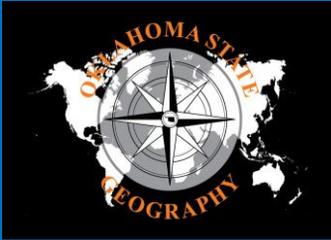


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January Happenings

Welcome back! The Spring 2015 semester is about to launch (classes start on January 12) and the department will remain busy with an on-going hire and a second search for a clinical assistant professor (teaching and advising duties).

Keep alert for colloquium notices as they can appear randomly depending on the job interview schedules!

Note that Monday, January 19, the university is closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

As was reported in last month's newsletter, the Graduate Student bowling team emerged victorious in the first "Great Bowls A Fire" competition in mid-November. Prior to the December 8 Faculty Meeting, the shiny new trophy was presented to representatives of the bowling champs (below) .



Nick Rose and Lauren Wood accept the "Geography Bowling Champs" trophy from Jon Comer on behalf of all graduate students. Nick seems less than impressed by the \$7.50 trophy.

Christmas Party 2014

Jon and Shannon Comer hosted the departmental Christmas Party on December 7. Much good food was shared, fun presents were exchanged, stolen, and/or hidden, and everyone was riding high from the previous day's Bedlam victory in Norman.



It was no puzzle what was the favorite activity – Snoopy Puzzles! Emily Ellis, Kimberly Johnson, Keeley Heise, Clay Barrett, and Jordan (aka Paul Bunyan – see below) Brasher finish an easy one while Dale Lightfoot looks on.



Nick Rose rocks his holiday "onesie".



Gangsta' Ugly Sweater winner.



The 500-piece puzzle required professional help – Dr. Amy Frazier – but in the end was just too much to complete in the time available. Maybe next year!

Christmas Party 2014



Luis Montes, Adam Mathews, and Indy diss "cat people."



Emily Ellis hopes for a good present in a small package.



Stephanie Heald, Lauren Wood, Kimberly Johnson, Jon Comer, and Chike Etumudor discuss the types of presents Darth Santa might bring.



Amanda Weber, Lauren Wood, and Alyson Greiner patiently wait for the Gift Exchange to start.