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COVER STORY
ME senior builds a working steam engine! Read his story on page 8.

Russ Tindall, who finished his BSME degree in December 2012, shows off the steam engine he built during his last semester. Read about his remarkable experience on page 8!

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by Professor Neil T. Wright

Senior Electives
The required courses of the mechanical engineering curriculum provide a broad background to solve many real-world problems and lay the foundation for many exciting careers. Senior electives allow you to tailor your education to match your interests (or even to fit a schedule). Some students work towards a specific concentration in ME: Biomedical Engineering, Engineering Mechanics, Manufacturing Engineering, or Global Engineering. Completing one of the concentrations yields official recognition on your transcript, at the cost of constraining elective choices somewhat. Yet, the mechanical engineering degree itself, even without a concentration, opens doors in each of these subdisciplines.

As you know by developing a curricular plan with Ms. Gaile Griffore (oh yeah! I should do that!), a student must take a minimum of 12 credits of senior electives, with at least three of these credits being a design-intensive elective. The design intensive courses are ME 416-Computer Assisted Design of Thermal Systems, ME 417-Design of Alternative Energy Systems, ME 442-Turbomachinery, ME 445-Automotive Powertrain Design, ME 456-Mechatronic System Design, ME 465-Computer Aided Optimal Design, and ME 475-Computer Aided Design of Structures. (You can take more than three credits of the design-intensive electives – each qualifies as a senior elective.) The other senior electives are ME 422-Introduction to Combustion, ME 423-Intermediate Mechanics of Deformable Solids, ME 425-Experimental Mechanics, ME 426-Introduction to Composite Materials, ME 440-Aerospace Engineering Fundamentals, ME 444-Automotive Engines, ME 457-Mechatronic System Modeling & Simulation1, ME 464-Intermediate Dynamics, ME 477-Manufacturing Processes, ME 478-Product Development, ME 494-Biomechanics and Heat Transfer, ME 495-Tissue Mechanics, and ME 497-Biomechanical Design in Product Development. ME 491-Selected Topics in Mechanical Engineering is sometimes offered, most recently as a Computational Fluid Mechanics course offered in conjunction with a graduate version and, last spring, as a course in International Development. ME 490-Independent Study is a special case that can be offered when a student and professor agree on a topic of mutual interest.

So, if you are interested in product development you might choose ME 465, ME 477, ME 478, and ME 497. Maybe you’d like to design a better turbine and decide on ME 417, ME 442, ME 475, and ME 491 (CFD). Some folks might see the ME 475 as out-of-bed with the thermo-fluid courses, but the structure of a turbine blade and shaft is important to the design, too. Or maybe you substitute ME 425 for ME 475 because you are interested in measuring the loads in a turbine blade. There are many winning combinations of these courses.

A professor tends to develop an elective based on a favorite topic. If that professor retires or leaves, there may not be someone sharing the excitement about this class, and such a class may no longer be offered, although it takes a while to disappear from the official records. The hope is, of course, that as new faculty members join the department, new classes will be offered. This is one way in which the curriculum is refreshed and kept modern.

Correction
The photo of Dr. Lee on page 5 of the Fall 2012 ME Bulletin was incorrect. The correct photo is shown below and also in the Fall 2012 online version. The ME Bulletin sincerely regrets the error.
Curriculum News & Reminders

- **ME 280–Graphic Communications** will not have an Honors section for 2013-14. If you would like to do honors work in this course, you should speak to the instructor about arranging an Honors Option.

- **ME 372–Machine Tool Lab** will be offered fall and spring semesters. Instructor: Roy Bailiff. Manufacturing Concentration students are given priority for seats in this course.

- **ME 440–Aerospace Engineering Fundamentals** has been moved from fall to spring semester for 2013-14 only.

- **ME 456–Mechatronic System Design** will not be offered next fall due to the retirement of Dr. Radcliffe.

- **ME 464–Intermediate Dynamics** has been moved from spring to fall semester for 2013-14 only.

- **ME 465–Computer Aided Optimal Design** will be offered online next fall as a pilot program to a small group of students. If you are interested in taking this class, see Override Instruction number 2 on page 15.

- **Class Standing (Rank)** information for ME juniors and seniors is available in the ME Advising Office. You will need to present your MSU I.D. card. ME sophomores can obtain this information in 1415 EB.

- **ME 481–ME Design Projects:** ME department approval is required before enrolling in ME 481. To obtain approval, submit the ME 481 Enrollment Approval Form located in the Forms/Handouts link on the ME undergraduate website. ME 481 must be taken during your last semester (or spring semester for August grads). If you do not have a long-term schedule on file, or if your old one needs to be updated, please call 517-355-3338 and schedule an appointment with Gaile.

- **MSE 426–Intro to Composite Materials** has been changed to ME 426.

- **ME Graduate Courses:** If your GPA is 3.5 or higher, you may be able to take a graduate-level course and apply it to your Senior Electives. To obtain permission, complete a Graduate Course Override form, available in the ME Advising Office. This is a paper form.

