Welcoming Remarks

Welcome to the
Symposium on
Meteorology in the 21st Century and YOU

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary
of the
Department of Atmospheric Sciences,
UNC Asheville
• Sessions I and II of Symposium will take place in Room 221-222, Highsmith Union.

• You have one minute to settle down when you hear a movie theme song during the break.

• Moderator will enforce the rule: 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q & A.

• Dinner begins at 6 pm in Alumni Hall (at the ground level). You have to have tickets to get in, and you need to be present to win door prizes.

• Symposium starts at 8:15 am tomorrow morning in Robinson Hall 125.
The theme of the Symposium is

Meteorology in the 21st Century and YOU

What is the mission?

- To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the department
- To celebrate the success of the department, alumni and students
- To network alumni and students
- To formulate strategies for continuing success of the department and students
- To explore meteorology in the 21st century
We have 16 presentations
And one panel discussion session.

The topics cover from “the Weather and Climate Toolkit” to “Tips to Increase your Chances of Being hired by the NWS”, to the “NCDC: Opportunities in the Age of Climate Services”.

The presenters include Alumni, current students, and faculty.

Today we have
- 23 alumni and 4 spouses
- 28 current students
- 4 faculty members and 1 spouse

279 ATMS graduates in 1983-2008:
- 270 BS plus
- 9 certificates of atmospheric sciences

Meteorology majors as of Today: 27
(close to 50)
Thirty years is a long time,
it can transform an innocent and ambitious young man (it is I! Remember “The Graduate”?)
to an innocent, __________, __________, and old man (is it I?)!
In these thirty years, we (my wife and I) have grown from a small family to a big family, really big! (from 220 lb to 620 lb, + 13 lb/year)

This is the Second Law of Thermodynamics

Our department also has evolved from a small program to a sizable and reputable department.
The enrollment of the University has increased from 2,000 students in 1980, 2,401 in 2000, to 3,322 in 2009.

UNCA became the only public liberal arts university in North Carolina in 1992.

Most ATMS alumni are successful!!
Some may not be doing well.

Source: http://www.jokesy.com/programmer/

Ed Brotak, Program Director, 1981-1987

Jim Heimbach, Chair, 1987-1998

Alex Huang, Chair, 1998-2007

Doug Miller, Chair, 2007-Present
COMPANY ECONOMIST
THE ECONOMY WILL EITHER RECOVER OR NOT.

UNLESS TIME ITSELF IS AN ILLUSION, IN WHICH CASE ALL MATTER IS EITHER STATIONARY OR IMAGINED.

I'D TAKE QUESTIONS, BUT I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE YOU'RE REAL.

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