

Student Chapter Officers and Activities

BERLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY STUDENT CHAPTER

The newly founded Berlin Institute of Technology Student Chapter held its inaugural event, a student symposium, on November 18, 2009. We invited three guest speakers, each of whom gave interesting talks on their careers and work in the human factors/ergonomics area: Thomas Jürgensohn of Human Factors Consult GmbH, Steffen Eßers of Apliki GmbH & Co. KG, and Carmen Bruder from the Institute for Aerospace Medicine of the German Aerospace Center. The event concluded with a reception at which guests mingled with the invited speakers and got to know fellow students.

Chapter members were delighted that the event was so well received: 46 students attended from four Berlin universities. A short online survey carried out after the event indicated that the overwhelming majority of attendees would like to attend similar events in the future. We aim to build upon the success of this event to extend the reach of the chapter to cover all young people interested in HF/E in Berlin. We thank Dietrich Manzey, our faculty adviser, for his continuing support of the chapter.

The chapter consists of 16 students and 1 faculty member.

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH, STUDENT CHAPTER

The California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), Student Chapter began 2009 with our 4th Annual Regional Human Factors Conference. The event featured three guest speakers: Douglas H. Harris, chair and principal scientist at Anacapa Sciences, Inc. and former HFES president; Fred Garcia, manager of the Center for Usability in Design and Accessibility at CSULB; and Ray Kowalewski, manager of Central User Testing of Activision-Blizzard, Inc. The conference also featured an alumni panel with Deborah Nelson-Shribman of Sage Software Group, Marshall Dion of The Boeing Company, Diane Guettler of Hewlett-Packard, and Mike Kasamanian of Human Factors Consulting Services, Inc.

Throughout the year, the chapter held monthly meetings; the last meeting of the year featured three guest speakers: Rick Martin and Mike Maracci of Ipeco, Inc., and Les Shobe of Pacific Scientific.

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They spoke about dynamic crash testing of cockpit crew seats and skeletal restraint systems and showed the features required for designing a safe crew seat.

Chapter members had the opportunity to tour the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) air traffic control simulator located at the Hawthorne Airport. Members could see first-hand how air traffic controllers are trained to work at the LAX tower.

The chapter also participated in many university-sponsored events, such as the Week of Welcome, Psych Day, and the College of Liberal Arts Spring Fair, as well as social events including a Thanksgiving potluck dinner and Games Afternoon.

The chapter consists of 20 students and 2 faculty members.

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE, STUDENT CHAPTER

To end the decade with a bang, the California State University, Northridge, Student Chapter participated in the 2009 Red Bull Soap Box Derby held in downtown Los Angeles. As a team, we designed, built, and piloted a giant pink brain on wheels. We placed fourth in the competition, beating 36 other teams, including HFES student chapter rival California State University, Long Beach. This brought us recognition in *The Daily Sundial*, *The Daily News*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Chapter members attended budget seminars, leadership workshops, and recognition conferences by the Associated Students at California State University Northridge. Also, chapter officers attended the HFES 53rd Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The chapter consists of more than 50 students and 4 faculty members.

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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Clemson University Student Chapter kicked off the spring 2009 semester with a pizza party to welcome back existing members and recruit new ones. For our next chapter event, we toured Split Creek Farm in Anderson, South Carolina, to learn about the goat milk industry and discuss various ergonomics applications. Additionally, we welcomed Julian Sanchez, a senior human factors engineer at the MITRE Corporation, who spoke about human factors/ergonomics research opportunities in agriculture. We concluded the semester with elections and a barbecue.

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The chapter began the fall 2009 semester with a cookout and a new set of officers, representing the first change in executive leadership in three years. During this changeover, our chapter created a transition packet for future administrations to facilitate information exchange. For National Ergonomics Month, the chapter gave a presentation about HF/E to a high school psychology class. Additionally, our president represented the chapter and the HF/E discipline on a panel for the South Carolina Psychological Association student day at Lander University. To improve our Web presence, we created a group page for our organization on Facebook and are upgrading our Web site. Other events included several happy hours at local pubs and a Thanksgiving potluck dinner to wrap up the semester.

The chapter consists of 18 students and 6 faculty members.

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Cornell University Student Chapter had an engaging 2009, which began with an informal meet-and-greet event at The Nines, a local pizzeria. New and interested members were introduced to the current members and were informed about the programs that the student chapter hosts each year.