- **Prerequisites:** The ME department expects all students, including members of the Honors College, to observe all course prerequisites. If you have a question, contact the ME Advising Office at 355-3338.

- **Schedule Conflicts:** The ME department will assist students with conflicts between required courses. However, the department does not overfill required courses to resolve conflicts with Senior Electives, Other Electives, Integrative Studies courses and employment schedules.

Graduate School Linked BS-MS Program for Juniors

If you are interested in graduate school, it's already time to consider using the Linked BS-MS option. You can apply for the Linked BS-MS program in order to use up to 9 credits of qualifying 400-level (and above) classes to count toward the credit requirement of the master's degree. This effectively reduces the duration of a master's degree by one semester (or more sometimes). It is important to apply now to allow flexibility in scheduling the three courses during your senior year. This can be combined with a summer research internship in a lab to get a head start on your research.

Stop by the ME department office (2555 EB) where Ms. Aida Montalvo can make an appointment with Prof. Ahmed Naguib, ME graduate advisor, to discuss your options at MSU. Much information about pursuing graduate school at MSU can be found at wwwegrmsuedu/me/graduate

Special Overrides

- **Transfer Prerequisite Override Requests:** If you plan to take the prerequisite for an ME course at another institution this summer, you need to submit a Transfer Override Form, so that you can receive a prerequisite override and enroll in the next course in the sequence. The form can be found at: http://wwwegrmsuedu/me/undergrad/forms.

- **ME 410 and 412** may be taken concurrently during Summer Semester only, but you will need a prerequisite override for ME 412. First enroll in ME 410. Then, submit the ME Override Form on the ME undergraduate website. Select “Other” for Reason for Request and write that you are taking ME 412 concurrently with ME 410 this summer.

- **ISS 3xx Overrides:** Students who transferred their first ISS course need a prerequisite override before enrolling in ISS 3xx. To obtain the override: Go to 302 Berkey Hall on Monday-Friday at 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Say that you transferred your first ISS and you need a prerequisite override to take the 300-level course. Be prepared to tell them the course number and section you are requesting. ➤ You must select a section that has an open seat. You will NOT receive an override for a full section!

Academic Advising

1) **ME Juniors and Seniors** are advised by Gaile Griffore. For an appointment, call 355-3338, or go to 2560 EB.

2) **Sophomores with a 3.0 GPA who will be juniors at the end of this semester** are advised by Gaile Griffore. For an appointment, call 355-3338, or go to 2560 EB.

3) **Sophomores** who do not fit the criteria in number 2 above are advised by Carmellia Davis-King. To schedule an appointment, call 355-6616 x 2.

4) **ME Freshmen** are advised in W-8 Wilson Hall on a walk-in basis only.
Entrepreneurship is portrayed as the sexy alternative to the structured corporate grind. It is commonly associated with the extremely successful players like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and MSU Alum Dan Gilbert whose finished products make it look easy. However, the reality is that it is not easy. You never see the struggles that were necessary to reach the finished product. Nevertheless, I would encourage every student, especially engineers, to start their own venture.

As engineers we have a unique ability to dissect a problem and provide a solution with a systems’ approach. We always have ideas about how to make things faster, safer, or more enjoyable. The problem is that many simply do not know how to bring the solution to scale, so we don’t do anything. This is exactly the opposite of what you should do. I can say from experience that the best way to make a difference is to just do something! Anything! What many students don’t know is that there’s help available.

Once you have an idea, the first step is to apply for the Gerstacker Entrepreneurial Grant. This grant will give you access to The Hatch.

In January, I started a second venture that is a web service with the goal to eliminate all barriers to help creative people get their ideas developed and into a mass-market setting. (I am in need of more web developers… contact me!)

As students, now is the best time to take risks, try something new, and begin your venture. I could go on to say why employers or graduate schools will find you more attractive, but that is obvious. Your heart should be in your work; and if you are passionate about something, go do it. You will face enormous challenges; but if you stick to it, your passion will be infectious and help will find its way to you.

My first venture is Current Tidal\(^1\) which now has two main focuses in offshore tidal and dam retrofitting using hydrokinetic systems to generate energy. We recently competed in the Michigan Clean Energy Venture Challenge with these two products and won the award for Best Renewable Energy Generation Venture out of 76 teams. Another MSU team, Green Coal\(^2\), won the award for Best Team Assembled. Current Tidal is now in talks with various investors and power companies interested in licensing the technology.

Study Abroad in Edinburgh by Gaile Griffore & Craig Somerton

Founded in 1582 the University of Edinburgh is one of Europe’s finest universities with a great tradition of producing outstanding scholars, including such giants as Charles Darwin and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. With respect to engineering, there is William John Macquorn Rankine, who proposed both the Rankine cycle (primary in the operation of steam power plants) and the Rankine temperature scale (the absolute scale used in English units).

Even with this history, the mechanical engineering facilities are very modern, allowing the faculty and students to pursue research topics varying from wave energy to microfabrication.

