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GREETINGS TO ALL OUR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Much has happened since our last *Newsletter* to you. Our "Solutions for the 21st Century" campaign is going well. We are just completing a Telefund campaign to our 1970s, 1980s and 1990s alumni and have received pledges of approximately than \$20,000. If you would like to participate, there is still time. Since the campaign started in 1997, we have received commitments from alumni and friends of about \$500,000, five named funds have been established, and seven new scholarships have already been awarded. Corporate gifts have mainly come as annual support, but would be equivalent to income from more than \$400,000 in endowed funds. Faculty have pledged more than \$50,000 in support.

This support has allowed us to complete our department design laboratory and computer center, which was also aided by a Laboratory Modernization Gift. Room 201, one of our old drafting rooms, has been completely remodeled to house our Agricultural Safety and Health Center and staff. We have been able to update our lecture room with a new computer, digital projector, and video projector. Facilities Planning and Management has agreed to match money from the Department to continue renovation of the Agricultural Engineering Building, including re-doing woodwork, floors and walls and remodeling our Conference Room and other areas. Most of this would not have been available without your support, and we appreciate it.

Enrollment in our program continues to increase. We had a freshman class of 16 this past year – the largest that I can remember. Our fastest growing area is the Food and Bioprocess Engineering area, but enrollment continues strong in the Natural Resources and Environment and the Machinery Systems areas as well. Our undergraduate enrollment stands at about 90 with 30 graduate students. All of our undergraduates are now Agricultural Engineering students.

The Agricultural Mechanization and Management and the Construction Administration programs were eliminated under pressure from administration in 1994, but we are in the process

of trying to offer another degree which would include elements of both with Building Systems Management and Agricultural Systems Management options.

Our faculty and students continue to receive recognition for their accomplishments. Both are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, but I would like to briefly detail some of our student accomplishments. Our ASAE Pre-Professional (student) Club won the 1998 ASAE 1/4-Scale Tractor Competition, taking not only the overall prize but placing first in nearly every other category as well. They also won the First Place award for the best student club exhibit at Engineering Expo in April 1999. Scott Westmont, one of our seniors, won the Enterprise Technology Competition, sponsored by the School of Business and the College of Engineering, for developing a wakeboard binding system and a marketing plan for it. This carried a \$10,000 first prize. This list is not inclusive of all our students' accomplishments, but is indicative of their quality.

While there has been much exciting and good news about Biological Systems Engineering, there has also been some sad news – namely the death in 1998 of two of our emeriti. Randall Swanson, who pioneered the agricultural safety extension programming at UW-Madison for other states to follow, died in January 1998. Dick Stith, founder of our former Construction Administration program, died in December 1998. Memorials to both are included later in the newsletter. A scholarship fund has been started by the Stith family in Dick's honor.

I will close by saying that you, our alumni and friends, are important to us. I encourage you to update us by sending in the Alumni Update form included in this *Newsletter* or by e-mail to bse@facstaff.wisc.edu. Our website is <http://bse.wisc.edu>. We hope you find this newsletter informative and plan publish again in the fall to keep you informed. Let us know your ideas, and thanks for your support.

Dick Straub
Professor and Chair

The Faculty have expressed their support of the capital campaign by reaching their goal of 100% participation and exceeding their target of 2% of gross salaries over the next three years. "Faculty members felt it was important to demonstrate their support of the campaign and of our students," Straub said. "If we are going to ask alumni and friends for their support, we must do our share." Gifts and pledges will be used to supplement those of alumni and friends to improve departmental facilities and provide additional resources to improve teaching, outreach and research. Total donation pledges have already exceeded \$50,000.

