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Students Honored at 2010 Aviation Banquet!



Tara Gonia presents the Sean Paul Gonia Scholarship to Alex Vickroy (left photo). Michael Ferguson presents the Kimberly Ritsche Scholarship to Kayla Caufield (right photo).

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On April 24, the annual Aviation Awards Banquet was attended by 55 students, family members, friends, faculty, staff and other guests. For the first time, the event was held at Mi Famiglia in downtown St. Cloud. The guest speaker was Tim Miller of Hutchinson Aviation in Hutchinson, MN.

The social mixer started at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM, the speaker at 7:00 PM, and awards at 8:00 PM. The banquet host was none other than *The Ben* “Eminent Danga; Emcee; Mr. Ben” Deutsch. Ben did a great job as emcee of the event, especially considering that we was very ill. Thanks Ben and kudos!!!The banquet was a success and a good time was had by those in attendance!

Numerous students were awarded scholarships and other awards and recognition during the banquet (see accompanying photographs).

(see Awards Banquet, page 3)

Safety Focus: Safety Program Info

by Michael D. Ferguson

The SCSU Department of Aviation Safety Management Program has been up and running since spring 2009. Early spring 2010 semester, a new student safety subcommittee was formed to work on the task of taking the existing safety program and turning it into a true safety management system (SMS). Although the safety program was designed as an SMS from the start, the subcommittee has performed gap analysis to identify any existing areas that still need to be brought in line with SMS requirements. The SMS committee members are as follows: Michael Ferguson (Chair), Kayla Caufield, Ben Deutsch, Kyle Warner, David Ostendorf and Jake Oswald.

As with many programs when they are relatively new, things are moving forward, but somewhat slowly as far as reports and data pertinent to safety events, concerns, etc. However, a number of reports have been submitted, and this section will briefly discuss some of these reports. Please note that all persons, aircraft numbers, etc, have been deliberately kept de-identified to ensure anonymity. These events can be found on page 4.

(See Safety Program, page 4)

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Faculty News

Angie Olson took the lead on a major project that has resulted in St. Cloud State University being the proud recipient of a B-727 from FedEx!!! The aircraft is being retired from FedEx's fleet and was awarded to SCSU at the Women in Aviation Conference in February.

Jeff Johnson is integrating short self-produced video clips into Adobe Presenter learning modules for online classes.

Jeff Johnson visited the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola, FL last January to research and photograph high performance jet engines for AVIT 353 & 379.

Jeff Johnson attended the 40th Minnesota Aviation Maintenance Technician Conference in Brooklyn Center in March.

Michael Ferguson has again expanded the scope of AVIT 411 - Airline Management. The class is in part being conducted in the form of a hypothetical airline named Odyssey Air, Inc. Each student has been assigned a specific position of leadership in the airline. The airline exercise has also included simulated event meetings, conference calls and guest speakers with members of the airline industry. The class also features an online airline simulation where each student creates and runs their own airline. For the first time ever, the students in the class wrote, produced and shot a commercial for the airline! The commercial was debuted at the 2010 Aviation Banquet.

Steve Anderson attended the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) winter meeting in February in Auburn, AL.

Steve Anderson participated in several sessions discussing AABI's response to Congress and the FAA regarding proposed legislation requiring ATPs for air carrier first officers.

Steve Anderson chaired the AABI Safety Committee meeting; the main topic of the meeting was Safety Management Systems for collegiate aviation.

Tara Harl's AVIT 413 Corporate and GA Operations students undertook an industry project Fall 2009 designing a website for the Midwest Business Aviation Regional Council (MBARC). Seniors Sam Link and Kyle Button won the design competition. The two, along with seniors Ben Deutsch and Ajdin Hedzic continued working with industry this spring finalizing design for launch of website early summer 2010. All four presented their work to industry representatives at a dinner meeting in April.

Pat Mattson took the lead on creating the new ATC lab in Headley Hall and developing new ATC courses as a part of the SCSU CTI-ATC program.

Student/Alumni News!

Samantha Link
Student position—NTSB

Ajdin Hedzic
Pilot—US Navy

Joe Hedrick
Internship MBAA Legislative
Liaison Spring 2010

Greg Lesniak
Dispatcher—Sun Country
Airlines

Merisa Kendall
Crew Scheduler—Mesaba
Airlines

Michelle Fischer
Crew Scheduler—Mesaba
Airlines

Pascal Lawrence
Aviation Masters Program—
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University



Can You Guess the Professor?

This aviation professor just thinks he's really, really cool (and he is)!!!

Well???





Awards Banquet *(continued from page 1)*



Ben Deutsch receives the Aviation Excellence Award for Operations.



Pascal Lawrence receives the Aviation Excellence Award for Management.



Kyle Button receives the Aviation Excellence Award for Pro Flight.



Mrs. Barb Ryan presents **Pascal Lawrence** with the Robert Ryan Scholarship.



Jake Oswald receives the Ken Raiber Scholarship.



Matt Dreher receives the William Carlson Scholarship.

Other Scholarship and Award Winners:

- Aviation Excellence in Maintenance Management:** Dan Metoyer
- Regional Airline Association Scholarship:** Pascal Lawrence
- 99's Scholarship:** Jessica Miller
- Wisconsin Aeronautics Scholarship :** Glen Belmer
- Hotchkiss Scholarship:** Mark Schwichtenberg

Congratulations Graduates!