The city of Edinburgh, whose downtown is a short bus ride from the university’s engineering buildings, is listed as a World Heritage Site. In addition, for students seeking leisure activities the city has a terrific nightlife with many activities for young adults.

Students can take courses that fulfill their entire Senior Elective requirement (12 credits of Senior Electives, including a 3-credit design intensive course). Examples of courses include:

- **Sustainable Energy Group Design Project (Design Intensive)**
- Marine Energy
- Manufacturing Technology
- Engineering for Renewable Energy
- Wind Energy
- Polymers and Composite Materials

For more information, contact:
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\(^1\) Students currently in the COE that are participating in Current Tidal: Jonathan DiClemente (ME), Justin Mrkva (ME/CSE), Zack Hoyle (ME).

\(^2\) Students currently in the COE that are participating in Green Coal: Jinsha Li, Kristen Henn, Jamie Yeung, Kaitlin Ward (All Biosystems Engineering).
Are You Careful to Avoid Bloopers?
by Craig Gunn, Director of Communications

Every three or four years, I drag out a few documents that I believe are intended simply for relaxation and humor. You may have seen some of these examples before; but hopefully, I have found some that will raise a chuckle or two. As you read them, I hope that you will consider what these “Bloopers” could do to a serious piece of technical text that you are trying to create. Inserted in all the wrong places they will destroy any credibility that you have.

Think about the student who wrote these passages about history for his dissertation. “Delegates from the original 13 states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin discovered electricity by rubbing two cats backwards and declared, ‘A horse divided against itself cannot stand.’ Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.”

Maybe better, “Abraham Lincoln became America’s greatest Precedent. Lincoln’s mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The beloved assinator was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth’s career.”

And lastly, “Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.”

Submit your poem to the 2012-2013 College of Engineering Poetry Forum

Celebrating a year’s worth of poetry from April 1, 2012 to April 12, 2013. All poets are welcome!

JOIN the excitement of creating a lasting poetical endeavor!

SEE http://www.egr.msu.edu/fses/2012-2013.pdf for rules

SEND all poems to poetryforum@egr.msu.edu

Submissions will be printed!

37 ME Students Receive Awards

Congratulations to thirty-seven ME students who were honored at the Evening with Industry Awards Banquet on February 20! The names of those receiving high achieving student recognition are italicized on the Dean’s List on page 7. Eleven students were presented with the following awards:

Outstanding Women in Engineering (WIE)Awards:
• Amanda Boyd (ME Senior), presented by Bosch.
• Aerin Klump (ME Senior), presented by ArcelorMittal.
• Andrea Vedrody (ME Freshman), presented by TAC Manufacturing, Inc.
• Miriam Chege (ME Sophomore), presented by Consumers Energy.

Outstanding Diversity Programs Awards:
• David Spears (ME Senior), presented by Whirlpool Corporation.
• Noelle Kahunguba (ME Junior), presented by Johnson Controls.
• Darius Barrett (ME Senior), presented by Nucor Steel.

Exceptional and Distinguished Service Awards:
• Christopher Baldwin (ME Senior), nominated by Raymond Peterson (ME Senior).
• Benjamin Bosworth (ME Senior), nominated by Dr. Gary Cloud.
• Jessican Buschman (ME Sophomore), nominated by Dr. Tamara Reid Bush.
• Cody Little (ME Senior), nominated by Mr. Drew Kim.

Just think about the effect of these bloopers on the reader who sits and gets a good laugh from what you have written. It may be good entertainment, but the cost may be great if what you wrote was supposed to gain a better job, a promotion, or a prestigious degree.
Career Regrets? Really!
by Bernadette Friedrich, Director of Student Advancement

I am sure most of you are at the point in your college career where you have chosen your final major and are working towards receiving your diploma. Some of you may have changed your major once or twice or more, but now you are methodically attacking your coursework for a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Oh the decisions, the anxiety, the questions you may have encountered along the way.

Now that you know what degree your are pursuing you may begin asking yourself other questions. What is it that mechanical engineers really do? Am I going to be happy working in an engineering environment? Do I want to work for a large organization? A small one? Do I want to work for myself? There are a lot of decisions to be made, all in good time. I recently read an article by Dan Gulati. Dan is a tech entrepreneur and is a coauthor of the book Passion & Purpose: Stories from the Best and Brightest Young Business Leaders and a contributor to the HBR Guide to Getting the Right Job. Dan writes about the top five career regrets people have identified. As you move towards graduation it might be good idea to hear what some individuals learned after graduation.

1) I wish I hadn’t taken the job for the money. Wow! So the moral of the story is, money isn’t everything. Consider all of your options carefully, what is going to make you happy? How do you want to spend your time at work? What other benefits may be involved that aren’t necessarily wrapped up in your financial package?

2) I wish I had quit earlier. You may be staying in your position to pay off those student loans, get a down payment for your first house. All really good idea, but can you make more money or be happier with taking longer to reach some of your other life goals, but doing something you really want to do.

3) I wish I had the confidence to start my own business. Most often, this rests on the ability to maintain a personal financial status quo while investing a lot of time, hard work, and money into something that you may not be sure is going to work in the long run. Take a chance, seek assistance from local small business development agencies or start up groups. Don’t just think about this, but do some research. What does it really take to start your own business?

