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# SCSU FLIGHT LINES

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## ENROLLMENTS HAVE STABILIZED

Aviation program enrollments have stabilized to around 400 students during the 1992-93 academic year. Forty percent of current Aviation majors are in Professional Flight; with the balance split evenly between Operations and Management. Sixty students graduated in 1992-93. The number of female students has increased to 15 percent of the total aviation students. One hundred twenty five new students are expected to enroll in the Aviation program for Fall 1993, which will bring enrollments to over 500.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

Northwest Airlines has named semi-finalists (*names not available at press time*) for scholarships to be awarded to African Americans who are interested in pursuing the Aviation-Professional Flight degree at SCSU.

## STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

*Earl Burress* was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the National Business Aviation Association. His 1992 Pioneers of Flight Scholarship was renewed, as was *Krysta Strom's*.

*Jeff Mattson* was one of six students selected to participate in the 1993 internship program sponsored by MAC (Metropolitan Airports Commission), Bloomington, MN.

*Sean Forster* placed 8th in the Power On Landing event at this year's national SAFECON; *Leon Tews* took 7th place in the Pre-Flight event.

*Eric Danger*, *Chris Dobmeier*, and *Jeff Klingfus* have been hired by Mesaba for part-time ground service positions at St. Cloud Airport.

*Doug Beck* and *Kevin Cencer* were awarded the \$2,500 renewable Pioneers of Flight scholarship by the National Air Transportation Association Foundation. Four students were selected nationally for this honor.

The SCSU Aero Club Alumni has announced flight time awards to four students. *Brenda Johnson* and *Sharlene Johnson* each received \$500 flight awards and *Marnie Schmitt* and *Kevin Cencer* each received five hours of dual time donated by Wright Aero.

## GRADS IN THE NEWS

*Tony Lofthus*, Professional Flight, Spring 1992, and *Todd Tarvestad*, Management, Winter 1993, are CFI(s) for Wright Aero, St. Cloud Airport.

*Pat Loe*, Professional Flight, Spring 1988, is a First Officer with United Express.

*Rob Walz*, Professional Flight, Winter 1992, is a First Officer with Express One.

*Jason Graupman*, Mathematics Major, Aviation Minor, Fall 1991, completed a flight internship with American Eagle, Dallas, TX, in January, 1993. Graupman was one of four recent collegiate aviation graduates selected for the internship by American Airlines.

*Lisa Leet*, Management, Spring 1992, is working at Elliot Beechcraft, Flying Cloud Airport.

*Richard Blenkush*, Management, Winter 1992, is employed by American Eagle at its Albany, NY base.

*James West* and *John Kasel*, both Spring 1992 Operations

graduates, are employed by the FAA as air traffic controllers.

**Grads**--please let us know where you are and what you are doing! 1992-93 graduates will be receiving the Graduate Placement Survey in September, 1993. Please watch for it and respond promptly.

## CFI INTERNSHIP

Wright Aero, Inc., St. Cloud Airport, has initiated a Certified Flight Instructor internship open to SCSU Aviation students who have completed the CFI. The internship gives selected students the opportunity to give the flight training required for Private Pilot certification. Wright Aero hopes to have four interns working on a continuous basis. When an intern completes the training for the assigned student, a new intern will be selected. As of Spring 1993, four interns were working at Wright Aero.

## PROGRAM ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The CAA self-study will be conducted during Fall 1993 with an evaluation by CAA appointed site visitors to follow in the spring.

## TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PRESENTATION

During Black History Month (February, 1993), Tuskegee Airmen Col. *Charles McGee* and Mr. *Henry Hervy* presented their experiences during WWII to SCSU students. Because of segregation, a separate pilot training facility was built in Tuskegee, AL, where all black pilots were trained for combat flying in WWII. The Tuskegee program produced about 992 black combat pilots who flew fighters and bombers in Italy and North Africa. McGee flew as a fighter pilot in WWII, the Korean War and in Viet Nam. He is now retired and lives in Kansas City, MO. Hervy was one of the original pilots selected for training in the B-25 Mitchell bomber. He lives in Chicago, IL, and is a savings and loan company officer.

## 1993 AVIATION SPRING BANQUET

The Spring Aviation Banquet was held Friday, May 14 at the Blue Heron restaurant. Elizabeth Strohfus, WASP veteran, described her experiences as a civilian pilot ferrying military aircraft for the Army Air Corps during WWII. Sponsors of the banquet were the SCSU Aero Club, American Association of Airport Executives (student chapter) and Alpha Eta Rho.

## AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD

*Ray Rought*, Director of MNDOT Aeronautics, hosted the Spring meeting of the Advisory Board at the new Aeronautics offices near St. Paul Downtown Airport in April. Due to his prolonged recovery from surgery, Board Chair *Andrew Detroi* (FAA retired) had asked that he be replaced. *Al Lange* (aviation consultant) was elected to a one-year term as chair. The minutes of the Board meeting are available upon request to the Chair or the Aviation program.

## NATCO 747 SIMULATOR EXPERIENCE

Twenty-eight instrument-rated Aviation students participated in a four-hour 747 simulator orientation experience during 1992-93. *Captain Dale Palmer* (NWA retired) conducts the experience at Northwest Airlines Training Corporation, Eagan, MN.

## FACULTY NEWS

*Ken Raiber* accompanied the SCSU Flying Saints to Killeen, TX, where they competed in the 1993 SAFECON, the national flight and ground events meet of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association

(NIFA). Raiber also attended meetings of the UAA (University Aviation Association) held at the same time.

*Hope Thornberg* and *Pat Mattson* are completing initial research on the effect of the course, Women in Aviation, on students' attitudes about women involved in aviation. Following statistical analysis of the data, a paper will be submitted to a professional journal in the fall.

*Pat Mattson* attended the 37th annual ATCA (Air Traffic Control Association) conference in Atlantic City, NJ in November. Mattson was able to interact with air traffic control industry leaders as well as view the latest in technology.

*Ken Raiber* attended a Flight Safety International King Air 200 initial training program in Long Beach, CA, last December. The course was given to Raiber to enable him to gain first-hand experience with the training procedures used by Flight Safety. The training consisted of 20 hours of ground school on systems and procedures and 14 hours of simulator experience stressing crew coordination and emergency procedures. The experience has been helpful to Raiber in establishing the LOFT (Line Oriented Flight Training) component of the commercial flight program.

*Steve Anderson* will be leaving his position this spring as a fixed-term, full-time instructor in the SCSU Aviation program. He will be Flight School Manager at Wright Aero, St. Cloud Airport. Anderson will continue to teach one Aviation course each quarter on campus.

SCSU Aviation's program was represented with a booth and faculty at both the MATA (Minnesota Aviation Trades Association) annual meeting in February and the Minnesota Aviation

Symposium sponsored by MNDOT Aeronautics in April. The MATA meeting was held at the St. Cloud Radisson. *Ken Raiber* and *Pat Mattson* made a presentation about the SCSU Aviation program and Aviation students assisted the meeting organizers.

#### 1993-94 EVENTS

NASAO (National Association of State Aviation Officials) will hold its annual conference in Duluth, MN on September 19-23.

Students watch for details on the mandatory advising meeting which will be held in late September, 1993 in HH228.

SCSU Flying Saints will host the 1993 Region V NIFA SAFECON, October 14-16, 1993. The flight events will be held at the St. Cloud Airport. *Don Meier*, SCSU graduate and corporate pilot, will serve as Chief Judge for the event.

The Aviation program Advisory Board will meet at MAC headquarters in October and at SCSU in April.

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