The chapter hosted a number of gatherings to generate interest in human factors/ergonomics among Cornell students. It also sponsored interactive activities for National Ergonomics Month in October to promote HF/E to the wider community. We held a series of video conferences with Rachel Derkits and Michael Peng of IDEO New York; Charles Green, engineer at General Motors Company; and Adam Shames, director of human factors at Design Science. Additionally, the chapter hosted a series of visiting speakers, including Valerie Beecher, ergonomics specialist for UPSTATE University Health System; Paul Hickey of Wegmans Food Markets; and Mary Barbe of Temple University School of Medicine Department of Physical Therapy. The speakers introduced chapter members to a broad range of ergonomics career opportunities through a discussion of their professional experiences.

The chapter consists of 28 students and 2 faculty members.

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EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) Student Chapter reorganized itself after the installation of new officers for the fall 2009 semester. The chapter wasted no time in getting to work and conducted its first fundraiser in July: The HFES Chili Cook-Off gave students, faculty, and staff the chance to cook and compete for the best chili. As the fall semester began, the chapter spread the word of HF/E to students at ERAU by hosting a welcome session for the new students in the department and by participating in a club fair. As a result, we were able to recruit new students into our chapter. Throughout the semester, we held meetings for members at the beginning of each month.

In October, Jason Kring, assistant professor at ERAU, gave a lecture, "How to Write a Vitae." Later in the month, Mark Lyden, senior college recruiter for The Boeing Company, presented "HF: What Can't You Do at Boeing?" Also in October, eight of our members attended the HFES 2009 Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

In November, the chapter participated in homecoming week at ERAU. The week gives clubs and organizations a chance to be heard by taking part in social events. The chapter placed third in a chalk art competition; this was the first time the chapter has ever won an award during homecoming week. Also in November, HF/E consultant Ronald G. Shapiro visited ERAU and gave two lectures that were open to all students: "A Career Talk" and "Games to Explain Human Factors."

In December, the chapter hosted its Gingerbread House Building Competition. This gave students, faculty, and staff a chance to design and build a gingerbread house during the holiday season and was also used as a fundraiser for the chapter.

The chapter consists of 26 students and 1 faculty member.

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GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The George Mason University (GMU) Student Chapter engaged in a variety of activities throughout 2009, including hosting guest speakers, conducting outreach for National Ergonomics Month, promoting professional development, and, of course, having fun. Members enjoyed presentations from guest speakers Neil Ganey of Lenovo and Dino Piccione of the Federal Aviation Administration. The chapter continued its tradition of educating undergraduates at GMU about human factors/ergonomics with our semiannual, week-long lecture series. We also engaged in professional development activities, including our annual career panel consisting of several HF/E professionals, and an open house at GMU in collaboration with the HFES Potomac Chapter and the local chapter of the Usability Professionals' Association.

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As a group, we enjoyed various happy hours and a weekend excursion to a winery in central Virginia, and various other beginning-of-the-year barbecues and parties.

The chapter consists of 41 students and 10 faculty members.

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GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Georgia Institute of Technology Student Chapter was very active in 2009. During the spring semester, the chapter's outreach activities included presentations on human factors/ergonomics to 30 gifted-program students at Montevallo Middle School and to local at-risk youth during Georgia Tech's Kids@Kollege event. Three of our chapter members were invited to lecture on HF/E to an undergraduate human-computer interaction class. We also held a recruitment dinner for engineering students.

In a joint event with the HFES Atlanta Chapter, the Georgia Tech Chapter toured the facilities at Lockheed Martin. The tour included a presentation on the role of the company's human factors team and its past projects and a guided tour of the facilities, including flight simulators. We were given the opportunity to fly each of the simulators and discuss the process of designing and testing a heads-up display.

Chapter members used HF/E and usability standards and methods to evaluate the Georgia Tech School of Psychology Web site and implemented those changes with the help of a programmer. We concluded spring semester with an end-of-school-year picnic.

The fall semester of 2009 was equally busy. The chapter's outreach activities included setting up information booths for Georgia Tech's Grad/Expo and Undergraduate Involvement Week, and giving demonstrations about HF/E for Cub Scout Day at the Fernbank Museum of Natural Science. Each year, the chapter organizes and hosts an Alumni Dinner at the HFES Annual Meeting. The 2009 dinner in San Antonio was attended by nearly 50 people and was sponsored by Georgia Tech's School of Psychology and its Graphics, Visualization and Usability Center.

We jointly hosted two speakers with the HFES Atlanta Chapter: Frank Durso of Georgia Tech gave a talk titled "Information in Air Traffic Control." He discussed the roles and responsibilities controllers play in managing aircraft space outside and within major airports. Linda Elliot of the U.S. Army Research Lab spoke about conducting HF/E research at Fort Benning. She discussed research with robots, night vision, and tactile systems in military applications.

Finally, the chapter held a "Bad Design on Campus Contest" for National Ergonomics Month. Students were encouraged to suggest HF/E problems on campus and offer creative solutions.

