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CLASS of 2007

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A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn.

~ Author Unknown.

When the class of 2007 began the academic year, it was to find some changes to the program, the most noteworthy being two new professors. Though the changes were unexpected, with the help of alumni, the MEHS staff at UMD, and the MIE Department, the class was able to make the best of the "bend in the road" continue on the path to becoming successful EH&S Professionals.

In the beginning of the year, the class of 2007 set lofty goals that sought to supplement course experiences with as many pertinent real world experiences as possible. The class has already attended available seminars and conferences around the area, toured many great Duluth facilities and met with several alumni of the program. Using past MEHS classes as a model, the class of 2007 will continue to seek out new and exciting learning opportunities in order to uphold the standard of excellence that has become the trademark of UMD-MEHS graduates.

During the spring semester, we look forward to partaking of further professional development opportunities through workshops, conventions and tours to enhance awareness and knowledge within the EH&S profession. We look forward to meeting with other alumni to become connected with the EH&S field and to garner words of wisdom regarding the profession as we embark on our future career paths.

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As the 2006-2007 school year heads into the final semester, we are pleased to finally release the Fall Edition of the ASSE Newsletter. Due to circumstances beyond our control, this edition is slightly delayed and for that we apologize. This edition bids farewell to two long-time faculty members, introduces some fresh faces, and highlights the ASSE conference in St. Louis.

We would like to put an open call for any alumni who would like to come and share their experience as safety professionals with our class. Please feel free to contact any of the current class if you are interested.

Any questions, comments, or issues that you would like addressed in the Spring Edition of this newsletter are welcomed as well. Contact the editors of the newsletter via email.

Attention Alumni!

Please let us know if you or a MIS/MEHS graduate, or someone you know that should be receiving a newsletter copy has moved and is not getting their copy. Send the address change to:

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ASSE Officers



ASSE Elected Officers 2006-2007 (from left to right): Secretary Samantha Brichacek, Editor Michael Levar, Vice President Kim Becker, Treasurer Mike Godfrey, President Caitlin Anderson, Editor William Reynolds.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Congratulations to the following 2006-2007
MEHS scholarship award recipients!**

Caitlin Anderson	SESHA Scholarship Gordon O. Voss Scholarship
Kim Becker	SESHA Scholarship Gordon O. Voss Scholarship Finnfest Scholarship
Samantha Brichacek	SESHA Scholarship
Mike Levar	J. J. Keller Scholarship
William Reynolds	SESHA Scholarship James Scott Soleim Memorial Scholarship
Joe Ben Slota	J. J. Keller Scholarship SESHA Scholarship

For Their Dedication to UMD-MEHS

Dale Krageschmidt and Hamid Fonooni recently left the University of Minnesota Duluth to pursue other career opportunities and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize their hard work and dedication to the Masters of Environmental Health and Safety program here at UMD. They played an integral role in establishing the tradition of excellence that continues to exist today.



Hamid was an associate professor, employed by the MEHS program from 1995 through 2006. He is currently an associate professor at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.



Dale was also an associate professor in the MEHS program from September 1998 through July of 2006. He is currently employed by the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Thank you to the following visitors!

Jimmy Roark - Union Pacific Railroad
 Ivan Zirbes - Valero Energy Corporation
 Gina Mannino - 3M
 Adam Feia - PDSS Escort
 Martin Kohne - Donaldson Company
 Tim Flint - Emerson Process Mgmt.
 Ryan Vieau - APi Group

CLASS OF 2006: Where are they now?

Paul Beck	Risk Consultant, RJS Agencies, Plymouth, MN
Diane Curelli	Safety Technician, DOI, Nat'l Park Service, Saint Croix Falls, WI
Mike Dickerson	EH&S Specialist, Louisiana Pacific, Two Harbors, MN
Ben Drilling	EH&S Specialist, MNOSHA, St. Paul, MN
Jill Essestad	Safety Specialist, Rubbermaid, Winfield, KS
Aubrey Gold	Loss Control Consultant, SDAO, Salem, OR
Lindsey Hanson	Safety Engineer, M.A. Mortenson Company, Denver, CO
Alissa Johnson	Safety Investigator, MNOSHA, St. Paul, MN
Cody Marks	Loss Prevention Representative, SFM Mutual, Bloomington, MN
Ben Sand	Loss Prevention Specialist, Workforce Safety & Ins, Bismarck, ND
Aaron Schifsky	Safety Specialist, Medtronic, Fridley, MN
Mitch Sharpe	Safety Manager, APi Group, Inc., St. Paul, MN
Kristy Smith	Safety Specialist, Sappi, Cloquet, MN
Adam Tripp	Loss Control Rep, The Builders Group, St. Paul, MN
Jerry Ulleberg	Safety Consultant, MNOSHA, Duluth, MN
Matt VanWatermulen	Advanced Safety Engineer, 3M, St. Paul, MN

THANK YOU!



