



Hail to the Chiefs!

Important Presidents' Retreat information

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I hope that everyone is doing well in either preparing for classes to start or surviving the first couple weeks. Personally, I am looking forward to the upcoming semester to see what it will hold. I am already getting ready for Regional Convention at THE Ohio State University.

But I am getting ahead of myself as President's Retreat is right around the corner. It will be in Cincinnati, Ohio from September 23-25. The main day that is important is the 24th of September. There will be a welcome dinner and evening entertainment on the 23rd and the 25th is considered a travel day to get back home. The

dinner is not mandatory, but if you can make it for the 23rd I would encourage it. It is nice down time to relax and catch up with all the great people from NAESC and especially the Midwest Region. Things will be starting early on Saturday so be warned.

Saturday is a chance for council representatives to interface directly with the NAESC Exec Board. This is a time for the Exec Board to explain to the councils where NAESC is heading for the semester and what events are in the planning. Also this is another opportunity for you to contribute your input on where you want NAESC to be going and share any cool ideas that your council may have thought of since the conference in St. Louis. There will also be a regional break-out session for each of the re-

gions. Each council is encouraged to send 2 members, typically their president or head delegate plus one additional member (not including any members which are attending from the Exec Board). Regional Exec Boards are also welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to start the year off right. It should be a great time and hopefully give you the motivation for us to go back to our councils and share the wealth of knowledge that was obtained during the weekend.

All the information that you need about Registration can be found at <http://www.naesc.org/events/pr2005.php>. A schedule of events will be posted soon as they work on finalizing it. Look forward to seeing everyone on the 23rd.

NAESC invoices to be sent soon

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I hope everyone's as excited as I am about the upcoming conference at The Ohio

State! But, as we all know, as members of NAESC there is a small fee. I will be sending out invoices soon, and you can either pay that fee in person at the conference, or mail it directly to me. Make checks/vouchers payable to:

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An update from PESCy the Squirrel

Industrial Roundtable at Purdue brings companies to students

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Greetings from Purdue University! Before I begin, let me introduce myself. My name is PESCy the Squirrel and I am the official mascot of the Purdue Engineering Student Council. I spend most of my days hanging out in the PESC office between regular appearances at PESC events and the occasional photo opportunity.



PESCy, what a player...

“We’ve increased the size of IR by increasing registered companies by over 20%. Close to 250 companies are already slated to come!”
~Elise Fang, Vice President of Communications

School started just a week ago but things are already picking up fast at Purdue. Everybody is gearing up for PESC’s largest and most important event of the year: The 26th Annual Industrial Roundtable on September 20th and 21st. IR begins on Monday the 19th with a day of seminars hosted by select companies to provide students with information on various topics ranging from interview tips to job opportunities. The

job fair takes place on the following two days. Our goal for this year is “bigger and better” and we are well on our way to achieving and even exceeding it. We’ve increased the size of IR by increasing registered companies by over 20%. Close to 250 companies are already slated to come!

Another goal we set for ourselves was to increase participation of smaller, local companies at IR. To make this

possible, we were able to substantially subsidize registration costs to companies who would have lacked the resources to come under difference circumstances. In addition, new to IR this year is a student hospitality tent during the two days of the job fair that would provide chairs and refreshments for the job-seekers. And finally, our biggest undertaking is the creation of an IR documentary that would follow the planning, making, and completion of the Industrial Roundtable. We are all incredibly excited to see this project follow through.

I’m looking forward to making the trip to Ohio in November for the Midwest Regional Conference. With all the acorns in season and all...

BOILER UP!



