A MODEL OF PRECISION
Letter from the Dean

Engineering education nationwide is going through a major transformation to better prepare students as business and industry leaders, technologically adept professionals, and socially and culturally conscious citizens on a global level. The transformation is not occurring without challenges and pain. But it is making the UI College of Engineering a stronger leader in academic and research advancement—core to our mission as a state institution. I want to share with you some of the major accomplishments we’ve experienced in just the past year. That way you too, as alumni, can participate in the feeling of achievement and promise the College enjoys.

Enrollment at the College is on the rise. For Fall Semester 2003, undergraduate enrollment reached 1,209—the largest ever. Graduate enrollment was up significantly, from 338 in Fall 2002 to 383 last fall—a 13% increase.

In Fall 2003, the College took a leadership position in the University and established a new initiative in diversity advancement. The Ethnic Inclusion Effort for Iowa Engineering (EISE) is directed by Victor Rodgers, professor of chemical and biochemical engineering and one of the University’s most active and passionate faculty in creating opportunities for underrepresented students. You can read more at www.engineering.uiowa.edu/ethnic-inclusion.

Student perception of teaching continues to be high. Collectively, a large majority of our faculty has consistently received effectiveness ratings of 5.0 or better (on a 6.0 scale) in core, program, and graduate courses.

Research expenditures in 2002–2003 topped $27.5 million, up 17% from last year. That’s $335,000 per faculty member. College faculty researchers attracted more than $27 million in research funding last year as well—a 19% increase over the previous year. Larry Weber, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering and associate director of IIHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, and his team received the largest single research grant ($6.7 million) at the University in 2002–2003.

We developed a new research initiative to make biomedical imaging and image analysis a nationally recognized research program in the College and an integral component of a campus-wide initiative. The effort is being coordinated by Milan Sonka, professor of electrical and computer engineering and a member of the College’s Imaging Group.

The University is one of three institutions that will participate in a five-year, $17 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant awarded to the Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis, headquartered at the University of Kansas. The Center is a multidisciplinary, multi-university research center led by KU, with the UI and Washington University in St. Louis serving as core partners. Its mission is to develop environmentally friendly and economically viable chemical processes for industry.

A gift from Thomas R. Hanson, a 1960 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Engineering, and his wife, Nancy A. Schneider Hanson, has endowed the Hanson Center for Technical Communication within the college. A majority of the Hansons’ gift will be used to support the center, which offers engineering students a comprehensive resource for developing communication skills as part of their engineering education. Like so many generous alumni of the College, Tom Hanson wanted to make a significant difference for future Iowa engineers.

I want to thank you, along with all fellow Engineering alumni, for your belief in making the College an even better educational resource for aspiring engineers. UI Engineering graduates and friends of the College continue to provide the encouragement and support that will make us even more successful in 2004.

P. Barry Butler
Dean
A Model of Precision
A long-time leader at the University of Iowa’s Center for Computer-Aided Design, Professor K.K. Choi strengthens mechanical systems through precise mathematical modeling.
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It's official—K.K. Choi is a dude.

At least that's how one former student described the University of Iowa Carver Professor of Mechanical Engineering on a recent course evaluation. An Iowa alumnus himself (MS 1977 in mechanical engineering; PhD 1980 in applied mathematics), Choi has honed his teaching and mentoring skills during 19 years as a College of Engineering faculty member.
Many students note that Choi's excellent teaching is rooted in his own research, from which he draws case examples to explain complex ideas in mathematical modeling. And there's no doubt that, like his teaching, Choi's research ranks high on the "dudability meter."

Choi has mentored 25 PhD students and three MS students as well as many younger faculty scholars. His superb scholarship, teaching, and service earned him the 2003 Regents Award for Faculty Excellence, awarded by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. The College of Engineering presented him with its 2002 Faculty Excellence Award for Research, and in 1996 it awarded Choi its Faculty Excellence Award for Service.

From the time he was a graduate student at Iowa in the early 1970s, Choi has developed his research under the auspices of the College of Engineering's Center for Computer-Aided Design (CCAD). He eventually served as the center's associate director, deputy director, and director (1995-2003). Under his direction, the research center, which offers space, facilities, and staff for engineering research, has grown into a community of 14 engineering scholars whose interests include solid mechanics, mechanical system design optimization, human factors, biomedical engineering, and reliability-based design optimization.

Since 1989, Choi's own research has included several projects with Ford Motor Company. These efforts have focused on the development of prototype cars that are relatively lightweight yet provide a smooth, quiet ride. In the first of these projects, completed in 1994, Choi developed and applied software to design the precise thickness of a car's body—no mean feat, considering the average car body consists of more than 150 separate pieces of sheet metal.

"Ford used our software to optimize the vehicle so that it incorporated precisely rolled sheet metal that made the car lighter without sacrificing noise or vibration levels," Choi says. "However, the thickness of the metal cannot be precisely manufactured inexpensively."

The company actually produced six prototype cars—at a cost of more than $1 million—and invited Choi to come to its Atlanta factory to watch the production of the first optimized vehicle.

"I started at the beginning of the assembly line," Choi recalls, "where there were hundreds of pieces of metal. The company officials said, 'This will all become a car,' and in eight hours, it was."

The six prototypes built in Atlanta were tested in Dearborn, Mich. Although the results were very successful, production costs of such vehicles for consumers would have been staggering.

"Once we tightened the tolerance of the sheet metal precisely," Choi says, "what should have been a $20,000 car suddenly became a car that would cost close to $200,000."

Although this particular project did not produce a marketable car, Choi's design optimization methodology is being used by Ford engineers to guide body structure design on several car and truck vehicle programs. The collaboration was a success for Choi too.

"For researchers, this kind of project is a rare opportunity to validate our theories and computational methods," Choi says. "Such validation is extremely important."

"And," he adds, "we listened to what the manufacturer said about its production needs and the needs of the customer, so we learned from industry what's important."

That early project also was the springboard for a research tool Choi has developed, refined, and applied to new projects. Reliability-based design optimization (RBDO) has become the hallmark of Choi's methodology, which has branched into the design of various ground vehicles, both for consumers and for the military. Building on the results from his first efforts with Ford, Choi developed a computer software program to help the manufacturer find the optimal thickness of sheet metal that will enable the manufacturer to
produce, at reduced manufacturing cost, a car that meets certain safety standards. His efforts enabled Ford to simulate crashworthiness in four different accident scenarios.

"In the old days," Choi says, "we had to propose models, build a prototype car, crash it, assess the damage, go back to the beginning of the process, refine the next prototype, crash it...you get the picture."

But Choi’s new sophisticated computer software makes simulation possible without repeated prototyping and crashing. As with the earlier Ford project, the Iowa researcher looked at variability in sheet metal thickness and its distribution around the car. The challenge was to find the optimal metal thickness that could at once minimize the vehicle weight but still maintain driver and passenger safety with a minimum of 90 percent reliability. Choi and his research team successfully applied the RBDO process to reduce vehicle weight by more than 30 pounds while maintaining safety and improving reliability from 62.1 percent to 91.2 percent.

The theoretical modeling for this project relied on earlier research Choi conducted for the U.S. Army. Concerned about the failure rate of trailer drawbars in rough terrain, Army personnel asked Choi if he could apply the RBDO techniques to their vehicle mechanical systems.