4) I wish I had used my time at school more productively. Well, of course, everyone at MSU thinks that this one should be first! Don’t be in such a hurry to get your coursework done. There are a number of other experiences that you can have at college that will help you fine tune your career goals, explore business opportunities, and develop some skills that will benefit you as you build up to your career.

5) I wish I had acted on my career hunches. Sometimes options are scary, moving to another location may mean changing your social activities but it may also mean a faster promotion, or a better location choice for your next position. Trust your instincts, they are usually right!

So as you continue on in The College of Engineering at Michigan State University, spend some time thinking about what it is you really want to do, what do you need to get there, and how do you get what you need! For more advice like this follow @danielgulati on Twitter!

1 http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2012/12/the_top_five_career_regrets.html

Enroll in Your Summer Classes ASAP!

The summer enrollment period begins on March 11, and your enrollment date is posted in StuInfo. The ME department will be reviewing the summer enrollments in April, and underenrolled courses may be cancelled.

• It is in your own best interest to enroll in your summer courses as soon as you have access to the enrollment system.

• Low summer enrollments could mean canceled courses.

The following courses are on the summer schedule and will be of interest to ME majors:

• First Session: CE 221; ME 361, 391, 410; MSE 250; STT 351.

• Second Session: ME 201, 222, 471; STT 351.

• Full Session: ME 412 and 490.

You will also find several Integrative Studies and Bioscience courses, plus courses that can be used as Other Electives.

Some extension courses will be offered in Detroit, Grand Rapids, and other areas. In addition, many online courses, including Integrative Studies, will be offered.

➤IMPORTANT: if you decide to take the prerequisite for an ME course at another institution this summer, you must follow the Special Override instructions for Transfer Prerequisite Override Requests (see Special Overrides on page 3).
Fall 2012 Dean’s List

Congratulations to the following 264 mechanical engineering majors who made the Dean’s List after Fall Semester with a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. This list was taken from the Registrar’s official website, which is updated regularly: http://www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/GradHonor/DeansList.asp


86 Seniors to Graduate in May and August!

Congratulations and best wishes to all ME graduates! On behalf of the faculty, I wish you the greatest happiness and success in your careers, graduate studies, and personal lives. The following students had applied for graduation by March 1. If your name is missing, please contact me immediately at griffore@egr.msu.edu (Tel: 517-355-3338).—Gaile

May Graduates

Hasan Amier Alali
Benjamin Joseph Ambrose
Corey David Anderson
Kevin Vincent Andressi
Matthew Luke Bach
Caillen Taylor Bailey
Jonathan Ryan Bancroft
David Jennings Barrent
Shaun Michael Bezine
Kyle Robert Biaga
Nicholas Andrew Blanche
Brendan Ring Brown
Brian Christopher Cheadle
Sean Michael Crump
Jonathan James DiClemente
Brian Eric Farber
Charles Andrew Ferrer
Brady James Fillon
David Michael Gaunt
Douglas Joseph Geiger
Steven Thomas Gorney
Todd Matthew Graham
Christopher Gerald Griffith
Thomas Evans Hallahan
Rebecca Lynne Hannon
Joshua Michael Hill
Andrew Davis Hine
Daniel David Holmes
Yueyao Hu
Kyle David Hyst
Yichu Jin
Marcus James Johnston
Kihun Kang
Kameron James Kline
Joseph Carl Kotera
Lukasz Kurczab
Nicholas Raymond Lannes
Paul Andrew Laymon
Raul Mihai Maghiar
Taylor Robert Manley
John J K McCarthy
Brian Patrick McClure
Evan Patrick Mccune
Olukemi Chrisiss Mejiab
Kevin Ernest Miller
Justin Francis Mrkva
Ming Mu
Chenainoyo Charles Mushiri
Phat M Nguyen
April Marie Oesterle

August Graduates

Daniel Michael Dreldiozis
Ross Edward Dudgeon
Robert Clayton Caldwell
Jun Li
Jiao Luo
Kyle Alan Melzer
Stephen Joseph Owczarek

Michael Skierski, Philip Skinkle, Scott Smith, Cory Snowdon, Paul Snyder, Stephen Sommerlot, Guangchao Song, David Spears, Christopher Stanos, Alexander Starbird, Jamie Steinberger, Isaac Steinbrunner, Thomas Stevenson, Daniel Summers, Haocheng Sun, Daniel Surman, Matthew Sutter, Kyle Sweet, Karan Takakkapally, Kuan-Ying Tao, Nicholas Theis, Mariya Titova, Austin Tokarski, David Torres, Travis Trapp, Michael Trotter, Zachary Tulor, Steven Utz, Hanna VanderMoere, Aleksandr Vartimian, Andrea Vredydo, Jason Wagnitz, Eric Waldron, Elisabeth Warner, Brittany Watton, Ethan Welzbacker, Michael Wicker, Alexander Williams, Barrett Winrick, Renoe Wirsing, William Wojcik, Tong Wu, Yan Wu, Evan Yoder, Lian Yuan, Nicholas Yuhasz, Tingyu Zhang, Yijia Zhang, Tianyu Zhao, Yifan Zhao, Courtney Zimmer, Garret Zuk.

