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From the Director

Time for a Transition

By Karen Al-Ashkar

For this issue of the MEPP Newsletter, Wayne has graciously given me his Director’s Corner so that I might share an announcement with all of you.

In 1994, I began working on MEPP as member of the development team. I knew it would be something different, but at that time I could never have imagined how special the program would become.

Being a part of a team working to make the concept of MEPP a reality was a very unique and rewarding experience. Being part of a group that has helped shape the careers of over 200 engineers has been an unbelievable privilege.

I always knew that members of our team would leave; little did I suspect that I would be the first to retire! If all goes as planned, November 30, 2008, will be my last day with UW-Madison, with Engineering Professional Development, and most poignantly, with MEPP.

The work has been challenging, but the rewards have far exceeded my expectations. I will miss all of you, but I’m confident that MEPP, and our other online degree programs, will continue successfully far into the future.

Thank you all for making my tenure with MEPP full of uncountable enjoyable experiences!

Director’s Post-script

Words cannot begin to describe how much Karen has meant to the success of the MEPP program, its students, and alumni. We will miss Karen and her friendly help tremendously. Watch for opportunities for us to jointly express our appreciation to Karen.

Most sincerely,
Wayne

Karen Al-Ashkar, PhD, is the student services director for the MEPP program. One of her roles is to listen to student concerns and issues and seek resolution when concerns conflict with academic performance. She chairs the MEPP Admissions Committee and is the point-of-contact person for applicants and students. Karen has been counseling adult students since 1991 and working with students at a distance since 1994. She has a BA in clinical chemistry, an MA in counseling and a PhD in Continuing and Vocational Education.
Focus on Students

Commencement 2008

Twenty-seven new graduates joined the elite ranks of UW’s MEPP Alumni at commencement on May 17, 2008, bringing the total number of MEPP graduates to 204.

Throughout the commencement weekend, MEPP students, together with graduates of the Master of Engineering in Engine Systems (MEES), and their families celebrated their achievements with a variety of activities. They kicked off the festivities with a picnic at Olin Park on Friday evening where they enjoyed Dave Rodgers’ home-brewed beer, as well as cake and ice cream from the MEPP Class of 2009. They proudly crossed the Kohl Center stage to receive their degrees Saturday afternoon, followed by a Saturday night dinner organized by the grads.

The 2008 cohort gathered one last time for Sunday brunch where class-elected speakers Bill Timmons and Jim Parks shared their insights from the MEPP journey, Dean Paul Peercy wished the graduates well from the College of Engineering, and Paul Ross spoke on behalf of the MEPP faculty. UW’s own Bucky Badger even made an appearance, surprising MEPP students and delighting the herd of next-generation MEPPsters.

With inspiring words and an enormous check, Dave Rodgers presented Bucky a donation to the UW Children’s hospital on behalf of the Badger Pals fund. This year’s class raised an unparalleled $7,195.00 for the cause and promises more to come. They also challenge the Class of 2009 and future classes to carry on the generous tradition. On Wisconsin!

Congratulations, Class of 2008!

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“The 2008 MEPP Cohort is truly an amazing group of people; through their caring and generosity they have laid an enduring foundation for helping countless numbers of children and their families find some respite during their hospitalization and treatment.”

-Norm Buchta (07)
The Friederich twins meet Bucky for the first time
MEPP family and friends enjoy Sunday’s commencement brunch
Everyone is happy to celebrate with the new graduates
Greg Nelson demonstrates the proper way to wear a graduation hood

Student speakers Jim Parks and Bill Timmons deliver the Graduate Message
Bucky makes a surprise appearance to accept the 2008 Badger Pals donation
Welcome, Class of 2010!

Engineering Professional Development and the College of Engineering are pleased to welcome the MEPP Class of 2010!

This class was chosen from a record breaking pool of applicants, thanks in large part to an outstanding recruiting effort from current MEPP students and alumni who played an invaluable role in answering questions and referring new students to the program. The large number of applicants proved to be quite a challenge for the Admissions Committee, but we are confident that the new generation of MEPPsters will carry on the program’s tradition of excellence.

The new recruits joined the MEPP community this June, and we are excited to see what they will accomplish in the coming years.

