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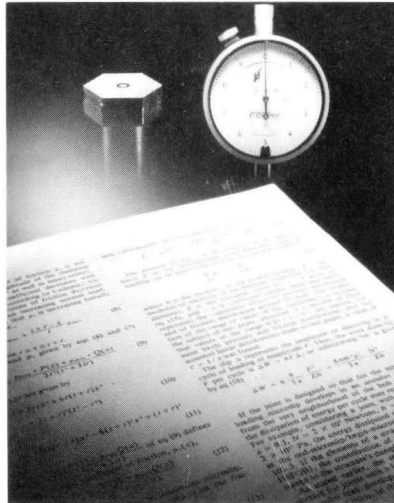
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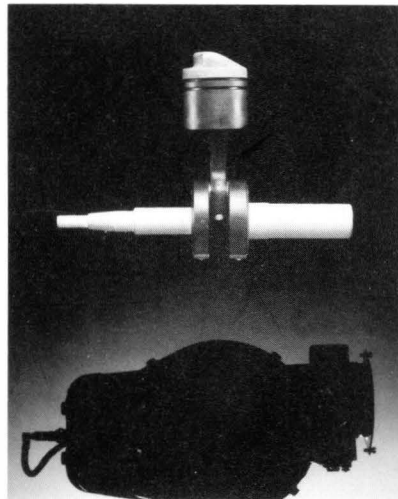


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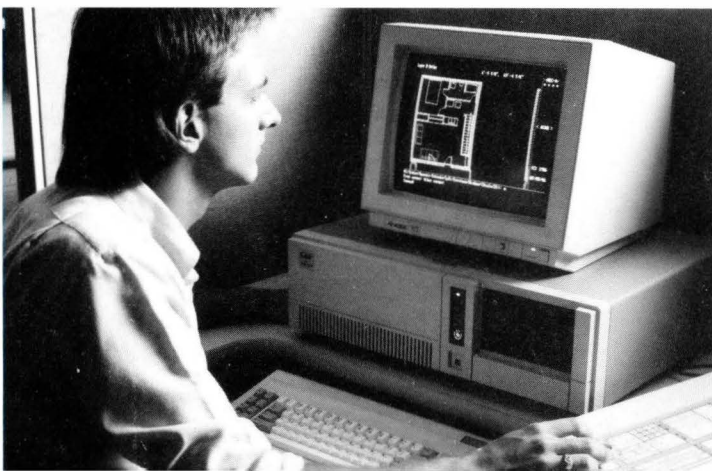


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Thursday, December 8, 1988  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Fetzer Business  
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## FORWARD

You are invited to attend the Third Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects at Western Michigan University. The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 1988, at the Fetzer Business Development Center on campus. A reservation form will be found at the back of this brochure.

The brochure presents summaries of senior engineering design projects by students enrolled in electrical and computer systems engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, and paper engineering in the fall semester, 1988.

Although senior design courses with project requirements have been an integral part of our program for a number of years, we have only recently initiated this college-wide presentation. Our first conference was held in December, 1987. It was so well received that we decided to continue the activity. We anticipate that our third conference will be the best to date, with a wide variety of student projects.

The quality of these projects and their design content result from a number of factors. Most significant is the cooperation of regional industry. Projects provided by industry give students the opportunity to address real, as opposed to academic, situations. This experience is one of the strengths of the engineering programs at Western Michigan University.

We acknowledge with sincere appreciation the help received from industrial organizations and extend our gratitude to the project advisors, both faculty and industrial, for their guidance. Our students deserve congratulations and thanks for a job well done. We also want to thank the many people who made this conference happen, with specific recognition of Dr. Curtis Swanson, chairman of the projects presentation committee, and committee members Drs. Bruce Fischer, John Gesink, Jerry Hemmye, David Peterson and Robert Wygant.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy this conference. Please let us know your reactions and how we might improve future conferences. If you would like more information about a specific project or if you would like to sponsor a project, please call Linda Hager at (616) 387-4017.