The chapter consists of 16 students and 1 faculty member.

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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY STUDENT CHAPTER

Since the revival of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Student Chapter in September 2009, our members have been involved in organizing several events, including weekly meetings, guest speakers, a student conference, and chapter promotion. On November 13, 2009, the chapter hosted the HFES New England Chapter's 2009 Student Research Conference. It included a keynote speech by David N. Aurelio from Autodesk Inc., 16 student presentations from 6 universities (MIT; Tufts U.; U. of Massachusetts Lowell; U. of New Hampshire; Northeastern U.; and U. of Massachusetts, Amherst), two industry presentations (Aptima, Inc., and Charles River Analytics), and a career workshop. Our members, most of whom are members of the Humans and Automation Lab (HAL) at MIT, gathered weekly to discuss HF/E research. These meetings included conference debriefs, guest speakers (Krzysztof Gajos, Harvard U.; Jenna Marquard, U. of Massachusetts, Amherst; and Oussama Khatib, Stanford U.) and student presentations.

The chapter consists of 21 students and 3 faculty members.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The North Carolina State University Student Chapter was very active in 2009. The Psychology Department's brown-bag lunch series hosted speakers from outside NCSU. Highlights included Neil Ganey of Lenovo and Robert Hubal of RTI. The chapter kicked off the 2010 academic year by inviting representatives from IBM to attend the first meeting to discuss the Pathfinder mentoring program. The Pathfinder program pairs students with IBM engineers and allows them to explore various career opportunities.

In preparation for the HFES 53rd Annual Meeting in San Antonio, members participated in a research symposium sponsored by the HFES Carolina Chapter. For National Ergonomics Month, Christopher Kelley and Laura Whitlock took part in the NEM session at the HFES Annual Meeting.

The chapter consists of 40 students and 15 faculty members.

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Ohio State University Student Chapter held a total of eight activities in 2009. In the first half of the year, our speakers included Gary Allread, who talked about some of the unique and interesting consulting projects in which he has been involved (such as providing anthropometric information about children in support of the design of a sippy cup!); Jeff Hoyle, who is an alumnus of our program and is now a consultant with the Ergonomics Center of North Carolina; and Jennifer Whitestone, president of Total Contact, Inc., who spoke to us about various human-surface-scanning projects at her company, including the creation of custom-made burn masks that facilitate healing for burn victims. Members also took a tour of Priority Design, a local design firm that has very interesting prototyping capabilities.

The first events of the 2009–2010 academic year were aimed at attracting new students. These included participation in the College of Engineering's Activity Fair for new students, during which backpacks were weighed, and a new-year kick-off meeting for the chapter, which was primarily a social event. Members toured an exhibit of universal design concepts, as implemented in a sample bathroom and kitchen. During our last meeting in 2009, members discussed graduate school and research with a group of OSU undergraduate students.

The chapter consists of 10 students and 2 faculty members.

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OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The first Organization Fair in which the Old Dominion University Student Chapter participated was held in spring 2009. Our chapter reserved space in the Webb Student Center to display a poster, our newsletter, and an information sheet about our field of study and student chapter. Members were on hand to discuss our chapter's mission and goals with any interested undergraduate and graduate students, as well as to network with representatives from other ODU student organizations who participated in the event.

The ODU Student Chapter volunteered to support the annual Theta Tau Egg Drop competition for elementary, middle, and high school students, during which we were also able to network with students from the ODU Engineering Department. The competition involved students from across Hampton Roads, who competed with home-made devices designed to prevent eggs from breaking after having been dropped from a height of 20 feet. About 300 students turned out for the event, and we were able to educate many of them (as well as ODU undergraduate engineering students) about the field of human factors/ergonomics.

Our chapter has hosted three Brown Bag speakers since the HFES 2008 Annual Meeting. Two of our Brown Bag talks were

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cohosted with IOPSA, the Industrial-Organizational Psychology Student Association at ODU. These included Ivan Ash (Old Dominion U.), who presented “Why Is Reasoning Hard? The Interaction of Cognitive Ability and Strategy in Deductive Reasoning Performance.” The second cohosted talk, “Talking With You Wears Me Out! Social Anxiety, Social Interactions, and Self-Regulation,” was presented by Neil Christensen of Radford U.’s Department of Psychology. Our final Brown Bag talk was presented by Ray Comstock (NASA Langley), “Humans and Devices We Build: A Look at Human Factors at NASA Langley and Beyond.”