NAME | EMPLOYER | LOCATION
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Aaron Bartel | Boeing | Seattle, WA
Matthew Berg | Parker Hannifin | Kalamazoo, MI
John Bratland | Rockwell Collins | Sterling, VA
Thuan Chau | Baxter Health Care | Los Angeles, CA
Denis Christopherson | Federal Mogul | Waupun, WI
Christopher Coburn | John Deere | Waterloo, IA
Gary Conners | Sirius Satellite Radio | Lawrenceville, NJ
Keith Dexter | Hamilton Sundstrand | Rockford, IL
Sara Dexter | Hamilton Sundstrand | Rockford, IL
Paul Eichstadt | Medtronic | Columbia Heights, MN
Thad Fisher | Kraft | Madison, WI
Michael Flanagan | John Deere | Waterloo, IA
William Gould | John Deere | Waterloo, IA
Feffe Hought | NASA | Las Cruces, NM
Albenis Hernandez | GE Oil and Gas | Oshkosh, WI
Todd Jensen | Master Technology Group | Savage, MN
Daniel Karrels | Harley-Davidson | Wauwatosa, WI
Therese Klein | Rockwell Automation | Milwaukee, WI
Kenneth Kline | Birds Eye Foods | Darien, WI
John Lichtenauer | Hamilton Sundstrand | Rockford, IL
Nicholas Mandelenakis | Portsmouth Naval Shipyard | Portsmouth, NH
Anthony Milczarek | Midwest Airlines | Milwaukee, WI
Shawn Mitchell | Yaskawa Electric America | New Berlin, WI
Robert Ricciardelli | Smiths Medical PM Inc | Waukesha, WI
David Robinson | John Deere | Waterloo, IA
Travis Schisel | Kohler | Kohler, WI
Joseph Schneider | 3M | St. Paul, MN
Chad Seuser | John Deere | Waterloo, IA
Focus on Alumni

“Super Dave” Osborn, Award-Winning Alumnus

Dave Osborn, MEPP alumnus from the class of 2008, recently received three awards including the “Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Award,” the “Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) Award,” and federal recognition as a life-long Energy Champion.

Awards are nothing new to Osborn. As the recipient of numerous awards (as an individual and as a member of a group or company) throughout his career, Osborn is a model of excellence in his field.

He is currently a mechanical engineer and the energy program manager for the Rock Island Arsenal, a position that deals primarily with reducing energy use at Rock Island – the largest, most modern arsenal in the western world, according to Osborn.

The Project and MEPP

In 2004, Osborn devised a plan that would enable the Rock Island Arsenal to save energy by replacing steam absorption chillers with high efficiency electric centrifugal chillers. This idea would eventually become the basis for his most recent awards.

The project was a huge undertaking for Osborn and for Rock Island. “I knew I had to change my game plan and improve my credibility and skills to pull off a big energy plan for the arsenal,” said Osborn. This is where MEPP entered the picture.

Osborn started the MEPP program in the Summer of 2005. And along with his education, the chiller project took flight over the course of the next few years, moving to implementation and review.

Osborn cites MEPP’s Total Project Management (TPM) course as the starting point for these nominations. It was here that he realized, “Good project management isn’t just managing the project, it is following up.”

Like many others, Osborn was able to make MEPP practical for himself by choosing work-relevant topics to focus on in his courses, like this chiller project. “Dave’s choice to do a technical report on the project for CTI is a great example of MEPP students strategically using their coursework for career and workplace value,” says MEPP Director Wayne Pferdehirt about Osborn.

After seeing the project’s success at the arsenal, Osborn was able to use his newly acquired MEPP skills to effectively research the project, and ultimately write the project report that would lead to his awards. “If I hadn’t researched and written that report, I would not have had the material to submit the energy award nominations,” said Osborn. “I am convinced that my writing skills improved as a result of CTI and contributed to a concisely written nomination.”

Osborn claims that “this recognition would not have occurred without my involvement in MEPP.”

Words of Wisdom

When asked what advice he would give colleagues and young engineers, Osborn replied, “Never believe anybody when they tell you, you can’t do something.” He also stresses the importance of networking and working as a group - from local to international levels - as the key to success.

“This recognition would not have occurred without my involvement in MEPP.”
“Super Dave” Osborn, Award-Winning Alumnus continued...

