This is the THIRTEENTH week of class.

If you need to drop a class at this point in the semester, you will need permission from the instructor and the Dean (NWC 3630) on a drop form. The form must then be taken to the Office of Enrollment Services (Buchanan Hall, Room 230) to finalize the drop. Drop forms are available in NWC 3630 and in Buchanan Hall, Room 230.
You are all invited to attend the annual College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Student Awards Reception, which takes place next Thursday, April 19, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM in the NWC Atrium. Students receiving scholarships and awards will be contacted by their academic unit. Everyone is encouraged to attend and cheer on your fellow students while enjoying refreshments. It’s a great time to gather as a group before finals – hope to see you there!

**DAVID JAMES SHELLBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In memory of David James Shellberg, the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences will present a memorial scholarship to a student exhibiting exemplary vision focused on the utility of surface observations in the realm of meteorology or climatology. The award is presented each year at the annual College awards ceremony. For more information, please see the attached. The deadline is Monday, April 16, 2012.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Geography PhD student Pradeep Adhikari and GIS graduate students Nicole Grams and Jason Redden, who were each awarded a $600 scholarship from the Oklahoma South Central Arc User Group (OKSCAUG) Scholarship, funded by Chesapeake Energy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Chesapeake Energy for making their scholarships possible and for investing in the future of GIS!

**OU/SPC CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) and OU School of Meteorology (SoM) Career Experience Program is an unpaid, “for credit” opportunity offered through the SoM. The objective is to provide the second semester junior or senior undergraduate, or first-year graduate student holding strong interests in severe weather forecasting and related research with a semester-long experience to focus their career goals and provide an opportunity to apply meteorological principles in an operationally oriented research and hands-on setting.

Students will spend between 8-10 hours per week (3 credit hours of METR 3890) at the SPC working on a research project related to U.S. hazardous weather events, culminating in a term paper. You will have the opportunity to spend several days in the SPC operations area to interact with forecasters and learn about the SPC severe weather forecast process. The application is attached – **the deadline to apply is next Monday, April 16.** For more detailed information, contact Melissa Hurlbut (SPC, melissa.hurlbut@noaa.gov) or Dr. David Parsons (SoM, dparsons@ou.edu).
TAKE A SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY, HELP A SENIOR

Geography senior Megan Underwood is looking for help with her Senior Capstone project, specifically with a survey on Advancing Sustainability in Norman. If you have a few moments, please take Megan’s survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/city_planning_norman There are only 14 questions, and it takes about five minutes to complete.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Mark your calendars for the American Cancer Society’s 13th annual Relay for Life, on Saturday, April 21, from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM on the South Oval. It will be a fun-filled evening of food, games and activities where people camp out overnight and take turns walking around a track to raise money to assist in the fight against cancer. To learn more about the event, please visit www.ou.edu/relay or contact relay@ou.edu.
OU’s Student Learning Center, a department of University College, offers free, walk-in seminars to help students hone college success skills.

This week’s schedule:

Tuesday, April 10  “How to NOT Get Caught Cheating”  4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Wagner Hall, room 245

Wednesday, April 11  “How Learning Works”  3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Wagner Hall, room 245

The Housing Learning Center is located at Adams Residence, Muldrow Tower 105.

And don’t forget OU’s excellent tutoring resources! For more information, go here: http://www.ou.edu/graduatesooner/home/resources/tutoring.html

The School of Meteorology Help Desk is also available in NWC 5700 during the following hours this spring:

Sunday: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Monday: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Wednesday: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Thursday: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

On this Day in History:

In 1833, the first public library in the US opened in Peterborough, NH.
In 1838, the National Galley opened in London.
In 1865, Robert E. Lee and 26,765 troops surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.
In 1872, Samuel R. Percy patented dried milk.
In 1914, the first full-color film, "The World, The Flesh & the Devil," was shown in London.
In 1947, tornadoes ripped through West Texas and Oklahoma, killing 169 and injuring 950. Woodward, OK was nearly obliterated when a two-mile wide tornado tore through it; 95 people died there alone.
In 1959, NASA introduced America’s first astronauts to the press: Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr. (who was from Shawnee, OK), John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr.,
and Donald Slayton. The seven men, all military test pilots, were carefully selected from a group of 32 candidates to take part in Project Mercury, America’s first manned space program. 

In 1965, the Houston Astrodome held its first baseball game. 

In 1981, Nature published the longest scientific name in history. With 16,569 nucleotides, the systematic name for human mitochondrial DNA is 207,000 letters long.

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