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Brian D. Costello, BS in Ag Mech & Mgmt, 1983
(self-employed)
Bri-Tine Holsteins
N8117 Konen Road
Malone WI 53049-1639

Brian and Chris Costello have three children and operate an 80-cow dairy. They have a phenomenal herd average of 31,985 lbs milk/cow on 2x milking. This was the top herd in Fond du Lac County in 1996-97. In 1996 they owned a world production record cow which produced 59,604 lbs milk on 365-day lactation. Brian was the state and national Forage Spokesperson Award winner in 1996. He and Chris were the regional winners of the 1996 Farm Family of the Year Award. Keep up the good work, Brian and Chris!

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Mark De Amicis worked for M.A. Mortenson from 1993 until 1996 as a field engineer/estimator before joining Krupp.

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David Dupré is taking classes part-time at the University of Illinois with the objective of attaining a Masters degree in Agricultural Engineering.

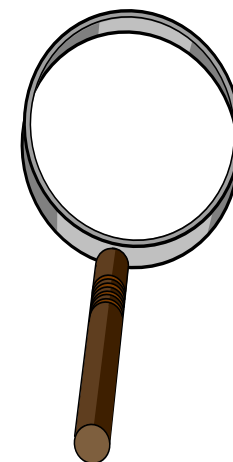
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Cynthia Garlock is working to complete construction of the Michigan Avenue Viaduct south of the Chicago River.

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Larry R. Johnson Vice President for Engineering J-Star Industries, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Larry Johnson was recently honored by the College of Engineering for his outstanding contributions to the engineering profession. Larry received his BS in Agricultural and Mechanical Engineering (1969) and MS in Agricultural Engineering (1979) from UW-Madison and also earned his MBA from the University of Detroit. Larry's professional experience began as a product engineer with the Ford Tractor Operation in Troy, Michigan. He later joined Butler Manufacturing's Jamesway Division as the Manager of Product Development. He is currently Vice President for Engineering for J-Star Industries.

Larry was instrumental in developing an Engineering and Product Development organization within J-Star which includes product teams with responsibility for the major product lines. The teams handle research, development, design, manufacturing trouble shooting, product warranty and technical service, and technical training. He also implemented a company-wide safety program for J-Star which includes a Product Safety Committee as its foundation supplemented by representatives of senior management and safety consultants.

Larry has also been active in the American Society of Agricultural Engineers where he has served on various standards and product/systems committees and is currently a member of the Finance Committee. In addition, he has served as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Biological Systems Engineering Department at UW-Madison.

In addition to his professional activities, Larry is active with his local church, the Fort Atkinson Science Fair, and the Fort Atkinson Pilots Association and Airport Committee.

The faculty congratulate Larry on his recognition by the College of Engineering and thank him for his valuable service to our department and profession.

\$1,000-\$4,999

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Draeger, Jerald Ray

England, Todd Douglas

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Kirschner, Hallie Ruth

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UW-MADISON TEAM WINS QUARTER-SCALE TRACTOR COMPETITION

The Wisconsin student branch of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers captured first place in the first ASAE National 1/4 Scale Tractor Student Design Competition, held May 30-31, 1998 in the Quad Cities area. Seventeen schools from the United States and Canada competed.

In this competition, a team designs and builds a tractor around a standard 16-horsepower engine and a set of tires. The team is judged on its tractor's design, a formal presentation, and the tractor's pulling capacity.

The Wisconsin team was directed by Brian Hitt, a senior agricultural engineering major. Team members Andy Jirovec, Jon Wuest, Kelly Schmitz, Ben Mahalko, Craig Wiedemier, Tanner Brethorst and Brian Huenink represented the Agricultural, Mechanical, and Industrial Engineering degree programs at the UW-Madison.

In addition to winning the overall championship, the UW-Madison team also captured the following championships and awards: Written Design Report Champion, Oral Presentation Champion, Safety Award, Manufacturability Award, Craftsmanship Award, Best Appearing Award, and First Place 800 lbs., Class A.