"They needed a method to predict system failure," Choi says. "Of course, this is different than the noise issue we dealt with when studying cars, but fatigue, safety, and noise really can be seen as simply three common kinds of failure."

Choi’s software and design sensitivity analysis tools managed to optimize the design so that the drawbar’s fatigue life was improved more than 5,000 percent while the weight was reduced 40 percent. The Army is validating the optimized drawbar design in preparation for implementing it.

Choi’s research contributed to another Army project, to improve ground vehicles for rapid deployment, high mobility, and sustainability. To meet these objectives, the vehicles needed to be lighter and their components reliably durable for sustained missions. Choi’s role was to focus on improving fatigue life of a suspension system while simultaneously reducing its weight, by applying the same DRAW tool he had used to assess and redesign the trailer drawbar.

Choi presented his findings at a Society of Automotive Engineers meeting in March 2003, where, he says, "it caught the attention of several generals." The Army is planning to implement the new reliability-based design methods suggested by Choi’s research.

Whether his research is military or civilian, Choi focuses on maximizing reliability of mechanical systems within certain parameters of uncertainty. After some 30 years at The University of Iowa, he continues to exhibit precisely the characteristics he studies—reliability, durability, and success in a world of uncertainty.
hirty-two years ago, a young man traveled halfway around the world from his native Turkey to study mechanics and hydraulics in an American prairie town. Mehmet Secil Uzuner (MS 1971, PhD 1974) was so delighted by his experience that he encouraged his younger brother, Ahmet Sekuk Uzuner (MS 1975), to join him and earn a master's degree in the same sub-
jects. After the brothers completed their studies at The University of Iowa, they returned home, where they devoted the next quarter century to engineering and managing massive public works projects and built one of the leading engineering construction firms in the Mediterranean and Middle East.

Today, Secil is chairman and Selcuk is deputy chairman of the board of UZKA Construction Industry and Trade, Inc. The company moniker melds part of the Uzuner name with the Turkish word, “kardes,” which means “brother.” The size and scope of the company’s projects are impressive. For example, the Uzuner brothers have served as project managers for the Istanbul Metro System, which includes 23 kilometers of track and tunnels. Founded in 1986, the company undertakes construction projects across the Middle East and North Africa and has served as the engineering and computer-aided design consultant for construction sites developed by other companies.

After earning his BS degree in civil engineering at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Secil arrived in Iowa City in 1969 to study hydraulics under the late John F. Kennedy, professor of hydraulic engineering and director of the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research. The young scholar’s dissertation research was focused on the mechanics and hydraulics of river ice jams.

Secil earned his PhD in 1974, then spent two years as the consulting engineer and project manager for design and testing of an ice control structure on the St. Lawrence Seaway. From there, he returned home and joined a highly respected Turkish engineering and construction firm, ENKA.

The talented young engineer quickly rose to become project manager of major public works sites. In Jubail Industrial City, Saudi Arabia, Secil oversaw the construction of a seawater supply/return canal entailing an 800,000-square-meter excavation, 100,000 square meters of concrete, a 1,200-ton steel bridge, and a $47-million contract. By 1986 he was the assistant general manager of all of the company’s job sites in Saudi Arabia.

“Secil was in the first class I ever taught at Iowa,” says V.C. Patel, who adds with a smile that the elder Uzuner still addresses him as “sir.”

“He was a very bright and dedicated student whose pioneering work on river ice won international recognition,” says Patel, the University of Iowa Foundation Distinguished Professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Edwin B. Green Chair of Hydraulics, and director of IHHE’s Hydroscience & Engineering (formerly the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research). “Secil was a star student of Jack Kennedy and [Professor of Hydraulics and Dean of Engineering] Hunter Rouse, and he loved Iowa City. So of course when it came time for his younger brother to earn a graduate degree, he came here too.”

Selcuk Uzuner, who also studied with Patel, focused his graduate work on the design of cooling systems for electric power plants. While at Iowa, he wrote a 700-page report on the optimization of wet/dry cooling towers for the Environmental Protection Agency. Like his brother, he also studied with Rouse, Kennedy, and the late Louis Landwebber, professor of mechanics and hydraulics.

“Secil is very sharp and has a fantastic memory,” Patel says. “His knack for detail is extraordinary.”

But the younger Uzuner’s road to a master’s degree was not without obstacles. The day before his thesis defense, he accidentally walked through a plate glass window at the local K-Mart.

“I thought it was a door,” he says, chuckling at the memory. “I had to call Dr. Patel from University Hospital and tell him I couldn’t take my exam.”

After a three-month recovery, Selcuk passed the defense with flying colors, then returned to Turkey. He intended to return to Iowa City to complete a PhD, but once back home, he fell in love and got married. One thing led to another, and suddenly 23 years had passed with nary a visit to the town he still calls his “second home.”

The Uzuners credit their Iowa educa-
tion with their success. After Selcuk joined his older brother at ENKA, his various roles included site manager for the construction of an entire town in the Libyan Desert. The three-year project included the creation of three bridges, four sewage pumping stations, sewer, storm water, potable water, and gas delivery systems, telecommunication networks, 16 kilometers of roads, and living quarters for the 4,300-member construction crew. At the age of 26, Selcuk became the youngest project manager of the Riyadh Water District System. During the following years, he designed and directed the construction of heating and cooling systems, water supply tunnels, and water distribution systems at major industrial and residential sites around Turkey and the Middle East.

The brothers never forgot their Iowa friends and mentors.

“For years, he talked about going back to Iowa,” says Selcuk’s wife, Zehra. “Then one day a few years ago, we were in Chicago, and he said, ‘We are going to see Dr. Patel.’”

“I walked into my office that morning,” Patel recalls, “and the secretary said I’d gotten a call and that ‘a Selcuk Uzuner wants to see you at eleven.’ Selcuk apparently had rented a car in Chicago, and at 11 a.m., he and Zehra walked into my office.”

Thus began a rekindling of ties between the brothers and their alma mater. Since 1998 both Uzuers have visited the campus several times. Secil’s daughter spent a summer studying medicine at Iowa, and Selcuk’s son spent his freshman year at the University studying engineering. Last year, in recognition of his engineering and business achievements, Secil was inducted into the College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Academy.

Today, UZKA not only constructs long-distance and commuter railroads but also produces railroad ties and ceramics. In addition, the company maintains a thriving business in international trade. UZKA’s Istanbul corporate headquarters is a showcase for stunning artwork from ancient and modern Turkey. Selcuk says the building’s architecture is a metaphor for the company’s philosophy that people should enjoy where they work just as they should enjoy the work they do.

When the Uzuers return to Iowa City, they reflect on the impact the town and University made on their lives.

“Iowa not only gave us a wonderful education,” Secil says, “but also provided a window on the best of American culture.”

“Like us, Iowans think that if you do something, you should do it well,” Selcuk says. “And there is a wonderful humanity there, a way of life that is cordial, sincere, and open.”

He adds that he is amazed by the changes that have taken place in the U.S. since he graduated almost 30 years ago.

“Oil prices are no longer 21 cents per gallon, they speak at least three languages in California, and Iowa City is a lot bigger,” he says.

And there is one other notable change. The local K-Mart has fixed its plate glass window.

