

Field trips

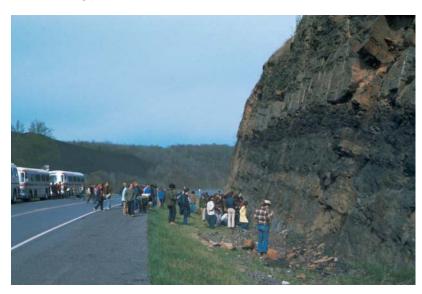




DOC's LAWS of FIELD GEOLOGY

- The rocks are right.
- · Outcrops are uphill.
- The rule of outcrops: If you examine (n) outcrops, the critical information is in the
- (n+1) outcrop
- Absence of evidence does not mean evidence of absence.
- Believe it and you will see it.
- · When in doubt, draw a picture.
- When out of breath, take strike and dip.
- · Always draw the cross-section in the field.
- Never spit into the wind or piss up-dip.
- Leave gates the way you found them.
- (open or closed)
- Don't drink all your water before noon.
- If you can't identify it, take a sample.
- Always know where you are.
- It's never too late to say "XXX it!"

Geology 106 - the Appalachian transect

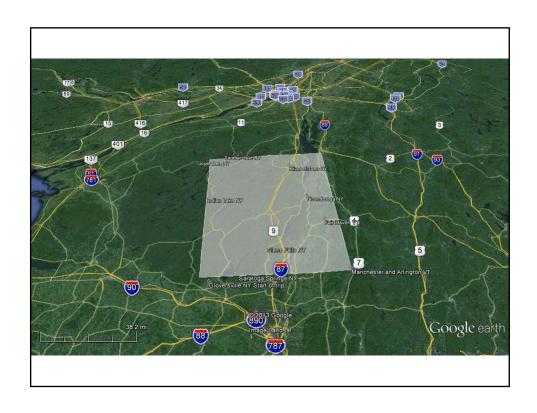


Bear Valley Strip Mine: Shamokin Pa

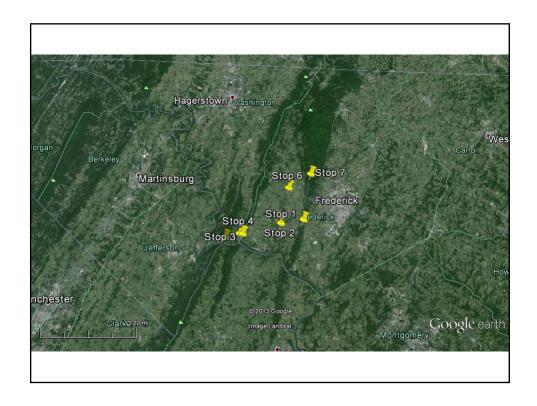




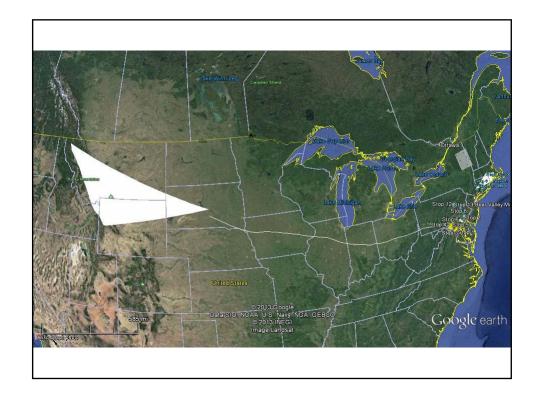




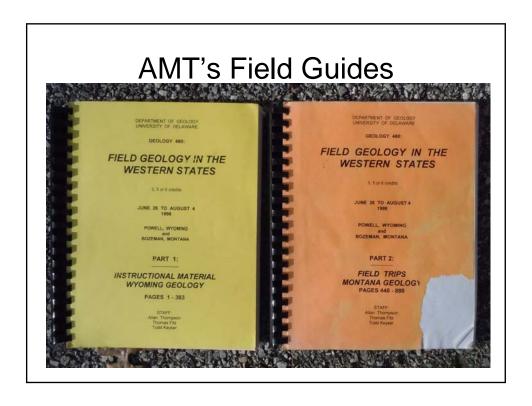


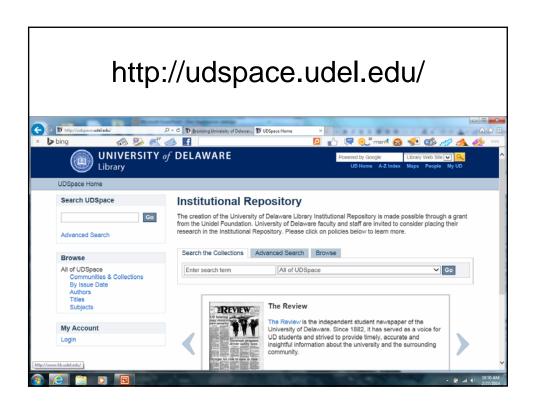


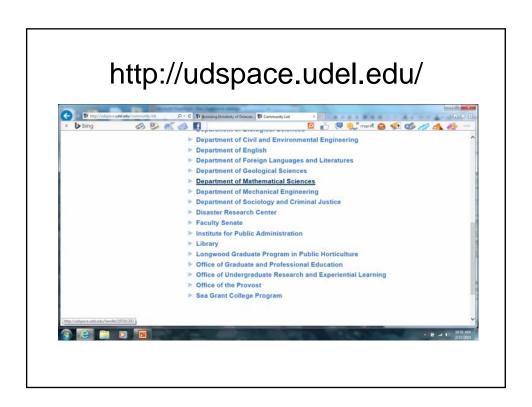


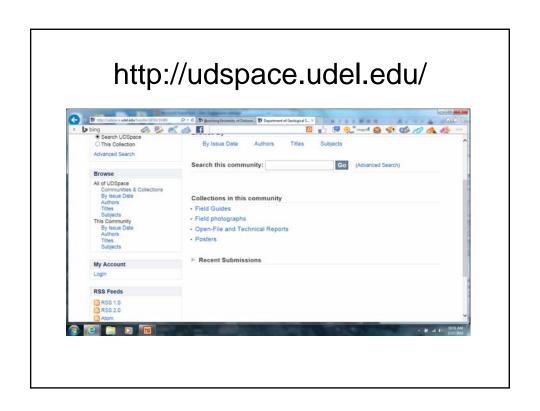