As part of the team's award, the team presented their design and tractor at the ASAE International Meeting in Orlando Florida, July 12-16, 1998. The team's travel was funded in part by the Gail and Janice Janssen Endowment. Additional support for the design team was provided by the Department of Biological Systems Engineering, Weasler Engineering, Midwest Super Cub, Nelson Industries, Polygon Engineering Council, BMD Clutch Company, Golden Sands Salvage, Top Promotions, and Associated Students of Madison.



From left to right: Tanner Brethorst; Ben Mahalko; Andy Jirovec; Craig Wiedemier; Richard Straub, Chair of Biological Systems Engineering; Brian Hitt; and Kelly Schmitz. Brian Straub is seated on the tractor.

Other donors

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Engineering Accreditation "Criteria 2000"

"Criteria 2000" is a new approach to accrediting engineering programs throughout the United States. The new criteria allows faculty, working in conjunction with client advisory groups, to define unique program objectives and to develop individualized curricula to meet those objectives. While minimum course requirements will still be included as a part of the criteria, much more emphasis will be placed on defining objectives, continuous program improvement, and outcome evaluation. As alumni and/or employers of our graduates, you may be called upon to assist us in assessing our program and our graduates. Formal surveys of employers and graduates will be conducted periodically; however, we welcome your comments at any time on strengths and opportunities for improvement in the preparation of our graduates. Please forward any comments you may have to Dick Straub.

Alumni Update

The responses to our request for business cards for a wall display was heartening. Below is some of the information we received from alumni. Information not included here will appear in future newsletters. If you haven't kept in touch, we could still use more business cards. Please send them to us and/or complete the form at the end of this newsletter.

CALLING CARDS

The Department would like to receive a calling card (business card) from each of our alumni. We will mount them in a display case in the hall. They would serve to show our students and potential students where our alumni are working and their job titles. This may encourage more students to major in Agricultural Engineering. Please attach a note with the card indicating the year you graduated and your major so that we can separate the three degrees (Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Mechanization and Management, and Construction Administration). With good participation we can make a very attractive display. Please send your card to:

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Jim Bowe, BS in Ag Engr, 1985

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Jason D. Capodarco, BS in Ag Engr, 1996

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Jason Capodarco spends a lot of time traveling while doing field work. He meets and works with many different people. He even had the opportunity to visit with Paul Meyer at Caterpillar.

Emeron Christensen, BS in Ag Engr, 1957; BS in Civil Engr, 1963

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RANDALL C. SWANSON

Randall C. "Swanny" Swanson, emeritus professor of agricultural engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, died Jan 13, 1998 at his home in Madison, Wis. He was 94 years old.

Swanson came to the UW-Madison in 1943, when he was appointed by the Wisconsin Agricultural Extension Service as the first extension farm safety specialist in the United States. He retired from the UW-Madison Department of Agricultural Engineering in 1967.

Swanson provided leadership for farm safety and home safety programs for more than three decades in Wisconsin. At UW-Madison, he worked to promote safety features such as the orange "slow-moving vehicle" triangle used on tractors and other farm machinery.

He was a key figure in organizing and developing the first Institute for Farm Safety Specialists in 1945, and remained active in the farm safety movement for more than 50 years. He served as president of the National Institute for Farm Safety,

Inc. (the successor to the Institute for Farm Safety Specialists) from 1963 to 1964, and as secretary of the NIFS from 1962 to 1969.

Swanson was preceded in death by his wife, Karine, and a young daughter, Julie. He is survived by his daughter, Karen Bolles of Woodbury, Minn.; his sons Neal, of Chicago, and Kenneth, of Monroe, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and Evelyn Dokken, a close family friend and relative.



*Randall C. "Swanny" Swanson
1904-1998*

Jane M. Wishowski

Jane M. Wishowski died on April 27, 1998, at the age of 29. Jane received a Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering and a second Master's in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Jane's family has asked that memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society, 5711 Broad Street, Greendale, Wisconsin 53129.