The chapter cosponsored the HFES 53rd Annual Meeting Student Career & Development Day discussion panel, “Multidisciplinary Teams: Speaking a Common Language and Avoiding Pitfalls.” The panelists (Gerard Torenvliet, Esterline/CMC Electronics; Elizabeth Gibson, AT&T Mobility; Ginger Watson, ODU Darden College of Education and Virginia Modeling, Analysis, & Simulation Center; Jason Telner, Honeywell Labs; and Arnold M. Lund, Microsoft Mobile Platforms Division) explored the concept of the human factors professional operating as part of a multidisciplinary team. Discussion focused on the diversity of language, competencies, training, and goals that become apparent when team members with different backgrounds come together for a common purpose. The panel also identified barriers and pitfalls characteristic of multidisciplinary teams, as well as useful techniques for networking with professionals hailing from different backgrounds.

The chapter consists of 20 students and 5 faculty members.

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

In February 2009, the Pennsylvania State University Student Chapter hosted its First Annual Bad Design Competition. The competition was integrated into the curriculum for three undergraduate courses in the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department: “Introduction to Work Design,” “Work Design Productivity and Safety,” and “Cognitive Work Design.” More than 80 submissions were received, and prizes were given to the top 10 submitters. In April, our chapter hosted the First Annual Graduate Research Forum to showcase ongoing HF/E research at Penn State. Three graduate students (David Claudio, health care decision making; Shihyun Park, ergonomic work design; and Jeonghwan Jin, human-in-the-loop simulation) presented their research to about 60 attendees. In October, for National Ergonomics Month, our chapter hosted a Human Factors in Industrial Engineering Lecture Series to highlight the interdisciplinary nature of HF/E. Weekly lecture topics included human factors in health care (Monifa Vaughn-Cooke), computer science (Ling Rothrock), operations research (David Nembhard), and product design (Gul Kremer). The goal of

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the lecture series was to stimulate undergraduate and graduate students' interest in the utilization of HF/E concepts and tools to gain insight into problems in other engineering areas.

The chapter consists of 13 students and 6 faculty members.

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Purdue University Student Chapter has made a great effort to achieve sustained growth in 2009–2010. Throughout the year, our committee members have taken every possible opportunity to advertise HF/E to Purdue students, with the aim of promoting their awareness of this field and of our chapter.

In the past year, we had five “technical talk” meetings that addressed cutting-edge research findings in HF/E. To celebrate National Ergonomics Month in October, our chapter held three major activities. To kick off the festivities, we launched our annual, campuswide HFES-SIGGRAPH Web Design Competition. On October 8, we held a technical talk meeting on “Human Factors Labs Uncovered,” with the aim of showcasing HF/E programs at Purdue to the general student body and helping interested individuals find HF/E labs in which to work. Additionally, we had two field trips, one to the Smart Home Exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, and the other to the Holleman-Niswonger Simulator Facility at Purdue Airport. Our goal was to demonstrate to students how HF/E knowledge and principles are applied in real-world practice.

At the HFES 2009 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, delegates of our chapter presented chapter activities and research projects conducted in the three HF/E labs at Purdue. Our chapter members also served as volunteers for the Annual Meeting.

The chapter consists of 27 students and 9 faculty members.

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SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The San Jose State University (SJSU) Student Chapter sponsors an event once a month. For 2009, these consisted of guest speakers, field trips, and social events. For many of the events, both members and nonmembers are invited and encouraged to attend. This past year, the chapter had the opportunity to go on two field trips, the first to the Usability Labs and Eye Tracking Labs at Paypal, located in San Jose, California. The second was a tour of the Microsoft User Experience labs located in Mountain View, California. Four user-experience researchers (Mark Schlager, Paula Barraza, Noor Ali-Hasan,

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and Christine Anderson) guided the tour and gave a brief presentation. For National Ergonomics Month, the chapter invited SJSU HFES alumnus Ruth Loewenhardt of Elegant Ergo to speak about her experience as a student at SJSU. She also shared her experience in starting her own human factors/ergonomics consulting business, publishing her book *Thumbs Up!*, and being actively involved in the HF/E community.

The chapter sponsored several social events during the school year, including a pizza social to welcome incoming students and several dinners at local restaurants. In September, SJSU held its annual Student Organization Fair, at which the chapter hosted a booth to provide outreach to students on campus. The chapter also held a celebration for Anthony Andre to congratulate him on being elected president of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society. Andre held a question-and-answer session about his career, business, and HFES.

The chapter consists of 30 students and 1 faculty member.

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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Texas Tech University Student Chapter had a productive year in 2009. We hosted four speakers, including Lillian Harris (president, Man-Machine Systems Assessment), Bruce Walker (associate professor, Georgia Tech), Jamie Gorman (postdoctoral research associate, Arizona State U.), and Corey Bohil (Michigan State U.).