James B. Matthews, Dean  
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
and  
Conference Chairman

## **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

Session Chair - John Gesink

Room 1010 (Lecture Hall)

### **AUTOMATED TEST STAND FOR ACCELERATED TESTING OF CONTACT SWITCHES**

by Kurt Tribbett and Dave Weber

Industrial Advisor: Robin Dalchow

Faculty Advisor: Dean Johnson

9 to 9:30 a.m., Room 1010

*Douglas Corp*

An automated test stand was developed to accelerate testing of contact switches. The automated test stand connects various load circuits to contact switches and makes voltage measurements, greatly reducing the time needed to test and evaluate the contact switches for commercial purposes. Features of the automated test stand include a Micro Mint BCC52 computer controller (which contains a Basic Interpreter, 48K bytes of RAM/EPROM and three parallel ports), Micro Mint BCC30 A/D converter, MicroMint ST100 smart terminal, Samsung video monitor, and generic DC driver boards.

### **DISPLACEMENT TRANSDUCER FOR AIR CYLINDERS**

by Michael Shaw and Fariborz Golshani

Industrial Advisor: David Klien

Faculty Advisor: Joseph Root

9:30 to 10 a.m., Room 1010

Air cylinders are pressure-controlled devices used in the positioning of an object. Injection of air into the cylinder regulates the pressure, causing extension and retraction of the piston rod. A displacement transducer was designed to measure the position of the piston rod. The output signal of the device is proportional to the location of the piston rod relative to the cylinder. The device may be interfaced with a system to control the positioning of the piston rod.

### **COFFEE BREAK IN THE LOBBY, 10 TO 10:30 A.M.**

### **CONTROL SYSTEM FOR A RECEIVING AREA CONVEYOR SYSTEM**

by Richard Hamilton

Industrial Advisors: Daniel Haraburda and Darl Wilson

Faculty Advisor: John Gejji

10:30 to 11 a.m., Room 1010

A control system was designed to automate the flow of product along transportation paths of a conveyor system. A programmable logic controller (PLC) was programmed with the required logic of the conveyor system. Motor status, push buttons, limit switches, photo-electric eyes, and a load cell provide input signals to the PLC. The PLC compares these inputs with the system logic to provide appropriate output signals to motor starters, horns, lights, and solenoids.

## **MEASURING CYLINDER POWER BALANCE OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE**

by John Chapin and Mark Mullett

Industrial Advisors: Joe Torre, Jim VanLent, and Steve Nichols

Faculty Advisor: John Gesink

11 to 11:30 a.m., Room 1010

Cylinder power balance of an internal combustion engine can be measured using instantaneous engine speed variations.. To determine angular velocity, an inductive pickup was placed on an ignition component to obtain a synchronizing pulse, and rotational optical encoders were mounted on the alternator and crankshaft. A frequency-to-voltage circuit was constructed to convert the signal produced by the encoders to a voltage proportional to engine speed. Engine speed variations produced by the power contribution of each cylinder are displayed as a voltage waveform. Comparison of data from the two encoders determines if the alternator can be used as a reliable source to measure cylinder power balance.

## **MICROPROCESSOR-BASED INSTRUMENT SYSTEM FOR PRIVATE AIRCRAFT**

by Eric Baker, John Fahrenbruch, and Richard Malek

Industrial Advisor: James L. Butcher

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Frank Severance

11:30 a.m. to noon, Room 1010

Because the aviation industry turns out very durable products, it is sometimes difficult to find replacement electromechanical instruments for older aircraft. Substituting a digital display could solve the availability problem, produce a superior display format, and allow expansion. A microprocessor-based instrument system was developed which offers a continuous data display and warns the user of abnormalities.

