(e)d Sea. Our field work is showing that, at least in the northern part of the lake, the environments were more fluvial, than lacustrine. Yet, we know in Roman times that the lake was navigable, owing to the presence of boat slips and a port on the northern shore of the lake. Excavations at Tell el Borg continued, not with any major discoveries, but further confirmation that this was an important stop on the Egyptian Ways of Horus along the Mediterranean coast to Canaan in late Bronze. You can keep up with developments at www.tellelborg.org.

During Spring Break I joined Biologist colleague Nadine Rorem and 13 students on a Marine Biology trip to the Bahamian island of San Salvador. I visited there as a graduate student in the early Holocene. Degradation of the reefs over the past 25 years was sadly evident. Over fishing of the key-stone predator Nassau Grouper has caused a decline in the herbivore fish (over eaten by the Grouper's prey) resulting in over production of algae that grew over the coral. If the marine diversity was disappointing, the island geology was not, what with Pleistocene reef, beach and eolianite deposits, caves and karst, and modern stromatolites!



Drilling in Sinai

"In October, my colleague, Jim Hoffmeier, and I were interviewed by a film crew from National Geographic Channel for a documentary, Exodus Revealed."



Snorkeling in the coral reefs of San Salvador

Jeff's Journals (continued from page 2)

Come and see our growing collection of samples on display



"My main labor has been formulating a plan to use the WCSS property for training undergraduates in the application of geo-technology for international community development."

model of SMP ministry may be just right for many who felt that they had to find something completely different than their academic passion to be useful in the Kingdom.

Many of you may be aware that a great deal of my professional time over the last year has been devoted to finding more effective utilization of the Science Station in the Black Hills. In particular, outlines of proposals to the National Science Foundation have been made and readied for further action. My main labor has been formulating a plan to use the WCSS property for training undergraduates in the application of geo-technology for international community development. The envisioned program could receive funding through the NSF's REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) program. I am very pleased to send anyone details of the proposal, especially if you are interested in getting involved or you would offer ideas. Your prayers are coveted. This program has the potential to prepare a significant number of young scientists to become trainers (of trainers) and project managers. I will be in Philadelphia this fall as an invited speaker to present this vision to the greater geoscience community at the GSA meeting. I expect to spend a day with alum **Chad Smith** and perhaps other Christian geologists visiting sites of exceptional geology around Philly. There is a wide choice of stops, including Triassic basin deposits, old mine dumps, an anorthosite body and high-grade metamorphics within reasonable driving distance.

This year I assumed the role as organizer for the college's CACE (Center for Applied Christian Ethics; sorry about all the acronyms) theme: "Environment, Economics and Equity". Last May I led a group of faculty in three days considering the theological and scientific interrelations of the theme. 2006-2007 will feature several fine theme events of presentation, panels, and discussion gatherings. We are delighted to host Dr. (Sir) John Houghton for three days in January. He has gained recognition as a leading scientific authority on global climate change issues. Public television recently broadcast an interview of Houghton by Bill Moyers. Sir John's strong evangelical faith was clearly evident and impressive as Moyers tested him with difficult questions.

It may perhaps be a sign of my aging that I have renewed my interest as an amateur museum curator. The Geo Department has a fairly large collection of samples scattered about and mostly neglected since the days of Jerry Haddock's good efforts. We do have some nice hallway display cabinets today, but any public exhibit begs for better labeling and lighting. A relatively small amount of the department's annual budget is being (carefully) spent on rocks, minerals and fossils for study and appreciation. We look forward to the creation of a new science building with abundant and beautiful display areas on the first floor.

My membership on the International Board of The Caspari Center for Jewish and Biblical Studies (check it out on the Internet) has allowed me to travel twice to Israel and twice to Scandinavia. Each visit has included a free day to do some geological touring and sample collection. Recent troubles in the Holyland cancelled this year's meeting in Jerusalem, but I hope to return next May. I also may be able to attend a Caspari meeting in Hungary in August. I must relate one story from my 2005 visit to Norway as a sort of confession. After the ministry meeting, I rented a car in Oslo and headed southwest along the coast to see classic exposures of the Permian rift and a variety of outstanding crystalline units. On this snowy evening in March, I pulled up a small side road and went in one gated entrance of a quarry extracting the famous larvikite (popular syenite in pearly blue and green, used in counter tops). I went looking for someone in the quarry that might briefly show me around. However, even though a work shed was illuminated within, I found nobody home. I took some pictures in the dying light, grabbed a few chunks of broken syenite and drove back out far enough to find that the formerly open gate was closed and padlocked. I yelled; I honked and received no reply. Within about five minutes of my arrival, someone outside the quarry locked me in. My B&B retreat for the night was 35km down the road and I was stuck. Please consider it Providence that for this Norway trip I carried a 36" long-handled, European-style geology hammer in my checked luggage. I swung the beast at the huge padlock for about ten minutes, alarming no one by the noise and finally snapping the hasp. I was free to drive out. I was also sorry to break the lock. Imagine the concern of the quarry operators next day. I'll bet they spent a while looking for theft or vandalism inside the quarry. If I had no hammer or only the usual wimpy one, I might still be there!