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University of Iowa engineering students have always imagined how they will apply their newfound knowledge to the world outside the academy. But today's students also seek experiences outside the classroom that will help shape their engineering training. The College of Engineering encourages such cross-fertilization of ideas and experience. Faculty members broaden their curricula to accommodate their students' interests, and they encourage students to participate in special activities that help hone their skills. Whether fine-tuning a NASCAR race car or examining a Mexican water treatment system, Iowa engineering students can't wait to apply their engineering know-how.
During his midterm exam last spring, Ori Sivan says he found himself thinking, “Who cares about this water treatment stuff, anyway?”

Ori Sivan recalls, “A week later, I was standing on top of a Mexican mountain, staring down a pipe, listening to local people talk about their water troubles—and I knew.”

Sivan, a civil and environmental engineering undergraduate student, spent his spring break 2003 in Xicotepec (“HHE-co-tepec”), a community of 70,000 people in the mountains northeast of Mexico City. He and Craig Just, adjunct assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering and IESP Coordinator, were on a team of 50 engineers, economists, business people, and educators who have launched an international, interdisciplinary effort to assess the water quality and delivery problems in the mountain town. The trip was coordinated by members of the Iowa Rotary International, District 6000, Rotary Club members in Mexico offered housing, food, local transportation, and entertainment.

“Xicotepec residents and Rotarians provided hospitality second to none,” Just says.

Xicotepec is a vibrant, forward-looking community that built a water distribution system 15 years ago. But once the system was built, the volume of waste increased, and today that waste goes right into open ditches and then into streams.

Federal funding in Mexico focuses on enhancing water distribution, not on improving water quality. And delivery of any kind of water—contaminated or clear—is problematic. A 40-year-old, 12-inch-diameter steel pipe installed by the state-owned Pemex Oil Company delivers water to three major cities and more than 40 villages before even reaching Xicotepec.

In certain neighborhoods of the city, there is no water at all for three days a week. And residents never know which three days those are going to be.

“It’s astounding,” Sivan says, “that the city has more than 100 inches of rain a year but not enough usable water.”

In recent years, Rotary International and the Iowa City Rotary Club have dedicated themselves to providing all people with clean water. At the request of the Xicotepec Rotary Club, Iowa City Rotarians organized a team of specialists to visit the mountain town and assess its water problems. Recognizing the need for experts in environmental and civil engineering, local Rotarians contacted College of Engineering Dean P. Barry Butler.

“I was delighted to tell them that yes, indeed, we want to be involved,” says Butler, who recently established the International Engineering Service Program, which provides opportunities for Iowa students to gain practical engineering experience abroad. Butler also suggested the Rotarians invite several engineers from Iowa State University to join the Xicotepec team.

The project has begun to assess Xicotepec’s water needs, both domestic and industrial. On their spring visit, Sivan and Just inspected the city’s water delivery system, spoke with physicians about local health problems, and listened to city administrators talk about the realities of Mexican political and economic life.

Sivan says that experience threw a bright new light on his engineering studies.

“When my class visited the Iowa City...
wastewater treatment plant, I was overwhelmed," he says. "There were buttons everywhere. In Xicotepec, though, there’s one pipe with one valve. If it rains, someone hikes up and turns off the valve. From engineering, professional development, and cultural perspectives, this program offers invaluable experience."

Engineers must do more than solve design problems, Sivan adds. They also must understand the cultural and political barriers, as well as environmental challenges, that shape public works projects.

"For me," he says, "the message of Xicotepec was that engineers need to think of ways to be more effective and less expensive."

Craig Just hopes that Iowa students and faculty members can return to Xicotepec next summer to offer workshops at local universities and technical schools, and to help overcome the attitude that nothing can be done to improve the local water quality.

"Xicotepec should be a prime location for decentralized wastewater management options, including constructed wetlands," Just says, "and we’d like to encourage students, engineers, and politicians in the city to consider using such systems."

Recently, Scott Wallace (BS 1986 in civil engineering, MS 1989 in civil and environmental engineering), an engineer at North American Wetland Engineering, designed a constructed wetland wastewater treatment system for a campground in F.W. Kent Park, just west of Iowa City. The technology is gaining wide acceptance for decentralized wastewater management due to its simple operation and high levels of treatment. The College arranged to videotape the Kent Park wetland installation and provide voice-over narration in English and Spanish. The film will be distributed to professionals in Xicotepec. Through such efforts in Iowa City and abroad, Just and Butler hope to provide Iowa students with more opportunities for interdisciplinary, cross-cultural cooperation.

"We want to produce engineers who not only are skilled in their technical field," Just says, "but who also can work on multidisciplinary teams, develop interpersonal skills, and maintain an international perspective and ethical responsibility."

In addition to helping Sivan connect classroom theory and real-world practice, the Xicotepec experience has motivated him to learn Spanish. Although he is fluent in English and Hebrew, Sivan relied on Spanish-speaking members of his team to bridge the language barrier during the trip.

"Some of us thought we spoke the language well enough to get by," he says. "But you have to be pretty good to know how to say ‘activated sludge’ in Spanish."
When Matt Furman says he’s off to the races, he means it.

University of Iowa mechanical engineering graduate student Matt Furman has been behind the wheel of race cars since he was 14.

“A family friend invited my dad and me to come watch a race,” he says, “and I was hooked.”

Now Furman is a professional NASCAR stock car driver. With enthusiastic support from his professors and the company of his fellow students—three of them crew members—Furman has managed to combine his passion for auto racing with his engineering education.

During Fall 2002, mechanical and industrial engineering professor Ralph Stephens noticed that several students in his senior Mechanical Systems Design class often related engineering theory and principle to the pragmatics of auto racing. When Stephens talked about fatigue design, for instance, Furman brought in a component that had suffered fatigue failure.

“The interest in auto racing permeated our classroom discussions,” Stephens says, “and provided significant engineering knowledge and excitement. Faculty members began using examples from the sport in their courses, and students prepared projects about various aspects of racing.”

As the year progressed, about 20 students in five mechanical engineering courses worked on classroom projects related to the popular sport. In addition to Stephens, mechanical and industrial engineering faculty members Ray Han, L.D. Chen, and Richard Hardin wove examples from racing into their courses and mentored students working on engineering projects involving the mechanics of race cars.

James Arkema, a mechanical engineering senior and former professional stock car driver, examined fireproofing of race car uniforms. Matt Heistad, who was part of the team that built the 2003 Mini-Baja car, joined Furman and two other students in testing the fatigue life of the wheel hubs on Furman’s #51 late model dirt track race car. Graduate students Nate Horn (BS 2002 in mechanical engineering) and Kyle Sig (BS 2001 in biomedical engineering) joined Furman, Heistad, and others in testing the effectiveness of altered shock absorbers from Furman’s car—and discovered that less expensive versions actually were more effective. And in response to an inquiry from Arkema, Ray Han developed a new independent study course on vehicle dynamics and simulation of race cars.

“Engineering has improved my racing career,” Furman says, “because it has trained me to solve problems.”

“Working on the car helps me understand and remember the conceptual things I’ve learned in class,” he says. “And when I hear something in class that I’ve experienced out on the track, I’ll think, ‘Oh—now I know the technical term for that.’”

Furman adds that it’s important for engineering students to gain practical experience, but he also believes his engineering knowledge gives him an edge over drivers who rely solely on instinct or experience.

And while some drivers may see the young, college-educated driver as something of an interloper, many welcome his generous advice. Furman has built cars for other drivers, and before some races he can be seen working his way around the track, helping his competitors improve their cars.

