Outstanding Engineers Recognized at STE Homecoming Brunch

Four outstanding Tulanians were honored at the Society of Tulane Engineers Homecoming Brunch and Annual Meeting held on Saturday, September 13, 1997. A record crowd attended the jazz brunch in the University Center.

Dean William Van Buskirk presented Robert Englekirk, a 1959 civil engineering graduate, with the School of Engineering’s Outstanding Alumnus Award. Englekirk is the president of Robert Englekirk, Inc., a structural engineering and consulting firm in Los Angeles, California. He has over thirty years experience in structural engineering design and is a licensed Structural Engineer in over twenty states.

Englekirk received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Tulane in 1959. He earned a Master of Science and Ph.D. from UCLA, where he also taught advanced engineering courses for twenty years. He is now an Adjunct Professor of Structural Engineering at the University of California at San Diego where he teaches “Advanced Reinforced and Prestressed Concrete Design.”

Among Englekirk’s many career achievements is the Getty Center in Brentwood, California. He is the structural engineer of record for the massive art complex which has been under construction for seven years. The Getty has been described as a 20th century acropolis erected amid geotechnical and ambitious architectural challenges. The $1 billion structure will house the art collection of the J. Paul Getty Foundation and is scheduled to open in January, 1998.

Englekirk has received numerous industry awards over the span of his career. He specializes in engineering problems such as wind and earthquake engineering. His book, Steel Structures: Controlling Behavior through Design, was recently published by John Wiley & Sons.

Internet pioneer, David Filo, was chosen as the recipient of the 1997 Harold A. Levy Award. The Levy Award recognizes outstanding career achievement within ten years of graduation. Filo, 29, was valedictorian of his 1988 class at Tulane. While a graduate student at Stanford University, he and a fellow student developed the Internet directory, Yahoo!, which is among the most popular of all Internet search engines and now provides a variety of online services. Filo and his partner have been the subject of much national media attention due to the popularity and success of Yahoo! as well as their outstanding philanthropy.

The Tulane School of Engineering Hall of Fame was established during the School’s Centennial in 1994 to honor Tulane engineers who have made significant contributions to the fields of engineering and science through the practice of engineering, technology, science, education, business, management, or government on a level of national or international importance.

Elected to the Hall of Fame at Homecoming were Waldemar S. Nelson and William H. P. Creighton, who was posthumously inducted.

Waldemar Nelson has often said that “engineering is in his blood; both of his parents, and five uncles and an aunt were professional engineers.” Since (continued on page 5)
Dean's Message

Greetings from the Tulane School of Engineering. The academic year is off to a very interesting start. In June, the University got a new Provost, Martha W. Gilliland. Dr. Gilliland is an environmental engineer and has been appointed as a tenured member of the faculty in our Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. This is the first time in Tulane's history that an engineer has served as Provost. (Two of the deans of the School of Engineering have served as acting president).

As I am sure you are aware, the University is doing quite well in national rankings: we were 34th overall in the U.S. News and World Report ranking and 4th in the "best value" category. Dr. Gilliland has initiated a strategic planning process that should take us to even higher levels. Forces such as the globalization of the economy and information technology will transform higher education. We seek to be at the cutting edge of that transformation and to be a model for other universities.

The Class of 2001 has now settled into classes. There are 207 freshman, 29% of whom are women. The class has an average SAT score of 1318, the highest in our history and one of the best for freshman engineering classes in the country. This is an exciting group of young men and women. We look forward to working with them and getting to know them better.

Two new faculty members joined us this year: Professor Daniel C. R. De Kee in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Assistant Professor Kay C. Dee in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. With the addition of Dr. Gilliland and Dr. Dee, we now have six women in our total faculty of 54.

New buildings are going up and renovations are taking place all over campus. A new environmental science building is being built in front of the Lindy Claiborne Boggs Center and across the quad, Alcee Fortier is being renovated, also for environmental science. Several of our environmental engineering faculty and their graduate students will be housed in these new facilities. Also, Stanley Thomas Hall is currently undergoing a complete renovation. The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science will take possession of this newly renovated space in the early spring of 1998.