The Awards

Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Award
Osborn and the Rock Island Arsenal team accepted this award in August 2007 at the U.S. Department of Defense Conference, which followed the Department of Energy’s three-day, “Energy 2007” conference in New Orleans. The Arsenal team - Dave Osborn, Gary Cook, Carlo Facciolla, Heath Helstrom, Jay Richter, Charles Swynenberg, and James Thompson - won this award in the small group category.

Federal Energy Management Program Award
The U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Interagency Energy Policy committee present this award to individuals and organizations that make Federal Government water and energy use more efficient. The Arsenal Team received this award in Washington D.C., in November 2007. The award was presented by Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman.

Energy Champion
Osborn was recognized as a U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Champion based on a career-long record of reducing water and energy use and costs at the Rock Island Arsenal. He was featured in an Earth Day poster, which recognizes one or two elite individuals and is distributed world-wide. (See poster on previous page.)

To learn more about these awards visit:


http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/awards_fewm.html

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/ytftp/energy_champions_detail.cfm/id=471
Focus on Alumni

First Ever 5-Year Alumni Survey

MEPP is conducting its first ever 5-year survey for graduates from 2001, 2002 and 2003. Surveys include questions relating to alumni career profiles, satisfaction with MEPP curriculum, and MEPP’s effect in the workplace.

Results will be used to update the program and curriculum so that courses continue to be relevant to today’s practicing engineers and technical professionals.

Thanks to all those who participated! We hope you enjoy your stylish UW Engineering cap or UW luggage tag.

Coming Soon: MEPP 10th Anniversary Celebration

In the past decade, MEPP has celebrated the graduation of over 200 students as well as numerous awards. 2009 will mark the 10-year anniversary of the program, which means one thing - another celebration is coming soon! Watch MEPP News and the MEPP community page for more information later this year.

Alumni Info Update

In order to keep the MEPP Alumni community connected, we are updating everyone’s contact and profile information. Expect an e-mail and letter from Rose Richgels sometime in the upcoming semester. Please reply as soon as possible once you have received this e-mail.

Focus on Faculty

MEPP Faculty Awards

The UW-Madison College of Engineering honored several MEPP faculty members at the 2008 Appreciation Day celebration on May 8, for their outstanding work at the university.

Jake Blanchard, Professor of Engineering Physics, was awarded the Spangler Award for Technology-Enhanced Instruction for his success in integrating technology into an interactive learning environment. Blanchard’s programs and expertise have been an integral part of developing the MEPP distance learning community. He continues to teach Engineering Problem Solving with Computers for MEPP.

Traci Nathans-Kelly received the Polygon Teaching Award for her excellence in teaching technical communication at UW-Madison. Recipients of this award are chosen by undergraduates in the College of Engineering. Traci is a MEPP co-instructor for the first year course, Communicating Technical Information.

Harry Steudel was honored by UW engineering students as a recipient of the 2008 Polygon Teaching Award. Steudel is an Industrial Engineering Professor in the College of Engineering, and he teaches Quality Engineering and Quality Management, a second year MEPP course.
**Focus on Faculty**

**Pat Eagan on IRRAE**

For ten weeks every summer, 30 graduate students, 30 faculty coaches, and a team of instructors and librarians collaborate to produce 30 projects, which often go on to publication and application in the workforce.

Pat Eagan has been a member of this course’s teaching team for three years, guiding almost 100 students through what is to many one of the greatest challenges of their MEPP careers - the second year *Independent Reading and Research in Applied Engineering* (IRRAE) course.

This course combines elements of research, technical writing, and most of all, higher-level thinking. Eagan explained, “It’s one thing to acquire knowledge; it’s another to apply that knowledge and evaluate using what you’ve learned.” When his students can do this, he knows he’s done his job.

He further expressed hopes that this course would help instill in students the value of research. Moreover, he hopes that students will be able to apply their new analysis and evaluation skills in the work environment to effectively make important and potentially expensive decisions. He cites the ever-changing world of technology as one area where these skills will be especially critical.

IRRAE students choose topics that range from managerial to technical subjects, including anything from establishing Harley-Davidson in India, to developing windmill anchors, to studying acoustics. Though Eagan’s background is primarily in environmental engineering and sustainability, he explains that if a student project is successful, it will communicate the topic to any audience, even those not necessarily familiar with it, which sometimes includes himself.