In 49 races across the Midwest, Furman finished the 2003 NASCAR season ranked 14th in the Midwest Region and placed second in West Liberty, Iowa’s weekly series. He dreams of the day he can race in more prestigious NASCAR events such as the Winston Cup, or contribute to the sport as a research engineer. He and his crew continue to sell tee shirts with #51 emblazoned on the front, and sponsors—including Ralph Stephens and his wife Barbara—provide some of the hefty costs of his professional racing career.

Although his mother doesn’t like him to drive more than 70 miles per hour, Furman’s crew and competitors ascribe his success to his aggressiveness behind the wheel. Off the track, however, he isn’t always the center of attention.

“Like most engineers,” he says, “I’m kind of shy.”
Driver Matt Furman and his crew of fellow engineering students Nate Horn, Thomas Johnson, and Shawn Carr prepare for a night at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds dirt track in West Liberty, Iowa. Photos by Miranda Meyer (and page 11).
Five Engineering Faculty, Staff Receive Excellence Awards

Five faculty and staff members won College of Engineering Excellence Awards in May 2003 for their individual contributions to research, teaching, service, and research staff excellence.

Christoph Beckermann received the Faculty Excellence Award for Service. Beckermann, who joined the UI faculty in 1987, is UI Foundation Distinguished Professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and director of the UI Solidification Laboratory. In addition to conducting internationally recognized research in solidification phenomena and materials processing, Beckermann helped lead development of the college’s new curriculum. Beckermann is a member of six professional societies, six NSF review panels, and one Department of Energy review panel in the thermal sciences area. He has served on four national technical committees and on the editorial boards of five major journals. He has organized 19 symposia at national or international conferences and has been invited as a member of the U.S. delegation for international workshops on thermal science.

K.K. Choi won the Faculty Excellence Award for Research. Choi, who joined the UI faculty in 1981, is the University of Iowa Carver Professor of Mechanical Engineering and former director of the Center for Computer-Aided Design (CCAD). Choi is a nationally recognized researcher in design sensitivity analysis, mathematical theory of optimization and its application to mechanical systems, mechanical systems analysis, and reliability-based design optimization. He has attracted nearly $11 million in external funding and has advised 25 doctoral students and three master’s degree students to completion of their degrees.

Choi is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. In 2002 he received the Maurice Simpson Technical Editors Award for Design, Test, and Evaluation from the Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology. He also received the 2003 Regents Award for Faculty Excellence.

John Lee and H.S. Udaykumar were presented with Faculty Excellence Awards for Teaching. Lee joined the faculty in 1998 and is associate professor of mechanical and industrial engineering and researcher at CCAD. He recently was named a Donald E. Bently Fellow of Engineering.

Over the past several years, Lee has become known for his work involving driver response to in-vehicle technology. Mercedes Benz recently named him as one of the world’s top 10 researchers on driver distraction. One of Lee’s former graduate students, currently a departmental fellow at the University of Michigan, credits Lee with preparing her for graduate school “by challenging and trusting me in the laboratory and in the classroom, providing me with two top-notch internship experiences, and enabling me to attend and present at conferences as an undergraduate.”

Udaykumar, assistant professor of mechanical and industrial engineering and assistant research engineer at IIHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, joined the college in 1999. Udaykumar recently received the Ralph R. Teeter Educational Award from the Society of Automotive Engineers. An undergraduate student wrote, “Dr. Udaykumar is the very definition of what a professor should be. His enthusiasm and passion not only for teaching, but for the subject matters themselves, have been an inspiration to me and to my fellow students.”

Anton Kruger won the Research Staff Excellence Award. Kruger, an associate research engineer at IIHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, was described by his nominator, professor and IIHR director V.C. Patel, as the “ultimate team player” who supports and enhances cross-disciplinary research with his expert knowledge and uses vision and skill to successfully maintain his own independent research focus. Kruger is a member of the IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering Water and Air Resources research group, an internationally recognized hydro-meteorological research program. He is the sole principal investigator on a NSF project that develops new paradigms of building databases for remote sensing observation, developing exploratory tools for knowledge extraction, and facilitating collaboration across campus and the world.
College Welcomes New Faculty

**Yong Chen**
Assistant professor, mechanical and industrial engineering
- PhD industrial and operations engineering, University of Michigan, 2003
- MA statistics, University of Michigan, 2003
- BE computer science and engineering, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 1998

**Tae-Hong Lim**
Professor, biomedical engineering
- PhD mechanical engineering, University of Iowa, 1990
- MS mechanical design and production engineering, Seoul National University, 1984
- BS mechanical design and production engineering, Seoul National University, 1982

**Professional experience**
- Research assistant, operations engineering, University of Michigan
- Research assistant, computer science and technology, Tsinghua University
- Consultant, General Motors, Flint, Mich.

**Research interests**
- Maintenance decision making
- Process monitoring and diagnosis
- Reliability modeling and analysis
- Manufacturing system design

**Thanos Papanicolaou**
Associate professor, civil and environmental engineering
- PhD civil and environmental engineering, Virginia Tech, 1997
- MSc civil and environmental engineering, Virginia Tech, 1993
- BS civil engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 1990

**Albert Ratner**
Assistant professor, mechanical and industrial engineering
- PhD aerospace engineering, University of Michigan, 2000
- MS mathematics, University of Michigan, 1999
- MS aerospace engineering, University of Michigan, 1996
- BS engineering and applied science, California Institute of Technology, 1995

**Professional experience**
- Assistant professor, civil and environmental engineering, and coordinator of graduate studies, Washington State University

**Research interests**
- Fate of contaminated sediments
- Environmental and fluvial hydraulics
- Numerical modeling of fluid-flow and sediment transport phenomena
- River mechanics and morphology
- Turbulent flow
- Image analysis

**Professional experience**
- Postdoctoral scholar, California Institute of Technology

**Research interests**
- Combustion
- Laser diagnostics
- Reacting and unsteady flows
- Combustion instability
- Reaction layer dynamics
Shaoping Xiao
Assistant professor, mechanical and industrial engineering
- PhD mechanical engineering, Northwestern University, 2002
- MS mechanical engineering, University of Science and Technology of China, 1998
- BS mechanical engineering, University of Science and Technology of China, 1995

Professional experience
- Postdoctoral scholar and research assistant, Northwestern University
- Research assistant, University of Science and Technology of China

Research interests
- Nanotechnology
- Solid mechanics
- Finite element methods
- Meshfree particle methods and topological optimizations

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College Announces Storer
Entrepreneurial Start-up Award Winners

Businesses established by College of Engineering students have won Hubert E. Storer Engineering Student Entrepreneurial Start-up Awards. Peace of Mind, Inc. and X-Wires Communications, LLC, were selected as 2002-2003 recipients of the award. Peak Sports, LLC, and Premier Bands, Inc. won for the 2003-2004 academic year.

The Awards were established in 2002 through an endowed gift from College of Engineering alumnus Hubert E. Storer (BS 1959 in industrial engineering). The awards provide initial financial support each year for two Engineering students’ technological business plans.

Peace of Mind, Inc., led by Will Lack (BS 2002 in biomedical engineering) and Steve Smetana (BS 2002 in biomedical engineering), designs devices that monitor an infant’s respiration to help prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, the third leading cause of death among infants. X-Wires Communications, LLC, is a wireless Internet service provider for downtown Iowa City business and residential customers. Officers include Karsten Temme (BS 2002 in biomedical engineering), Kristopher Halter, a senior in industrial engineering, Andrew Rinner, a senior in management information systems, Erin Wallerich, (BS 2003 in industrial engineering), and Ben Anderson (BS 2003 in economics with a minor in business).

