



The Chair's Letter

Dear Geo-Badgers:

On behalf of the Department of Geology and Geophysics, I send you greetings, best wishes and another edition of our newsletter, *The Outcrop*. In 2001, we welcomed several new people to our Weeks Hall family. Assistant Professor Clay Kelly, with expertise in microfossils, joined the faculty (p. 31); Teresa Egan joined the administrative staff as our Academic Department Manager (p. 33), and Richard Slaughter joined the Museum staff as the Assistant Director of the Museum and Outreach Specialist (p. 33). We also bid farewell to Michelyn ("Mike") Stanfield (p. 63), a long time member of our office staff, who retired in May. Although strictly speaking this next item is news for the 2002 issue of *The Outcrop*, I am pleased to confirm that Assistant Professor Richard Allen joined the faculty in January 2002, providing expertise in seismology.

Other activities that marked 2001 in Weeks Hall included a flurry of meetings related to our much anticipated new addition to Weeks Hall (p. 34). Our Board of Visitors (formerly called the Alumni Board) held two meetings in Weeks Hall and as always it was a joy to welcome back our alums. The Board continues to give us good advice and invaluable help (p. 7). Once again, our alumni receptions at AAPG and GSA (p. 38-40) were well attended and great fun for all.

My big personal news is that I will be completing my three year term as Department Chair in June 2002. It's been a wonderful three years of getting to know the department and its alumni better. Professor Clark Johnson takes over the reins on July 1, 2002.

Finally, all the many gifts we have received from our friends and alums over the years for a variety of purposes (see p. 2-3 for a list of recent donors and p. 75 for a list of Departmental funds) are very much appreciated. Our Geo-Badgers are incredibly loyal and generous to the department and we know that we can count on your continued support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary".

Mary P. Anderson
Professor and Chairman