One of the more exciting developments this past year was the endowment of the Yahoo! Founder Chair in Information Systems Technology in our Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science by David R. Filo, a 1988 graduate in Computer Engineering. David is a co-founder of Yahoo! Inc., an Internet media company that helps people navigate the World Wide Web, and is the youngest donor of an endowed chair in Tulane's history. We, of course, are deeply grateful to David and are now conducting a national search for a faculty member to fill the chair.

We look forward to another great year. The faculty has never been stronger and the student body has never been better. Thanks to many of you, our facilities are world class. I hope you will take the time to visit us during the coming year and see for yourself all of the exciting developments on campus and in the School of Engineering.

W. C. Van Buskirk
Dean of Engineering

**NEWS**

**YAHOO! Founder Endows Chair**

David Filo, a 1988 computer engineering graduate and co-founder of Yahoo!, one of the Internet's most popular search engines and online service companies, became the youngest donor to create an endowment at Tulane when he established the Yahoo! Founder's Chair in February.

Filo, who was class valedictorian at Tulane, started Yahoo! Inc. with a fellow student while both were graduate students in electrical engineering at Stanford University. The company made its initial stock offering last year and its market value soared past $800 million.

Filo donated $1 million in Yahoo! stock to fund the chair.

The Yahoo! Founder's Chair will support a distinguished scholar in computer engineering who is at the forefront of information systems technology, and who has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit. The School of Engineering is conducting a national search to fill the chair.

"Information technology is a strategic priority, and this chair is very important for the School of Engineering. We're delighted to be able to go out and find one of the leading researchers in the field," says engineering dean, William Van Buskirk.

Filo credits Tulane for its role in his success. "One of the reasons I was able to get to the position to start Yahoo! was in part due to Tulane. They gave me a scholarship without which I probably wouldn't have been able to attend. I felt it was kind of my obligation to repay them."

**Provost Appointed**

Dr. Martha W. Gilliland has been appointed Provost and Graduate Dean at Tulane. She is also Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Professor of Geology.

Dr. Gilliland was Academic Vice President for Information and Human Resources, and Professor of Hydrology and Water Resources at the University of Arizona. She holds an A.B. from Catawba College, an M.A. from Rice University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Dr. Gilliland has published extensively in the areas of water quality issues, geochmical cycles, technology and environmental impact assessments, solid and hazardous waste management, and the analysis of energy alternatives.
Faculty Introduce Junior High School Students to Engineering

The first Summer Program in Environmental Engineering and Science (SPEES) brought a diverse group of 7th and 8th graders to Tulane for a week of hands-on activities. Seventeen students were selected from local private and public schools to participate in the summer program sponsored by TRW Inc. The participants were asked to complete an application which included a 300 to 400 word essay discussing their interest in school, particularly in the area of science. Dr. David J. Sailor (Mechanical Engineering) successfully planned, organized and executed the program with the help of Dr. Laura Steinberg (Civil & Environmental Engineering), Dr. Ronaldo Luna (Civil Environmental & Engineering) and Dr. Julie Whitsack (Ecology, Evolution & Organismal Biology), as well as undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Engineering. Energy was soaring while the teens participated in experiments which explored environmental issues such as air pollution, water quality, soil properties and solar energy, to name a few. Often during the four-day program it was difficult to determine who was having the most fun, the program staff or the participants. While the teams worked on their experiments, solar cars were spinning and whirling through the quad, volleyball nets hung over the newly created race tracks, and the summer heat seemed tolerable. One of the camp's main objectives was to "get children thinking about their future" stated Dr. Sailor. It wasn't long before the students could see that science and engineering are fun and have real-life applications.

Engineering faculty and students with Summer Program participants

Four New Endowed Scholarships Established in School of Engineering

Four new endowed scholarships have recently been established in the School of Engineering: the Robert N. Bruce, Jr. Scholarship in Civil Engineering; the Randall Nichols Scholarship in Chemical Engineering: the John Metzger Scholarship; and the Shepard Francis Perrin Scholarship.

