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WiME Golf



WiME hits a hole in one with mini golf event

On the evening of February 24, students got to unwind while playing some mini golf on the second floor of the Black Engineering building. Holes were designed and built by Women in Mechanical Engineering (WiME), and the course ended with some delicious SWEet Treats sponsored by the student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

Levitas receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Valery Levitas, Schafer 2050 Challenge Professor, recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the World Congress of Arts, Sciences and Communications in recognition of a lifetime of contributions to science, engineering, and education.

ME students take part in winter sports

Two ME graduate students, Tim Lentz and Chris Tourek, were on the [Channel 13 news](#) discussing one of their favorite winter hobbies—curling.

ME junior Paul Zunkel is the president of the Iowa State Ski and Snowboard Club, which was recently featured in the [Iowa State Daily](#).

Five finalists named in ME chair search

The Department of Mechanical Engineering will be interviewing five candidates to fill the department chair position that was vacated when Jonathan Wickert was named dean of Iowa State's College of Engineering.

Each candidate will present a seminar that will cover his vision for the department. These seminars will be held at 10:30 a.m. in 2004 Black on the dates indicated below. All interested are welcome to attend.

- Thomas Burton, professor and head of mechanical and aerospace engineering at New Mexico State University, will be on campus March 4 and 5. His seminar will take place on March 4.
- Theodore Heindel, professor and interim chair of the mechanical engineering department at Iowa State University, will be on campus March 10 and 11. His seminar will take place on March 10.
- David Rosen, professor and associate chair in the mechanical engineering school at Georgia Tech, will be on campus March 25 and 26. His seminar will take place on March 25.
- Zhuomin Zhang, professor in the mechanical engineering school at Georgia Tech, will be on campus March 29 and 30. His seminar will take place on March 29.
- George Voyiadjis, distinguished professor and chair of the civil and environmental engineering department at Louisiana State University, will be on campus March 31 and April 1. His seminar will take place on March 31.

In addition, candidates will meet informally with faculty, staff, and students during their campus visits. The candidates' full vitae and itineraries will soon be available on the College of Engineering's intranet for faculty and staff to access.

Upcoming seminars

- Amit Chakrabarti, professor of physics at Kansas State University, will present "Gelation in Aerosols and Depletion Colloids" on March 2. The seminar is part of the Complex Fluids Seminar Series and will be held in 2055 Hoover from 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.
- Udo Schwarz, professor of mechanical engineering with the Yale Nanomechanics Group at Yale University, will present "A Focus on Friction: From Atomically Resolved Static Forces to Scaling Laws for Superlubric Sliding" on March 9. The seminar is part of the Department of Mechanical Engineering Seminar Series and will be held in 2055 Hoover from 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.

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