Peak Sports, LLC, founded by Trenton Tollakson (BS 2003 in industrial engineering) and Gabe Palmer, a senior in industrial engineering, provides innovative technology to everyday athletes, including their first product, the Cobra Strap, a universal wrist-free ski pole system.

Premier Bands is an Internet-based business that provides a quick, easy way to purchase music of independent artists online. The owners are Robert Sullivan, a senior in electrical engineering, and Sean Hosseini (BS 2003 in electrical engineering).
Biomedical Engineering
Kwan Rim, professor, and president of Samsung Advanced Institute of Technology, was featured in the December 2002 issue of Naturejobs newsletter; an online career source for scientists. Rim discussed how Samsung and South Korea are planning their future in electronics business growth development. Rim was appointed chair of the board of directors of the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology; he also was appointed by Korea’s Ministry of Science and Technology to chair the planning committee for the Development of Science and Technology Centered Society.

Ge Wang, professor, was elected a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Gregory R. Carmichael, Karl Kammermeyer Professor of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, co-director of the Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research, and associate dean for graduate programs and research, presented the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Organisation (CRISO) 2003 Priestley Lecture, "Changing Trends in Emissions in Asia: Implications for Acid Deposition, Air Pollution and Climate" at CSIRO in Melbourne, Australia.

Robert J. Linhardt, professor, received the 2003 Claude S. Hudson Award in Carbohydrate Chemistry from the American Chemical Society.

Victor Rodgers, professor, was appointed director of a College of Engineering initiative titled Ethnic Inclusion Effort for Iowa Engineering. He oversees collegiate efforts to improve recruitment and retention of underrepresented ethnic groups in all engineering programs.

Civil and Environmental Engineering
Pedro J. Alvarez, professor; Gene Parkin, professor; Michelle Scherer, assistant professor; and Richard Valentine, professor, received the Project of the Year Award in the Cleanup Division from the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program for their project on iron-based bioremediation of RDX-contaminated groundwater.

Witold Krajewski, Rose and Joseph Summers Professor of Water Resources Engineering, was elected a fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

Gene F. Parkin, professor, and director of the Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination, was named Donald E. Bentley Professor of Engineering.

Larry Weber, professor, and associate director of IHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, was named a Donald E. Bentley Faculty Fellow of Engineering.

Mekonnen Woldemariam, graduate student, and graduate research assistant, IHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, was awarded a NASA Earth System Science Fellowship.

Faculty members serving on American Society of Civil Engineers National Committees include:

Pedro J. Alvarez, professor and research engineer, IHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, Groundwater Management Committee.


Allen Bradley, associate professor, and research engineer, IHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, Experimental Uncertainty and Measurement Errors Committee.


Hosin "David" Lee, associate professor, Bituminous Materials Committee, and Imaging Technologies Committee in the division of Technical Activities—Computers and Information Technology.

Tatsuaki Nakata, research engineer, IHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, Hydraulic Measurements and Experimentation Committee.

Colby C. Swan, associate professor, and researcher at the Center of Computer-Aided Design, Optimal Structural Design Committee.

Larry J. Weber, associate professor, and associate director, IHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, Engineering for Fish Bypass and Enhancement Committee.

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering was ranked 13th in the nation among leading civil engineering research schools by Engineering News-Record, a McGraw-Hill publication.

Electrical and Computer Engineering
David Andersen, professor, is on a multidisciplinary research team at the UI Optical Science and Technology Center that received a four-year, $7,564,658 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases to develop a novel blood glucose sensor for diabetes management.

Gary Christensen, associate professor, was appointed one of two technical program chairs for the April 2004 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging.

Milan Sonka, professor, delivered several lectures across Europe during October 2002: an invited lecture, "Three- and Four-Dimensional Analysis of Medical Images," at the Technical University of Graz in Austria; a keynote lecture, "Future Research and Development in Medical Image Processing," at the LKEB 2002 workshop in Leiden, the Netherlands; and a plenary lecture, "Virtual Liver Surgery Planning System—Image Processing and Augmented Reality," at the Biomedical Optics 2002 Symposium in Copenhagen, Denmark. Sonka also presented a PhD course, Medical Imaging and Image Analysis, at the Copenhagen Image and Signal Processing Graduate School, Technical University of Denmark. His research paper on virtual liver surgery planning won the Eurographics 2003 Medical Prize.

Andrew Williams, assistant professor, and researcher at the Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, received a three-year, $771,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study how artificial intelligence research might be used with genetic research to pinpoint causes of macular degeneration.
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Karim Abdel-Malek, associate professor, and researcher at the Center for Computer-Aided Design; Jingzhou Yang, graduate assistant; Richard Brand, professor of orthopedic surgery; and Emaad Tanbour, adjunct assistant professor, and senior project manager at HON INDUSTRIES, Inc., received the Arch T. Colwell award for best paper during the Society of Automotive Engineers 2003 World Congress in Detroit. Abdel-Malek also presented a lecture during the 2003 International VR and Digital Design Conference in Seoul, Korea. Abdel-Malek; Zan Mi, graduate assistant; and Kim Farrell, master’s degree candidate, received the Most Valuable Professional Award from EON Reality, a Sweden-based company, for their work on real-time simulation of human models in immersive virtual environments.

K.K. Choi, professor, and researcher at the Center for Computer-Aided Design (CCAD), conducted a presentation, “An Integrated Design Process for Manufacturing and Multidisciplinary Design Under System Uncertainty,” at a plenary session of the Second China-Japan-Korea Joint Symposium on Optimization of Structural and Mechanical Systems. Choi won the Best Paper Award at the International Society for Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization at the 5th World Congress on Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization. He was also appointed associate editor for the ASME journal of Mechanical Design.

Steven DellaBatta, a junior from Bettendorf, Iowa, was awarded a $2,500 National Academy for Nuclear Training Scholarship for the 2003-2004 academic year. The scholarship program is administered by the academy under the auspices of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations.

John D. Lee, associate professor, and director of the Cognitive Systems Laboratory, was named a Donald E. Bently Faculty Fellow of Engineering.

The University of Iowa student chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers received the 2003 Gold Award from the institute’s national headquarters in recognition of the chapter’s excellence and strength.

Thomas Schnell, assistant professor, and director of the Operator Performance Laboratory at the Center for Computer-Aided Design, received a $400,000 grant from the National Cooperative Highway Research Program of the Transportation Research Board to learn how drivers perceive the difference between yellow and white lines.

H.S. Udaiyakumar, assistant professor, and assistant research engineer at IHR—Hydroscience & Engineering, received the Ralph R. Teeter Educational Award from the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
An interdisciplinary team of faculty members from the UI Colleges of Engineering (Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology), Public Health, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the UI Carver College of Medicine has signed a four-year, $3-million contract with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health to help NHLBI-funded scientists at the University advance their work and train UI researchers.

