

# SCSU FLIGHTLINES

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## CAA VISIT

A Site Visit Team comprised of collegiate and industry members of the Council on Aviation Accreditation visited the SCSU Aviation Department March 21-23, 1999. Team chair was Mr. Alan Stolzer, Parks College, St. Louis University. Other team members included Mr. Carey Freeman, Hampton University and Capt. Robert Fischer, United Airlines. Mr. Robert Flocke represented the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) as an observer. Several faculty members in addition to Aviation Department faculty were involved in meeting with Team members. Vice Presidents Suzanne Williams (Academic Affairs), Eugene Gilchrist (Administrative Affairs), and Lee Bird (Student Life) Associate Academic Vice President Lin Holder and College of Science and Engineering Associate Dean Dale Williams met with the team.

The visit began with a reception at the Kelly Inn on March 21. Guests included Aviation Department Advisory Board Chair Al Lange, TCF Aircraft Financing; Vice Chair Ray Rought, Director of Aeronautics, State of Minnesota; John Palanica, Captain, Northwest Airlines; Brian Ryks, Executive Director, St. Cloud Airport. Additional industry representatives were Dave Weeres, Pilot, US Airways and part-time faculty and Peter Schenck, Dispatch, NWA, and an internship supervisor. Other guests were Presidents of the Aviation Department student organizations and student workers; SCSU administrators and Department faculty. Monday, March 22, began with a trip to the flight training facilities at St. Cloud Airport followed by meetings with college administration and Aviation faculty; visits to Computer Services, Library, Admissions and Financial Aid and observing Aviation classes and meeting with students. The Team's visit ended on March 23 with an outbriefing to Associate Academic Vice President Lin Holder, Associate COSE Dean Dale Williams, and Aviation Department Chair Ken Raiber.

The SCSU Aviation Department's three programs--Professional Flight, Management and Operations--received initial accreditation in 1995. The programs must undergo re-accreditation every five years. The decision to re-accredit the SCSU Aviation programs will be made at the Council on Aviation Accreditation's annual meeting at Purdue University in July. Both the Site Visit Team and the Department faculty believe the visit went well.

## GRANT RECEIVED FROM MNSCU

A consortium of colleges has received \$30,000 from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to implement the Bachelor of Applied Science program in Aviation Maintenance Management. The degree program will be offered by the SCSU Aviation Department. Other participants are Red Wing/Winona, Minneapolis, Northland and Alexandria Community/Technical colleges, all of which offer two-year programs in aircraft maintenance (A & P) or avionics. This program is designed to facilitate an efficient transfer of credits from a technical college program to SCSU as part of a four-year bachelor's degree. The grant application was written by Aviation Department Chair Ken Raiber. Raiber and Jim Goke will be involved in the implementation project during 1999-2000.

## 5th ANNUAL AVIATION WEEK APRIL 18-24

- April 18 11:00 AM-4:00 PM Airport Day at STC, open to the public. Sponsor: Aviation Ambassadors
- April 19 Aero Club Dinner Flight, evening
- April 20 3:00-7:00 PM Picnic Sponsor SCSU AAE
- April 21 Aero Club Plane Wash, afternoon at STC
- April 23 5:30-6:30 PM Social, Kelly Inn  
6:30 PM-1:00 AM Banquet & Dance. Green Mill Tickets \$15
- April 24 Alumni reunion, Holiday Inn.

For more information, ticket purchase or volunteer help, contact Chad DePoint or Ken Raiber at 320/255-2108.

## FACULTY NEWS

Steve Anderson will present a paper, "Is Flight Instruction a Profession," at the annual Flight Instructor Conference at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL, in April. He was invited recently to serve as a board member for the developing Minnesota Professional Flight Instructor Association. Anderson also attended the FAA Safety Counselors meeting in December, 1998, and the Minnesota Designated Pilot Examiner workshop in January.

Ken Raiber, Jim Goke, and Steve Anderson attended the semi-annual meeting of the Minnesota Post Secondary Aviation Educators in February at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The title of the meeting was, "Discover Aviation," with a number of high school counselors in attendance. Ray Rought, Director of Aeronautics, MnDOT, which sponsored the meeting and

Martha McMurray, State Demographer's office, presented information on Minnesota's future workforce. A group discussion on high school prep courses for aviation careers was facilitated by Steve Anderson of the Aeronautics office. A round table discussion on recruiting strategies utilized by post secondary schools produced some excellent ideas.

Luncheon speakers were Mike Cleary and Joe Smith, Regent Aviation, St. Paul Airport. Post secondary schools will have the opportunity to make recruiting materials available at the annual high school counselors' meeting May 4-6 at Madden's Resort.

Hope Thornberg attended the Council on Aviation Accreditation (CAA) Winter meeting in Miami, FL, in February. Airbus hosted the meeting. Thornberg is the Aviation Department's representative to the CAA which meets twice a year.

Teaching Assistant Diane Palanica and her father, Advisory Board member John Palanica, attended the International Women in Aviation conference held in Orlando, FL, in March.

For the ninth year Hope Thornberg co-chaired the Minnesota Ninety Nines' Daffodil Flights for the Minnesota chapter of the American Cancer Society. Daffodil Days is an annual event of the ACS and its largest fundraiser. This year the "flowers of hope" were delivered to 29 destinations in Minnesota.