In April, chapter members traveled to Houston to participate in a one-day symposium hosted by the HFES Houston Chapter. Mario Runco, Jr., acclaimed astronaut, served as the guest speaker. In addition, a number of our members were invited to give lecture presentations on their research. While in Houston we took the opportunity to visit NASA's Ellington Air Field and Usability Testing and Analysis Facility, and Schlumberger.

Among our greatest accomplishments during the year was our having cohosted the HFES 53rd Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Members of the chapter served as committee chairs (for student volunteers, the daily on-site newsletter, and the Student Lounge) and committee volunteers, organizing activities and information before and during the meeting. Additionally, the majority of our members volunteered at various other venues at the meeting, including chairing or cochairing lecture sessions. For these and many other activities, our chapter was awarded gold-level Best Student Chapter recognition for the second year in a row.

The chapter consists of 20 students and 2 faculty members.

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TUFTS UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The tradition of painting the cannon at Tufts University extends to all groups and clubs on campus, so the Tufts University Student Chapter kicked off its activities in October 2009 by painting the cannon to promote National Ergonomics Month. We also hosted guest lecturer Judith Burki-Cohen, principal investigator of the FAA/Volpe Center Flight Simulator Human Factors Program. Chapter officers Emily Maretsky and Hunter Kopald attended the HFES 2009 Annual Meeting in San Antonio to receive our silver-level Best Student Chapter Award. By November, the chapter had created a brochure for the engineering psychology major at Tufts and distributed it to all undergraduate-advising departments on campus. On November 20, 12 members went on a field trip to Continuum Design Consultancy in West Newton, Massachusetts. Later in November, the engineering psychology program team hosted a guest lecture by Emilie Roth, owner and principal scientist at Roth Cognitive Engineering.

The chapter consists of 18 students and 2 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, SUNY, STUDENT CHAPTER

For National Ergonomics Month 2009, the University at Buffalo, SUNY, Student Chapter organized an outreach activity that involved setting up an information table at the campus that houses the Occupational Therapy, Exercise Science, Medicine, and Dentistry Departments. Members disseminated information about human factors/ergonomics to students from these departments. On October 30, David Feathers of Cornell U. gave a seminar on ergonomic computer mouse design. The chapter conducted a freewheeling postseminar discussion with the speaker. The chapter organized several social activities for members, including rock-climbing, laser-tagging, and go-karting events.

The chapter consists of 30 students and 4 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Central Florida Student Chapter had a spectacular year in 2009. The chapter received the HFES gold-level Best Student Chapter Award, and Chapter President Joseph R. Keebler has a new set of officers whose initiative and creativity have helped take the chapter further than ever before. The chapter has increased its membership through recruitment, with nine first-year students entering the university's Applied Experimental and Human Factors PhD program this year.

Chapter activities included a visit from Ronald G. Shapiro, who spoke about working in industry, and we have planned a visit by Raja Parasuraman. Members ran a car wash to raise funds for the HFES International Book Drive, which we host. The chapter held its annual Halloween party and also painted and carved pumpkins, which were donated to a local elder-care facility. Several members have joined HFES and have participated in the Society through activities such as volunteering at the Annual Meeting, presenting their work and having proceedings published, and organizing symposia.

The chapter's mentoring program entered its second year and has been helpful for our first-year students. We have also decorated our chapter room in the Psychology Building with past awards. Vice President Elizabeth Lazzara, along with recent PhD graduate Mike Rosen, organized a workshop on the topic of designing scenarios for team training. Plans for 2010 include participation in the March of Dimes and a field trip to NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

The chapter consists of 45 students and 1 faculty member.

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON – CLEAR LAKE STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Houston – Clear Lake Student Chapter's enjoyed its first year in 2009. We started the recognition process at the beginning of the year, received recognition from the university in August, and were formally approved as a new HFES student chapter by the Executive Council in October. The chapter participated in and helped with the Houston Chapter's One-Day Conference in April. In September, we started holding regular meetings, elected officers for the 2009–2010 school year, and developed the structure of the organization. In October, chapter members attended the HFES 2009 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, and we held our first fundraiser at the university. In November, we started laying the groundwork for spring semester activities, and in December, we ended the calendar year with a social event at Dave & Buster's.

The chapter consists of 15 students and 1 faculty member.

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UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO STUDENT CHAPTER

For Student Career Development Day at the HFES 2009 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, the University of Idaho Student Chapter cohosted a panel session with the Old Dominion University Student Chapter about working in multidisciplinary teams. The chapter also gratefully accepted the gold-level Best Student Chapter Award at the Annual Meeting.

