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Biodegradable Polymers

We would like to thank Dr. David Bruce, from the Clemson University Chemical Engineering Department for his presentation introducing the group to Biodegradable Polymers. David introduced us to biopolymers that are currently under development and in production. He pointed out some of the benefits and limitations of these new materials as compared to traditional petroleum based polymers.

One key point of the presentation was that a complete life cycle assessment must be made to understand the true benefits of these new polymers.



Spring Social!: The spring social will be a tour of Greenville's own Thomas Creek microbrewery. This will be a joint effort with our friends in the Carolina-South Atlantic Chapter of ISPE.

DATE: **Tuesday, May 11, 2004**
TIME: 6:00 pm Social and Tour

LOCATION: **Thomas Creek Brewery**
2054 Piedmont Hwy Greenville SC

COST: Free

2004/5 Officer Elections

Elections for WSC AIChE 2004-2005 officers are here:

Office	Candidate	Your Vote
Chair	John Moore	
Vice Chair	Write - in	
Secretary	Write - in	
Treasurer	Dave Harshbarger	

Please e-mail your vote to sec@wscaiche.org or call a current officer, before 19.May.2004.

Candidate bios are posted on the website. Write-in candidates are welcome.

Clemson Scholarship

The section was honored to present the \$1000 Western South Carolina AIChE Clemson University Undergraduate Chemical Engineering Scholarship to Mr. Michael B. West at the April meeting.

DIRECTIONS:

- Take **Exit 44A** off **I-85 South**
- Take the SC-20/PIEDMONT HWY exit-exit number 44A - on the left.
- Take the ramp toward GREENVILLE.
- Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto PIEDMONT HWY/SC-20.
- Thomas Creek will be on your right about 400 yards.

Phone number: (864) 605 - 1166

Friends and kids are allowed. Bring a set of dominos or checkers if you have'm. Soft drinks available if you RSVP with request.

In order to eat pizza (or whatever else we may provide), please RSVP by Friday, May 7th to John Moore at 599-4678, or at sec@wscaiche.org

Reflections From the Chair

This has been another great year for the WSCAICChE. We had two excellent plant tours, one to Milliken and another to Cryovac. The speakers have been interesting, well received, and relevant. We have given back to the local community by supporting the Clemson ChE department and the school district's Science Fair competition.

I want to thank the officers for planning the plan, then working the plan. David Laursen, Mary Ferris, Jim Young were the appointed members to the executive committee and each made important contributions to the program. Anne Dieska as the Former Chair helped keep us in line and smiling. Eugene - Mr. Webmaster - Gill, is a go to guy to help make things happen. Bundle of energy secretary Dan Brechko has now moved to Minnesota and is missed. David Harshbarger

has jumped right in as treasurer. Finally, John Moore has been the perfect Vice-Chair.

Yet remaining of this year's program are the plant trip / social to Thomas Brewery and the elections for next year's officers. Please vote and maybe write yourself in as a candidate for one of the positions.

This will be our last meeting for the spring until we resume in September. The executive committee meets during the summer to plan our program for next year. If you have any suggestions or ideas for meeting topics, plant tours, or activities, contact any officer. It's your section! Get what you want.

Finally, if we don't see you at the social, have a safe enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Regards,

Rick Vogel - Chair

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