For Eagan, IRRAE is a rewarding, but sometimes challenging undertaking. Whether it’s finding faculty coaches for every student, identifying each individual’s needs and areas for improvement, or overcoming the unique obstacles of online learning and the never-ending flood of e-mail, Eagan and the teaching team find a way to help their students excel in this useful, yet atypical course. “The biggest challenge,” Eagan states is that “every year there’s a specific skill set that the group needs.” It is then the teaching team’s job to identify these individual obstacles and teach students how to overcome them.

**IRRAE Dream Team**

Though Eagan’s role is essential, to attribute the success of this course to any one person would be unjust. As Eagan emphasized, putting this course together is really a team effort. Paul Ross, Technical Communications Professor at the UW, has taught in the MEPP program since 1999 and is a real cornerstone of the program. Amy Kindschi, Head of Faculty and Student Services at Wendt Library, has been a crucial player, as well. “Amy Kindschi at Wendt has been fantastic,” says Eagan. “Without her we couldn’t do it. She’s part of the team.” We also can’t talk about IRRAE without acknowledging Jack Quigly for originally designing the course and teaching it for the MEPP’s first six years.

Not only does the success of this course depend on the IRAEE teaching team, but it also depends on the faculty coaches and department support from the UW College of Engineering. Eagan notes the particular importance of the collegiality within the Department of Engineering Professional Development. Thanks to everyone who makes this course not only possible, but also great.

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Patrick Eagan, PhD, is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Engineering Professional Development, Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. He develops and offers continuing environmental engineering education to practicing professionals. Dr. Eagan has been actively involved internationally in the development of design-for-the-environment tools and has worked with many companies tailoring educational programs on the emerging topics of environmental awareness, life-cycle management/design-for-the-environment, environmental management systems, and environmental purchasing. Dr. Eagan recognizes the value of quality concepts and has focused on merging environmental perspectives with quality education programs (e.g. design-for-excellence or six sigma). In addition to his research in industrial ecology, his outreach courses include a range of topics including wastewater and stormwater treatment and restoration of water resources.
Summer Residency Keynote Speakers

By Wayne Pferdehirt

One of the highlights at each year’s MEPP Residency is the keynote address, delivered by an invited engineering leader from industry. Typically the keynote address offers insight to MEPP students, faculty and alumni on some aspect of professional and personal growth as an engineering leader.

The MEPP Residency 2008 keynote speaker was Steve Roehm, Manager of Technology and Innovation Leadership Development with GE Healthcare, Global Technology. Steve challenged attendees with highly insightful perspectives on corporate and individual leadership as part of his presentation, “Technology Growth Ladership.” MEPP program alumni and friends are invited to view Steve’s presentation Online at http://tinyurl.com/MEPP2008keynote.

MEPP thanks Steve, as well as the list of previous MEPP residency keynote speakers, for their valued contributions of ideas, perspectives and advice on growth as engineering leaders. Their insights help MEPP faculty and students reassess personal directions and the program’s curriculum in light of the current challenges facing engineering leaders.

Previous MEPP Residency Speakers:

John Nelson (2007)
Former CEO, Affiliated Engineers; adjunct instructor, UW-Madison

Pat Pinkston (2006)
General Manager, Waterloo Works, John Deere

Luiz Andrade (2005)
Chief Engineer, Electronics, Hamilton Sundstrand

Phil McCluskey (2004)
Manager, Advanced Materials Technology, Technology and Solutions Division, Caterpillar, Inc.

Bruce Dennert (2003)
Principal Engineer, Concepts, Harley-Davidson Motor Co.

Claude Benchimol (2002)
Vice President, General Manager, Global Technology, GE Healthcare

Cynthia Bachmann (2001)
Vice President, Engineering, Kohler Plumbing North America

Steven Bomba (2000)
Vice President, Technology, Johnson Controls

James Williams (1999)
Dean, College of Engineering, Ohio State
The Move to Moodle

MEPP made the transition from WebCT to a new online learning environment powered by Moodle in June 2007. Moodle is an open source course management system (CMS) designed to help educators create virtual learning communities.

“After extensive review of alternatives, we selected Moodle because it offers student and faculty features that we believe will make our program’s learning more interesting and effective than ever,” says MEPP director Wayne Pferdehirt.

The Moodle learning system incorporates technical and communication elements -- forums, file sharing options, participant bios, calendars, course information -- to create optimal opportunities for interaction not only between instructors and students, but among student cohorts and alumni, as well.