1940s
Members of the class of 1943 who returned to Iowa City for their 50th reunion, June 6-7: Richard E. Lord (BS 1943 Mechanical Engineering) and his wife Rusty of Golden, Colo.; Dean H. Johnson (BS 1943 mechanical engineering) of Orion, Ill.; Gordon E. Mau (BS 1942, MS 1943 civil engineering, PhD 1958 sanitary engineering) and his wife Marie of New Hampton, Iowa; W. E. B. Ellisworth (BS 1947 civil engineering, MS 1948 industrial engineering) and his own naval engineer consulting firm, Ellisworth Engineering in Adamstown, Md. He is the author of Twenty Foiborne Years.

I. John Wansilk (BS 1947 chemical engineering) of New Port Richey, Fla., celebrated his 80th birthday in May. He writes, “I am still enjoying good health, as I play golf every day of the week, start two or three miles a day, go on trips twice a week, go two or three miles a week, go on cruises and extended auto trips.”

Kenneth E. Bratney (BS 1948 civil engineering) of Urbandale, Iowa, showed off his alma mater to his family and prospective student, Ryan Ashley of Great Falls, Mont.

1950s
Donald A. Edwards (BS 1950 electrical engineering), a retired national account manager with General Electric Co., lives in Sunnivee, Ore. He is an avid golfer in the summer and skier in the winter.

Carl F. Reeder (BS 1950 chemical engineering), retired director of technical services for the Archer Daniels Midland Corn Processing Division, lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Returning to Iowa City for their 50th class reunion were: Richard E. Larew (BS 1953 mechanical engineering, MS 1973 industrial engineering, PhD 1976 industrial and management engineering) and his wife Louise of Iowa City, Iowa; Warren Page (BS 1953 chemical engineering) of Hudson, Wis.; Vernon Rose (BS 1953 chemical engineering) of Jacksonville, Ill.; and Harold Wendler (BS 1953 civil engineering) and his wife Rose of Dixon, Ill.

Metsie A. Olesik (BS 1953 mechanical engineering) and his son William, a prospective student, stopped by the College of Engineering in July. Metsie served as senior supervising industrial engineer from Eastman Kodak and resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Clifford Y. Smith, Jr. (BS 1954 civil engineering) of Corvallis, Ore., was elected to serve as an honorary lifetime director at the University of Iowa Foundation board of directors.

Milton Breslaw (BS 1957 civil engineering) is retired president of George Breslaw & Sons, New York, N.Y. He divides his time between New Jersey and Florida.

Returning to campus for their 45th reunion and looking forward to a well-attended 50th reunion in 2008 were: Wilbur H.T. Busch (BS 1958 mechanical engineering) and his wife Sherry of Marion, Iowa; Donald W. Campbell (BS 1958 electrical engineering) of Marshalltown, Iowa; Carl F. Fisbinder (BS 1958 electrical engineering) and his wife Patricia of Berlin, Ohio; Jerry Hulman (BS 1958 civil, MS 1967 mechanics and hydraulics) and his wife Janie of Bethesda, Md.; Gerald Kutsch (BS 1958 mechanical) and his wife Doris of Waukee, Wis., and Bill Maguire (BS 1958 mechanical) and his wife Ev of Minnetonka, Minn.
Gert Aron (BS 1958 civil engineering, MS 1960 mechanics and hydraulics) of Boalsburg, Pa., is actively involved with Habitat for Humanity Small Projects Program helping out with home repairs.

Peter C. Peropoulos (BS 1958, MS 1962 chemical engineering) visited the College of Engineering after 40 years. He is principal process engineer with ABB Lummus Global, Inc., Houston, Tex.

1960s

Elden E. Molter (BS 1960 mechanical engineering) is president of EMCO of Wisconsin, Theresa, Wis.

Robert P. Stearns (BS 1960 civil engineering) was inducted into the Environmental Industry Association’s Hall of Fame on June 3 in New Orleans, La. Stearns, chairman of SCS Engineers, Long Beach, Calif., was recognized for his lifetime dedication to the betterment of the waste industry.

Thomas G. McSwiggan (BS 1961 civil engineering, MS 1962 sanitary engineering) of Springfield, Ill., retired from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on December 31, 2002, after 40 years of service to the Illinois Water Pollution Control Board.

Ross M. Iwamoto (BS 1962 electrical engineering) retired from Raytheon Electronic Systems, Tucson, Ariz. He now paints watercolors and volunteers with the YMCA on eliminating racism.

Satinder K. Bewtra (BS 1963, MS 1964 civil engineering) is a project engineering manager with Washington Group International, Wayne, Pa.

Thomas R. Breese (BS 1963 mechanical engineering) is owner of and licensed private investigator with Third-Party Services, Iowa City, Iowa.

Eugene H. Schuchert (BS 1963 mechanical engineering) is a principal engineer with Maytag, Amana, Iowa.

Dennis Zmolek (BS 1963 mechanical engineering) of Marshalltown, Iowa, is retired director of manufacturing engineering from Fisher Controls Co. Inc.

Helmut Kobus (MS 1963, PhD 1965 mechanics and hydraulics) retired as professor and director of the Institute for Hydraulics, University of Stuttgart, Germany. Kobus is past president of the International Association for Hydraulic Research.

Kanayo H. Iteke (now H. Ken Wilson-Iteke) (BS 1964 chemical engineering) is living in Kaduna, Nigeria. He established Wilson Soda Co., Ltd., a research and development firm concentrating on adapting and simplifying industrial technologies to local conditions, primarily to reduce size, investment, cost, and foreign content of manufacturing chemicals.

Dave "Tice" Powell (BS 1965 chemical engineering) is a volunteer project manager for a $5 million expansion of Florida Oceanographic, Stuart, Fla. He is on the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee.

Sikander Hayat (MS 1965 Mechanics & Hydraulics) is working part-time with a consulting firm (local associates of Most Macdonald of UK). He writes that he misses IHR and the colleagues with whom he worked.

David W. Hendrick (PhD 1965 civil and environmental engineering) is professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.

Paul A. Mundt (BS 1966 electrical engineering) is owner of Mundt Rental Properties in Jackson, Tenn.

Steven Olsen (BS 1967 industrial engineering) has his own consulting firm, Olsen Innovation, L.L.C. in Oswatonna, Minn.

Jack R. Rosenberg (BS 1968 industrial engineering) is a president of Tailgator, Maquoketa, Iowa. The Tailgator is a portable table that fits in four different receiver hitches.

Zeungnam Bien (MS 1972, PhD 1975 electrical and computer engineering) is professor and director of the Human-Friendly Welfare Robot System Engineering Research Center, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Daejon, Korea.

Keith N. Steva (BS 1973 electrical engineering) of San Jose, Calif., is employed with eBay in the Site Operations Group. He was recently involved in the integration of the PayPal Site Operations and IT functions.

Hungh Tao Shen (PhD 1974 mechanics and hydraulics) is a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y.

Roger L. Koch (BS 1976 chemical engineering) is a retired professor at Miami University. He was in Iowa City to show his son, Jonathan, a prospective student, the College of Engineering.

Lt. Col. Tom Kalenberg (retired) (BS 1978 industrial engineering) is director of facilities at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Les L. Kuehl (BS 1978 civil engineering) is employed with Deere & Company — Facility Engineering in Moline, Ill.

David Ghaemi (BS 1979 electrical engineering) is president and chief executive officer of Zytronics, Inc., Englewood, Colo., a designer and manufacturer of touch-screen technology for touch-screen computers for use in embedded control applications in the industrial and commercial markets.

1970s

Melvin R. Freeze (BS 1970, MS 1974 civil engineering) is a consultant in Savannah, Ga.

