



A fall field trip to the Guadalupe Mountains and El Capitan with grad students and Toni Simo, back row, right.

Behind the Scenes...

RETIREMENT OF JOHN M. RANDALL

Few people realize how much advances in science depend on access to the right equipment at the right time. Indeed, many of our research programs require highly customized hardware and equipment. The person we turned to to meet such needs was John Randall who retired on January 3, 2005 after six years in the Department.



John Randall

John joined us as an advanced instrument maker after holding a similar position for several years at the Physical Sciences Laboratory in Stoughton. He worked closely with professors, post-docs, and graduate students to design and build many specialized instruments. Examples for field deployment include hydrogeologic data loggers and Global Positioning System antenna stands. In the Rare Gas Geochronology, Radiogenic Isotope, Cosmogenic Nuclide, and High Pressure Laboratories, John constructed ultra-high vacuum gas manifolds, several air filtration cabinets for trace element geochemistry, and components for pressure vessels. The Department appreciates John's service and wishes him all the best in retirement.

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REMEMBERING ANN BAUHS

Ann Bauhs, age 83, died on Wednesday, March 17, 2004. Ann worked for many years as a secretary in our department, where her reputation for excellent work and her cheerfulness were known to many through the years. She joined the department in 1967, when we were still in Science Hall,



Ann Bauhs

and she retired in 1983. Since then she lived in Madison with her husband Bob, who is still residing on Madison's west side. Ann is remembered by the older faculty and alumni as one of the kindest people ever to work in our office. She was a giving person and never had a bad word to say about anyone. Always ready to help, she provided staff and graduate students assistance with typing, duplicating and other special projects that faculty requested. Ann ran the department's first stand-alone word processor when those things were much more difficult to use than they are today. She enjoyed learning about geology and encouraged her children and grandchildren to learn about the earth, and about good writing.

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