Midwest NAESC Conference 2005

We're nuts for engineering: seeding the next generation of innovation

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With the passing of the summer heat on to the cold of winter, we look on to conference and the exciting times ahead. Need a break before the fall finals? Come and have a relaxing weekend at the 2005 Regional Conference

at The Ohio State University. With new and exciting venues opening in the area, the extra activities for conference are shaping up to be very interesting. Registration will open shortly after Labor Day and will close in mid-October. The date for conference is November 17 – 20, for those that cannot keep their dates straight that is the weekend before Thanksgiving and the weekend after Veterans Day. Yes this means for most, short

weeks of classes in November, it doesn't get much better than that. As for conference, we are planning a morning of tours in local industry and many different sessions. Information about sessions will be sent out shortly after Ohio State classes begin. As for the rest of the time in Columbus, we leave the city to you and will be happy to show you what we can. See you all in November!

New Midwest website up and running

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For many of you, the fact that Midwest NAESC has a new website will come as a surprise. For others, the surprise will be that Midwest NAESC has a website period. Whatever the case, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you Midwest NAESC's new homepage.

The decision to design a new Midwest NAESC website was made at the 2005 National Conference when it became apparent that there

was no way to access and repair the old website. The task of designing the new site ultimately fell on me. This proved to be a difficult task as I had little experience in web design before taking on the project. However, after a few free online tutorials and a little elbow grease I managed to throw something together that more or less resembles a website.

Our new URL is <http://midwest.naesc.org>. If you're familiar with our old website, you'll notice that not much has changed as far as content. Things on the website are organized in a very similar way. As such, if you made use of the old website,

using the new one won't be difficult.

I'll be the first to admit that the new site isn't the best looking page on the web. I tried to make the site as simple as possible so that I could complete it and upload it as quickly as possible. If time permits, I'll add some bells and whistles before my term as VP of Administration ends but right now my focus is on uploading important content to the page.

With classes beginning soon, updates to the site will become less frequent. None the less, I am always open to any ideas for improvements. I hope you all enjoy the new site.



Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 17

Hotel Check-In

Dinner

Conference Welcome

Introduction to NAESC

Casino Night

Friday, November 18

Breakfast

Company Tour

Lunch

Sessions

Dinner in Downtown Columbus

Evening Entertainment

Saturday, November 19

Breakfast

Bid Presentations

Sessions

Lunch

Sessions

Council Chats

Formal Banquet

Evening Entertainment

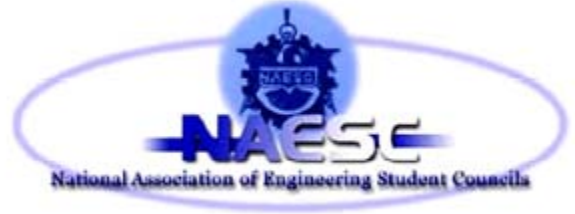
Sunday, November 20

Breakfast

Hotel Check-Out



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This August I had the opportunity to attend a CE (complementary education) course held by the CFES, an organization similar to NASEC in Canada. The course was organized by ten students, and it was held at the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec, Canada. There were about 30 participants in the program, who came from Germany, Croatia, the US, and all parts of Canada.

The course's theme was sustainability in engineering, and

topics such as pollution, green house gases, and alternative fuel sources were discussed. Speakers from Shell Canada and other local companies like RETScreen and Groupe Enerstat Inc. were in attendance. They provided us with their insights on where industry was going in response to a growing concern about the environment, and they also discussed what they were doing to make their companies more "green." We visited a recycling facility and a paper factory, where we saw how waste products were being transformed into useful goods like newspaper and mulch.

Although we all learned a lot

at the conference, we also had a lot of fun. Social activities were planned every night, and there were many opportunities to connect and bond with the other participants. We went camping, camping and hiking, played games, went to some local pubs, and saw a concert. It was a really interesting and good mix of people, and I made some really wonderful friends.

Following the conference, a few of us had an extra day to spend in Montreal before catching our flights, trains, or busses out. We went sightseeing and had one last dinner all together. It was a great ending to a really fun and full week.



Hanging out in Montreal. From left, Kim Thomas (University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada), Luke Brown (The University of Western Ontario, Ontario, Canada), and Laura Cahill (The Ohio State University, Ohio, USA)