



Midwest Region of the National Association of Engineering Student Councils, Inc.

State of the Midwest Region

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While having a rough transition of officers, anyone who was at the VDM in St. Louis knows what I am talking about, the Midwest Region is back on pace. There are two main goals that have been set for the Region this year. The first is to produce and distribute a regional newsletter bi-monthly. As anyone can

tell, that goal is well on its way of being accomplished. The Midwest Region is currently working on reformatting the region's website and moving it to be on the NAESC server. We are updating the region's website with officer profiles, contact information and links connected to region schools and the regional conference website which is being hosted by THE Ohio State University. More resources are being added to our website as development continues and it is progressing towards what we



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want our website to ultimately be. The Midwest Region is on the rise.

Word from the President: "I'm a Sagittarius"

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Hi Everyone! I'm Anthony Fahres, the new Midwest President for the 2005-2006 term. I'm a junior in civil engineering at

Marquette University. I am a member of the Triangle Fraternity at Marquette. When not working as a local DJ, I enjoy going to concerts, movies and traveling. Favorite bands are Chevelle, Nickelback and Linkin Park. I'm a Sagittarius and I feel that my best strengths are my caring attitude, fun personal-

ity and...wait this is the wrong profile. I got involved in NAESC because I saw it as an opportunity to enrich my life and I wanted to add my contributions to the organization and help improve NAESC. I am looking forward to this upcoming year in NAESC and I know that it will be great.

Academia is more exciting than sports

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Hey all, my name is Dustin Jacqmin. I am a junior from the University of Wisconsin - Madison major-

ing in Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics. At the UW, I've been a member of the Polygon Engineering Student Council for two years and will be serving as the council's Junior Co-President during the fall 2005 semester. As of May 1st, 2005 I also became the

Vice President of Administration for the Midwest Region of NAESC. Let me tell you a little bit more about myself.

I was born in raised in the Green Bay suburb of Ashwaubenon, less than a

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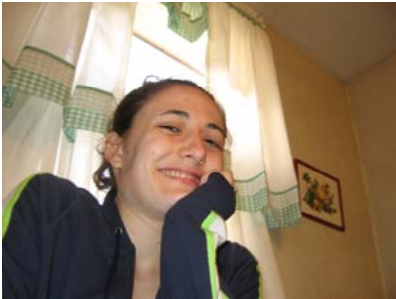
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me, and it should be the same way until after the conference has come to pass. As a student at The Ohio State University, and the new president of E-Council, I want to tell you that conference will be a blast and if you can think of anything that you would want to do in Columbus, Ohio or other local areas just let me know now and we will see what can be worked out. At the university I am studying civil engineering with a focus on construction and will be graduating in June next year. After jumping for joy that I

am done with school, I going to go to work and make enough money to go to school again. How crazy is that, getting done with school only to get a job and go back!

Conference is the current thing that is on my mind. From food to scandal it is amazing how vast the scope of this conference has been so far. If you want to know about the scandal you can send me an email and I will be more than happy to tell all about it.

Taking time and getting to know everyone and everything, making sure everything is in place, and not getting any sleep for a year, sounds like a bad thing, but it has been the best ever. My name is Alesia Beck and I am the Director of Regional Conference this year and that has been the past few months for



Alesia asked me to write a not-too-harsh caption for this. She notes that she didn't have much control over 1) the picture being taken, and 2) where it was taken. I thought that would suffice as a caption. ~Ed

*"I'm hoping to collect enough cash to buy a sweet car without anyone being able to trace it."
~Mike Gilbert
Vice President of Finance*

By Mike Gilbert
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Hi everyone! My name is Mike Gilbert and I'm the VP of Finance. For those of you who don't know what that is, it means, well...even I'm not sure...but it sounds important, doesn't it! I am the

one that handles all the money...so all the regional dues come to me, along with sponsor checks and all that good stuff. I'm hoping to collect enough cash to buy a sweet car without anyone being able to trace it...I mean, put all that money to good use for conference...yes... A little about me: I am a student at ISU (Iowa State University) and yes, our football team

(although very bad) did win their bowl game last year! I will be a sophomore and am majoring in either Mechanical or Biomedical Engineering. I love hockey and cookies...so if any ladies out there are interested in making cookies while watching hockey...just let me know. And yes, my brother is Tom Gilbert... (from Madison)



This picture is the only one I could find. I'm the girl dressed as Ginger, with my friend, Gilligan. No, I don't normally dress as a movie star in a gold dress—it was Halloween, LOL.

"Back when I was living in Paris..."

By Laura Cahill
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Hi! My name is Laura Cahill, and I will be a fifth year senior at Ohio State

University this fall. My major is in Industrial & Systems Engineering, and I have minors in French and Business. Now you may be asking yourself "What exactly is the point of a French minor?" Well, the point of a French minor is that I had a fabulous excuse to

take a quarter off and live in France for awhile, and it makes me sound super cool to say things like "Back when I was living in Paris..."

If a boiler needs making, go to Elise

By Elise Fang
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Hello from Purdue University, home of the Boilermakers! My name is Elise Fang and I was recently elected Vice President of Relations at the NAESC National Conference in St. Louis this past spring. I'm happy for the opportunity to be involved with NAESC and to present Purdue in this great organization. It's very exciting to have the chance to interact with hundreds of engineers from all over the country and even Canada. I enjoyed getting to know all of the people I met in St. Louis and learned so much about each of their respective engineering councils.

