



Dr. Pat Honored at Annual 2006 Awards Banquet!



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Dr. Patrick Mattson, Professor of Aviation (left) was presented a poster along with students and faculty members wearing T-shirts that said, "Good Day, Papa Mike" by Shanna Lowe (right).

The "Annual" Aviation Awards Banquet was attended by almost 200 students, family members, friends, faculty, staff, civic leaders, and other guests. The social at the St. Cloud Legion 76 Club started at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM, and the program at 7:00 PM.

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People, Places, and Things Remembered . . .

Dr. Patrick Mattson, Aviation Professor Emeritus (SCSU 1987-2006)

This is my last contribution to the "official" SCSU Aviation press and I share with you memories and the things and/or people I will miss or not miss once I move on.

Things I will miss.....

- Aviation students.....you were and are the greatest – keep pursuing your dreams. You were the reason I showed up everyday
- Atwood Center popcorn - the best value on this campus, and the chicken double noodle soup on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- The students at St. Cloud State University that I have met over the years
- All the staff and custodians – you are the reason I was able to do my job
- Some of the faculty – and I have thanked you personally over the years

(see Things Remembered, page 2)



Dr. Patrick Mattson

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Women in Aviation Nashville, TN



(Back Row, L-R) Elaine Morrow-International President of the 99's, Shanna Lowe, Cristl Walker, Merisa Kendall. (Front Row) Fran Bera, 2006 Inductee for the Women in Aviation Hall of Fame

The Ode to the Controller

The Air Traffic Controller, Mysterious and Unseen, Who Would Know?
Behind the Scenes, Faithful, and In Charge of the Show . . .
In a Hallowed Windowless Hall the Controller Works, Never Seen, but Always Heard!
The Steady, Unwavering Voice Instructs, "Turn Left, Turn Right, Climb and Descend!"
For the Weary Pilot Must Always be Ready to Make an Amend!
When the Pilot Flies Through a Blizzard at Night that Would Make Anyone Uptight,
A Feeling of Utter Loneliness Can Be Such a Fright.
But to No Alas, The Controller is Always There, Willing to Talk, Willing to Share, But Most Importantly, Who Really Cares!
In Charge of Countless Lives, The Controller is Wise. Willing to Admonish, so Don't Be Surprised!
Guiding Aircraft with Such Precision, I Couldn't Have Imagined It, Not Even In a Vision.
So, My Unseen Friend, Without Harsh Words or a Rebuke, I End My Poem with a God Bless You,
Heartfelt Gratitude and a Salute!

New Certificates & Ratings

Nickolas Arnfelt
Private Pilot, SEL
High Performance &
Complex Endorsements

Jeff Dunnigan
Private Pilot, SEL

Ben Lawler
CFII & MEI

Kristi Pangrac
Private Pilot, MEL
Instrument Rating

Department News

Aviation Electronic Systems (AVIT 205) uses an interactive GPS training software package. The students have the ability to learn about a variety of GPS systems including the KLN 89/94 which is installed in some of the training aircraft at the airport. The students also have the chance to use the G1000 (Garmin) "glass cockpit" that Cessna uses on new aircraft.

Faculty News

Robert Aceves was awarded the *William Rainey Harper Research Award* by the University Continuing Education Association.

Tara Harl and **Jeff Johnson** wrote a paper titled, *Recruitment and Promotion Challenges for Aviation Faculty in US Universities*. The article has been accepted for publication in the spring edition of the Journal of Aviation/Aerospace Education & Research.

Steve Anderson attended a joint UAA/CAA conference in February in Auburn, Alabama. Steve presented a topic on Current Air Traffic Management Privatization in the US. This was in response to questions from the industry about university aviation programs efforts regarding current issues and technology in Air Traffic Management.

Things Remembered (continued from page 1)

Things I won't miss.....

- Lack of parking – come on administration, please get with the program and put in some "customer friendly" spaces
- Students who feel deadlines don't apply to them
- Some of the faculty – seriously, there are those of you who need to reflect on why you are here – it is not for your benefit – "it's the students"! Duh [*Homer Simpson voice*]

Favorite memories.....

- Lunch with Dr. Hope Thornberg – every work day from September 1990-May 1996 in the Valhalla room
- Witnessing the control tower at STC open and operating (even though they won't let me talk to an airplane)
- Being named 1996-97 COSE "Teacher of the Year" (nominated by students)
- AHP honoring me with a plaque, and AAAE giving me a big thank you note signed by all the students
- Seeing the aviation students excel at winning scholarships, jobs, and internships, etc.

Worst memory: fighting for a parking spot.

My theme song for the past year has been "No Time" by the Guess Who; for me, there is no more time left at St. Cloud State University. But I still hang on to the words from U2's The Joshua Tree album: "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For." So now it is on to new challenges.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank my family and friends for their encouragement and support. Without their kind words, I might have abandoned this task but now can see the end of one journey and the beginning of another. My sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Gilbertson, taught me that you can do almost anything you want, but you have to start first. Bob Hope said it best—"Thanks for the memory!" It is one I will never forget.....just my 2½ cents worth.

Sawat Dee khrap, chok dee..... Dr. Pat



Awards Banquet *(continued from page 1)*



Dr. Steve Anderson (left) presents the Aviation Excellence Award to Shanna Lowe.



Dr. Steve Anderson (left) presents Todd Christopherson the Chairman's Excellence Award.



Barbara Winne (left) won the Sean Paul Gonia Scholarship presented by Tara Gonia, sister of the late Sean Paul Gonia who was the chief flight instructor and adjunct faculty member.



Ryan Moore (left) won the Captain Dennis P. Johnson Scholarship. Mark Flatgard (right) won the William L. Carlson Memorial Scholarship and the Aviation Excellence Award.



(Top photo) Brad Jordan (left) was awarded the Gerald Johnson Scholarship presented by Angie Olson (middle) and Michael Ferguson (right).

(Left photo) Barbara Ryan (right) presents Coleman Schelitzche with the Robert Ryan Memorial Scholarship.

Other Awards

Barbara Winne and Kristi Pangrac won the Kimberly Ritsche Scholarship. Ryan Moore won the Aviation Excellence Award.

**“Quotable Quote”
about
Dr. Pat’s
Retirement!**

“I wish Pat wasn’t leaving!”

**Thank You So Much
For All You Have Done
For Us, Dr. Pat!**



**Congratulations
Graduates!**



Benjamin Arnal
BS in Aviation—Operations

Logan Albert
BS in Aviation—Operations

Patrick Ferguson
BS in Aviation—Pro Flight
Minor: Marketing

Mark Flatgard
BS in Aviation—Management
Minor: Communication Studies

Melissa Galvan
BS in Aviation—Management

Benjamin Lawler
BS in Aviation—Operations

Derek Lossing
BS in Aviation—Management

Troy Michaud
BS in Aviation—Pro Flight

Ryan Moore
BS in Aviation—Pro Flight

Kyle Nestor
BS in Aviation—Management
Minor: Pro Flight

*Blessings and Best Wishes
to all 2006 Graduates!*



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