Dr. Jones to give State of the Chapter address to the ASSE Southwest Chapter

March 10th, Dr. Jones will give the “state of the chapter” address to the ASSE Southwest Chapter at their monthly meeting. An abstract of his presentation follows:

In 2007 the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Department of Occupational Safety & Health, one of the largest occupational safety departments in the United States, experienced a significant expansion of their academic teaching and lab spaces. This expansion was due to phenomenal growth in enrollment and increased facilities requirements due to the impending launch of the departments Master of Science in occupational safety & health degree.

Since the departments inception in 1989 it has been on a steady track of improvement. The department exceeded 300 in number of students majoring in occupational safety; passed the 500 mark in number of students taking at least one occupational safety course; registered 30 in the inaugural Master of Science class; marked its 650th occupational safety alumnus and, with the new facilities expansion, doubled the size of the academic teaching and lab facilities. The new facilities include two additional offices, a conference room, four new labs (industrial hygiene/hazardous materials; ergonomics/construction; and acoustics, noise, and vibration; and an expanded 16-computer lab especially for the occupational safety students).

Substantial contributions in 2007 by Granite Construction Company of California, Raytheon Corporation, SKC Corporation, and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma added over $50,000 worth of new materials and equipment to the program. In addition, significant donations to the occupational safety scholarship fund and the Southeastern and American Society of Safety Engineers Foundations have allowed numerous students to attend college, professional development conferences, and student leadership conferences.
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ASSE STUDENT CHAPTER to the ASSE Southwest Chapter Professional Development Conference in Dallas, TX - 8 February 2008

The following students attended the ASSE Southwest Chapter Professional Development Conference on Electrical Safety in Dallas this past Friday. The meeting was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel – Addison. Participants were: Rhonda Askew, Jonathan Ludrick, Michael Smith, Jason Riggs, Rodney Womble, Chris Cole, Carlos Owens, Corey McDaniel, Ray Stephens, Ben Cox, & Dr. Wayne Jones.