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## President's Corner

JEFF JOYCE  
President

Welcome back Chemical Engineering Students!

Oh do we have a fun filled semester planned for all of you ... at least through AIChE. I hope everyone had a good break and some time off to rest your brains and prepare them for some more torture. Was it just me or was that break really long? It seems that we had so many days off, but I'm not complaining! Although it has been hard to get back into the swing of things for my last semester. For those of you who are not graduating in May, this is just one of many to come and not particularly special. However, if you are graduating this semester try not to slack off too much here at the end. You may lose the respect of some great professors and who knows, you may need their help down the road.

## Mentor Memories

JASON RENZAGLIA  
Mentor Committee co-Chair

I vividly remember my first week of college...wondering if I was going to find my next class and playing "library assistant" with the book collection I had just purchased. These concerns made me speculate if I would ever grow accustomed to this new type of living.



The first chemical engineering class, **ChE 205**, better known as the "weed-out" class,

So back to what's going on in AIChE for spring 2000. Well the officers have had our first few meetings discussing what we feel have been the most rewarding and most enjoyable activities over the past few years and are trying to appropriate time and funding to those areas. Of course we have a **star studded line-up of great companies** for all you to learn more about including a few from the semiconductor industry. In addition, there are also **luncheons on job hunting and career development**. Also this semester, like every spring, we are attending the **regional conference**. This year it will be held in **Lexington, KY on April 6-8**, and we are currently setting up hotels and travel arrangements. More info. concerning the trip will be announced at the luncheons and via email.

Aside from the professional development of our young and gifted students, we  
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scared the devil out of me. I had no clue what a mass balance meant and all I cared about at that time was to make sure I understood the material once it was taught! So, when a senior in Chemical Engineering came to visit my class that first week of the semester to tell us about the chemical engineering student chapter, I didn't pay a bit of attention. I could have cared less to know what AIChE was and all I wanted was to find a way to get a good grade on the next test. What a **BIG mistake** I made that day.

I later learned I missed out on more than  
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## *Don't Miss the Regional Convention!*

ZUSAN WANG  
Outreach Committee Chair

Hello fellow chemical engineering students. A once a year event is just around the corner. Don't miss the opportunity to attend this year's AIChE Regional Convention.

What?! You are telling me you have never been to a chemical engineering convention? Well then, you have been missing out on an incredibly exciting experience.

The AIChE Regional Convention is a great way to find out more about our major. This can be done through attending the numerous workshops presented at the conference or networking with other students and leaders in our industry. There is definitely something for everyone at this convention.

So...you might be a little hesitant to come **spend three days with 40 plus strangers**. I know as a sophomore last year; I had reservations about going to the convention. First of all, I was not extremely decisive about my major just yet, and secondly none of my friends were going. As I reflect now, these two "problems" are the exact answers as to why any underclassman should go.

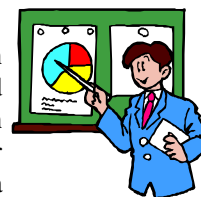
### *President's Corner (Cont'd)*

have some quality social activities that we encourage all to attend. We plan to play **broomball, golf, paintball**. We are also planning on attending a **hurricanes hockey game** and something new that we are trying is **trivia night**. Matt Kalemba, our social director, has set up a time slot for any that are interested to hang out on Friday afternoons on Hillsborough Street. Please read Matt's article and keep an eye out for flyers concerning this activity.

Last semester our chapter didn't show much interest in intramural sports, but this semester I hope to see a change. We are scheduled to participate in co-rec. **Bowling, Softball, and Volleyball**. Again please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets at the luncheons or email me if you are interested.

Well I think that wraps it up for what we have in store

At the regional convention (hosted in South Carolina last year), I heard presentations on exciting research that were being conducted at other universities. There was also a friendly competition amongst the universities to see which student had the best paper representing their research. I could not believe all the incredible research that was taking place in our field of study.



Leaders from the AIChE professional chapter were there to impart their wisdom and years of experience.

Throughout the conference, I found myself meeting students from other universities and making new friends. I just can not say enough about how positive the whole experience was. By the end of the weekend, I had **made some lasting friendships** and I **knew more about my major**. I would recommend attending the regional convention to everyone--especially our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Believe me, it is well worth your time.

This year the regional convention will be in Lexington, Kentucky on April 6-8. **The cost is a mere \$50** and this covers the transportation, hotel expenses, several meals, and not to mention a great time! You can't beat a deal like this! Don't wait to make a decision because the **registration deadline is February 9** and spots will be filling up quickly. I hope to see you guys in Kentucky!

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of this spring. The student chapter of AIChE here at NCSU is dedicated to see that our students are receiving what they feel is a valuable service from this organization. If for some reason you feel that we can do anything better to enhance your time here in the Chemical Engineering Department, please feel free to email any of the officers to discuss your thoughts. **Our first luncheon is Jan. 24th in Mann 216**, and I hope to see all of you there. Also a list of what is coming up can be found on our website and on the calendar board in the student lounge.

Have a great semester and don't forget about AIChE!