The class of 2006-2007 would like to thank Jerry Ulleberg for assisting with our Industrial Hygiene laboratory exercises this year. He was instrumental in expanding our understanding of various industrial hygiene instruments and methods for testing the occupational environment.

Meet the MEHS Class of 2007

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Career Statement: To attain a rewarding and challenging career in the environmental, health and safety profession, working with others to provide a safe and exciting workplace.

Anthony Andrews
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Major: Statistics & Actuarial Science
Minor: Communication
Career Statement: I want to use my MEHS and statistics background to become a loss control and risk assessment professional.

Kim Becker
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Career Statement: Upon completion of the MEHS program, I plan on combining my past research experience with the knowledge gained at UMD to enhance my career as a safety professional.

Samantha Brichacek
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Major: Biology
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Career Statement: I am pursuing a Masters in Environmental Health and Safety because I want the opportunity to apply my education, communication skills, and work ethic towards lowering health risks in production industries and ensuring a safe environment for employees and the community.

Todd Busch
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Michael Godfrey
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Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry
Career Statement: To learn the basics of environmental health & safety in this program and continually expand my knowledge through work and additional training as industries evolve. To lead by example and inspire others to be excellent communicators to maintain a safe work environment. Through personal growth and inspirational leadership my career goals will be met.

Jeffrey Winkels
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Major: Community Health Education
Minor: Concentration: Emergency Medical Care
Career Statement: To obtain a higher education that will lead to advancing career goals in the health and safety field.

Fresh Faces of UMD

Bachel Han



Allow us to introduce Dr. Bachel Han, a new faculty member in MEHS. Originally from South Korea, Dr. Han received a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering from Texas Tech University and a Ph.D. in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering from West Virginia University. His primary areas of research include industrial ergonomics, occupational biomechanics, work physiology, and industrial hygiene and he is a certified professional ergonomist (CPE). He was employed as a safety engineer at NIOSH. Professionally, he wishes to help prevent injuries and increase productivity with better design of workplaces, as well as develop strong teaching and research programs in his areas of expertise. Dr. Han chose UMD because of the strength of the program. **Lets Go Bulldogs!!**

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What happened this fall in St. Louis? Well, besides the World Series, ASSE held its second annual Future Safety Leaders Conference. This year the conference was sponsored by ASSE, Liberty Mutual and Washington Group International, who provided hotel accommodations and meals.

On Wednesday November 1st, eight students began the long journey down to St. Louis. After a brief stay in Madison, the class arrived with enough time to visit the St. Louis Arch and really see the beauty of the city. That evening the class was able to meet with fellow student members and begin networking (a theme repeated throughout the weekend).

Friday morning began with an energetic greeting and welcome to all the students. For the rest of the morning, the MEHS class attended breakout sessions that revolved around such topics as: Is Professional preparation over after graduation? The Real Deal: How do I transition from instructed to instructor? Utilizing the Who and What, What are employers looking for in an SH&E Employee? These sessions were great as they touched on topics that are not often covered in a class room. In the afternoon the class was able to get even further from class-room based learning by taking a tour of DBI, a transistor manufacturing facility. This gave the students an opportunity to see how transistors are made, and learn more about the specific hazards and how they are dealt with. Friday ended with another dinner between the students where everyone was able to relax and interact with students from different schools.

Saturday morning began with Idea Explosion sessions where students shared information about their ASSE student chapters in different fast-paced brainstorm sessions. After this was lunch, and the second annual Safety Millionaire.

This conference was a great experience, as it brought back many ideas for ASSE and the MEHS class to hopefully make the best out of the rest of the year. A great big "Thank You" goes out to ASSE, Liberty Mutual, Washington Group International and the MEHS department for providing this great opportunity!

**From left to right:
Matt Johnson, Mike
Levar, Caitlin Anderson,
Anthony Andrews, Kim
Becker, Mike Godfrey,
Joe Ben Slota, Samantha
Brichacek at the ASSE
Conference in St. Louis.**



This fall the MEHS program was able to welcome Dr. Seraphin Chally Abou to Duluth and into the MEHS classroom. Dr. Abou has a background in mechanical engineering, with a focus on system safety engineering and control, diagnostic and prognostic, and system health monitoring. He is also a licensed professional engineer. While obtaining his doctorate, his focus was primarily on system health monitoring and reconfiguration. When asked why he came to Duluth, Ser responded that he was, "looking for new challenges, and to support the new safety program development." Ser was really surprised however by the friendly community life of Duluth, but looks forward to working with the faculty and students of the MEHS program to take it to the next level.

Seraphin Chally Abou



Ser's advice to the class of 2006-2007: **"Safety is mission, vision, and proactive action. I encourage all new comers to persevere. It pays!"**