Major General Michael C. Kostelnik, USAF (ret.) (MS 1970 industrial and management engineering) is deputy associate administrator for space shuttle and international space station, NASA in Washington, D.C.

Ronald Klein (PhD 1970 electrical engineering) is professor of electrical and computer engineering at West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

Frederick E. Axmear (BS 1972 mechanical engineering, MS 1977 electrical engineering) is a self-employed programmer in Decorah, Iowa.

1980s

Rachel A.B. McQuillen (BS 1982 civil engineering) of South Jordan, Utah, was elected national president of the Society of Women Engineers.

Rhett E. Livengood (BS 1985 chemical engineering) is director, WW Marketing & Business Development for Innovative Solution Services, Santa Clara, Calif.

Scott D. Wallace (BS 1986 civil engineering, MS 1989 environmental engineering) of Forest Lake, Minn., was recently awarded a patent for his work on soil absorption systems for wastewater disposal.

Gregory J. Kirsch (BS 1987 electrical engineering), a Needlef & Rosenberg shareholder and leader of the firm’s electronics and software practice, was one of several presenters from around the globe to address the 12th International Intellectual Property Conference held September 3-6, 2003, in Budapest. While in Budapest, Greg also made a presentation to the Hungarian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, an organization of venture capitalists and investors in Hungary. Also, Kirsch was appointed by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to its “List of Neutrals.” WIPO, based in Geneva, Switzerland, is the agency of the United Nations responsible for administering international intellectual property (IP) treaties and for providing other international IP-related services. As part of his appointment to the List of Neutrals, Kirsch participated in a mediation workshop at WIPO headquarters in Geneva on June 30 and July 1, 2003. Kirsch is one of the leaders of AfterBOT, Inc., the leading provider of digital real estate technology enabling post-sales, customer-focused marketing and business solutions, which was selected as one of the top 100 venture-capital-backed companies for 2002 by Venture Reporter in their October 2002 issue.

Athar B. Tayyab (BS 1987, MS 1990, PhD 1993 electrical and computer engineering) is a senior engineer and e-business lead with IBM Engineering and Technology Services in Austin, Tex.

James F. Kossen (BS 1988 civil engineering) is vice president of AOS Associates, Oak Park, Ill.

P. Russell Price (BS 1988 mechanical engineering, MBA 2001) was elected vice president by the Stanley Consultants Board of Directors. Price is a project principal in the Muscatine, Iowa office for the Central Region of the Industrial, Utility and Institutional Business Unit with responsibility for business development, client relations, technical approval, and overall contract administration.

Helen M. Rieland (BS 1989 biomedical engineering) is a systems engineer with EDS, Troy, Mich.
1990s

Kevin D. Dodson (BS 1990 mechanical engineering) is manager, Environmental Engineering Projects Generation Engineering, with MidAmerican Energy, Davenport, Iowa.

Scott D. Ferguson (BS 1990, MS 1991 biomedical engineering) recently filed a patent for a closed wound suction drain. As a senior project engineer in research and development with C.R. Bard Medical Division, Covington, Ga., he is responsible for all new product development and manufacturing support of a line of surgical products currently worth $70 million in annual sales.

Jeffrey R. Reinhart (BS 1990 electrical engineering) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a regional sales engineer with Novelty Machine & Supply Company, based in Sioux City, Iowa.

Choong Han Chu (BS 1991 mechanical engineering) is senior project manager, Hydro Tasmania Consulting, Hobart, Australia. He manages projects in the renewable energy areas of wind and hydro. Hydro Tasmania aims to be the largest producer of wind energy in Australia in the next three years, with over 600 MW currently in development.

Seth P. Lewis (BS 1991 industrial engineering) is vice president of operations with the International Group of Companies, Melrose Park, Ill.

Dawn L. Thompson (BS 1991 chemical engineering) is a national account manager with Hygienetics Environmental Services in Tampa, Fla.

Wu-Joan Kim (PhD 1991 mechanical engineering) is a professor in the department of naval architecture and marine engineering at Mokpo National University, Chunnam, Korea.

Daryl J. Ashbacher (BS 1992 industrial engineering) is a plant manager with the U.S. Postal Service, Peoria, Ill.

Stephanie Caswell Schuckers (BS 1992 electrical engineering) is a research associate professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y. Her research focuses on processing and interpretation of signals that arise from the human body. Signals include the electrocardiogram, biometric signals like fingerprints, pulse oximetry, respiration, and electroencephalograms. These signals are used to predict and detect various cardiovascular...

Left: Parents, students, alumni, and friends enjoy breakfast at the Oct. 25 Family Weekend Homecoming Tailgate Open House.

Below left: V.C. Patel (left), University of Iowa Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering and director of IHR-Hydrosience & Engineering and Richard Stanley (MS 1963 in sanitary engineering) visit during the June 6 C. Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory Renaming Ceremony.

Below: John Dawson (BS 1941 civil engineering), son of the late Professor and Engineering Dean Francis Dawson, converses with students during Spring Alumni Weekend activities.
diseases (sudden cardiac death, heart failure, sudden infant death), to perform identification for security applications, health care, or to study learning and memory.

Lyle J. Misbach (BS 1992 civil engineering) is a senior traffic designer with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Salem, Ore.

Mark R. Poppen (BS 1992 Industrial Engineering) is director of operations with Liquidmetal Technologies in Lake Forest, Calif.

Jane Schweer Walrath (BS 1992 industrial engineering) is a sales engineer with Cutler-Hammer in Minnetonka, Minn.

James E. Sixta II (BS 1992 electrical engineering) is president of SRS Innovations of West Des Moines, Iowa. He and partner Mike Rogers developed “Snowball Fight,” a family card game based on snowball fights Sixta had as a youth. The game is being sold locally in specialty toy and game stores or online at www.snowballfight.com.

Todd M. Smith (BS 1992 Industrial engineering) is a senior manager in the Department of Enterprise Application Development at Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Park Ridge, Ill.

Vivek K. Goyal (BS 1993 electrical engineering) joined the department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and the Research Laboratory of Electronics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as assistant professor.

Timothy R. Hughes (BS 1993 electrical engineering) is an assistant professor and Canada Research Chair in the Banting and Best Department of Medical Research, Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Toronto.

Melissa Mueller (BS 1993 industrial engineering) is a flow improvement engineer with Allsteel, Muscatine, Iowa.

C. Jack Feng (MS 1993, PhD 1995 industrial engineering) is associate professor of Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering & Technology at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill. He was awarded the 2003 College of Engineering & Technology Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship at Bradley University on February 19, 2003.

John Bullinga (BS 1994 biomedical engineering) received his medical degree from The University of Iowa in 1998. He is now fellow in cardiac electrophysiology, New York University. He is designing and testing methods in the clinical electrophysiology laboratory for spatiotemporal control of cardiac repolarization oscillations. The fundamental approach of this research is based on engineering that he learned at Iowa.

James C. Griffin, Jr. (BS 1994 electrical and computer engineering) is co-founder of InnoMax, LLC. The company, located in the University of Iowa’s Oakdale Research Park, will provide products to users of NEXIQ’s In-Vehicle Information System (IVS). Customers of IVS include Ford Motor Co., Nissan Design America and Johnson Controls.

Mark G. Brown (BS 1995, MS 1997 electrical engineering) is a senior software engineer with Innovative Software Engineering, located in the Technology Innovation Center; Oakdale Campus, Iowa City, Iowa. ISE was founded in January 2003.