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## **MOTION CONTROL FEEDBACK SYSTEM**

by Nasir Emad-Dahi, Saeid Khatami, and Elizabeth Melnyk

Faculty Advisor: Joe Kelemen

1 to 1:30 p.m., Room 1010

Motion control systems have applications in many industries, including robotics and laser/optics. Such systems can be used in tool positioners, telescope and antenna drives, reactor controls, and flight simulators. A closed-loop feedback control system was designed which utilizes the Hewlett-Packard HCTL-1000, a high performance, general purpose motion control chip. Other major components are the MC6801 Motorola host processor chip, a DC brushless motor, an encoder to provide rotor position information, and an amplifier to drive the motor. Information from the encoder is fed back to the HCTL-1000 chip, which compares the information to the desired command and outputs a compensated motor command.



## **RF MODEM RECEIVER**

by Dale DeVries, Paul Mueller, and Ronald Scoppa

Industrial Advisor: Ronald J. Fredricks

Faculty Advisor: S. Hossein Mousavinezhad

1:30 to 2 p.m., Room 1010

A radio frequency (RF) modem receiver was designed for use in the communication system in Litton Corporation's Automated Guided Vehicles. The system requires that information be relayed quickly between robots and a central guidance unit. The RF modem receiver accepts digital frequency shift keying (FSK) coded responses of an existing computer program. Frequency modulation is utilized, using a carrier frequency of 460 MHz. The RF modem receiver offers low error rates through the use of integrated circuit chips and commercial RF chip technology.

## **RF MODEM TRANSMITTER**

by Julius DeJongh, Ryan Fisher, and Kevin Kidston

Industrial Advisor: Ronald J. Fredricks

Faculty Advisor: S. Hossein Mousavinezhad

2 to 2:30 p.m., Room 1010

A radio frequency (RF) modem transmitter was designed to be used in conjunction with the receiver described above, as part of the communication system used by Litton to control Automated Guided Vehicles. The RF modem is capable of transmitting 5,000 bits per second and operating at 450 to 470 MHz.

## **NODE CONTROLLER**

by Neil Morehouse and James Valle

Faculty Advisor: Lambert VanderKooi

2:30 to 3 p.m., Room 1010

Industry uses automated systems wherever possible to control the movement of production materials and parts in a factory. Controlling devices on the market are expensive and difficult to program. A cost-efficient, microprocessor-based device called a node controller was built to make decisions at nodes, the decision-making points in a materials handling system. Because it is microprocessor based, the node controller is flexible and easily programmed.

## **INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING**

Session Chair - Bruce Fischer

Room 2020

### **ANALYSIS OF CUSTOMER/SALES PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES**

by Yvonne Cousineau, Earline Jenkins, Tom Rumler, and Garth Weaver

Industrial Advisor: Mustafa Gheriani

Faculty Advisors: Bruce Fischer and Robert Wygant

9 to 9:30 a.m., Room 2020

Customer/sales personnel ratios were examined at Highland Superstore, Inc. Time studies and queuing studies were done to develop recommendations for better customer coverage. Floor layout ideas were also presented that would improve product visibility and accessibility.

### **EVALUATION OF A PLASTIC BOAT DOCK**

by Scott Franzen and Scott Taylor

Industrial Advisors: A. J. Malde and Jon Eickhoff

Faculty Advisors: Bruce Fischer and Robert Wygant

9:30 to 10 a.m., Room 2020

A prototype plastic boat dock made by Ronnigen Research was studied for mechanical strengths and environmental degradation. The feasibility of using recycled plastics and/or new plastics was investigated. Design changes were suggested, and ease of assembly was evaluated.

### **COFFEE BREAK IN THE LOBBY, 10 TO 10:30 A.M.**

### **INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM**

by Santiago Uribe, James Wiercinski, and Robert Wilder

Industrial Advisors: Robert Malnight and Joseph Lutes

Faculty Advisors: Bruce Fischer and Robert Wygant

10:30 to 11 a.m., Room 2020

In the interest of reducing inventory carrying costs and improving service levels of a chemical company, an inventory system was proposed that would run on an IBM PC using Lotus 1-2-3 software. The system uses production forecasting, material requirements planning, and economic order quantities on each inventory item.

