Dr. George Voyiadjis
Named Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Engineering Faculty & Staff:

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating Dr. George Voyiadjis, Boyd Professor & Bingham Cushman Stewart Distinguished Professor, as the new Chair of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE). He was selected from a number of other internal candidates that were also considered.

Dr. Voyiadjis brings with him a proven record of scholarly accomplishments. He has an excellent research and teaching record and is the only faculty member in the College honored with a Boyd Professorship, the highest honor that LSU can bestow on a faculty member. In addition, having previously served as the Acting Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Graduate Program Coordinator, and recently the Interim Department Chair for CEE, he also brings with him a wealth of administrative experiences that would serve him and the Department well in his new position. Therefore, it is an honor to have Dr. Voyiadjis accept our offer to serve as the Chair of the Department. Again, please join me in welcoming Dr. Voyiadjis as the new Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

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& Bert S. Turner Distinguished Professor
Dr. Danny Reible, ChE, & Dr. K.T. Valsaraj, ChE, were major contributors to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources' rewrite of the 29B rules for disposal of oil field waste, which was recently released following two years of scientific and technical advice.

Dr. Ramachandra Devireddy, ME has been invited to present two lectures at the NATO Advanced Study Institute on Low-Temperature and Cryogenic Refrigeration - Fundamentals and Applications to be held June 23rd - July 5th 2002 in Izmir, Turkey. The topics of his lectures are Cryobiology: Recent advances and Future Challenges and Differential Scanning Calorimetry of Cells and Tissues During Freezing.

Dr. Doug Harrison, ChE, is presenting a seminar entitled Hydrogen Production Using Sorption-Enhanced Reaction at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago on April 10, 2002.

Dr. Su-Seng Pang, ME, has been elected Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The “Fellow” grade is the highest elected grade of membership within ASME, the attainment of which recognizes exceptional engineering achievements and contributions to the engineering profession. Pang was honored at the 2002 ASME Engineering Technology Conference on Energy held in Houston, February 3-5, the same time he was given the Frank Walk Service Award for the fourth year in a row.

Ivor van Heerden, CEE and LSU Hurricane Center, recently received a $3.7 million grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents’ Health Excellence Fund to create a Center for the study of the public health impacts of hurricanes and major floods. This new center will work with Louisiana’s Office of Emergency Preparedness to develop a plan to avoid or mitigate the worst effects of a disaster. For more information visit the News & Events section of the LSU website, www.lsu.edu.

Dr. Martin Hjortso, ChE, is preparing to leave for sabbatical on June 1st for Fall 2002 and Spring 2003. He will be at the Center for Process Biotechnology at Denmark Technical University teaching a high level class on microbial kinetics as well as assisting graduate students on various projects. His official title will be Otto Mønsted visiting professor.

College of Engineering Hall of Distinction

On Thursday, April 25, 2002, three outstanding engineers will be inducted into the College of Engineering Hall of Distinction.

LSU graduates, William “Bill” Stone, ’66 Petroleum Engineering, Dr. Mark Guidry, ’65 Electrical Engineering and Carolyn Guidry, ’59 Electrical Engineering, are to be honored at the annual banquet which will be held at the LSU Faculty Club at 7:00 p.m.