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# Bulletin Board

## Agronomy

**WELCOME**—Kathleen Henderson as Account Clerk IV in the Business Office. She will begin her employment with a couple of days of orientation in Frehafer on 7/6/2009 and her first day in Agronomy will be Wednesday 7/8/2009. She will assume the duties previously handled by Jill which include processing of vehicle mileage cards, billings, credit card reconciliation, account management for about half of Agronomy's faculty, backup for bi-weekly payroll and backup for travel. Kathy's background includes working with the City of West Lafayette for several years in their business office and courts. She also spent 7 years with The Town of Syracuse in their business office. Please give her an Agronomy welcome when she arrives.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

July 3 Official University Holiday  
July 4 4th July  
July 6 Farewell Reception for Allen LeRoy  
July 9 Farewell Reception for Craig Beyrouthy



**MISSION STATEMENT** - The Agronomy Department at Purdue University provides progressive and relevant undergraduate, graduate and extension education programs; conducts high impact fundamental and applied research at multiple scales to ensure that our science addresses immediate problems and anticipates future challenges; actively engages partners in the public and private sectors; and contributes to the development of the national and international agenda for research and education.

**June 26, 2009**

### 160 L Liquid Nitrogen Dewar accident

A Purdue University graduate student-employee was pushing a cart with a filled 160 L Nitrogen Dewar into an elevator, when the cart wheels turned and the Dewar and the cart tipped back. The employee was able to get out from underneath the Dewar before it fell, but still had injuries that required medical attention.

The injured employee indicated three factors that contributed to the accident:

The wheel on the cart was broken

The cart wheels were too small for a Dewar of that size

The elevator floor was unlevel with the ground.

Because it is not uncommon to transport Dewar on uneven surfaces (e.g. up and down a ramp, over a door threshold, elevator, etc.), it is very important to:

- use the proper equipment for moving Dewars;
- inspect this equipment before each use.

REM requests all building deputies and all laboratory supervisors whose employees are involved in the process of moving Nitrogen Dewars to:

**Review and make available liquid nitrogen safety procedures courtesy of Purdue Chemistry safety website** (see attached link): <http://www.chem.purdue.edu/chemsafety/Chem/ln2.htm>

### Evaluate existing carts

**Anthony Large Liquid Cylinder cart with solid wheel supports** is a good example of a cart designed for safe and easy handling of large liquid cylinders (see attached link):

<http://www.discountcryo.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=86U%2D4>

If you have questions, please contact REM department at (765) 496-2928

### Summer and Fall Examination/Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students

June 26, 2009	Last day to declare candidacy for degree for August graduation.
July 10, 2009	Last day for "exam/degree only" registrants to submit the appropriate Report of Final Examination and the Thesis Receipt forms. If these two forms are not received in the Graduate School, the registration will be revised to research credits (Does not apply to non-thesis master's candidates.)
July 24, 2009	Last day for students to pass the final examination. Signed candidate/certification forms and final examination reports must be returned to the Graduate School, Room 170, Young Hall (YONG). Students for whom a final report is not received will not be able to graduate in August. (Final examination reports are not required for non-thesis master's students).
July 31, 2009	All master's and Ph.D. candidates must submit their dissertation via Electronic Thesis Deposit (ETD), at least 24 hours prior to their scheduled appointment. All required forms must be deposited at their mandatory, scheduled, final deposit appointment in the Thesis/Dissertation Office, Room 170, Young Hall (YONG). Deposit appointments can be made by calling 765-494-2600 or e-mail <a href="mailto:gradinfo@purdue.edu">gradinfo@purdue.edu</a> .
August 7, 2009	Doctoral students must have taken preliminary examinations by this date to be eligible for August 2010 graduation (assuming student registered Fall 2009 and Spring 2010).
August 21, 2009	Last day for a plan of study to be received by the Graduate School to graduate in December.
September 23, 2009	Last day to declare candidacy for degree for December graduation.
October 16, 2009	Last day for "exam/degree only" registrants to submit the appropriate Report of Final Examination and the Thesis Receipt forms. If these two forms are not received in the Graduate School, the registration will be revised to research credits (Does not apply to non-thesis master's candidates.)
December 4, 2009	Last day for students to pass the final examination. Signed candidate/certification forms and final examination reports must be returned to the Graduate School, Room 170, Young Hall (YONG). Students for whom a final report is not received will not be able to graduate in December. (Final examination reports are not required for non-thesis master's students).
December 11, 2009	All master's and Ph.D. candidates must submit their dissertation via Electronic Thesis Deposit (ETD), at least 24 hours prior to their scheduled appointment. All required forms must be deposited at their mandatory, scheduled, final deposit appointment in the Thesis/Dissertation Office, Room 170, Young Hall (YONG). Deposit appointments can be made by calling 765-494-2600 or e-mail <a href="mailto:gradinfo@purdue.edu">gradinfo@purdue.edu</a> .
December 19, 2009	Doctoral students must have taken preliminary examinations by this date to be eligible for December 2010 graduation (assuming student registered Spring 2010 and Summer 2010).

### ACRE Safety Thought

I think air conditioning has made us all a little more sensitive to heat stress. Hazards at ACRE during the summer include heat stress and sunstroke, so be aware of working conditions. At ACRE we have 2 water fountains in the Research Building's employee breakroom area, as well as, a refrigerator and cola machine. Fluids are available. Shade is available during breaks. My employees have their own water jugs to provide fluids as needed. I personally freeze water bottles about 3/4 full and finish filling with water so they last until the next break. A hat with a wide brim would help too. A supervisor might think about providing a water cooler and paper cups. Get ice from the campus machine or at a service station on the way out. There is no reason to work until you are sick but there is no reason for a healthy adult to not work in this weather with available fluids and a few cool down breaks. Does anyone remember the 105 degree heat during the summer of 1988? Think, plan, and work safely at ACRE.

Jim

**SPECIAL STAFF MEETING—THURSDAY, JULY 9, 8:30 am** in large conference room. This will be Dr. Beyrouty's last day in the department. Please plan to attend the staff meeting and reception that will follow.

## JOBS

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