### **MACHINERY JUSTIFICATION AND PLANT LAYOUT**

by Rod Soat and Michael Davis

Industrial ADvisors: George Lebbos and Jim Livingston

Faculty Advisors: Bruce Fischer and Robert Wygant

11 to 11:30 a.m.,. Room 2020

Problems that National Sign and Signal was experiencing from rapidly increasing production were investigated. Recommendations were made for new or updated machinery and a revised plant layout to better accommodate the flow of materials.

## **PLANT EXPANSION/MATERIAL FLOW DESIGN**

by Dan O'Keefe, Ali Agely, and Rick Gippert

Industrial Advisor: Dave Sebright

Faculty Advisors: Bruce Fischer and Robert Wygant

11:30 a.m. to noon, Room 2020

A plan was developed for a plant expansion of Sebright Products, Inc. The expansion includes implementation of a bridge crane, an increase in the number of work stations, and an increase in raw material storage area. Recommendations were also made on work flow and material-handling techniques.

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## **MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (BIO-MECHANICAL PROJECTS)**

Session Chair - Judah Ari-Gur

Room 2020

### **ANALYSIS OF PROTOTYPE SURGICAL IRRIGATION PUMP**

by John Pinto

Industrial Advisor: James Evans

Faculty Advisor: Iskender Sahin

2:30 to 3 p.m., Room 2020

Stryker Corporation is developing a two-piston, compressed-nitrogen-powered irrigation pump to be used during surgery to clean bone joints. The nozzle being used seems to greatly reduce pump efficiency, and a reduction in the amount of water delivered is observed. Analysis of the pump was performed using an analogous spring-mass-damper system. The dynamic analysis included ideal and viscous flows. Critical loads were determined, and the pump was tested. Friction losses were established so that recommendations to improve the pump's efficiency could be made.

### **BREAK IN THE LOBBY, 3 TO 3:30 P.M.**

### **STRUCTURAL REDESIGN OF THE IRON HORSE WHEELCHAIR**

by Joel Markucki and Jerry Williams Jr.

Industrial Advisor: George Y. Duffy Jr.

Faculty Advisor: Judah Ari-Gur

3:30 to 4 p.m., Room 2020

An existing wheelchair for outdoor use has been judged too heavy. A new, light-weight design is proposed to satisfy endurance, safety, environmental, and appearance requirements and to meet the current standards of the Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America.

### **USE OF FEM IN REDESIGN OF A WHEELCHAIR**

by Michael Janowski

Industrial Advisor: George Y. Duffy Jr.

Faculty Advisor: Judah Ari-Gur

4 to 4:30 p.m., Room 2020

A wheelchair was redesigned to reduce its weight without making major changes in the basic design. The new design uses epoxy fiberglass composite tubing to replace the stainless steel tubing now in use. ANSYS, a finite element method program, was used to analyze the new design.

## **STANDARDS AND TESTS FOR ALL-TERRAIN WHEELCHAIR**

by David Beck and Patrick Kealy

Industrial Advisor: George Y. Duffy Jr.

Faculty Advisors: Judah Ari-Gur, Pnina Ari-Gur

4:30 to 5 p.m., Room 2020

Engineers are designing a new type of wheelchair for use in rugged terrain. The new design will render obsolete the wheelchair standards and testing procedures established by the Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America. New standards of quality were developed for the all-terrain wheelchair, as were the specific tests used to determine if a wheelchair meets the new standards.

## **MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Session Chair - Jerry Hemmye

Room 1005 (Auditorium)

### **MATERIAL FEED AND STACKING SYSTEM FOR RIBBON FIN DIE AND PRESS**

by Roger Tetzloff

Industrial Advisor: Galen Harman

Faculty Advisor: Jerry Hemmye

9 to 9:30 a.m., Room 1005

The Burr Oak Tool and Gauge Company manufactures equipment used by the heating and cooling industries for the production of radiator fins. The fins are produced on high-speed presses and dies. The method previously used to feed material through the press, cut the fins to length, and stack the fins requires that the fins be re-struck by the die. The re-strike causes slivers of material to be formed within the die. The system of feeding the material and cutting and stacking the fins has been redesigned to eliminate this problem.