BSE Student Wins Technology Enterprise Competition

Biological Systems Engineering student Scott Westmont and his roommate, Business School student Sean Smith are the first place \$10,000 winners of the 1998-1999 Technology Enterprise Competition.

The team developed a technology-based business plan for S.O.S. Binding System, Inc. to market a new foot binding system used in waveboarding, a form of water skiing. The team recognized the sport's high rate of injuries resulting from bindings that did not kick loose upon wipe outs. S.O.S. binding was designed to break loose and reduce the risk of injury.

The competition was held Friday, April 9, 1999 in Grainger Hall. In preparation for the competition, engineering and business students and the UW put in months of teamwork, planning and developing their market research and business plans for technology-based business ventures.

The Technology Enterprise Competition is designed to encourage joint engineering, business and science student teams to conduct market research, assess technological feasibility and write a business plan that builds on the strength of UW technology, business expertise and education. The competition is sponsored by the UW Technology Enterprise Cooperative, the College of Engineering and the School of Business.

Biological Systems Engineering Scholarships awarded

Since 1998, over \$_____ in scholarships have been awarded to Biological Systems Engineering students through the UW-Foundation, thanks to BSE alumni and friends.

The 1998 scholarship recipients were:

Hjalmar & Janet Bruhn Fellowship
Leah Sibley

John Deere Scholarship
Brian Hitt

The 1999 scholarship recipients were:



Brian Hitt (right) receives the John Deere Scholarship from Dick Straub, BSE Professor and Chair (left).



Leah Sibley (center) receives the Hjalmar and Janet Bruhn Fellowship from Dick Straub, BSE Professor and Chair (left) and Janet Bruhn (right).



Student Recruiting

The department is actively recruiting quality students for the Agricultural Engineering program. We completed a recruiting video entitled Biological Systems Engineering, - UW Wisconsin: You are the Future! primarily for high school audiences. We will distribute them to high schools along with the brochure that we recently developed for each emphasis area: Machinery Systems Engineering, Natural Resources and Environmental Engineering, and Food and Bioprocess Engineering. We are developing a poster for science, math and agriculture classrooms to encourage students to view the video.

We would appreciate your help in recruiting. We will supply you with videos, brochures and posters.

Other donors

Hougas, Robert W. & Janet M.
Hoy, Douglas Ronald
Jackson, Marion Leroy & Chrystie N Jende, Steven Anthony
Jensen, Donald V. & Frances G.
Jensen, Marion A
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Massie, Leonard R & Marianne C Matthias Vilas William & Gladys Viola Meier, Robert Henry
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Mueller, Cecelia G
Muthukumarappan, K.
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O' Connor, John William
O' Connor, Robert E & Nancy L
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Pederson, Daniel Lee

Dick and Grace Stith Scholarship Established

Other donors

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 Wright, Ruth Hoesly

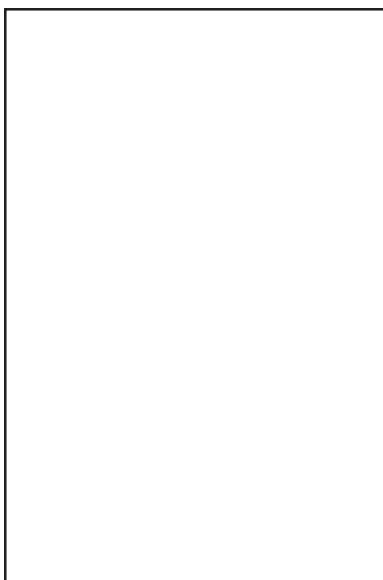
On December 16, 1998, Professor Dick J. Stith passed away at his home. He wife and partner, Grace and their family have established the Dick and Grace Stith Scholarship for the department in Dick's memory. The scholarship will be designated to students pursuing an agricultural engineering degree with preference given to students taking construction coursework.