- Jimmy Schlup**
BS in Aviation—Operations
- Jon Gourdeaux**
BS in Aviation—Operations
- Pascal Lawrence**
BS in Aviation—Management
- Kyle Button**
BS in Aviation—Pro Flight
- Samantha Link**
BS in Aviation—Operations
- Alex Katkov**
BS in Aviation—Pro Flight
- Ajdin Hedzic**
BS in Aviation—Pro Flight
- David Ostendorf**
BS in Aviation—Operations
- Dave Voigt**
BS in Aviation—Management
- Ben Swartz**
BS in Aviation—Management
- Phi Tran**
BS in Aviation—Operations
- Ben Deutsch**
BS in Aviation—Operations
- Dan Metoyer**
BAS in Maintenance Management
- Alex Manske**
BS in Aviation—Operations
- Jake Oswald**
BS in Aviation—Operations

Blessings and Best Wishes to all Spring and Summer 2010 Graduates! We will miss you! You are cleared for departure from SCSU, safe flight and Godspeed. You are not forgotten...



Safety Program (Continued from p. 1)

February : Ironically, there were two virtually identical, yet unrelated events that took place on the same day in February. Two different SCSU students pilots flying different aircraft (both C-152s) returned from solo cross-country flights after dark in violation of rules. Both the students and their respective instructors were interviewed and reminded about the importance of proper planning and leaving adequate time to return before dark from solo x-c flights.

April: An SCSU student (private pilot certificate) was involved in an event resulting from failing to follow instructions from ATC at STC. Upon returning from an x-c flight with 1 passenger onboard, the pilot was instructed by ATC to enter the STC traffic pattern and report when established on a 5-mile right downwind for r/w 13. Instead, the pilot entered a left downwind for r/w 13. The SCSU flight team was practicing at the time and a flight team pilot was in the Pattern flying . The flight team pilot and other flight team members witnessed the event. Upon landing, the pilot was instructed to call ATC via phone. ATC discussed the issue with the pilot and was given correction not to repeat the action. The pilot was interviewed by an SCSU Aviation safety committee member and instructed to follow procedures and maintain situational awareness.

Thanks, and be safe!!!



Progressive Rock's Greatest Band:

Excessive Spirits

(L to R) *Rhythm guitar, Keyboards, Vocals—Jeremy “House of Pain” Hahn
Drums, Percussion—Danny “Thunder-Groove” Madani
4, 5 & 6 string Electric Bass, Obnoxious Vocals—Michael “Slappin Da Bass” Ferguson
Lead Vocals and Socializin’—Adjin “Hornet” Hedzie
Keyboards—Bobby “Lock up your Daughters” Rommo
Lead Guitar—Alex “The Flying Wrench” Vickroy
Lead Violin, Acoustic Guitar, Vocals—Alex “The Kat” Katkov (nice nerd specs, eh!)*

SCSU Aviation Department scores B727 from Fed Ex!

St. Cloud State University is the proud recipient of a B727 from FedEx!!! The aircraft is being retired from FedEx's fleet and was awarded to SCSU at the Women in Aviation Conference in February. SCSU is excited to pursue funding to support the conversion of this aircraft into a classroom that will facilitate various components of the Aviation Department curriculum and provide a unique venue to facilitate K-12 outreach in Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The project will provide opportunities to collaborate with other departments at SCSU and the community of St. Cloud.

The project was virtually single-handedly accomplished by Angie Olson, whose tireless work and dedication to this project produced an incredible outcome! Thanks Angie, you are amazing!!!



(Left) Angie Olson is presented with a picture commemorating the awarding of the FedEx B727 by David Sutton, Director of Aircraft Acquisition & Sales; FedEx and Beth Rush, Contract Administrator; FedEx. (Right) SCSU Aviation students attending the Women in Aviation conference (L to R) Matt Dreher, Becky Newgren, Jon Gordoux, Marise Oyoubu and Kyle Button pose with Angie

SCSU Aviation students to participate in FAR 139 training at MSP!

Seven SCSU aviation students were chosen to participate in the first FAR 139 training program for college students ever offered at MSP Airport! MSP Airside Manager **John Ostrum** and his staff created this program as a means of providing intensive FAR 139 training to students from the University of North Dakota, Minnesota State University-Mankato, and St. Cloud State University.

The course will take place June 7-11 at MSP and will be an intensive combination of in-class and on-field FAR 139 airport training. Student will learn about and participate directly in activities related to airport safety, airfield inspection, wildlife control, driving on the airfield and a host of other pertinent topics. There will be a completion and award ceremony on Friday, June 11 after the course is complete.

The SCSU students selected for the training are as follows:

Kayla Caufield
Jeff Werder
Cori Schafer
Tracy Schmidt

Ben Deutsch
Adam Timperly
Matt Dreher

Congratulations!!!

SCSU Flight Team on their way to National SAFECON!

The SCSU Flight Team has been practicing 3 - 4 times a week for the past few months in preparation for the National SAFECON held May 17-22 in Terre Haute, IN.

The current Flight Team members are:

Brad Werner	Matt Dreher
Taylor Wallace	Ben Deutsch
Jon Gourdoux	Kyle Button
Marise Oyuba	Nathan Towsley
Sam Link	Jessica Miller
Josh Laskowski	

Best of luck to the flight team at SAFECON!

Great Minnesota Airshow coming to STC!!!

The STC Airport will be hosting the inaugural Great Minnesota Airshow on June 26 and 27, 2010! The show will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Team Aeroshell and a number of other aerial performances.

Many SCSU students and faculty are planning to volunteer for the show. The Aviation Department will also have an exhibit booth on-site.



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