### **FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BY-PRODUCT DISPOSAL SYSTEM**

by Kimberly Nehmer and Larry Richert

Industrial Advisors: Clare Gildea and David Dolenski

Faculty Advisor: Jerry Hemmye

9:30 to 10 a.m., Room 1005

Ralston Purina Company in Battle Creek needs a new system to dispose of cereal by-products. They now manually unload hoppers into trucks at two locations, producing dust within and around the plant and prompting complaints from neighbors. A new system was proposed which is dust-free, conveniently located, and financially acceptable.

### **COFFEE BREAK IN THE LOBBY, 10 TO 10:30 A.M.**

### **AUTOMATED MIXER WASHING SYSTEM**

by Randy Newsome

Industrial Advisor: Brice Haywood

Faculty Advisor: Dennis VandenBrink

10:30 to 11 a.m., Room 1005

A plastics manufacturing company needs a washing system to reduce product changeover time and eliminate employee contact with hazardous substances in the color concentrate production process. A single washing unit was designed that is attached to an electric trolley to serve two 500-liter resin mixers. The unit cleans the interior of the mixers by injecting a mild soap solution onto rotating scouring elements. The entire washing process is controlled by a programmable logic controller.

## **FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS AND REDESIGN OF A SCULPTURE**

by Jackie Eysol

Industrial Advisor: Kevin Bassett

Faculty Advisor: Dennis VandenBrink

11 to 11:30 a.m., Room 1005

A sculpture design proposed by Spectrum Industries was analyzed using the finite element method. Structural noise was studied, as were deflections and stresses due to wind effects. The sculpture was modeled and analyzed on the Applicon BRAVO CAD system. An internal support system was added, and the sculpture was re-analyzed. A design was presented for an attractive, safe and feasible sculpture.

## **PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION IN BOLTED JOINTS**

by Mark Molitor

Faculty Advisor: Dennis VandenBrink

11:30 a.m. to noon, Room 1005

When two plates are fastened by a single bolt-washer-nut combination, there is a variable coefficient of friction between the plates. This coefficient can be calculated if the pressure distribution between the plates is known. The pressure distribution was modeled through use of a finite element analysis program called Super Sap. With the variable coefficient of friction and the clamping force known, the amount of tangential force required to cause slippage between the plates was calculated.

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## **FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS OF A NON-UNIFORM CROSS SECTION IN BENDING**

by Ken Ward

Faculty Advisor: Dennis VandenBrink

1 to 1:30 p.m., Room 1005

A basic assumption in beam bending is that a plane cross section perpendicular to the length of the beam will remain plane after bending. Finite element analysis was used to determine when this theory can be applied to beams not having uniform cross sections. A variety of cross sections were chosen.

## **ANALYSIS OF MULTI-CROSS-SECTIONED BEAM COLUMN**

by Timothy Peterson and Jeffrey Rodgers

Faculty Advisors: Meshulam Groper and Dennis VandenBrink

1:30 to 2 p.m., Room 1005

A numerical analysis of the post-buckling behavior of a non-prismatic beam column was performed to establish the relationship between maximum deformation of the section of separation of the beam column at the change in its cross section and the lateral deflection of the structural element considered. Experimental work was done to verify the results.

## **OPTIMIZATION OF PIPE THREAD SEALANT**

by Joseph Deverell

Industrial Advisor: Stan Bragdon

Faculty Advisor: Jerry Hamelink

1:30 to 2 p.m., Room 1005

The Brass Products Division of Parker Hannifin Corporation has reported cracks in joint assembly of parts with male pipe thread. Excess sealant over-stresses the assembly, but leakage results if too little sealant is used. A factorial design was used to establish the optimum amount of sealant.