NOTE: Academic Award recipients’ names are italicized.
The advent of the steam engine is the pinnacle of all modern technology. Without it mankind would still be reliant on manual labor. Over the decades, the mechanical design improvements to the steam engine created a foundation for the engines we know today. While the energy source, electronics, and optimization of the modern internal combustion engine are quite complicated, the basic components, piston, crankshaft, connecting rods, etc. share the same inherited skeletal identity of the steam engine.

In my junior year I was pondering what courses to schedule to complete my engineering degree. A conversation with Professor Thomp-son sparked my interest in building something that would demonstrate the applied side of my college experience. The concept of building a steam engine came to light. I started with the plans for a small model and scaled it up to a size that could actually do useful work. There were dozens of parts to be fabricated and it all started from solid blocks of cast iron.

The machine shop within the college of engineering had acquired a Computerized Numerical Controlled milling machine (CNC). I was able to model many of the parts with Uni-grahics NX software, and then utilize a post processor to produce a program for the CNC mill.

This project posed many challenges and involved a huge time investment to complete. One of the greatest challenges was developing a means for fixturing (securing) parts during the machining processes. For simple square block geometry parts a vice was a very easy, safe, and efficient method for holding the part. Other parts with radial geometry were difficult and required custom designed and machined fixtures to secure the part for manufacture. Being inexperienced in fixturing I utilized the experience of the machine shop

Another article about Russ’s steam engine can be found at: http://www.egr.msu.edu/sites/default/files/publications/ME_MSU_fall2012.pdf
MSU – RWTH Aachen Program by Dr. John Foss, Program Director

MSU/ME students with a 3.0 GPA or higher have the amazing opportunity to: 1) live in Aachen, Germany (mid-May to end of July 2013), 2) carry out 5 credits independent study plus 4 credits German language, and 3) travel in Europe with planned 3-day weekends. The ME 490 experience will be with fellow engineering students from around the world at RWTH-Aachen, a premier European technical university. The city center is a blend of an old, historic European city and a modern college town. The superb rail system allows our students to easily reach Munich, Paris, Amsterdam, and many more cities on their 3-day weekends.

Former students are the best sources of information for this program; they can be reached through Professor J. Foss, Program Director. Please don’t hesitate to talk to former students! They are more than willing to share experiences and information about the program. The 2013 organizational meeting will be held soon after the publication of this ME Bulletin issue. Make contact at foss@egr.msu.edu or 355-3337. This is an opportunity you don’t want to miss!

Study Abroad in France (ECAM in Lyon) by Professor André Bénard

The Department of Mechanical Engineering offers a month-long study abroad program for junior-level students in Lyon, France each summer. The students stay at ECAM, a French engineering school located in the old part of Lyon, for the entire month of June. Students can obtain equivalent credits for ME 201 or ME 410, both of which are taught in English. Students also take a French language course (taught in French). If you are interested in this program, please contact:

Ms. Maggie Blair-Ramsey <blairram@egr.msu.edu> or Professor André Bénard <benard@egr.msu.edu>

Pi Tau Sigma Presents SENIOR ELECTIVE NIGHT!

March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in 1145 EB

Students will describe and answer questions about their experiences in mechanical engineering senior electives.

This is a once-a-year opportunity for you to learn about class topics, professors, and requirements – beyond what is printed in the course descriptions.

Don’t miss this great event!

Special Thanks to: Roy Bailiff, Dr. Thompson, Ken Bartlage, Cory Snowdin, Landon Riker, and Mike Koschnider.
Next to the electric motor, pumps are the most widely produced and used machines of our time. Centrifugal pumps are estimated today, to form 80–85% of the whole pump production. The field of application for centrifugal pumps has been continually widening, as they are developed for handling a wider range of liquids at higher pressures and temperatures, and most industries, service providers, utilities and engineering processes are becoming more and more dependent on them. There are quite a number of comprehensive books about centrifugal pump technology covering all aspects of the machine, but three that are widely referred to are the Die Kreiselpumpe by C. Pfeiderer, Centrifugal and Axial Flow Pumps by A.J. Stepanof, and The Pump Hand Book by I. Karassik.

The first centrifugal pump with ten wooden double curved blades, dating back to the fifth century, was found in 1772 in an abandoned Portuguese copper mine in San Dominigos. Centrifugal fans have been used for mine ventilation since as early as the sixteenth century and are described by Agricola (G. Agricola, De re metallica, 1556). The invention of the centrifugal pump is a disputed issue, whether the credit goes to Leonardo Da Vinci (1452-1519), who suggested the idea of using centrifugal force for lifting liquid, or to Johann Jordan in about 1680. Most place the origin of the centrifugal pump impeller with Denis Papin in 1689 (Figure 1). The importance of Papin’s contribution lies in his understanding of the concept of creating a forced vortex within a circular or spiral casing by means of blades. Following Papin, Le Demour in 1732 and Gabriel Fahrenheit in 1736 described other designs for centrifugal pumps, but there is no evidence of their practical use.