Dr. Robert N. Bruce, Jr. is a 1951 alumnus and the Catherine and Henry BobChair in Civil Engineering. He has been a member of the civil engineering faculty since 1962. Over the past 34 years he has been an outstanding teacher, alumnus and internationally renowned expert in prestressed concrete structures. In 1995, he was recognized as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by the School of Engineering. Several of his students initiated the scholarship fund which was generously endowed by his sister, Jane Bruce Jenevein, and her husband, Dr. Edwin Patrick Jenevein.

The late Mrs. Edna Warnack Metzger (N’30) and her children, Mrs. Edna M. Charles and Mr. John J. Metzger, III (E’61), established the John J. Metzger, Jr. Scholarship in memory of John J. Metzger, Jr., a 1931 civil engineering graduate who spent his career with Exxon Corporation. The fund will be used to support a deserving student from the greater New Orleans metropolitan area.

Randall K. Nichols, a 1967 graduate in chemical engineering, has endowed the Randall K. Nichols Award and Scholarship Fund in Chemical Engineering. The fund will be used as an award for a deserving student in the chemical engineering junior class, and income over the set amount will provide scholarship support. Nichols established the award as a gesture of gratitude for the education he received in the engineering school and for the guidance provided him by his mentor, Dr. Raymond V. Bailey.

The Shepard Francis Perrin Scholarship was established by the Perrin family to commemorate the three generations of Perrins who graduated from Tulane's School of Engineering, and to encourage a similar tradition among other Tulaneans. Shepard Francis Perrin began the twentieth century tradition upon his graduation in 1916 with a degree in mechanical and electrical engineering. He was followed by Shepard Francis Perrin, Jr., who graduated in 1942, and Shepard Francis Perrin, III, who graduated in 1983, both of whom earned Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering degrees. The merit based scholarship will provide aid to the children and grandchildren of Tulane/Newcomb alumni who without scholarship support could not attend Tulane.
Leo S. Weil Professorship Established in Mechanical Engineering

An endowed professorship has been established in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in memory of Leo S. Weil, a Tulane engineering alumnus and an eminent pioneer in the field of commercial air conditioning.

Leo S. Weil (1891-1968) received his bachelor’s degree in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering in 1911 and his Master of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1915. In 1918, he formed a partnership with Walter Moses, also a Tulane engineering alumnus, that would last for 50 years and literally change the internal climate of New Orleans, the South, and the United States.

The firm of Weil and Moses eventually specialized in engineering required for industrial plants, which included ice plants and cold storage installations, and it was from this experience that the germ of a revolutionary idea was born: commercial air conditioning.

Weil holds the distinction of designing the air conditioning system for the first completely air-conditioned store in the nation, the Krauss Department Store in New Orleans, in 1930. From this initial outstanding achievement, national recognition and success followed.

Weil and Moses almost single-handedly air conditioned New Orleans, including Tulane University. One of Weil’s most innovative design projects was the air conditioning of the Roosevelt Hotel, which involved the installation of one of the country’s first systems that allowed each occupant to thermostatically control the temperature of his or her room. The firm also brought air conditioning to numerous banks, office buildings, department stores, and hotels throughout the nation.

In addition to his many years of outstanding service to the engineering profession, Leo Weil was a generous benefactor, volunteer, and civic leader in the New Orleans community. He and his partner, Walter Moses, always maintained close ties with Tulane. In 1965, the two men made a gift to establish engineering scholarships, one in each man’s name. After Weil’s death in 1968, Mrs. Edna Burkenroad Weil endowed the Leo S. Weil Scholarship. Now, Mr. Weil’s daughter and son-in-law, Juanita and Harold Bohn, have given a generous gift to establish the Leo S. Weil Professorship in Mechanical Engineering to honor the life and achievements of her father. The Chair will support the research of a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Society of Tulane Engineers Senior Awards Banquet Honors Outstanding Graduates

This year’s Senior Awards Banquet was held on April 23, 1997 and numerous outstanding graduating seniors were honored. Awards were given for scholastic excellence with some geared to a special interest of the donors and some for activities in various professional societies.