Steve Anderson is chairing a Search Committee for a sixth full-time, tenure track Aviation faculty member. It is hoped that the new faculty member will bring airline experience to the Department. Application deadline was March 15, 1999, with the selection process completed by May.

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

### AAAE

During Fall semester the SCSU Student Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives made adjustments to the new semester system by updating the organization's by-laws and adjusting to the new schedule. In November AAAE started a Toys for Tots and food drive for the Holidays and in December hosted a bake sale. Recently the organization has been working on fundraising for the National Conference this spring in Phoenix, AZ. AAAE members volunteered at the Sauk Rapids VFW and held a meat raffle in January. February brought John Ostrom from the Metropolitan Airports Commission, Minneapolis-St. Paul, to campus for an AAAE meeting. Upcoming events include fundraising and the Adopt-A-

Highway project. AAAE under the leadership of President Amy Becker meets monthly at 5:00 PM (April 14 & April 28) in the Mississippi Room, Atwood Center. New members are always welcome!

### ALPHA ETA RHO

Alpha Eta Rho is the national fraternity for women and men in Aviation. Spring semester pledging period recently ended with two new members, Becky Walquist and Heather Cooke, bringing new enthusiasm to the group. Future activities include paint ball and a camping trip. Also on the agenda is a tour of Northwest Airlines Training Corporation (NATCO) in Eagan, MN. This year's President is Rich Enga.

### AVIATION AMBASSADORS

This student organization currently is busy planning the 1999 Airport Day, April 18, 11:00-4:00 at St. Cloud Regional Airport. This is an annual event which demands much time and effort from the Ambassadors under the active leadership of President Laurie Goossens. The Ambassadors attended the Minnesota Flight Expo in February and have given several tours of the Airport to community groups, elementary and high school students. They are planning to attend the annual Minnesota Airport Symposium to be held at the St. Cloud Civic Center this spring and the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) week-long convention in Oshkosh, WI, in August. The goal of the Aviation Ambassadors is to promote the SCSU Aviation Department by giving tours, visiting high school and career fairs and representing the Department at aviation related events throughout the area. Ambassadors is not ALL work though. The members enjoyed a weekend of skiing near Duluth this winter.

### SCSU AERO CLUB

All but one of the Aero Club's airplanes has been returned to flying status after the fuel contamination problem in December. The Club has sold a Cessna 152 and plans to replace it with a Cessna 172. This will equip the Club with four C152's, three 172's and a PA 28R-200 (Arrow). Ryan Mohr is President of the Aero Club. Elections for the 1999-2000 Aero Club Board will be held at the Club's monthly meeting April 14, 1999. The Aero Club offers two \$200 scholarships, The Robert Steilar Award and the Rowland and Winness Anderson Award, to be applied towards flight training. They are based on a member's club activities and the progress made in flight training. The awards will be announced at the Aviation Banquet April 23, 1999.

### FLYING SAINTS

The Flying Saints, the SCSU flight team, were disappointed to find out they will not be invited to the

1999 National NIFA Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) this spring due to a number of second and third place ties in other regions. The team continues to practice and hopes to have a strong showing at the Region V SAFECON to be hosted by the University of North Dakota next fall. They are working to arrange a mini spring airmeet with the team from Minnesota State University-Mankato on Airport Day, April 18.

### INTERNSHIPS

Spring, 1999, interns include Rich Enga, Princeton Airport; Aaron Frase, Northwest Airlines Dispatch center, MSP; Wilson Gonzalez, St. Cloud Regional Airport; Kari Mohs, United Airlines, Chicago; Josh Otzen, Mesaba Airlines, MSP; Natalie Radunz, NWA DC10 Fleet, Eagan; Kyle Tomesh, NWA Flight Operations, Eagan. Kari Mohs' management internship with UAL is a new internship site for SCSU's Aviation Department.

Summer and Fall, 1999, internship placement is underway with several new internship sites identified, four out of state.

The Aviation Department strongly recommends that students consider internships and begin planning for them early. Dr. Hope Thornberg is the faculty coordinator for internships.

### GRADUATES

The Graduate Placement Survey of 1997-98 SCSU Aviation graduates is underway. A full report will appear in the Fall/Winter 1999 issue of SCSU Flightlines.

### NEW GRADUATES

- Craig Berthiaume, Sales Associate, Menards
- Floyd Balentine, CFI, Wright Aero
- Tom Wettig, Specialist, Ramp Operations NWA
- John Lasneski, CFI, Thunderbird Aviation
- Shane Vandervoort, Metro Airports Commission
- Philip Oestreich, CFI, Thunderbird Aviation
- Craig Franzmeier, Pilot/Manager Thunderbird Aviation
- Jeffrey Blackmore, Human Resources, Mesaba Airlines
- Melissa Volkl, Flight Training, Sun Country Airlines
- Jennifer Chard, Sales/Marketing Coordinator, Thunderbird Aviation
- Justin Zoss, Customer Service Rep., Am West Airlines
- Shane Sitts, Ramp Services, Mesaba Airlines

- Kevin Morris, CFI, Crystal Airport
- Cynthia Bernard, Business Clerk, MAC MSP
- Steve Unzen, Corporate Pilot, Menard's
- Scott Taylor, Pilot, Mesaba AL
- Corey Breyer, Pilot, Mesaba AL
- Steve Slotsve, Pilot, Mesaba AL
- Cristobal Ambriz, Sales, All Parts Auto (CA)
- Rich Svardahl, Navigator, USAF

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### EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

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