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Wind Science and Engineering Research Center

Bi-Weekly Newsletter: Faculty, Staff, and PhD Student Updates

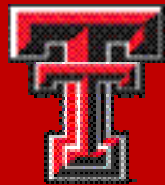
New Deans Announced: The Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. College of Engineering and the Graduate School have cause to celebrate recently as each college has announced new deans will be taking over.

Dr. Albert Sacco, Jr., former Columbia astronaut and administrator from Northeastern University will become the next dean of the Whitacre College of Engineering on January 1st, 2011. Check out the official press release here: <http://today.ttu.edu/2010/11/former-columbia-astronaut-named-engineering-dean-2/>

Dr. Peggy Gordon Miller will serve as interim dean for the Graduate School starting November 1st, 2010. As a multi-award winner and past South Dakota State University president, the Graduate School interim dean will help lead the way toward Tier One status for Texas Tech. Check out the press release here: <http://today.ttu.edu/2010/10/texas-tech-announces-interim-dean-of-graduate-school/>

The WISE Center is looking forward to working with both new deans as we strive to meet Tier One national research status.

Send us your news! Let us know what you are up to, and we'll add it in the next newsletter. Email us at Kelsey.seger@ttu.edu.



Other Meetings:

AAWE Student Chapter Meeting: If you are interested in joining, please come to CE 108 on Nov. 9th 4pm to find out how to join!

WESA Student Group Meeting: Nov. 10th at 5:30pm in University College Room 103B.

AMS Student Chapter Meeting: Nov. 10th 5:45pm in BA 373

ATMO Mondays Schedule:

BA Room 373 at 11:10am

- 11/8 Erin Kashawlic
- 11/15 Joe Jurecka, NWS Lubbock
- 11/22 Matt Ziebell, NWS Lubbock
- 11/29 No Lecture
- 12/6 Open slot

Email Chris.Weiss@ttu.edu if you wish to present your research on 12/6.

WISE Wednesdays Schedule:

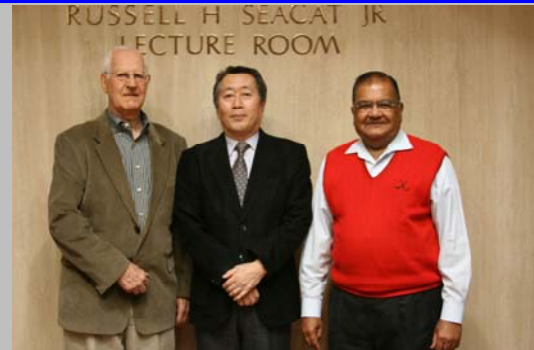
EE Room 217 at 3:30pm

- 11/10 Dr. Jennifer Rice, CE & Kyla Kersh
- 11/17 Dr. Song-Lak Kang, ATMO & Anant Jain
- 11/24 NO LECTURE DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- 12/1 Rachit Mathur, Chris Pattison & State Farm Insurance
- 12/8 End of Semester Pot Luck Social: Everyone's Invited!

Dr. Yukio Tamura at The McDonald-Mehta Lecture:

On November 3rd, Dr. Yukio Tamura from Tokyo Polytechnic and president of the International Association of Wind Engineering, presented his lecture "Monitoring Techniques in Wind Engineering". The lecture was well attended and WISE students and faculty made Dr. Tamura's trip a success. Many thanks to all those who helped with Dr. Tamura's visit!

<http://today.ttu.edu/2010/11/wind-engineering-speaker-series-hosts-tokyo-university-professor/>



Dr. James McDonald, Dr. Yukio Tamura, and Dr. Kishor Mehta.



The room was packed! What a success- thanks for coming.

Recent Tours at Reese: FM Global & WeatherPredict both toured Reese Technology center recently. FM Global's vice president and manager for research Dr. Louis Gritzko visited the field site on November 3rd; Dr. Gritzko is also a TTU alum who oversees FM Global's team of world-renowned scientists who conduct risk assessments and loss prevention research in the fields of natural hazards, terrorism, fire and explosion, structural response and advanced risk, reliability and failure prevention techniques.

WeatherPredict visitors on October 25th included Dr. Jason Lin, VP of engineering science, and Dr. Dail Rowe, regional manager of the Narragansett office. WeatherPredict's business includes providing intelligence on atmospheric perils to a range of entities with an interest in anticipating the occurrence and outcome of weather events. Many thanks to all those who participated in the tours!



Karen Tarara explains VorTech to WeatherPredict visitors.



Brian Hirth and Dr. Ian Giammanco discuss StickNet with FM Global VP Dr. Gritzko.

WTM Cool Photos: Wes Burgett and the West Texas Mesonet Team do a great job keeping their website up to date and fresh with weekly photos (see right) and more interactive WTM maps. Have you bookmarked the site yet? Do it today! <http://www.mesonet.ttu.edu/>

Courtesy WTM Website



WISE Newsletter misprint: In issue 39 we regret to inform that Dr. Andrew Swift was not awarded a grant by Vulcan, Inc. Please excuse our mistake.

AMS helps Lubbock Lighted Pumpkin Trail & Plans fundraiser for Tech CAN Drive: The local AMS student chapter had a great turnout of 15 students to their Pumpkin carving event and were able to donate 12 pumpkins to the Lubbock Lighted Pumpkin Trail. Their next event is collecting food for the Tech CAN Share Food Drive. Jennifer Daniels, AMS Present, has challenged the chapter to completely fill her car (trunk and all) with canned food. They plan to design the cans into something weather related, such as the Ka band radar truck, and take a photo for the AMS Conference poster. Please contact Jennifer.Daniel@ttu.edu for can drop off locations or feel free to drop off cans in CE 107.