Leonhard Euler (1707-1783) was the greatest mathematician of the eighteenth century and one of the most prolific of all time; his publication list of 886 papers and books fill about 90 volumes. Euler (Figure 2) showed that the conservation of energy can be directly related to the conservation of momentum (torque from moment of momentum and rotational effect) on a centrifugal pump impeller when treated as a flow control-volume. In his 1754 memoir, he presented an idealized theoretical application of Newton’s law to centrifugal pumps. The resulting equation became known as the Euler turbomachinery equation. His publication caused a great development of hydraulic turbines in the eighteenth century, but did little to influence the development of centrifugal pumps, which developed gradually through tedious cut-and-try methods. The one thing Euler contributed was to initiate a true mathematical inquiry into the employment of centrifugal force as a means of raising water.

About the same time as Euler, Smeaten introduced in 1752 the study of pumps and turbines by models. He also defined power as equivalent to the rate of lifting of a weight, a concept that is still fundamental in today’s thermo-fluids.

In 1785 Skeys patented a pump with an interesting design, which was the prototype of the propeller pump, thus foreshadowing the comparatively modern development of the centrifugal pump. Harris declares the year 1818 as a landmark in the history of the centrifugal pump. In that year commercial production of the pump began in the USA by the Massachusetts Pumps Company and saw a return to the original conception of Papin after a century of interruption by other forms of the pump. The “Massachusetts Pump” had an open impeller with straight tangential vanes which revolved in a casing of rectangular section, and roughly of volute form. The first pumps were designed to run submerged, but later pumps were fitted with suction pipes. They had an axial flow in at the eye and tangential flow out at the discharge, thus forming the beginning point of the centrifugal pumps of today. In 1831 Blake of Connecticut brought out a design of a vertical pump, employing a horizontal disc with a series of radial vanes attached to the underside and running just clear of the casing, thus introducing the semi-open pump impeller design. In 1838 Combs presented a paper on curved vanes and the effect of curva-
ture which subsequently proved to be an important factor in the development of the centrifugal pump. In 1839 Andrews introduced the proper volute casing and used a fully shrouded impeller.3

In 1846 Johnson introduced the first three-stage centrifugal pump, followed in 1849 by Gwynne who produced multi-stage centrifugal pumps and began the first systematic examination of these pumps. At about the same time Appold conducted an exhaustive series of empirically directed experiments to determine the best shape of the impeller, which culminated in his discovery that pump efficiency depends on blade curvature.4 (Figure 3) In about 1850 Thomson suggested the use of a whirlpool chamber which enabled the single-stage centrifugal pump to be used economically for higher lifts. A test of the status of centrifugal pump technology took place at the Great Exhibition of 1851 at the Crystal Palace in Great Britain, where several design types were presented and compared. Appold’s pump with curved blades showed an efficiency of 68%, more than three times better than any of the other pumps present, which attracted much attention, due to its simplicity, compactness and high efficiency. From this date onwards the development and use of the centrifugal pump was very rapid. In 1887 the first pumps were built with vaned diffusers (Figure 4) and patented by British physicist Osborne Reynolds (better known for the “Reynolds Number”).

The Michigan State Baja team recently got back from racing in the snow in the Upper Peninsula. Michigan Tech held their annual Blizzard Baja race where teams from around the country come to Houghton, Michigan to compete in a more relaxed four hour endurance race completely made out of snow and ice. With some early mechanical issues and engineering by the seat of our pants we were able to finish 14th out of more than 50 plus cars.

Our next race will be the first official SAE event of the year so we will be buckling down and finishing our redesign work on last year’s car. Anyone interested in joining or coming out for a weekend to see what we are about and get a little greasy, please contact Erik Dudek (baja@msu.edu). No previous knowledge is required as we teach you everything you might need to know. Submitted by Austin Tokarski, Chief Engineer.

Brita Wanhala gets some air as she holds off the competition!

Formula SAE

Every year students on the Formula SAE Racing team work hard to design, manufacture, and test an open wheel formula style car. Last year the Formula Team took 6th place out of 85 teams in the Formula SAE Nebraska competition, and they are now finishing up the 2013 race car. Formula SAE is the world’s largest engineering competition with over 300 schools competing from around the globe.

This year, 7 of the 8 returning members from last year are graduating, so recruitment and knowledge transfer has been huge. The new members really stepped up and took charge, and the team is stronger than ever. Members not only learn advanced manufacturing, but also the design, theory, and analysis that go into building a car. The members are known for their dedication, working upwards of 40 hours a week to complete the car with plenty of time for testing before competitions. From the excitement of competition, to the honor of having a large display among prestigious companies at the North American International Auto Show, to the camaraderie established through building an entire race car from the ground up, the Formula SAE experience is one of a kind. Learn more about us at http://www.egr.msu.edu/~fsae/wordpress/

Submitted by Jocelyn Modelski, Operations and Chassis Team Member.
MSU Solar Car

Last summer, the MSU Solar Car Team successfully qualified for and competed in the American Solar Challenge 2012, a 1600-mile cross-country competition from Rochester, New York to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Although the young crew composed of Miles Turrell, Dan Howarth, Steve Zajac, Ethan Akerly, Scott O’Connor, Meng Cao, and James Miller did not complete the ASC 2012 due to a motor malfunction, crucial experience was gained.