Professor Stith was a faculty member in the Department for 27 years. Professor Stith came to the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1959 to teach and assist in redesigning the Construction Administration program in the Agricultural Engineering Department, now Biological Systems Engineering. In 1964, he earned a Master of Architecture degree based on intense research of several sites of the Mayan ruins in Mexico.

Before coming to UW-Madison, Professor Stith served with the Army Air Force in World war II for more than three years. He earned a degree in Architecture from Kansas State University-Manhattan in 1951, after which he came to Wisconsin to take a position as a University Extension Architect, serving the four counties around Lake Winnebago.

During Professor Stith's time with the department, he was a strong teacher, friend and mentor to many students in the construction administration program.

He took a special interest in his students and encouraged them to pursue careers in the construction area. His last years were brightened by the accomplishments of his many students. The goal of the scholarship is to support an undergraduate student in agricultural engineering. We invite alumni, especially former students of Professor Stith's to consider a gift to his scholarship fund in his memory. Contributions may be sent to the Stith Scholarship, c/o UW Foundation, PO Box 8860, Madison, WI 53708-8860, Attention: Neal Jorgensen.



*Dick J. Stith
1922-1998*

Faculty Awards - Agricultural Engineering

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS

ASAE BLUE RIBBON EDUCATIONAL AWARD
 1997 Purschwitz, M. A.
 1998 Holmes, B.
 1998 Kammel, D.

ASAE FELLOW
 1998 Henderson, D.

ASAE HANCOR SOIL AND WATER ENGINEERING
 1998 Bubenzer, G. D.

ASAE PAPER AWARD
 1997 Bohnhoff, D. R.

ASAE PRESIDENT'S CITATION
 1998 Converse, J.
 1998 Kammel, D.

WISCONSIN SECTION ASAE YOUNG ENGINEER
 OF THE YEAR
 1998 Reinemann, D. J.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

POUND EXTENSION SPECIALIST AWARD
 1998 Reinemann, D. J.

JOHN S. DONALD INSTRUCTOR AWARD (Short
 Course)
 1998 Purschwitz, M. A.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UW - EXTENSION TEACHERS AWARD
 1998 Bubenzer, G. D.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

POLYGON INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR
 1998 Bohnhoff, D.

NON-FACULTY AWARD WINNERS NOMINATED BY FACULTY

ENGINEERING HONORARY RECOGNITION
 1997 Johnson, Larry

UNITES STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

HONOR AWARD for PERSONAL and PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE
 1998 Rowell, R.

USDA FOREST SERVICE

HONOR AWARD for PERSONAL and PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE
 1998 Rowell, R.

CHIEF'S INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY AWARD
 1998 Rowell, R.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

HAMMER AWARD
 1998 Kammel, D.
 1998 Massie, L.
 1998 Walsh, P.
 1998 Holmes, B.

Beginning in the summer of 1999, 460 Henry Mall, the building which houses Biological Systems Engineering will be getting a new look. In addition to general building improvements, the building's asbestos flooring will be removed and a second floor conference room and lunch commons will be renovated.

University of Wisconsin Facilities Management has agreed to make these improvements, with a funding match from the Biological Systems Engineering Alumni Foundation.

The existing flooring and chalk boards will be removed from the second floor conference room, which currently doubles as a faculty and staff lunch area. Carpeting, a suspending ceiling and new lighting will be installed, along with white boards and new conference furniture to complete the room. The improved conference room will provide a comfortable meeting area for faculty and staff meetings, brown bag seminars and other presentations and meetings.

A room located next to the existing kitchenette will be renovated into a faculty and staff lunch commons. The flooring will be replaced and a suspended ceiling and new lighting will be installed. Staff offices which are currently in this room are being relocated to other office space in the building.

According to Dick Straub, Biological Systems Engineering Chair, "This will be a slow process and will take place over the next two years." These improvements will compliment areas of the building that have been recently renovated, including the Wisconsin Center for Agricultural Safety and Health and the student computer center.