CONLEY INVITED TO INAUGURATION

SENIOR ENGINEERING CO-OPS RECOGNIZED

GSTM CO-OPS WORK PGM VIKING CLASSIC

CO-OP ALUM CHOSEN FELLOW

Forestry Management co-op McInnis fights wildfires in Nevada--story page 7.
Representing the undergraduate programs of the Bagley College of Engineering, more than 90 students recently participated in the 12th annual Outstanding Senior Banquet. Four co-op students are among the prestigious group of twelve receiving the award based on grade point average, credit hours, experience and activities.

Beginning second from left, the co-ops are Erin Smith (chemical engineering, Shaw Industries), Peter Ireland (mechanical engineering, Eaton Aerospace), Michael Weir (computer engineering, ADTRAN), and Laura Hicks (electrical engineering, Morgan Research Corporation).

Other engineering honorees include Kyle Boudreau, Brittany Lynn Sowell, Zachary Bugg, Andy Lindeman, Paul Thomas Weidick, and Jimmy Peason.

Twenty-three MSU Golf and Sports Turf Management co-op students worked as volunteers on the golf maintenance crew at Annandale Golf Club in Madison, MS, during the PGA Tour Viking Classic—September 18th - 24th. In addition to the students several MSU professors and MSU graduates also volunteered. The entire Golf Course Operations Management Team at Annandale Golf Club are MSU Turf Graduates.

Pictured above kneeling from left to right are Bankston Johnson, Tyler Guy, Al Osteen (Director of Golf Operations, Annandale Golf Club and MSU Turf Graduate--1987), Christopher Baker, Garrett Kline, Mitch O’Bannon (Assistant Superintendent, Annandale Golf Club and MSU Turf Graduate--2004), Josh Bowen, Mitch Hooten, Jr, Dr. Gregg Munshaw (MSU Plant and Soil Sciences), Justin Garnett, Scotty Dorsey, Don Farr, Robb Webb (ProSource One and MSU Turf Graduate), and Tyler Brewer.

Standing from left to right are Clay Finley, James Farmer, Josh Nichols, Phillip Vines, Phillip Stoval, Ken Heyman (Assistant Superintendent, Annandale Golf Club and MSU Turf Graduate--2004), Pat Sneed (CGCS—Mississippi State Golf Course), Ross Overstreet, Chris Graves, Will Woods, Colin Weems, Scott May, Tyler McCool, Scott Kuhn (Assistant Superintendent, Annandale Golf Club and MSU Turf Graduate--2004), Not Pictured, Joseph, Gilson, Justin Landford, and Dr. Barry Stewart (MSU Plant and Soil Sciences).
Featured on pages three through six are some of the students at work during their third co-op semester Fall 2008.

Tray Achorn (CHE)  
Southern Ionics, Inc.

Chris Campbell (IE)  
Diversified Technology

Rory Branson (GSTM)  
Hurstbourne Country Club

Aaron Boudreaux (CS)  
ADTRAN

Legend for Major Abbreviations:

ARC (Architecture)  
ASE (Aerospace Engineering)  
BE (Biological Engineering)  
BIS (Business Information Systems)  
BKFN (Banking & Finance)  
CE (Civil & Environmental Engineering)  
CHE (Chemical Engineering)  
CPE (Computer Engineering)  
CS (Computer Science)  
EE (Electrical Engineering)  
FOMG (Forestry Management)  
GSTM (Golf & Sports Turf Management)  
GBA (General Business Administration)  
IPM (Integrated Pest Management)  
IE (Industrial Engineering)  
LA (Landscape Architecture)  
ME (Mechanical Engineering)  
MKTG (Professional Golf Management)  
SE (Software Engineering)  
WLS (Wildlife Sciences)
Erin Casey (CHE)
SABIC Innovative Plastics

Christian East (EE)
Entergy Operations

Adam Edwards (EE)
Georgia Pacific-Monticello

Ben Craft (CHE)
Dow Chemical

Matthew Galloway (EE)
SemiSouth Laboratories

David Galluzzi (GSTM)
The Alotian Club
Steven Howell (EE)
Peavey Electronics

Austin Lee (CPE)
VT Miltope

Daniel Lofton (ME)
Ergon Refining-Vicksburg

Justin Lanford (GSTM)
Columbus Country Club

Robert McElmurry (ME)
Eaton Aerospace

Dillon McInnis (FOMG)
US Forest Services
L.J. Robinson (GSTM)
Spring Creek Ranch Golf Club

Justin Trussell (ME)
Ergon Inc.-Jackson

John Slay (CHE)
Baxter Healthcare

Austin Tudor (MKTG)
Windyke Country Club-TN

Tyler Stroupe (CE)
Corps of Engineers-Mobile

Jason Wallace (GSTM)
3 Creek Ranch
The Bagley College of Engineering recognized former co-op Doug Deason of Houston, TX, as its 2008 Alumni Fellow.