After two consecutive summers of first-ever competitions in the Formula Sun Grand Prix 2011 and the American Solar Challenge 2012, the MSU Solar Car Team has attained the experience necessary to move on to the next daunting challenge.

MSU is currently designing Leonidas, its second car in team history. Leonidas is presenting an exciting challenge for the innovative students of MSU, as it allows members to take part in the design, fabrication, testing, and racing of a brand new car over a two-year period. The goal of Leonidas is to push the solar team further than ever before by qualifying for and completing the American Solar Challenge 2014.

Building a fantastic car capable of completing the ASC 2014 will require the commitment of a team of focused, dedicated students who want to do something big. It needs a cross-section of talented students from multiple disciplines across campus. Fellow Spartans, if you have a desire to leave a lasting mark on MSU, please consider joining the MSU Solar Car Team. Interested students should email michiganstatesolar@gmail.com for more information. Submitted by James Miller, Team Leader.

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Pi Tau Sigma

The Tau Epsilon chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, the international mechanical engineering honor society, has had a busy start to the semester. We started the semester off with our traditional “Wing Night” at Buffalo Wild Wings. We enjoyed all-you-can-eat wings and had a good time socializing with each other. We invited all eligible members to join us and learn more about our organization. We have also volunteered with MSU Food Bank and Vex Robotics, and participated in ASME’s Junkyard Wars during E-week.

We will be hosting a Mechanical Engineering Senior Elective presentation on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in 1145 Engineering Building. This event aims to inform students about their ME senior elective options and give them a chance to ask questions from those who have already taken the courses. This will be both fun and informative.

Later in the semester, we will meet up for dinner at Crunchy’s, another of our fun social traditions. Finally, we will hold initiation in April to induct new members into our chapter, followed by a complimentary dinner at Olive Garden. For any more information on Pi Tau Sigma or any of our events, please visit our website at www.egr.msu.edu/pts. Submitted by Kevin Andreassi, President.

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Michigan State University
ME Senior Electives for 2013-2014

• The following ME Senior Elective list, including instructor assignments, was accurate as of February 28, but it is subject to change. Important changes will be emailed to you with “ME Bulletin Update” on the subject line.
• Design Intensive courses have an asterisk (*) after the course number.
• Descriptions are provided for courses that are not in the catalog. All others can be found by going to http://www.reg.msu.edu/Courses/Search.asp
• The ME department cannot overfill a required course or section to solve a Senior Elective schedule conflict.
• Course override instructions can be found in the shaded BOX on page 15.

SUMMER SEMESTER
ME 490 Independent Study. 1-4 credits. See Override Instruction #2 on page 15. You may reenroll for a maximum of 6 credits.

FALL SEMESTER
ME 422 Introduction to Combustion. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 332 or concurrently. Toulson.
ME 444 Automotive Engines. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 410 or concurrently. Schock.
ME 464 Intermediate Dynamics. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 361. Shaw.
ME 475: Computer Aided Design of Structures. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 471 or concurrently. Diaz.
ME 477 Manufacturing Processes. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 222, MSE 250, and Tier I Writing. Thompson.
ME 490 Independent Study. 1-4 credits. See Override Instruction #3 on page 15. You may reenroll for a maximum of 6 credits.
ME 494 Biomechanics and Heat Transfer. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 410 or concurrently. Biomechanical Concentration Course. Wright.
ME 812 Conductive Heat Transfer. 3(3-0). See Override Instruction #6 on page 15. Prereq: ME 412 plus GPA of 3.5+. TBA.
ME 860 Theory of Vibrations. 3(3-0). See Override Instruction #6 on page 15. Prereq: ME 461 plus GPA of 3.5+. Feeny.

SPRING SEMESTER
ME 426 Introduction to Composite Materials. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 222. Loos.
ME 440 Aerospace Engineering Fundamentals. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 332 or concurrently. Engeda.
ME 442: Turbomachinery. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 332. Engeda.
ME 465: Computer Aided Optimal Design. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 471 or concurrently. Averill.
ME 477 Manufacturing Processes. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 222, MSE 250, and Tier I Writing. Thompson.
ME 478 Product Development. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 477 and Tier I Writing. Kwon.
ME 490 Independent Study. 1-4 credits. See Override Instruction #3 on page 15. You may reenroll for a maximum of 6 credits.
ME 491 Selected Topics in Mechanical Engineering. Section 001: Intro to Computational Fluid Dynamics. See Override Instruction #1 Below. Course Description: Theory and application of finite difference and finite volume methods to selected fluid mechanics and heat transfer models including a potential flow model, a compressible flow model and an incompressible Navier-Stokes model. Prereq: ME 410. Jaberí. This course will taught with graduate students who will take the course as ME 840, and who will have different assignments. If you have questions, contact the instructor.