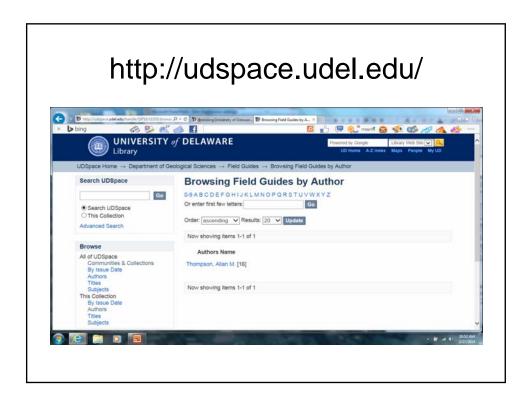




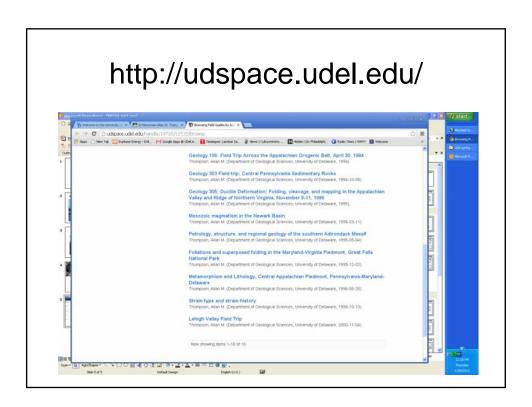


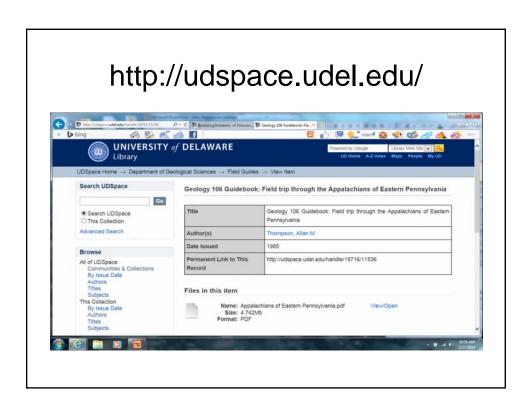


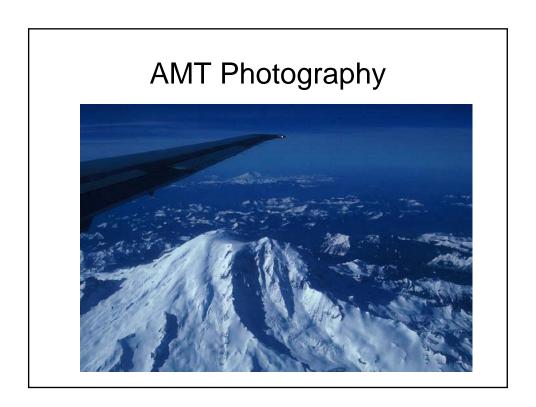




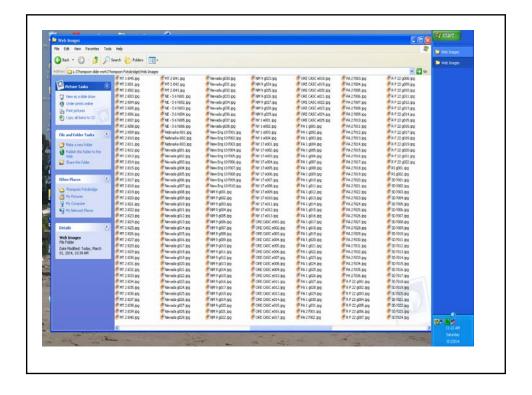


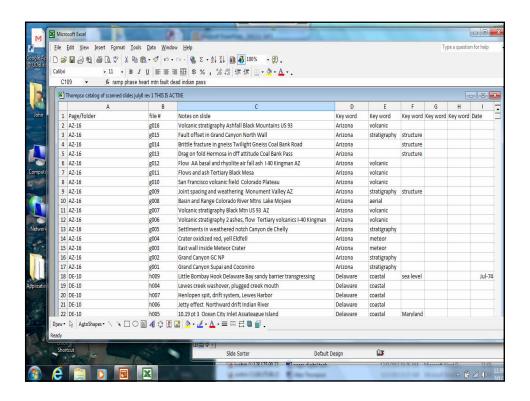












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Al Thompson Tribute

I always like to think about the analogies between academic departments and sports teams. Knowing of Al's love of baseball, I think of how many roles he played in our department, teaching virtually all the courses in the curriculum, serving as advisors for different programs and almost all the undergrad students at one time or another, serving as Associate Chair for a few years, running the field course for the better part of two decades, and on and on. He was truly the utility player for the team, sometimes seeming to play more than one position at the same time! His well-organized teaching materials and field guides remain as one of his lasting legacies.

Other sports come to mind. Basketball teams rely heavily on their sixth man, the first person off the bench, often one who can play either guard or forward, and often one who is counted on as a strong defender. Hockey teams have the plus-minus system, whereby coaches measure the impact of a player not just by goals or assists, but rather whether they were on the ice when a goal was scored for or against the team. A player with a lot of plus points may not score many goals, but he is on the ice when the team performs well. And there is cycling, where a team of riders will have a designated leader and the others do the hard work of pulling (drafting) for the leader, giving up their bike if the leader has a mechanical problem, dropping back for water and food – all the unglamorous stuff that makes a team successful.

So when I think of Al Thompson and all the things that he did for the Department, I know that he had all the bases covered and played whatever position was needed. I know that was always on the ice when the Department succeeded, and he took more than his share of long pulls for the team. Thank you Allan, for all that you did for the Department and its students over the years.