*Do you know?  
Our chapter has been recognized  
as national outstanding student  
chapter five times out of the past  
six years!*

## Fun Festivities

MATT KALEMBA  
Social Committee Chair

Ahhh....the beginning of a new semester here at State. This, alas, is my final semester at this fine university, but I will not leave school without making a mark in the hearts of many AICHE members. How will I accomplish this feat? Will I run naked through the luncheons, denouncing the teachings of **Geankopolis**, **Smith & Van Ness**, or even **Bernoulli**? No, no my friends, I will do something completely off the wall. AICHE, spear-

headed by the social committee, will organize **eight (that's right eight) Trivia Night's throughout the semester**, starting with the one held on **January 21st**. Not only that, but keep your collective eyes open for other events including **Carolina Hurricanes hockey, broomball, paintball, golf**, and if you're really good to the Finance Committee, maybe even a **spring picnic!** So, keep your eyes and ears open at the luncheons, and look for fliers announcing all the upcoming festivities!



## Mentor Memories (Cont'd)

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just a great time and I sincerely believe that every engineering freshman should be a part of AICHE. I am sure you have seen and heard about the numerous company lunches that are offered to the chapter throughout the semester. These "food" meetings are probably one of the main reasons for each of you to join. However, I would like to tell you that the free food is great, yet the friendships, whether it be study groups or bar buddies, that are made, is the real joy of being part of this group. For many of you, becoming part of the student chapter will help you decide whether a career in Chemical Engineering is for you. I originally was in a different major and really couldn't make up my

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mind where I wanted to be. If I had joined the AICHE student chapter earlier in my college endeavors, I probably would not have hesitated in jumping straight into Chemical Engineering. I encourage each and every one of you, even if you are unsure about a chemical engineering career, to give **AICHE** a chance and yourself an opportunity that will help you make an informed decision about your future career!

I will see you at the first luncheon and don't be bashful; say hi to someone...who knows, that "someone" just might be able

to explain that mass balance you were having trouble with!

## Fashion Revolution

ALLIE COOPER  
Recording Secretary

As chemical engineers we have dealt with the stereotype that we have no style or to be politically correct, we are **fashionably challenged**. And this statement is hard to argue with when we come to class with ragged sweat-shirts, mussed hair, and pizza stained jeans from long nights of studying. Well, I am here to tell you that we can fight this stereotype. No, you don't have to buy a new expensive wardrobe. All you have to do is look to **AICHE**.

Throw away that gym sweatshirt you've been wearing for weeks and buy an **AICHE long sleeve T-shirt**. The fashionable AICHE T-shirt is not only stylish but the long sleeves make it a perfect shirt for these chilly winter days. Plus, they don't have pockets so you won't

need that unsightly pocket protector anymore. You might be saying that I am a poor college student and I can't possibly afford such a luxury item. Hold on right there! The AICHE T-shirts only cost **\$15!!!**



If you thought that the T-shirt was a deal then we will knock your socks off with the **AICHE polo shirt**. AICHE is now in the process of selling the handsome polo shirt for only **\$35 for students and \$40 for faculty**. (Ralph Lauren, eat your heart out, babe!) You will turn heads on the golf course or in the study lounge with this wardrobe winner.

Don't delay a minute. The AICHE T-shirt and the polo shirt are hot items and will be going fast. If you want to order a T-Shirt then talk to one of the officers at a luncheon or in the hall. You can order the polo shirts online at the AICHE website.

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# February 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>Jan. 31</u>	1	2	3	<u>4</u>	5
6	<u>7</u>	8	<u>9</u>	10	<u>11</u>	12
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## The Hierarchy of College

**THE DEAN**

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound  
 Is more powerful than a locomotive  
 Is faster than a speeding bullet  
 Walks on water  
 Gives policy to God

**THE DEPARTMENT HEAD**

Leaps short buildings with a single bound  
 Is more powerful than a switch engine  
 Is just as fast as a speeding bullet  
 Takes a few steps on water  
 Talks with God

**PROFESSOR**

Leaps short buildings with a running start and favorable winds  
 Is almost as powerful as a switch engine  
 Is faster than a speeding BB  
 Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool

Talks with God if a special request is honored

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

Barely clears a quonset hut  
 Loses tug of war with a locomotive  
 Can fire a speeding bullet  
 Swims well  
 Is occasionally addressed by God

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

Makes high marks on the walls when trying to leap tall buildings  
 Is run over by locomotives  
 Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury  
 Treads water

**INSTRUCTOR/POSTDOC**

Climbs walls continually  
 Rides the rails  
 Plays Russian Roulette  
 Walks on thin ice

Prays a lot

**GRADUATE STUDENT**

Runs into buildings  
 Recognizes locomotives two out of three times  
 Is not issued ammunition  
 Can stay afloat with a life jacket  
 Talks to walls

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT**

Falls over doorstep when trying to enter buildings  
 Says "Look at the choo-choo"  
 Wets himself with a water pistol  
 Plays in mud puddles  
 Mumbles to himself

Source: WWW (aka, the wonderful world wide web)

Corrections: "Chocolate Chip Cookies" (10/15/1999, State of AICHE) was forwarded by Kai Wang from the web.