The recipient of the STE “Samuel L. Sullivan, Jr. Student Award for Service and Scholarship” was Louis Oliver Jeansonne, IV. Faculty awards were also presented from student chapters of various engineering societies. This year’s recipient of the STE “Lee H. Johnson Award for Teaching Excellence” was Dr. Andrew Martinez of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department.

E-Week Activities Keep Students Busy

The Engineering Student Council kicked off the second annual Tulane Engineering Week celebration on March 11, and the entire week was devoted to engineering-related activities. It was the students’ time to honor the engineering profession and promote the school.

Each day saw a different “E-week” activity, such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers volleyball tournament, the Chemical Engineering Society’s scavenger hunt, and the Electrical Engineering Society’s Engineering Olympics. The week peaked on Friday when the much anticipated design competition was held, consisting of two opponents designing mechanisms to transport an egg across various obstacles, while trying to destroy their opponent’s egg. To close off
the week of celebration the St. Patrick’s Day crawfish extravaganza was held. Pictures of E-week are available online from the Engineering Student Council homepage at http://www.tulane.edu/ese and for more information on E-week, the Engineering Student Council can be contacted at ese@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu. This spring’s E-week has been scheduled for March 16-20, and all alumni are welcome to attend.

Two Faculty Members Receive Teaching Awards

The School of Engineering is proud to announce that Dr. Ronald C. Anderson (Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs, School of Engineering; Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering) and Dr. Michael Lynch (Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering) are recipients of new awards for excellence in undergraduate teaching. These awards, established early this year, are given to university faculty members whose teaching is regarded by students and faculty as truly worthy of recognition. In addition to public recognition, the awardees may draw from a fund administered by the provost to support teaching during the 12-month period following the award. Selection of winners is made by the Hackney Committee consisting of four faculty members and four students, plus additional members as may be appointed by the Provost.

Tulane Goes Off-Road

Last year a group of mechanical engineering students traveled to Canada for Tulane’s first entry in the SAE Mini Baja East Competition. Mini Baja is an ongoing collegiate design competition organized by the Society of Automotive Engineers. The goal is to design, build, and race a single seat off road vehicle that will survive the severe punishments of rough terrain. Every year over 150 schools compete in one of three regional competitions. The project is an opportunity for students to compliment theoretical knowledge with hands-on training.

This May will be Tulane’s second year in the competition, and judging from the enthusiasm generated among the student body, we hope to continue the project for many years to come. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals or companies to support Tulane Engineering students at the national level. If you are interested in supporting the Mini Baja team, please contact Joshua Salkovitz, SAE vice president (504) 865-8454, jsalkov@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu.

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graduating in 1936 with a degree in mechanical and electrical engineering, he has contributed significantly to the field of engineering. He has worked as a field engineer, a consulting engineer, and during World War II served with the Army Corps of Engineers. For the past 52 years, he has been a principal with the consulting firm of Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc. in New Orleans.

Nelson is a civil, electrical, and mechanical engineer registered in forty-four states. Among his many awards and honors are the Distinguished Service Award of the National Council of Engineering Examiners; the Tulane Engineering Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1976; the Young Leadership Council’s 1987 Role Model of the Year; and Junior Achievement of New Orleans “Entrepreneur of the Year.”

He is past president of the Tulane Alumni Association; a founding member, past president, and current member of the Engineering Board of Advisors, and he is a trustee of the Tulane Engineering Foundation. In 1992, he was named Tulane’s Volunteer of the Year.

William H. P. Creighton was the first engineer to be dean of Tulane’s College of Technology. He was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland and joined the faculty as Professor of Mechanical Engineering in 1894. He was known as a stern disciplinarian and thorough teacher.