We established a presence on campus through honorable mention at an awards ceremony attended by university administrators, faculty, and students and advertised our chapter at Professional Student Organization Day in the busiest spot on campus. The chapter's social activities included a pizza party, a presentation about HF/E with the Psychology Club, a get-together to see off our past president, and a movie night riddled with scientific discussion. Our chapter Web site, electronic library, member research presentations, and bulletin board all served to disseminate information about HF/E.

The chapter hosted a guest speaker, Richard Wall of the University of Idaho, who joined our meeting to speak of his patents for a device that helps low-vision pedestrians to safely cross intersections. This event resulted in a collaborative report in which our chapter provided design recommendations to his engineering team. Another guest speaker, David Strayer of the University of Utah, shared his experiences working with the U.S. government on traffic grid safety and being a high-profile consultant and expert witness for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The chapter consists of 21 students and 1 faculty member.

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Chapter was quite busy in 2009. From hosting the Ergonomics Olympics to holding our first annual Bad Designs on Campus Contest, the chapter has spread the word about human factors/ergonomics to the Illini community. UserCentric, Chicago, was kind enough to host us for a Research Symposium, in which graduate students and UserCentric personnel presented cutting-edge research. We were also able to give back to the community and spread the word about National Ergonomics Month during our first bake sale on the quad; we raised enough money for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank to provide up to

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500 meals for the hungry. Our diverse set of activities over the last year has allowed us to increase our membership twofold! Finally, we were recognized at the HFES 53rd Annual Meeting in San Antonio with the silver-level Best Student Chapter Award. We are looking forward to more successes in 2010!

The chapter consists of 30 students and 1 faculty member.

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UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE STUDENT CHAPTER

In February 2009, the University of Louisville Student Chapter hosted a meeting to introduce the new industrial engineering faculty member, and now chapter adviser, G. Talley Holman. Holman presented a first-hand account of several interdisciplinary research studies in order to show how engineering approaches can be adapted to both understand and evaluate health care tasks. A total of 35 students, faculty, and staff attended the meeting. In November, the chapter hosted Adam Piper from Auburn University, who presented research concerning the development and comparison of warning symbols with specific emphasis on the ability of the symbols to be effectively communicated across cultures and language barriers. A total of 60 students, faculty, and staff attended the meeting. Also in November, the chapter participated in the Student Technology Leadership Program by volunteering to help showcase technology to approximately 150 elementary and middle-school students from across Kentucky.

The chapter consists of 4 students and 1 faculty member.

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UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST STUDENT CHAPTER

Student and faculty members of the University of Massachusetts Amherst Student Chapter attended the 2009 Student Research Conference Program organized by the HFES New England Chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Two of our chapter members made presentations during the conference: Gautam Divekar presented an evaluation of dynamic message sign deployments and their effects on older drivers, and Hasmik Mehranian spoke about evaluating the effect of risk awareness and perception training on younger drivers' ability to identify risky situations on the road.

The chapter consists of 8 students and 4 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL STUDENT CHAPTER

The high point of 2009 activities for the University of Massachusetts Lowell Student Chapter was Ergonomic “Community Charlas” in Lawrence, Massachusetts, for National Safety Month. The objective of this program is to help young Hispanic construction students from Youth Build Lawrence to diffuse common knowledge about ergonomics and its application in daily work to members of the Hispanic community in Lawrence. This activity included several parts: A brief presentation about ergonomics in daily work, identification of ergonomics problems, description of injuries and effects of hazards, and discussion with participants about solutions that could reduce these hazards. Luz Marin and Xiaolu Jing worked together on this activity. The student chapter also helped the university cafeteria staff conduct a work environmental assessment and improvement project. Xiaolu Jing and Priya Darshini Dasgupta were involved and received great feedback from the workers.

The chapter consists of 6 students and 2 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Michigan Student Chapter held a wide range of activities in 2009, including tours of Ford Motor Company’s VIRTEX driving simulator and the Veterans Affairs Hospitals’ National Center for Patient Safety. The chapter held its annual Bad Designs on Campus competition during National Ergonomics Month. In the competition, students highlight ergonomics problems on the Michigan campus and propose solutions. The winners, who demonstrated the difficulty of using campus maps to find automated external defibrillators in an engineering building, were announced at another chapter event, held during World Usability Day.

Two new events were started in 2009: the Reading Group and the ErgOlympics. Reading Group meetings allow students to convene regularly and have a member facilitate a discussion about the merits, impact, and possible applications of a recent article from the field of HF/E. The ErgOlympics is a fun fair in which students compete in cognitive and physical ergonomics-related games.