## **VIBRATION ANALYSIS IN MACHINERY**

by Matthew Bossory

Industrial Advisor: Rick Woodward

Faculty Advisor: Jerry Hamelink

2 to 2:30 p.m., Room 1005

Mechanical vibrations caused by impending bearing failure in production equipment can result in a poor-quality product and, if neglected, can result in destruction of equipment. In the paper industry, conventional inspection methods have proven inadequate in predicting failures of high-speed roller bearings. Vibration analysis equipment was used to predict failure and draw up a preventive maintenance program.

**BREAK IN THE LOBBY, 3 TO 3:30 P.M.**

## **FLOW CHARACTERISTICS INSIDE SOLAR PANELS**

by Fred Landis

Faculty Advisor: Richard Schubert

3:30 to 4 p.m., Room 1005

The typical air solar collector design has symmetrical and parallel channels which do not have balanced fluid flows. Reduced thermal efficiencies result. A method was devised to design solar panels with balanced flow. Prototypes and models were tested to determine friction factors, and the factors were used in a computer program to evaluate channel flow by pipe network theory. Finite difference technique was used to analyze flow characteristics. Both methods were validated experimentally.

## **ALUMINUM/GRAPHIC-FIBER COMPOSITE CASTING PROCEDURE**

by Hartley Troman

Industrial Advisor: Robert Monteith

Faculty Advisor: Jay Easwaran

4 to 4:30 p.m., Room 1005

A procedure was designed to cast an aluminum/graphite-fiber composite using evaporative pattern casting. The process of evaporative pattern casting utilizes a polystyrene pattern formed in the shape of the part to be cast. The pattern was produced with precisely oriented graphite fibers in it, and aluminum was cast in the pattern. The result was a selectively reinforced composite casting.

## **DOCUMENTATION OF FLOW CHARACTERISTICS IN A WIND TUNNEL**

by Olufemi Ajiwe and Ali Adhal

Faculty Advisor: Parviz Merati

4:30 to 5 p.m., Room 1005

A hot-film anemometry technique was used to determine wind tunnel flow statistics such as streamwise mean velocity and turbulence intensity profile. A hot-film probe and data acquisition system were also used. Computer programs were written to process the flow statistics. A new traversing mechanism for the anemometer was purchased, and a mounting frame was designed and built.



## **PAPER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

Session Chair - David Peterson

Room 2030

### **EFFECT OF pH ON EVOLUTION OF NON-CONDENSIBLE GAS**

by Gregory Goode

Industrial Advisor:

Faculty Advisor:

11:30 a.m. to noon, Room 2030

A distillation process utilizing hardwood black liquor samples from Mead in Escanaba was used to determine the effect of pH on non-condensable gas evolution. Results indicate that as pH increases, volumetric production of non-condensable gas decreases. Residual analysis of the data points indicated that pH is best correlated to gas volume reduction in the pH range of 11.5 to 12.5.

**LUNCH BREAK, NOON TO 1 P.M.**

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### **PULP VISCOSITY VS. ZERO SPAN TENSILE TESTS TO**

by John Shulstad

Faculty Advisor: Raymond Janes

1 to 1:30 p.m., Room 2030

Pulp fibers, which are the main component of paper, should be as strong as possible to make quality paper; but tests to determine pulp fiber strength are not very reliable. In this study, wood chips were degraded into pulp fibers by adding sodium chlorite and acetic acid and then made into paper. Zero span tensile and pulp viscosity tests were performed and were correlated with paper quality strength tests to determine which testing method is superior.

### **BLACKENING EFFECT OF SUPERCALENDER PRESSURES AND TEMPERATURES**

by Valerie Bland

Faculty Advisor: Ellsworth Shriver

1:30 to 2 p.m., Room 2030

Supercalendering densifies a sheet to increase smoothness. A decrease of opacity called blackening occurs when a critical density is reached during supercalendering; it is undesirable because transparent spots occur in the sheet. Supercalender nip loadings and roll temperatures affect blackening, as does paper moisture content. A control range of safe nip loadings, roll temperatures, and incoming moisture content of the sheet was designed for uncoated rotogravure paper.