ME 495 Tissue Mechanics. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 222. Biomechanical Concentration Course. Haut.

ME 497 Biomechanical Design. 3(3-0). Prereq: ME 371 or concurrently. Biomechanical Concentration Course. Reid-Bush.

CHE 483 Brewing and Distilled Beverage Technology. See Override Instruction #7 Below. Course Description: Raw materials for fermentation and basics of alcohol fermentation, beer and cider production; basics of distillation; brandy and eau de vie production; whiskey production; vodka, gin and flavored spirits production; flavor chemistry. All lectures and laboratories will take place at 2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing. Prereq: (Age 21 or higher) and (Senior standing) and (ME 410-Heat Transfer or concurrently). Berglund.

BE 445 Biosensors for Medical Diagnostics. 3(3-0). (BS 161) and (CEM 141) and (ECE 345). Biomechanical Concentration Course. Alocilja.

ENE 422 Applied Hydraulics. 3(2-2). Prereqs: ME 332. This used to be CE 422. TBA.

MSE 425 Biomaterials & Biocompatibility. 3(3-0) Prereq: MSE 250. Recommended Background: PSL 250. Biomechanical Concentration Course. Baumann.

MSE 451 Microscopic & Diffraction Analysis of Materials. 3(2-3). Prereq: PHY 184. Recommended background: MSE 260 & 381. For more info, see Override Instruction #5 below. Lunt, Bieler, or Morelli.


ME 802 Advanced Classical Thermodynamics. 3(3-0). See Override Instruction #6 below. Prereq: ME 412 plus GPA of 3.5+. Wichman.

**OVERRIDE INSTRUCTIONS**

1) Complete and submit the ME Override Request Form: [http://wwwegr.msu.edu/me/undergrad/forms](http://wwwegr.msu.edu/me/undergrad/forms) [Click on Forms & Handouts]. Please note that the ME department cannot overfill required courses to resolve conflicts with Senior Electives, Other Electives, Integrative Studies courses and employment schedules.

2) ME 465–Computer Aided Optimal Design will be offered online next fall as a pilot program to a maximum of 10 students. Priority for overrides will be given to December 2013 graduates who need a design intensive senior elective. If you are interested in taking this online class, submit the ME Override Request Form (see link above in number 1) by no later than Friday, April 5. You will be notified if you receive an override.

3) ME 490–Independent Study Enrollment Procedure: Find a professor who is willing to supervise your independent study, and discuss your plans with him/her. Complete an ME 490/490H Enrollment Contract (independent study form), available in the ME Advising Office in 2560 EB. After you and your professor have completed and signed both sides, return the form to the ME Advising Office for the remaining signatures, override, and enrollment.

4) Six seats in ECE 415 have been allocated for MEs who are on record as Manufacturing Concentration students. If you are one of those students, send an email to Gaile griffore@egr.msu.edu and request your override. Be sure to include your PID number and mention that you are on record as a Manufacturing Concentration student. (To be “on record,” you must first meet with Gaile to plan a long-term schedule.) ALSO, a prerequisite override will be given to students who will need to take ECE 415 & ME 451 concurrently.

5) ME majors do not need to have taken the Recommended Background courses, but there will probably be a need for some additional background reading. Contact the professor for more information.

6) Complete the Graduate Course Override form, available in the ME Advising Office in 2560 EB. This is a paper form.

7) CHE 483–To request an override, go to 2527 EB, and be prepared to show them your I.D. to prove that you are 21 or higher.
Spring Semester Calendar

March 12  Scheduled appointments begin for enrollment for Summer 2013. Your enrollment access date is posted in StuInfo.

March 13  Senior Elective Night, 7:00 p.m. in 1145 EB. Sponsored by Pi Tau Sigma.

March 30  Computer enrollment begins for Fall 2013 / Spring 2014

April 5  DEADLINE to request override for ME 465 for Fall 2013. See number 2 in box on pg 15.

April 26  Design Day in the MSU Union. See you there!

April 29-May 3  Final Exams.

May 3  University Undergraduate Student Convocation—1:00 p.m. in Breslin.

May 5  College of Engineering Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, 1:00 p.m. in Breslin. Lasts about 2 hours.

May 13-June 27  First Summer Session.

July 1-Aug 15  Second Summer Session.

May 13-Aug 15  Full Summer Session.

August 9  Initial Fall 2013 Minimum Tuition & Fee payment due.

September 1  Approximate application deadline for October FE exam. Deadline will be posted at http://ncees.org/exams/state-pages/michigan-engineering-exam-registration/

August 28  Fall Semester classes begin.

Design Day

Friday, April 26, 2013
Engineering Bldg
Note change of location.

Come and see our students lead, create, and innovate!

Activities include:

- Competitions
- Presentations
- Demonstrations
- Awards