

Engineer pros, students teamed

Obtaining experience in the real world is one aim of the College of Engineering's "Protege Program," according to Assistant Engineering Professor James L. Thomas, program coordinator.

The program, from November until April, matches a student with a professional in the student's field of engineering, Thomas said.

"This gives more exposure of our students to the professional world," he said, in addition to letting students practice theories learned in class.

Doug Brackhan, an electrical engineering student from Cordova, Neb., was matched with Bruce Abernathy, head of the Systems Control Dept. at Lincoln Electric System (LES), 421 So. 9th St.

LES tour

Brackhan said he and Abernathy toured the LES building during their first meeting. Abernathy said they will tour the Engineering Dept. and power stations around Lincoln next week.

Charles Soukup, a structural engineer for Concrete Industries, Inc. at 6300 Cornhusker Hwy., said he has met once with civil engineering student John Fairfield of Bogota, Columbia. Soukup said he discussed with Fairfield some past and present projects he had done for the company.

Soukup said he stressed to Fairfield that "everything starts with the simple basics you learn in school." He said they plan to meet next weekend to visit a construction site. Soukup added that he liked the program.

"I like to make sure that young engineers will understand and get a feeling toward the profession," he said.

The program's 26 students are sophomores through seniors. They were selected through student chapters such as the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Thomas said. Two students from each of the 13 engineering, construction management and computer science departments at UNL and UNO are approved by department chairmen.

The department chairman then selected two professionals to be matched, by interest area, with the two students, he said.

Kick-off lunch

The student is introduced to his professional at a "Kick-off Luncheon" which starts the program each November.

Here the two may set up goals and schedule meetings according to their own needs and interests, Thomas said. This luncheon is the only role the college plays in the program until a closing banquet during Engineering Week, he said.

In April both student and professional evaluate the program. Thomas said evaluations have indicated almost everyone thinks the program, in its fifth year, is beneficial.



Photo by Steve Boerner

Assistant Engineering Professor James L. Thomas is coordinator of the "Protege Program," which matches a student with a professional in the student's field of engineering.

Committee hunting for new law dean

The search is on for a new dean of the Law College, according to search committee chairman Donald Shaneyfelt, assistant dean of the College of Law and Professional Law.

Henry Grether Jr. stepped down as Dean of the Law College after 10 years, but will remain in the department as an instructor. During his 10 years, Grether said, a new law building and summer school were initiated, but he had been unable to take one vacation when he wanted.

The Law College is looking for someone with academic and administrative experience. Law school experience is desired, but not mandatory.

Other law colleges are being contacted and the search committee hopes to be finished by mid-March.

Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge said he tried to get a "broad range of representation."

Six law faculty members were chosen for the committee after consulting the department, Breckenridge said. Two law students were selected from Student Bar Association nominations, two Nebraska Bar Association members were chosen and one at large faculty member was picked.

Joan Wadlow from the Political Science Dept. is the at-large representative, Breckenridge said, because of the close association of law and political science.

Sr. editors named

Daily Nebraskan senior editors have been selected for next semester. They include Managing Editor Randy Gordon and News Editor Lori Demo, both senior journalism majors.

Gordon, also a history major, has worked as Daily Nebraskan news editor, associate news editor and reporter. Demo has been news editor and reporter at the Daily Nebraskan.

Other Spring 1976 positions filled include Gina Hills and Rex Seline, associate news editors and Theresa Forsman, special editor.

Hills is a senior journalism major with Daily Nebraskan experience as associate news editor and reporter and Seline, a sophomore journalism major, has been a Daily Nebraskan reporter. Forsman, a senior journalism and political science major also has experience as a Daily Nebraskan reporter.

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