Professor Creighton’s appointment to the Tulane Faculty coincided with the formal establishment of a College of Technology and the movement of the university to its present Uptown campus. He served as dean from 1911-1919.

Creighton was recognized as a consulting engineer, a contributor to engineering journals and periodicals, and as the author of a text book on the “Steam Engine.” He was represented at the brunch by his daughter-in-law, Cora Creighton of New Orleans.

1996-97 President’s Corner

This year has had its share of changes and happenings related to the School of Engineering. Several professors have retired, there were four valedictorians, a twenty-nine year old alumnus gave a gift of $1,000,000 to the school, and work began to totally rebuild the interior of Stanley Thomas Hall.

One thing (non-engineering) that repeated itself was the football team’s unfortunate Homecoming loss to Rice. I wish better luck in the future to Coach Bowden and the team.

The SAT scores and diversity of the engineering student body continued to increase this year. Thanks to one of those students, and to Laurie Orth (of the dean’s office), the STE finally has a page on the Internet (attached to the University’s web site). The STE Board has plans to grow this web page to facilitate contact among engineering alumni and perhaps a jobs/resume section.

I have enjoyed this opportunity to serve on the STE Board for the past four years, and I recommend that more engineering alumni take the initiative to get involved with the STE. I sincerely appreciate all of the work done by the staff of the dean’s office in behalf of the STE and the support given to the STE by Dean Van Buskirk.

I wish the best of luck to Rob Curran, 1997-98 STE President, and the rest of the STE Board.

W. T. “Skip” Chandler, P.E., P.M.P.
New Faculty Appointments 1997

Dr. Ronald C. Anderson has been appointed Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. Prior to being named Associate Dean, Dr. Anderson served on the faculty of the Biomedical Engineering Department. His research background is orthopaedic biomaterials; implant design and performance; orthopaedic biomechanics; head/neck modeling; and cervical spine injury.

Dr. Richard T. Hart has been named Chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering. He has been in the School of Engineering since 1982. His research has consisted of response of living bone to changes in mechanical load; biomechanics of total joint replacement; biomechanics of the human mandible; finite element methods and numerical analyses; biomedical applications of supercomputing.

In July of 1996, Dr. Enrique Barbieri was appointed Chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He has been on the faculty since 1988, and his research has consisted of linear and nonlinear control theory; sliding mode control theory and applications to electro-mechanical systems; use of the continuation method in optimal control; and redundant manipulation and control of flexible structures.

Dr. Cedric F. Walker has been appointed Chair of Engineering Science. He has been on the faculty since January of 1977. His research has concentrated on neural prostheses and electrical stimulation; and clinical engineering.

BIOMEDICAL

Dr. Kay C. Dee has joined the engineering faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. She earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 1992 and a M.Eng. in Biomedical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in 1994. She then completed her Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from RPI in 1996 and was named "Engineer of the Year" by RPI engineering students. Dr. Dee's main area of research includes cell/tissue engineering. The cell and tissue research laboratory is the newest addition to the Department of Biomedical Engineering, and it will be up and running this fall.

The senior team's design projects for BEH were shown to the public on March 15. Eleven teams designed and built small robots for the competition.

In his role as the director of the National Science Foundation's Chemical Engineering Program, he is responsible for overseeing the program's goals and objectives.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. Cris Koutsougeras has been named graduate director of the department.

Dr. Parviz Rastgoufard has been appointed the Emeritus Chair in Electrical Power Engineering.

Dr. Shieh T. Hsieh is on sabbatical and is serving as Director of the US/China Institute Clean Energy Network. The mission of this venture is to create opportunities that benefit both countries' leaders in energy efficiency and renewable energy technology. To learn more about this project you can visit their website at http://www.tulane.edu/-uschina/.

Dr. Frederick Petry has been named a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

Dr. Mark Benard has recently been appointed Associate Chair of the department.

On April 5, the department co-sponsored the Symposium on Technology-enhanced Education in conjunction with the Lilly Teaching Fellows Program; the Office for Institutional Planning, Research, and Innovation; and the US/China Institute for Energy and the Environment.

