Southeastern Oklahoma State University

OSH Newsletters

Newsletter—Winter, 2006

Three major events are occurring or have occurred since the last newsletter:

Renovation

We are currently undergoing a major renovation within our department that includes new labs for 1) Industrial Hygiene, 2) Noise and Vibration, and 3) Construction and Ergonomics. In addition, the improvements will include two new faculty offices, a new restroom facility, a state-of-the-art conference/interview room, a new J.J. Keller Lab, student work area, and additional storage. Approximately 90% of our building will now be devoted to instruction and practicum in Occupational Safety & Health! This renovation was partially brought about because of the new

Master of Science Degree

Beginning with the fall, 2007 semester Southeastern has been approved to offer a Master of Science in Occupational Safety & Health! We’ve been a long time waiting for permission to pursue this wonderful opportunity and now, due to the size of our undergraduate program and the number of weekly contacts our department receives inquiring about graduate work, we’ve been given the green light to GO! This degree will be offered primarily in an online format so graduates already working in the safety profession can add to their credentials without leaving their workplace (other than for a couple of weekend college labs for the industrial hygiene and HAZMAT classes). Details for admission and the degree plan can be accessed at www.sosu.edu/osh. Hurry though...we’re only allowed to take the first 30 students (approved by the committee) into the program!

New Faculty

Last year we welcomed Dr. Matt Nonnenmann from the University of Iowa to our department as an additional industrial hygienist/ergonomics specialist and this year we welcome Mr. Curt Lewis, P.E., CSP. Curt is the owner of Curt Lewis & Associates in Arlington, Texas and recently retired as the Director of System Safety at American Airlines. With numerous degrees in the field, 10,000 hours flight time, and over 30 years in the safety profession, Curt will make a dramatic impact on our program and our students.

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Congratulations To The 2006-2007 Southeastern Oklahoma State University Asse Student Chapter Officers

http://www.sosu.edu/osh/newsletter/
April ASSE Student Chapter Meeting has good turnout to hear Henry Jackson with Anadarko Petroleum Corp!!

**SOSU ASSE Student Chapter**

Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 pm in OSH-226 Building

Congratulations to SOSU ASSE Student Chapter!

At the American Society of Safety Engineers 2005 Professional Development Conference in New Orleans the SOSU Student Chapter was awarded a certificate for *Outstanding Service* to its ASSE student chapter membership. With the award came a check for $500 to be used for student activities in the Southeastern ASSE chapter.

**ASSE Students attend Region III SLC**

Eight students and Dr. Jones recently attended the ASSE Region III Student Leadership Conference at the San Luis Resort in Galveston, TX. The students were Derek Farmer, Angela Campbell, Kay Laney, Cody Prince, Will Shepard, James Bishop, Kendall Adams, and Dean Hughes.
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWED

On April 17th, 2005 the first Occupational Safety Foundation Scholarship was endowed by Dock & Ella Nora Jones to be presented to a student majoring in occupational safety & health. The scholarship is need based and will be available in fall, 2006. The department of occupational safety & health wishes to express gratitude to the Jones family for their generosity to our students.

ASSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

All occupational safety students who are members of ASSE should keep watch on the ASSE website to download an application for one of the 2005 American Society of Safety Engineers Foundation scholarships. The scholarship applications may be accessed by going to the website www.ASSE.org and clicking on the foundation tag. $60,000 in scholarships are available to students with a 3.0+ gpa, 60+ hours of completed university studies, and a letter of referral from Dr. Jones. In past years Southeastern students have received as much as $10,000 in scholarships in a single year! APPLY!!! The deadline is December 1st.

NEW FACULTY

The Department of Occupational Safety & Health welcomes Dr. Matt Nonnenmann to our ranks as Assistant Professor of Occupational Safety & Health at our Durant main campus. Dr. Nonnenmann will specialize in ergonomics and related courses and comes to us from the University of Iowa.

The department would also like to welcome Mr. Chris Cicio and Mr. Roger McIver to the Durant campus as adjunct professors teaching some of our drugs and alcohol courses. Both of these gentlemen have long and distinguished careers in law enforcement and are Captains with the Durant Police Department.

WELCOME ABOARD GENTLEMEN!!!

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

If you are a junior occupational safety student, now is the time to be thinking of a summer internship. Internships
are increasingly valuable to students needing to gain that necessary experience to compliment their education and can be completed in a number of companies within driving distance of Durant. This is especially true in the 4.5 million population Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex just over an hour to our South. Pick up your internship guideline sheets on the wall in the safety common area and get started with your internship hunt for Summer, 2006.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT FALL SEMESTER!!!

**Congratulations to SOSU ASSE Student Chapter!**

SOSU celebrated its annual awards dinner for ALL university student clubs, chapters, and organizations Tuesday night April 27, 2005. The Department of Occupational Safety and Health's ASSE Student Chapter captured four (out of nine possible) “Outstanding” Awards!!!!

**Our awards included:**

- Outstanding Community Service Award – for the Halloween safety program
- Outstanding Membership Drive Award – “60” new members for the year
- Outstanding Campus Service Award – for the campus fire safety plan (David Mickelson’s project)
- Outstanding Advisor – Dr. Nick Nichols

Congratulations to Dr. Nichols, ASSE Student Chapter Henry Jackson, and all of the ASSE student chapter officers and members!!

**ASSE STUDENT CHAPTER SPRING 2005 COOKOUT**

**OSHA Regional Director John Miles Visits Campus**
ASSE NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS CAMPUS

ASSE National President Skipper Kendrick, CSP; Manager, Industrial Safety & Hygiene, Bell Helicopter – Textron, Inc., made his 8th annual visit to our campus last Tuesday, 23 March, at 11:00am in OSH-226. Mr. Kendrick addressed the Safety Program Management class and other interested occupational safety students. As always, Skipper brought an enlightened, amusing, and inspirational message regarding our profession.

We are privileged to have our national president as a great supporter of Southeastern! Thanks to Skipper for taking time out to visit us!!