Deason says his greatest accomplishments while at Mississippi State were completing five semesters as a cooperative education student, meeting his future spouse, the former Joy McCarver, and graduating to employment with a great company.

Deason is particularly grateful for his cooperative education experiences, which he credits with much of his success. “The cooperative education experiences and the practically-oriented teaching of the MSU faculty provided an excellent foundation for building a career,” Deason said. “We learned the importance of hard work with practical learning tools to solve the important problems.”

Deason received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Mississippi State in 1980 and currently serves as an environmental adviser for ExxonMobil Refining and Supply in Houston.

Deason and his wife reside in Houston and have two children, Drew and Rachel.

(“Inauguration” continued from page 2.)

“I mainly get out and try to get people to vote,” stated Malcolm Conley. “And, I want to see the issues of poverty and education addressed no matter who gets elected.”

Conley believes these issues are especially important in Mississippi with poverty ranking high and education ranking low.

For all of his efforts and more, Conley, a senior mechanical engineering major and co-op student for Boise Cascade, was chosen to attend the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony in January.

Selection is coordinated by the University Presidential Inaugural Conference and student selection is exclusive to alumni of the National Youth Leadership Forum, the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the International Scholar Laureated Program (ISLP, and current college students who have also met the academic requirements and demonstrated leadership qualities.

“I have known Malcolm for the past four years,” stated Dr. Tommy Stevenson, Bagley College of Engineering’s Assistant Dean for Diversity Programs and Student Development. “This is a great opportunity for him, and it demonstrates the type of students we have at MSU and the College of Engineering.”

Paula Conley, Malcolm’s mother, has sacrificed to help him attain his goals such as attending the ISLP that required tuition and travel expenses. Financial assistance was provided by the Bagley College of Engineering and support from his family.

Ms. Conley stated, “I just decided I’d sacrifice to make it work, because I want him to experience as much of the world as he can, which will help him choose the best path in life.”

Kudos to Malcolm Conley who will, indeed, be “experiencing more of the world in January” and making MSU proud!

Co-op Ambassadors 2008 - 2009

Co-ops go above and beyond to achieve career success while still in school. Co-ops who have completed their third co-op work semester are invited to apply for the honored position of Co-op Ambassador to represent the Co-op Program and Career Center at various university events.

Picture above hosting a “Welcome Back” party for returning co-ops are the current Ambassadors. On the first row from left to right are Malcolm Conley (mechanical engineering, Boise Cascade), Stephanie DeShazer (industrial engineering, MSU Industrial Outreach), Jennifer Johnson (civil engineering, CECO Building), Jessica Richards (civil engineering, Brasfield & Gorrie), Elizabeth Russ (management of construction and land development, Brasfield & Gorrie), and Inga Bass (civil engineering, Corps of Engineers--Vicksburg).

On the back row are Brian Barnes (mechanical engineering, Smurfit-Stone--LA), Greg Meyer (chemical engineering, Southern Company), Ben Stokes (chemical engineering, Valspar), Chris Dawson (Career Center Peer Counselor joining the Ambassadors and also a chemical engineering co-op for GP--Monticello), Reggie Roby (electrical engineering, Southern Company), Ben Stokes (chemical engineering, Tronox), and Miles Byrd (mechanical engineering, Southern Company and Aker Kvaerner).

(“Wildfire” cover photo story.)

Who knew co-ops could find themselves fighting wildfires! Forestry Management co-op Dillon McInnis did just that as pictured on the cover to the right of full-time US Forest Services employee Matt Miller.

McInnis is shown working to secure fire lines during the 400,00 acre East Slide Rock Ridge Fire in the Jarbridge Wilderness in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada.

McInnis provided the following in condensing his 32 state co-op experience in a few sentences:

“I worked with a fire fighting crew for the United States Forest Service called the Cherokee Hotshots. We were a national resource based in the Smokey Mountains of tennessee. We specialized primarily in firefighting, but were also used in other disasters. We traveled through 32 states and fought numerous fires in various terrain and extreme conditions. We also assisted with Hurricane Ike recovery near Houston Texas. I will have to say this was some of the most dangerous work I have done, but I enjoyed it. We hiked an awful lot and seen beautiful places. It was an inspiration and a difficult task at the same time.”

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Career Center Reports

Fall 2008 Co-op IVD:
• Total Students Participating - 169
  (MS Residents - 128)
  (Non-MS Residents - 41)
• Total Employers Participating - 99
  (MS Based - 48)
  (Non-MS Based - 51)
• Totals Interviews Conducted - 1010

Fall 2008 PGM / Turf Co-op IVD:
• Students Participating - 63
  (PGM - 46)
  (GSTM - 17)
• Employers Participating - 24
• Interviews Conducted - 192

Fall 2008 Career Day 1
Business & Technical:
• Students Participating - 552
• Employers Participating - 76

Fall 2008 Career Day 2
Engineering:
• Students Participating - 1571
• Employers Participating - 131

Registration for Spring 2009 Co-op IVD is now open.

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