Geologists help with Hurricane Recovery

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the US Gulf coast. One of our alumni, Judith Berglund evacuated her home near Bay St. Louis (where she works at the Stennis Space Center in remote sensing technology) before the storm damaged the roof of her apartment. There is no doubt that many of you in the region also have your own stories to tell.

After the two hurricanes, Wheaton students, staff and faculty united in efforts to do special projects, like clothing and food collection. Steve Moshier asked Chaplain Stephen Kellough and Sam Shelhammer, VP for Student Life, if recovery teams could be organized for Thanksgiving vacation. Moshier and Steve Ivester, Director of Student Activities led the effort. They traveled to Mississippi and Louisiana during Fall Break to meet with relief organizations and observe other teams doing work along the coast. President Litfin encouraged participation and gave permission for students and employees to miss classes or work on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. The college made vehicles available. Student fees of less than \$200 were able to cover their own costs plus the leaders' costs.



Dr. Moshier's group

Teams were organized and generally consisted of 15-20 students and two leaders (grad students and Wheaton employees). Some family members even joined the teams! The convoys left Wheaton on the Saturday morning before Thanksgiving and headed to Pascagola, Biloxi, Gulf Port, Jackson, New Orleans and Dulac (out on the delta south west of the Big Easy). The group was grateful to a student's church in Missouri for providing lunch along the way. The teams worked with PCA, Methodist and Baptist denominations and independent churches. Most of the teams gutted homes while some did remodeling and roofing. It was obvious that God had knit the teams together, knowing in advance the needs of the various destinations and matching the talents of the team members.

Moshier's team was the largest, staying in a Methodist Church in Kenner, LA. Members included Steve's wife Carol and two sons Zachary and Joshua, and geology students Christopher Gregory and Taylor Shipman (and his fiancé, Christine Allen). Chaplain Kellough invited Moshier to share recollections of the experience in a chapel message (which can be downloaded at <http://www.wheaton.edu/wetn/chapelspring06.htm>).



We were pleased to award the Geology Scholarship to Andrew Luhman last year.

Geology Scholarships!

Boardman

geology students with

costs related to attending summer courses in the Black Hills. With this scholarship we were able to significantly assist 3 of our students who attended field camp this summer at the Science Station. The second scholarship is the **Wheaton College Geology Scholarship**. This scholarship is provided to help a geology major with an outstanding academic record. Senior, Andrew Luhman was last year's recipient of this scholarship. Our future hope is that this scholarship will have a positive affect on recruitment.

All who have contributed to these accounts have our deepest thanks and appreciation. Please note that if donations are given to the college for use by the Geology Department, that they must be clearly designated for a specific scholarship or other particular purpose.

Clark's Capers...

I am on a sabbatical leave during the '06/'07 school year. This provides precious time to reflect, write, learn, explore and care for my aging parents. The goal of my research during this year and the bookend summers can be summarized in one word – "WATER". I'll be pondering water from different aspects.

Supported by a National Science Foundation grant, I am studying the changing levels of the Great Lakes during late glacial times as well as at present. An important part of this study is to discover how the glacio-isostatic and hydro-isostatic deformation of the earth affected the lake levels during the past 20,000 years. Approximately 25% of the land surrounding the Great Lakes was under lake water at some time as the last great ice sheet retreated. Furthermore the lake levels fluctuated by as much as 200 m. I have been helped by very capable students, **Kevin Befus ('08)**, **Taylor Shipman ('06)**, **Peter Stewart ('05)**, **Debbie Zylstra ('07)** and **Chris Gregory ('07)**. The research involves a smattering of geophysics theory, computer programming, GIS analysis and field work. We are now working on 3 papers for publication and my sabbatical leave gives time to polish them.