The chapter participated in community and outreach activities, including Michigan Usability Professionals’ Association events and University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Improvement Open School events. We also partnered with the University of Michigan Medical Innovation Fellowship Program.

The chapter consists of 52 students and 9 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Oklahoma Student Chapter is rebuilding, so we are holding an ongoing membership drive and discussing human factors/ergonomics with undergraduate students in hopes of promoting the discipline and the Society. In the spring, we held a luncheon to promote the chapter and elect officers for the following school year. Four chapter members attended the HFES 2009 Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

On November 13, 2009, chapter members toured the Federal Aviation Administration's Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City. CAMI is responsible for training flight staff for emergency aircraft evacuations and emergency water landing/rescue procedures, and for testing passenger restraints against g-loads. The Wichita State University Student Chapter was able to join us for this tour.

The chapter consists of 17 students and 3 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Queensland Student Chapter was founded in 2009. Members had an enjoyable year both socially and professionally. We created strategic sponsorship agreements with National Information and Communications Technology Australia (NICTA) and the university's Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. Funding from these agreements enabled us to sponsor talks by international guests such as John Flach (Wright State University), David Liu (University of Utah), and Rhona Flin (University of Aberdeen).

In June, chapter members embarked on our first field trip—to the Skills Development Centre (SDC) at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. The SDC is one of the most technologically advanced skills-development centers in the world. In November, members conducted a printer-paper study in the School of Psychology to test the effectiveness of coversheets used to identify print jobs. Surveys found that most users don't find the coversheets useful, and a field study showed that people forgot print jobs just as often with or without a coversheet. Subsequently, removing coversheets saved the school \$3,000 and more than 100,000 pages per year.

At the HFES 2009 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, chapter student member David Liu was awarded Student Member with Honors and was also one of three finalists for the Alphonse Chapanis Best Student Paper Award. The chapter was also awarded a silver-level Best Student Chapter Award. For a more detailed report and pictures of our activities, visit our Web site.

The chapter consists of 21 students and 14 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENT CHAPTER

During 2009, members of the University of South Dakota Student Chapter continued to pursue research interests in the areas of decision making with risk perception implications, aviation psychology, and transportation science with an emphasis on the aging driver. Faculty and students utilized weekly colloquia as a means to discuss current human factors/ergonomics topics and to present current research in the department.

Students toured Sanford's Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls. The tour was led by Environmental Safety Director Tom Murray and focused on the HF/E and design considerations in the new building. Students also held an information session for undergraduate students to help them better understand the career field. The meeting was a success, and the chapter plans to hold a similar session every fall.

The chapter consists of 11 students and 6 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Toronto Student Chapter held several events in 2009. In February, the chapter organized a tour of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Control Room. In April, we held our Annual Industry Panel, and speakers included Paul Eisen, principal user experience architect from TandemSeven; Jennifer Jeon, human factors analyst from the Centre for Global eHealth Innovation at University Health Network; Keith Niall, defense scientist from Defence Research and Development Canada; and Tom Smahel, associate consultant at Human Factors North. Also in April, the chapter hosted the 10th Annual Inter-University Workshop. The keynote speech was given by Kim Vicente from the University of Toronto, and there were 11 student presentations and a poster session. More than 70 people attended, including faculty, industry professionals, and students from eight universities. In July, the chapter hosted Alex Mihailidis, scientist at Toronto Rehab and assistant professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Toronto, who spoke on intelligent assistive technologies and environments to enhance and enable function in older adults.

The chapter consists of 59 students, 11 faculty members, and 75 industry members/alumni.

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UNIVERSITY OF UTAH STUDENT CHAPTER

In 2009, the University of Utah Student Chapter focused on rebuilding and made great strides in offering human factors/ergonomics-related activities and speakers on campus, as well as in increasing student membership and involvement. The chapter created an e-mail directory for students interested in HFES and developed a chapter Web page, complete with HFES news and a discussion forum. Erik Hollnagel, professor and industrial safety chair at MINES Paris Tech, gave a guest lecture and held a workshop on HF/E issues in safety and incident management and the state of the human factors field. During Ergonomics Awareness Month, Grant Skousen, a user experience engineer and manager for FamilySearch, gave a guest lecture on anticipating and responding to customer experiences and feedback in designing software and other products.

The chapter organized and sponsored two field trips to local companies. In the spring, we toured backcountry.com's warehouse and order-processing facility. Backcountry.com is an online outdoor recreational equipment retailer and has developed an efficient system to process online orders quickly and accurately. In the fall, we visited Delta Air Lines' air traffic control and baggage-handling operations at the Salt Lake City International Airport. We were granted a behind-the-scenes look at the baggage-sorting and security systems and the air traffic control tower.