This fall I will be starting my fourth and final year in Chemical Engineering.

At Purdue, I am the Head of the Communications committee in Purdue Engineering Student Council (PESC). Communications encompasses Publications, Information Technology, and Public Relations Committees and we are primarily responsible for communicating the message of PESC to the rest of the university and to the community. In addition, I am also a senator for the Colleges of Engineering in Purdue Student Government and a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). Outside of school, I am an avid runner and love music. I am in the process of teaching myself (slowly and painfully) how to play the guitar.

PESC has some exciting new things planned for the upcoming year. The largest of which is the Industrial Roundtable documentary. For those who are unfamiliar with

IR, it is the largest student run job fair in the nation and attracts over 250 companies every year and 10,000 students over a two-day period. In addition, we have already begun plans to make our existing events, such as Envision, our Engineering Open House, even bigger and better than before. For more information, visit us at www.purdue.edu/pesc.

I am excited to begin serving my term as the VP of Relations for NAESC. My role on PESC has given me the resources and experience to be able to communicate effectively with other engineering student councils, professional organizations, and industrial companies. Please feel free to contact me at efang@purdue.edu with questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to seeing familiar faces at our next conference. Boiler Up!

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*~Elise Fang
Vice President of Relations*

Don't let the shoes fool you, I'm clean

By Sakib Elahi
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Hey all! This is Sakib, the new VPC. I got into Engineering Council on a whimsical decision back in October, and I got into NAESC on another whimsical decision in St. Louis. The first decision turned out to be great, as I love being in Council. I'm looking forward to making the second decision great too, and I'm anticipating putting out some good issues of this newsletter, bimonthly.

I'm entering my senior year at Michigan. I'm trying to do a combined undergrad/grad program, pursuing the bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering, and master's in Biomedical Engineering.

There is some life outside of engineering, believe it or not. I'm a big music fan. I'm obsessed with two things: the Detroit Pistons and the Beatles. I also like Cream, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Queen, Led Zeppelin, 311, the Who, Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, and the Killers just to name a few. One of my favorite possessions is an autographed Rod Stewart soccer ball that I

caught when he drop-kicked it into the audience last summer. I've played the piano for 11 years, but I call myself a drummer, and I love to have jam sessions with my buddies whenever I can. There's a really cool, funky Ann Arbor band you should all check out, Roadside Zoo. You can listen to some of their stuff at www.roadsidezoomusic.com.

My two favorite summer activities are concert-going and disc golfing, and I haven't been able to do either much this summer, but I just finished up classes last week and am looking forward to getting some play-time in soon.

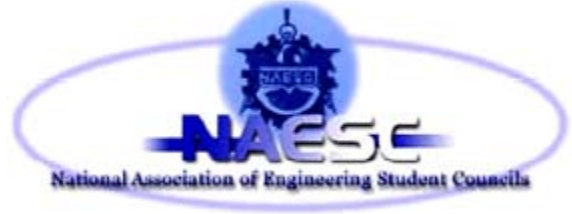


This guy wears shoes made of hemp, plays disc golf, and listens to 311, but claims to be clean.





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This charming young paragon of manliness makes up for his lack of coordination with his brains.

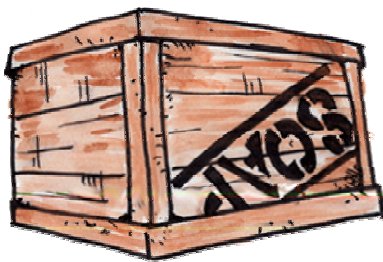
mile and a half from the legendary Lambeau Field. As such, I developed an affinity towards sports early on in life and to this day enjoy sports of all kinds. However, due to my relatively small size and lack of coordination, I was never able to participate in sports as much I had wanted and had to settle for the exciting world of academia. As for the sports I do play, I am an avid disc golfer and enjoy

running as well. I played soccer for two years in high school and also ran cross-country for two years. At Madison I participate in intramural softball, ultimate frisbee and recreational running.

During the school year I work at the UW Medical School for one of the deans. While office work is not the most exciting work, I wouldn't trade the laid back

atmosphere for anything. I also participate in a number of other student organizations including ASME, the American Nuclear Society and I recently began working with the Student Leadership Program. On the weekends I get bombed with my friends.

I couldn't be happier to be the new VP of Administration and look forward to serving you all in the future.



Midwest Soapbox What's in a name? Everything!

As some of you might not know, Marquette University has been in the media for a debacle over the school's mascot and nickname. In May of 2004 there was a general unhappiness with the school's current nickname, Golden Eagles which was in use since 1994. Students have been encouraging to change the nickname back to Warriors, Marquette's nickname before Golden Eagles, for the past ten years. On May 4th, the board of trustees decided that Warriors was "too offensive" and the stu-

dents didn't like Eagles so they picked "Marquette Gold" as a new nickname. Now I don't know what a "gold" is, but if you do please let me know. Other students feeling my pain and anger held a protest rally the day after the announcement was made. On May 23rd, three weeks after the announcement, the board decided to let the students choose a nickname through an online voting system. Well, this online voting closed on June 29th and take a guess what my fellow Marquette students chose as a nickname?

The Golden Eagles!!! I would personally congratulate the board of trustees for convincing the Marquette students to choose a nickname that they hated the month before. That is why we put our trust in them I guess. What a waste of time!

Do you have something that you want to get on a soapbox about?
If so E-mail an article to
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