## **ANALYSIS OF WIRE MARK ON NEWSPRINT**

by Karen Birks

Industrial Advisor: Ronnie Stevens

Faculty Advisor: Ellsworth Shriver

2 to 2:30 p.m., Room 2030

Paper is formed on a continuous polyester woven belt, which often leaves an imprint called a wire mark in the final web of paper. The wire mark is more apparent in light-weight, cheaper grades of paper such as newsprint and causes the surface of the sheet to be less uniform, which in turn creates problems with the sheet's strength and printability. In this project, different forms of surface modifications were carried out on sample wires to see if newsprint sheets formed on them showed reduced wire mark.

## **EVALUATION OF FOIL DESIGN FOR PRESSURE SCREENING OF PAPER STOCK**

by Christopher Reidenbach

Faculty Advisor: Bill Forrester

2:30 to 3 p.m., Room 2030

During the process of papermaking, a tree is converted to a fibrous slurry which may contain fiber bundles, which must be removed to develop a uniform dispersion. A pressure screen is used to remove the fiber bundles from the fibrous flow. A hydraulically designed foil rotates parallel to the screen surface, creating a pulse which lifts the fibrous suspension, clearing the screen and allowing individual fibers to flow through. Research was done to determine how different foil designs affect screening efficiency.

**BREAK IN THE LOBBY, 3 TO 3:30 P.M.**

## **A STUDY OF FINES IN THERMOMECHANICAL PULPING**

by Pete Peterson

Faculty Advisor: Raja Aravamuthan

3:30 to 4 p.m., Room 2030

About 30% of the yield of pulp produced in the thermomechanical pulping process is fines. The percentage of fines affects the properties of the sheets produced. To determine to what extent and at what percentages fines influence the sheet, pulp samples were prepared with the WMU Sunds Defibrator. Pulps were separated into different size fractions which were mixed to produce various percentages of fines. Handsheets were made and tested for strength.

## **OXYGEN BLEACHING IN AN M-K DIGESTER**

by Dean DeVries

Faculty Advisor: David Peterson

4 to 4:30 p.m., Room 2030

Oxygen bleaching has gained much attention as a viable alternative to chlorine bleaching of pulp. Oxygen bleaching is affected by pH. The higher the pH, the faster the rate of delignification (the removal of lignin, which causes the paper to appear dark). The delignification rate is broken down into an initial, high-rate stage and a slower stage. A study was done to see if adding excess sodium hydroxide will maintain the initial stage so that delignification of the pulp is equal to a regular chlorine bleach. The effectiveness of oxygen bleaching on different pulps was also compared.