MECHANICAL

Dr. Efthathios E. Michaelides is on sabbatical and is visiting professor at Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Dr. Robin Vaughan (B.S.E., Mechanical Engineering '81, Tulane; Ph.D. '87, MIT) gave a seminar in the department on October 16 entitled "Return to Mars: The Pathfinder Flight Experience." Dr. Vaughan is an Aeronautical Engineer with Jet Propulsion Laboratories in California and her specialty is celestial navigation. She is a member of the Mars Pathfinder Team, and is a past recipient of the Harold A. Levey Award.

Dr. Michael Larson is working on a project with TRW Corporation investigating nondestructive testing of satellite components using laser holography.

On October 6, 1997, NIGEC SCRC and the US Environmental Protection Agency co-sponsored a White House Conference on Global Warming and Climate Change via satellite. Dr. Robert G. Watts (Director of NIGEC, Southern Regional Office) led the panel discussion from the Tulane School of Engineering School in the one-day conference.

Dr. Morteza Mehrabadi is back from a year's sabbatical. While on sabbatical, he spent six months in Sendai, Japan as a visiting professor at Tohoku University, doing research on the mechanics of granular materials on a grant from the National Science Foundation. The remaining six months were spent in Washington D.C. visiting Navy labs while working on modeling the processing of ceramic powders. This was made possible by a grant from the US Navy and the American Society for Engineering Education.
School Bids Farewell to 140 Years of Dedicated Service

Associate Dean Emeritus Samuel L. Sullivan, Jr. retired on December 30, 1996, after 35 years. He served as Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies.

Former Dean Hugh A. Thompson retired on August 30, 1996, after 33 years. He served as Dean of Engineering from 1976 to 1991. In 1991, he stepped down to lead research as Entergy Chair in Electric Power Engineering.

Dr. Frank J. Dalia retired on December 30, 1996, after 41 years. He joined the faculty in 1955 as an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, serving as Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering from 1968 until his retirement.

Dr. Edward P. Williamson retired on December 30, 1996, after 31 years. His career began in 1965 as an Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, serving as Associate Professor from 1970 until his retirement.

ALUMNI NEWS

1920

Marx Isaacs (ChE ’29) celebrated his 87th birthday with cake at the Sept. ’96 Houston meetings of AIChE and the Society for Technical Communication. Marx is in his 27th year as editor of the national newsletter of the AIChE Environmental Division.

1930

J. Bres Eustis (ChE ’34) founded Eustis Engineering Co. in 1946, and is celebrating 50 years with the company.

1940

Alvin G. Gottschall (ME ’43) has written a book entitled “Growing Up in New Orleans.” The book was published by Vantage Press N.Y.

Edward G. Holmes (EE ’44) retired, is volunteer for S.C.O.R.E. and County Regional Library in Atlanta, GA.

1950

Victor A. Landry (ME ’56) has been appointed Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners for Orleans Levee District. He was also elected president of the Louisiana Post of the Society of American Military Engineers.

John B. Fisher (EE ’52) retired from Standard Crystal Corp. in 1992 and founded John Fisher Research, Inc. in Laguna Niguel, CA to do research on quartz crystals and oscillators. He has had to limit his research due to illness.

1960

Lawrence V. Beckman (ChE ’64) is president and CEO of HIMA-Americas, Inc. in Houston, TX. He recently received an award from ASA for participation on the 584.01 Committee which drafted the process safety standard for the US process industry.

Maurice J. Ducarpe (CE ’68) retired in 1992 after 37 years with the Corps of Engineers. He recently completed a construction project for URS-Greiner Engineers.

William Cavanaugh (ME ’61), president and chief executive officer of Carolina Power & Light, has received the 1997 Utility Leadership Award from the Power & Operations Divisions of the American Nuclear Society.

Glenn P. Orgeron (EE ’68) was recently named a partner in the New Orleans Law Firm of Lemie & Kelleher.