In addition to field trips, the chapter hosted social events on campus for student and faculty members, including a panel discussion on HF/E as a career and its impact on the lives of consumers.

The chapter consists of 24 students and 2 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Virginia Student Chapter strove to achieve its academic, outreach, and social goals in 2009. Members enjoyed presentations and discussions with many guest speakers, such as Tohru Yagi (Tokyo Institute of Technology), Jon White (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality), and Don Detmer (American Medical Informatics Association). Chapter members promoted human factors/ergonomics at the university through a mentorship program for new graduate students and connected with prospective students by providing demos and tours of HF/E labs. Outreach activities also included presentations to the University of Virginia Institute for Quality and Patient Safety and to members of the Virginia General Assembly, in addition to a variety of academic conferences.

Members continued their active involvement in HFES by serving as technical group officers and by reviewing papers and chairing sessions at the 53rd Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Social events

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included a spring picnic at the Foxfield Races and a summer cook-out. The chapter was honored to receive gold-level recognition in the Best Student Chapter Awards.

The chapter consists of 37 students and 3 faculty members.

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UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Waterloo Student Chapter began activities in November 2009. Initial efforts focused on establishing the executive meeting, designing the chapter's Web site, and planning to increase the chapter's visibility among the student population. The chapter conducted four biweekly human factors/ergonomics student seminars jointly with the university's Human Factors Research Group to provide an opportunity for students to discuss their past research, work in progress, and ideas related to HF/E engineering. Members also participated in the 10th Annual Human Factors Engineering Inter-University Workshop, with six student presentations.

The chapter consists of 20 students and 4 faculty members.

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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Virginia Tech Student Chapter was very active in 2009. Students' interests in professional development, current research, and career opportunities were galvanized by several seminars with speakers including Laura Frey Law (University of Iowa), Paul A. Green (University of Michigan), Veronica Washington (Advance Auto Parts), Chris Rockwell (Lextant), Lance Franklin (Virginia Tech), Woodrow Winchester (Virginia Tech), Rex Hartson (Virginia Tech), Will Lee (MITRE), and Hannah Swiger (Virginia Tech). Additionally, the chapter held student seminars and field trips to the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Virginia Tech Industrial Design Laboratory. The chapter also provided HF/E-related activities for Kids Tech students of Montgomery County High School, held a World Usability Day celebration and panel discussions, and hosted a National Ergonomics Month (NEM) speaker series.

Members organized social and service activities, including an alumni dinner at the HFES Annual Meeting in San Antonio, socials with graduate recruits, a spring picnic, and a holiday party. The chapter received first place in the NEM Action Plan Contest and

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received a gold-level Best Student Chapter Award for the 2008–2009 academic year.

The chapter consists of 36 students and 7 faculty members.

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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

In March 2009, the Wichita State University Student Chapter hosted Tyler Hamilton, an orientation and mobility specialist from ENVISION Low Vision Rehabilitation Center in Wichita, who met with students and faculty to discuss devices that help individuals with vision problems achieve independence. In September, the chapter hosted Brian D. Laughlin, a technical fellow from Engineering, Operations, and Technology in Strategic Planning & Enterprise Technical Architecture at Boeing, who discussed his role as a human factors/ergonomics evangelist in a presentation titled, “Life in the Fab Lane: Tales from the Trenches of an Aircraft Manufacturer.”

In observation of World Usability Day, the chapter conducted a usability test for the Mennonite Central Committee’s (MCC) Web site. MCC is an organization that provides relief and aid to people around the world who are suffering from disaster and poverty. Recommendations to improve the site organization and the donation process were delivered to MCC in a detailed report. The chapter completed two facility tours in 2009.

In March, members visited the Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, and in November, the chapter toured the Federal Aviation Administration facilities in Oklahoma City.

The chapter consists of 32 students and 6 faculty members.

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WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

The Wright State University Student Chapter participated in the 2009 World Usability Day (WUD) events hosted by Lexis-Nexis and Elsevier in Dayton, Ohio. The first event took place at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery on November 7. The goal was to educate children and their parents about the value of usability engineering and user-centered design. During the event, chapter members helped set up and host two activity tables: “What Does it Mean” and “Color Confusion.” At the first table, participants guessed the meanings of different signs and symbols, some of which were very ambiguous and culture-dependent. At the second table, chapter members illustrated the phenomena of Stroop effect and perception illusions. The second WUD event was held November 12 at the

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Miamisburg, Ohio, Lexis-Nexis campus. Chapter members attended technical presentations, panel discussions, and demonstrations; exhibited and viewed posters; and attended the evening reception.

The chapter consists of 15 students and 2 faculty members.

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