“With the move from WebCT to Moodle our online courses became rich, dynamic learning spaces,” says MEPP instructor and designer Amy Shenot.

Sheonot has led the way with figuring out how to best make Moodle meet the needs of MEPP students and faculty. She explains that one of the most useful developments is that instructors are able to edit course plans anytime. “Instructors appreciate having more control of their course environment and we have been successful in maintaining the consistency needed across courses while allowing room for the flexibility instructors enjoy in shaping their courses.”

“Feedback from students, instructors and staff has been very positive,” says Shenot. “Everyone appreciates the intuitive interface, the new communication and learning tools such as instant messaging and wikis, and the easy-to-use ‘one-stop shop’ for each course.”

As 2008 graduate Bill Timmons pointed out, “Sometimes change is good. Cool stuff.”
MEPP, The Next Generation

Congratulations on the latest additions to the MEPP family!

- Christine Nicometo (faculty): Luca Michael born September 6, 2007
- Bradley Schwer (09): Emma Jamie born October 23, 2007
- Michael Friederichs (08): Twin boys Ben and Sam born on February 12, 2008
- Dave Rodgers (08): Del Christopher born June 12, 2008
- Jeff Hupfer (08): Katelyn Elizabeth born February 28, 2008
- Brad Schiegg (09): Lori Jo born March 31, 2008

As always, please let us know if we missed anyone, and we will be sure to include them in the next issue.

Job News

Stacy Kearse (09) began a new job as a Senior Process Engineer for the Stepan Company in Elwood, IL, last September. Congratulations, Stacy! Enjoy the Midwest.

Ryan Drabek (08) has been promoted to Senior Engineer at Danfoss and Denmark this May following his graduation from the MEPP program. He continues to work internationally and is enjoying the additional benefits of his new position. Congratulations, Ryan!

Paul Cheatham (05) accepted a new position at EaglePicher Technologies, LLC in Joplin, MO, earlier this spring. He is now the Director of Sales and Business Development for Energetic Devices. This is Paul’s second promotion since he graduated from the MEPP program. Congratulations, Paul!

Dave Zeiger (08) began a new position at Continental earlier this summer. Dave is looking forward to using his MEPP skills as an engineering leader in the telematics line. Congratulations, Dave!

Jim Parks (08) was recently promoted to an Infrastructure Architect at Abbott Laboratories in Chicago. Jim made the jump in only three years at a company where it usually takes five or more years to attain that kind of promotion. Congratulations, Jim!

Other News

Dave Zeiger (08) received a patent at Motorola for optical data communication technology in a cell phone, which he hopes will be soon be implemented in a “rotator” phone prototype.

Don Ritter’s (03) project, the first manned ground vehicles in Future Combat Systems had its debut in June in Washington D.C., as a part of the Army’s 233rd birthday celebration. Prototypes of this technology will be distributed and tested throughout the U.S. later this year.

Congratulations to all of the MEPP Marathoners!
Badger Pals Endowment Fund

The MEPP Class of 2007, in conjunction with the UW Foundation, established the Badger Pals Endowment Fund to help the patients and families at the American Family Children’s Hospital cope with the stress and struggles of hospitalization. The fund finances primarily on-campus Badger athletic events including tickets, refreshments and necessary medical staff.

The MEPP class of 2008, lead by Dave Rodgers, continued to show outstanding support for the fund, raising over $7,000!

Badger Pals hits Miller Park

The American Family Children’s Hospital took patients and their families to Miller Park to watch the Milwaukee Brewers baseball game on August 11th. The 20 families that participated in this event enjoyed a tailgate party catered by Saz’s, and cheered the Brewers on to a 7-1 victory against the Washington Nationals. Go Brewers!

Mary Kaminski from the Children’s Hospital sent her heartfelt thanks to Badger Pals and its contributors for making the event possible saying, “I know this will be the highlight of the summer for these patients and families. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to offer such a wonderful and memorable experience for them.”

Thanks again to all of the MEPP students, alumni, faculty and staff for your contributions to Badger Pals!

Badger Pals - How to Participate

Badger Pals is an on-going endowment fund, which means you can still contribute to this great cause. Here’s how:

Mail your tax-deductible gift to the UW Foundation, c/o Nancy Frances-co-Welke. 1848 University Avenue, PO Box 8860, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708-8860. Questions? Call Nancy at 608-263-5960.

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