Of equal interest to me is the challenge of providing water to the immense number of people worldwide who lack adequate clean water. Previous trips with Lifewater International impressed me with the need and the difficulty in meeting this challenge. Many of our geology majors also recognize the importance of a water ministry and so Wheaton College purchased a LS-100 drill rig and trailer to provide the means for teaching third world drilling methods. Students **Ben Lowe ('07)**, **Chris Gregory ('07)** and **Debbie Zylstra ('07)** helped me take the rig to Taylor University where we joined forces with Mike Guebert to teach well drilling. We drilled and completed a well and I also learned that transmissions work best when filled with oil! My main original contribution to this work is in developing inexpensive geophysical equipment useful for water exploration. My work with Lifewater impressed upon me that teaching indigenous men and women to drill is only half of the problem. These drillers must also be trained to find the best location to drill. I have teamed up with Rick Page (husband of Biology professor Kristen Page) to build resistivity, seismic and electromagnetic geophysical instruments for less than \$200 each. Because

these instruments are very cheap they can be left with well drillers for their routine use in setting wells. We have already developed both the resistivity and seismic instruments and these were field checked in Tanzania and Chad. We are now developing the electromagnetic "Time Domain" method, which is proving to be very challenging since commercial units cost approximately \$60,000. Another goal for the sabbatical research will be to write a monograph describing the theory, field methods, construction steps, and data interpretation of the techniques and bundling this with a CD containing free software for geophysical interpretation, groundwater analysis, and GIS. This monograph on "Appropriate Technology Geophysics" would be provided free to missionaries, aid workers, and indigenous drillers. In the development of this monograph I will go to the Water Institute of Cranfield University, England. This program has provided graduate training to water aid workers for the past 25 years. I hope to gain much from interacting with Dr. Richard Carter and others at that institute.

This sabbatical year has also given me the flexibility to minister unexpectedly to my elderly parents in their home in Sequim, Washington. Dad is 91 and Mom is 89. Dad is blind with some severe congestive heart failure necessitating continuous oxygen use. Mom has difficulty hearing and has the beginning stages of Alzheimer's. It is a real blessing to be able to set up my office in their living room and be available to them as needed during this difficult time in their lives. Please pray for them. On a more upbeat note the country here is fabulous. I see the Olympic Mountains out of my "office" window and can be at either a national lakeshore or the top of Olympic national park within a 1 hour drive. With glacial deposits all around, turbidite deposits thrust up to 5000 feet elevation and a mere 16 inches of rain per year this is God's country!

"The goal of my research during this year and the bookend summers can be summarized in one word – 'WATER'."



Dr. Clark teaches students how to use the geology department's drill rig



Wheaton College

For Christ and His Kingdom

Department of Geology
501 College Ave.

Phone: 630-752-5063

Fax: 630-752-5996

Volume 16, No.1
October 2006

Web Site:

[http://www.wheaton.edu/
geology](http://www.wheaton.edu/geology)

Abstracts and Publications

- Hoffmeier, James K., and Stephen O. Moshier. 2006. New paleo-environmental evidence from the north Sinai to complement Manfred Bidtak's map of the eastern Delta and some historical implications. In *Timelines: Studies in Honour of Manfred Bidtak, Volume II*, Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta, 149. eds. E. Czerny, I. Hein, H. Hunger, D. Melman, A. Schwab, 167-176. Leuven, Belgium: Peeters Publishers.
- Moshier, Stephen O., Dean Arnold, Raymond J. Lewis, Larry L. Funck, William R. Wharton, John H. Walton. 2006. Theories of Origins: A Multi- and Interdisciplinary Course for Undergraduates at Wheaton College (Abstract). 61st Meeting of the American Scientific Affiliation, July 28-31, 2006, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- "A Modular Program for Applied Research-Training in Interdisciplinary Geoscience." Jeffrey K. Greenberg; 2006 GSA Annual Meeting (October 22-25, 2006).

Alumni Updates (continued from page 7)

Phillip Cain ('98) – Was married in June '06 and is transitioning from the corporate world of environmental work to the Director of Ministry Support at a church in Hingham, MA.

Dawn Wright ('83) – Keeps busy as she continues her work as a Geography and Oceanography professor and researcher at Oregon State University. Over the summer she organized two workshops on Transatlantic Mapping and was recently awarded OSU's "Milton Harris Award for Exceptional Achievement in Basic Research".

Lauren (Powell) Heerschap ('01) – Recently took a job with Oso Energy Resources in Durango, CO.

Talmage Payne ('90) – Was appointed last year to Chief Executive Officer for Hagar, a Christian development organization, in Cambodia.

Jeremy Vaughan ('99) - Began a his PhD at UBC in Vancouver looking at paleo-hydrothermal systems in the Carlin trend (big gold area) of Nevada.

Stephen Moss ('99) is in his 2nd year of Phd work at UBC in economic geology studying the volcanology of kimberlites.

Christian Skoglund ('2000) - Married Elizabeth Nordberg and has completed a one year tour of flying blackhawks in Iraq. He is currently stationed in Italy and hopes to attend graduate school in the near future.

These are just a few of the people we've heard from recently. Keep sending us those updates!