## **ALKALINE SULFITE PULPING OF SPRUCE**

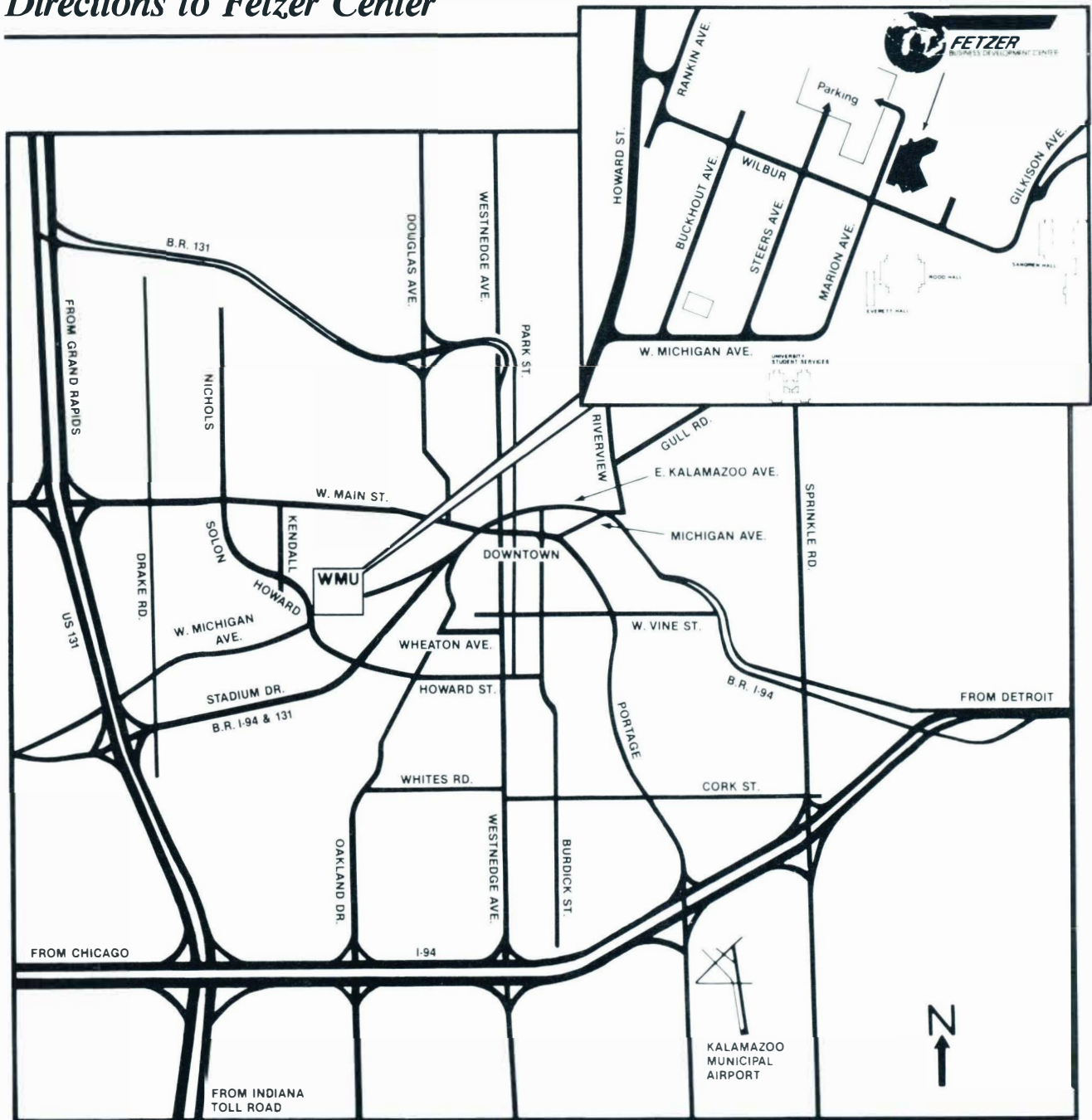
by Mike Griffith

Faculty Advisor: Ellsworth Shriver

4:30 to 5 p.m., Room 2030

Alkaline sulfite pulping is a part of the pulping process in which the pH of the cook can be varied over the alkaline range. To show the effects of pH variation on the pulp and sheet properties of a spruce furnish, various cook parameters were adjusted to give similar cooks, and sheet properties were evaluated at four different freeness values.

# Directions to Fetzer Center



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Turn left off M-43 (Gull Road) in Kalamazoo onto Riverview Drive; then turn right onto Michigan Avenue under railroad overpass. Continue westerly on Michigan Avenue for 0.4 miles, which then becomes Kalamazoo Avenue, which is one way

westbound; after 1.4 miles turn left onto Michigan Avenue and go 0.3 miles. Cross Main Street and rejoin Michigan Avenue; proceed westerly on Michigan Avenue to WMU campus.

## From M-43 West of Kalamazoo

Go easterly past U.S. 131, and after 1.9 miles, turn right onto Solon Avenue; go south 0.5 miles, turn left onto Howard Street, go 0.6 miles to Michigan Avenue; turn left and proceed easterly to WMU campus.

## From Downtown Kalamazoo

Go westerly on Kalamazoo Avenue as in above directions or go westerly on Lovell Street, then turn left onto Michigan Avenue and proceed to WMU campus.

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Coffee will be available in the lobby from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be available (\$6 per person) at noon for those who have sent in paid reservations by December 1. Limited seating is available, and reservations will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. No reservations will be accepted after December 1 or at the door.

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