Lisa A. Fickenscher (BS 1995 chemical engineering) is a process engineer with Cargill Soy Protein Solutions, Sidney, Ohio.

Kimberly Langley Sweetland (BS 1995 mechanical engineering) is an applications engineer with BongWarner Turbo Systems, Arden, N.C.

Matthew Finnegan (BS 1996 mechanical engineering) is employed by Black and Veatch, Overtown Park, Kan.

Sean S. Sidi (BS 1996 biomedical engineering) recently opened a law practice focusing on patent, trademark, copyright, and e-commerce law in Chicago, Ill.

Scott M. Willson (BS 1996 civil engineering) is a project manager with Manhard Consulting, Ltd., Vernon Hills, Ill.

Baizhong Lin (PhD 1996 civil engineering) is a product engineer with Daimler Chrysler, Detroit, Mich.

Rachel C. Fellman (BS 1997 civil engineering) is employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District.

Alyse R. Solberg Stover (BS 1997 biomedical engineering) of Woodbury, Minn., was featured in a National Engineers Week ad in USA Today, February 17, 2003. She was nominated by the Society of Women Engineers and by her employer, Data Sciences International, St. Paul, Minn., for developing a device that monitors congestive heart failure and assists physicians in applying drug therapies.

Katherine Spedel Kinne (BS 1997 industrial engineering) is a quality control manager for Hubbard One in Chicago, Ill.

Jennifer D. Studt (BS 1997 biomedical engineering) is a field clinical engineer with St. Jude Medical Cardiac Rhythm Management Division (CRMD), Sylmar, Calif.

Matthew J. Bielawski (BS 1998 chemical engineering) is a product engineer with Exide Technologies, Fort Smith, Ark.

Jon F. Mansheim (BS 1998 mechanical engineering) is a senior process engineer with 3M Touch Systems, 3M Optical Systems Division, Milwaukee, Wisc. He was on campus in September to participate in the Engineering Career Fair.

Grant Robbins (BS 1998 mechanical) is a production general supervisor with 3M Abrasive Manufacturing Organization, Cottage Grove, Minn.

Phil A. Hedrick (BS 1999 industrial engineering) is a consultant with Cap Gemini Ernst & Young, Chicago, Ill.

2000s

Jennifer R. Belbis (BS 2000 chemical engineering) is a corporate facilities engineer with Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Corona, Calif. She manages projects for product expansion facilities in Copagle, N.Y. and Salt Lake, Utah.

Michael Farrell (BS 2000 industrial engineering) is a PhD student and researcher at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

Stephen J. Neuman (BS 2000 mechanical engineering) is a manufacturing engineer with Silgan Plastics, Monroe, Ga.

Mark H. Ringe (BS 2000 mechanical engineering) is employed by Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Ill. He is the lead field test engineer for the on-highway truck 15-liter engines. He was recently given responsibility for field testing Caterpillar’s newest engines with ACERT™ technology.

Benjamin H. Schneider (BS 2000 industrial engineering) is a manufacturing engineer, Worldwide Agricultural Equipment Division of John Deere Waterloo Works, Waterloo, Iowa.

Hasby Tanjung (BS 2000 industrial engineering) is a consultant with Computer Enterprise, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa.

Matthew M. Warren (BS 2000 chemical engineering) of Burbank, Calif., is a consultant with Accenture.
1930s
Curtis M. Shew (BS 1933 industrial engineering) of Manchester, N.H., May 19, 2002.
Robert E. Atkins (BS 1937 chemical engineering) of Salt Lake City, Utah, March 6, 2001.
Ernest E. Mohr (BS 1938 chemical engineering) of Pittsburgh, N.Y., September 7, 2002.
Arlo R. Gill (BS 1939 mechanical engineering) of Guanajuato, Mexico, January 16, 2002.

1940s
Julian R. Fleming (MS 1941 mechanics and hydraulics) of Jackson, Tenn., October 14, 2002.
Richard J. Fountain (BS 1942 electrical engineering) of Auburndale, Fla., October 14, 2002.
Edward F. Ehren (BS 1943 electrical engineering) of Cedar Crest, Minn., November 6, 2002.

1950s
Rex H. Goff, Jr. (BS 1953 civil engineering) of Redwood City, Calif., October 22, 2002.
Chuan Tse Hsiung (MS 1953 mechanics and hydraulics) of Bethlehem, Pa., July 16, 2003.

1960s
Lane H. Mashaw (MS 1966 civil engineering) of Lee's Summit, Mo., March 12, 2003.

1970s
Vahiededin E. Hoda (MS 1974 civil engineering) of Walnut Creek, Calif., February 5, 2000.
World-Class Connections

At the College of Engineering, we have the good fortune to count a strong and diverse cohort of international residents among our alumni and friends. When Henry Makosoud of Sao Paulo, Brazil visited campus this fall, he bumped into an old friend from Hillcrest dorm, Paul Pouyodaran of Des Moines, Iowa. After the initial surprise of seeing each other after 50 years, they enjoyed hours of conversation. Witnessing such a chance encounter, I realized that both the College and the profession are blessed with intercultural opportunities to enrich learning, friendships, and careers.

Through U.S. citizens abroad and international students at Iowa, we enjoy rich relations with our world citizens. Our Distinguished Engineering Alumni Academy reflects this wealth in the 30 percent who are international residents. We have extended our reach by increasing student participation in study abroad programs, through efforts by IHR—Hydrosciences & Engineering (back cover) to recruit international graduate students, and through our visits with alumni in South Korea, Taiwan, Brazil, and Turkey. In the Uzuner brothers profile (pages 6–9) and the report from the Mexican water project (pages 12–13), this issue of Iowa Engineer shows how richly integrated our engineering community at Iowa truly is.

When visiting international alumni in their home countries, I have observed a very keen affinity among them. Their experiences in Iowa City were some of the most formative in their lives, and they are expressively grateful for their engineering education. Intercultural experiences enrich our lives and our learning beyond traditional education. The philanthropic investments you make in the College allow us to recruit international students and support study abroad opportunities. Intercultural experiences and international relations continue to grow in importance in the engineering profession, and your support of the Engineering Excellence Fund allows the College to create a climate for the exchange of ideas, experiences, and cultures that will shape lives and careers.
International study courses

In 1998 IIHR–Hydroscience & Engineering launched International Perspectives in Water Resources Planning, the first formal study abroad program for graduate students in engineering, economics, planning, law, and the environmental, social, or political sciences. The course offers students a view of the historical, cultural, social, economic, ethical, environmental, and political conditions related to water resource projects in particular countries. Since the first class, which examined water resource issues in India, participants have studied and visited Taiwan, Japan, China, Eastern Europe, Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay.

Another course enabled engineering students to join their peers from the UI Tippie College of Business during a December-January session in London. International Business and Infrastructure was taught by University of Iowa faculty members Peter O’Grady, professor of mechanical and industrial engineering, and Carol Fethke, professor of economics, who used lectures, case studies, and site visits to help their students develop a firsthand understanding of engineering and business practices in the U.S. and Britain. Fifty students, including 15 from the College of Engineering, participated in last year’s course, which was taught by Wilf Nixon, University of Iowa professor of civil and environmental engineering.

The Yacyreta Hydropower Station produces one fourth of the power in Argentina. However, the dam has controversial issues especially relating to resettlement of the reservoir area.