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Summer-in-review

This has been a busy summer for IIE with conference planning well underway. Summer highlights include:

IIE Car Wash – It was a sunny day on Westnedge when the IIE crew decided to offer their services to the local folks at an IIE Car Wash held at Pizza Hut. Although the day was cold, business was hot, and organizers Renae Hoglen and Erin Brown were very happy with the revenues the event generated. Plus, it gave IIE an excellent opportunity to interact with community members.

Trips Abroad – Two of our own, Renae Hoglen and Maria Candela left in July to study in Auckland, New Zealand. Our own chapter advisor, Dr. Steven Butt, will meet them this fall in Kiwi country. For more information on studying abroad, contact your advisor or WMU’s Office of Study Abroad.

Under Construction – Keep your eyes open for our new website, created by Sachet Shah! We’ll be sending out email notifications shortly!

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CONFERENCE CORNER

The location has been booked: this year’s Region IV Student IIE Conference will be hosted by WMU at the Radisson Hotel in downtown, Kalamazoo on February 18-20, 2005. The conference co-chairs; Alana Dumasius, Erin Brown, Renae Hoglen, and Lindsay Tabbert are happy with the progress made to date and are currently planning activities and events to offer to over 7 schools scheduled to attend. Keep this date marked, as it should be a fun and informative event!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/9 Welcome Meeting – Introduce new members and first official meeting
Time: 6pm
Location: Parkview Campus, Rm C-135

9/11 1st Annual Fall Golf Outing
Time: 1:30-4:30 Golf, 4:30 Picnic
Location: Crestview Golf Course
900 West D Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Recent IIE graduates:
Tonya Zaborski - Perrigo Engineer
Courtney Miller - TRW Engineer
Dana Cochrane - American Axle Engineer
Jamin Otto - Graduate Study at WMU
Mike Wiersma - Perrigo Engineer

Fall 2004 Pub Crawl – Fun at Kalamazoo area bars

February 18-20 Region IV Student Conference
Hosted by WMU at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo

Check back on our website for more events! If you have fundraising ideas or social event ideas, email us!

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In The Spotlight

Notable Students
Notable Professors
Notable Events

This quarter’s *In The Spotlight* is dedicated to our chapter advisor, Dr. Steven Butt.

Dr. Butt is a favorite among IE students for his dedication as a professor and a mentor. He makes class interesting and keeps his class motivated with such unique techniques as a yearly talent show for extra credit!

This upcoming year, Dr. Butt will be away with his family and two other WMU students lecturing at The University of Auckland in Auckland, New Zealand.

He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and his specialties include Operations Research, Routing & Scheduling, and Engineering Statistics.

Current research projects include studies for local furniture makers and health care facilities, where he helps IE students apply their knowledge in non-traditional settings.

Dr. Butt can be reached at Steven.Butt@wmich.edu

Message From Our President

Welcome back to WMU for another fun semester in Industrial Engineering. I am excited to be your president this year, and look forward to planning and participating in a variety of IIE activities and events.

One of the most exciting events is the upcoming regional conference to be held in the Radisson Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo. This event will be an excellent way for us to continue to build our IIE chapter at WMU.

I look forward to getting to know all the new and existing members and planning activities that are important and interesting for you. One of my goals as president is to work towards bringing this chapter up to the level of excellence I know it is capable of. We want to increase our membership by 25 new students this year and hope you will join in this goal! Remember there are many benefits to being an active member of IIE, such as scholarships, grants, insurance discounts, and student loan programs.

Thank-you for your support!

*Lindsay Tabbert, WMU IIE President*

Call for Editor

Do you like what you see? Want to see something more? We are seeking an IIE student to take over this newsletter full-time. It’s a fun way to keep students connected, and an excellent project to enhance your resume! If so, please contact Alana Dumasius for more information at adumasius@hotmail.com

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ARE YOU CREATIVE?

Then enter the t-shirt contest! Get in contact with an IIE officer if you have any ideas for conference t-shirts or other t-shirt designs. Winners of the contest will receive free shirts and a special section in the next newsletter about their design.

Do you have textbooks you want to sell? Are you moving but know your TV could go to good use elsewhere? We will put it in our next issue under the classifieds section! Send an email with the item description, price, and your preferred contact information. Please use “Classified Ad” in the subject line of the email. All requests subject to approval.

Vocabulary Builder

Engineers get a bad wrap when it comes to vocabulary. We can spell! We are articulate! We just spell and use different words than the general population… until now! Learn these words, and recant those claims!

Assiduous (adj) ~ diligent. It takes weeks of assiduous work in the computer lab to complete Dr. White’s assignments.

Erudite (adj) ~ learned, scholarly. After 10 semesters of study, the average engineering student is erudite by default!

Propensity (n) – natural inclination. Despite good intentions, we students have a propensity to forgo weekend study in favor of less academic activities.

It’s Study Time!

2004 Fundamentals of Engineering
Exam Date – October 30

Graduate School Entrance Exams – Flexible appointments for computer based exams, but schedule yours soon for Fall 2005 admissions!

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THIS OCTOBER! IF YOU CAN’T MAKE IT HOME, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO VOTE FROM SCHOOL!