1970

Arnold R. Ferguson (CE ’71) received designation as a Registered Professional Safety Engineer in MA. He is an industrial hygienist with Bechtel Hanford, Inc. in Richland, WA.

C. Curtis Mann (ME ’74) was recently elected to a 3-year term as treasurer of the National Evaluation Service (NES). NES is associated with the National Model Code Organizations SBCCI, BOCA, and ICBO in the evaluation of products for use as alternatives to code approved products and services.

Judith A. Kron (CHE ’77) lives in Wilmington, DE. She will celebrate 20 years with DuPont this year. She is responsible for end use marketing for DuPont nylon apparel.

Clifton E. Grim, III (CS ’74) and his wife, Terry, are back at home in Seabrook, TX after a three year assignment in the United Kingdom. He is a senior programmer with IBM.

CDR Michael C. Huete (EE ’76) is with the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C., and is a member of AFCEA.

Joseph J. Sabrier, III (CE ’79) is lead mechanical engineer for Chevron USA Production Company's Genesis project in Richmond, TX.

Warren J. Haney (BSE ’78) resides in Atlanta, GA with wife, Rhonda, and their three daughters. He served as a naval aviator from 1978 to 1992 in the Mediterranean Sea, and Pensacola as a flight instructor. He has recently completed 10 years with Federal Express as a pilot.

1980

Jane Kotecki, MD (BME ’85) is a full-time clinical physician in the Emergency Dept. at Rockford Memorial Hospital in Rockford, IL. She is also the medical director for Rockford Emergency Acute Care Transport Air and Ground Ambulance program, and teaches at University of Illinois College of Medicine, Rockford Campus.

Alan M. Kagen (ME ’89) is a partner in the law firm of Nixon & Vanderhye in Arlington, VA.

Philip E. Stanley, MD (BME ’83) recently completed his residency in ophthalmology at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, and is continuing on as a staff ophthalmologist concentrating on cataract and refractive surgery.

Teresa R. (Lewis) Orcutt (BME ’85) is married to Capt. Daniel J. Orcutt, an Air Force C-130 pilot. She competed in fencing for a position on the US Olympic team, finishing the ’96 season ranked 8th in the US. She was the ’95 fencing national champion and the ’96 silver medalist. She was selected for the 5th time in 6 years as the Air Force female athlete of the year.

Maj. Glenn J. Pappas (CE ’83) is teaching civil engineering at the USAF Academy. He and his wife, Susan, have a year-old son, Ryan.

C. M. “Josh” Billings (MS ’80 Pet. Eng.) has been elected vice-president
of Coastal Oil & Gas for the Coastal Corporation's Gulf Coast Offshore District.

Karen Sikorski Bridges (BME '86) completed her Masters Degree in Public Administration and is a staff officer in the US Air Force, stationed at the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

Sharon L. Kelly (BME '83) is a certified prosthetist residing in Cleveland, and has three sons, Ian, Sean and Evan. She is married to Clay M. Kelly, MD.

David H. Kohn (BME '83) was promoted to associate professor with tenure at the University of Michigan in Sept., 1996.

Walter P. Landry, Jr. (EE '84) has been promoted to project manager for the Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group, Pasadena, CA.

Richard Wheeler (ME '89) is first officer for Piedmont Airlines in Charlottesville, VA.

Patrick Swift Brannan (BSE '86) recently received his MA from the Darden School at the University of Virginia.

Donald C. Tyler (CS '95) was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant (jg. grade) in the US Navy.

Roy G. Benaroch (BME '90) and wife, Jodie, announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Beth, born on April 26, 1997.

Navy Lt. Darcey J. Thureson (BSE '90) recently returned from a 6-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf with Fleet Logistic Support Squadron 30 (VRC 30) aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

Navy Ens. Jason P. Lankford (ChE '95) is currently halfway through a 6-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Erie.

IN MEMORIAM

Carl Bendler (E '37)
Roland J. Broussard (ME '51)
Richard A. Heehe (ME '44)
Alfred Lippman, Jr. (ChE '29)
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