

NAMES IN THE NEWS

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Richard L. Jensen has been appointed ATK Thiokol Professor and Head of the School of Accountancy at Utah State University. Most recently, he has been the director of Graduate Accounting Programs. In 1998 he was recognized as the School of Accountancy Teacher of the Year. His research interests include enterprise systems and "best practices" in accounting systems, and his articles have appeared in *Information Strategy*, *Government Accountant's Journal*, *Journal of Systems and Software*, *Journal of Business and Management*, *Corporate Controller*, *Accountant's Journal*, among others. Dr. Jensen was a 1997 recipient of the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing Research. He has served as president (1998), program chair and proceedings editor for the Western Region of DSI. In 2000, he received the DSI Special Service Award. rjenson@b202.usu.edu



Sang M. Lee, University Eminent Scholar and Regents Distinguished Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is slated to receive the first Honorary Doctorate in Business from Bangkok University, Thailand on November 22, 2002. The honorary degree is given to Sang for his exceptional and continuing contribution to the field of global business. This is Sang's third honorary degree. Sang is still working on his large economic development projects in Eastern Europe funded by USAID and the Soros Foundation. slee1@unl.edu



Eldon Y. Li, Professor and Coordinator of MIS Program at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and the president of Western Decision Sciences Institute, has been appointed as

the editor-in-chief of three international journals to be published by Inderscience Enterprises Ltd. at Geneva, Switzerland: *International Journal of Electronic Business*, *International Journal of Internet and Enterprise Management*, and *International Journal of Internet Marketing and Advertising*. For the objectives, readership, contents, scope, submission guidelines, and other details of each journal, please visit <http://www.inderscience.com/>.

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Kathleen McFadden, associate professor at Northern Illinois University, has received media attention regarding her research on the linkage between alcohol-related motor vehicle convictions and pilot flying performance. McFadden's study was awarded the "Best Application Paper" at the 2000 Decision Sciences Institute Annual Meeting and appeared in the *Journal of Operations Management* (Fall 2001). Her research findings were summarized in the *Chicago Sun Times* and *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and Geraldo Rivera of Fox News interviewed her about the study on August 4, 2002. A number of other sources have also contacted her requesting more information about the research. The FAA is currently reviewing their policies with regard to alcohol misuse by pilots.

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James Pick, professor of business at University of Redlands, was senior Fulbright Scholar at Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City in fall semester of 2001, where he taught GIS and did research on national telecommunications policy. He received the University of Redlands Faculty Award for Outstanding Research in spring of 2000. He was appointed to the editorial review board of *Journal of Information Technology Cases and Applications* and is co-author of *Mexico and Mexico City in the World Economy* (Westview Press, 2001).

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Mohamed A. Youssef, an NSU Eminent Scholar in the School of Business at Norfolk State University has been named as the Edward L. Brown Chair Professor of Management. The chair is sponsored by the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA). His publications have appeared in the *International Journal of Operations and Production Management*, *International Journal of Quality and Reliability Management*, *International Journal of Technology Management*, *International Journal of Flexible Manufacturing Systems*, *Journal of Total Quality Management*, *Industrial Engineering*, among others. Dr. Youssef was the founder and editor-in-chief (1994-1998) of the first journal on Benchmarking for Quality and Technology Management. In addition, he serves on the editorial of advisory boards of several journals in the POM and QM areas. Dr. Youssef's work on Agile Manufacturing, Design for Manufacturability, Quality Function Deployment, JIT Manufacturing, and TQM has been cited quite often by scholars in Business and Engineering disciplines. mohamed.youssef@nsu.edu



Andrew Vazsonyi has been invited to attend the anniversary party and dinner for past presidents in honor of the 50th anniversary of INFORMS. He is especially proud to be invited as the only past president who never served as president (because of a requirement in the new organization's constitution). Andy's memoirs, *Which Door Has the Cadillac? Adventures of a Real-Life Mathematician*, will be available in late fall 2002 (iUniverse). For more information, see his website at <http://www.reallifemath.com>. avazsonyi@compuserve.com ■

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In Memoriam

William G. Bistline



Bill Bistline (right) with colleagues Shaw Chen (left) and Paul Mangiameli.

The first time I met Bill was many years ago at an NEDSI conference. I was fulminating over not getting any muffins at the coffee break and Bill, a Drexel doctoral student at the time, overheard me. The next morning at 5:30 a.m., room service delivered a tray of muffins to my room. Over the next hour, four different people came to my room or called me concerning the breakfast to which I supposedly invited them. It took me all that day to find out Bill was behind this hoax. Our friendship started on that day. For many years thereafter, muffins would arrive at odd and inappropriate times during our conferences. I don't think I'll be able to see a muffin without thinking fondly of Bill.

His humor wasn't the only thing that endeared him to me. One year my family and I were stranded in Orlando on Thanksgiving. Bill was with his family and had already made arrangements for a family Thanksgiving dinner. He cancelled his plans and found another restaurant just so my family would not be alone on Thanksgiving.

We all know of Bill's thoughtfulness and commitment. NEDSI's Atlantic City meeting would not have happened without Bill. Although he always said it was easy and that all the work was done, we know that was not the case. At the time, Bill was an untenured assistant professor at St. John's University who took on tremendous responsibilities for running the conference. His contribution to NEDSI was served unstintingly and without complaint as treasurer, vice president, local arrangement chair, and session chair as well as in many unofficial capacities.

The last time I saw Bill was at NEDSI's San Juan conference. We spent the day together and talked about many things, in-

cluding his scuba diving from a secluded Puerto Rican beach where he inadvertently surprised a naked couple "frolicking" in the surf. Bill loved scuba diving. Unfortunately it was scuba diving that took his life. Bill leaves behind his wife Melanie and his children William Jr., Paul, Laura and Christine. He was 53 years old.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (for the Bill Bistline Memorial Fund), 1 Reed St., Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19147-5593.

I will always miss Bill and cherish his memory. I certainly don't know the mind of God but somehow I know that there is now an angel named Bill.

Paul Mangiameli, University of Rhode Island

Members of Northeast Decision Sciences Institute (NEDSI) are intensely saddened and shocked about the loss of a great friend, Bill Bistline, Vice President of Programs. He has been a valuable member of NEDSI and helped us immensely in the capacities of treasurer, vice president, local arrangement chair, session chair among others. He has shouldered many tasks and responsibilities for NEDSI. He was an invaluable member.

In addition to the critical role he played in our organization, he was deeply devoted and loyal to his family. He was an optimist and always sought to find the best in a person, regardless of that person's actions. He was kind, generous and always willing to help out anyone who needed help. Bill was a spiritual man and we have no doubt that he has crossed over to the heavenly world. He will be missed by us all.

Shaw K. Chen, NEDSI President, University of Rhode Island

from the Philadelphia Inquirer (Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002)

William G. Bistline Sr., 53, of Broomall, a former professor at Villanova University, died in a scuba-diving accident Sunday off the coast of Atlantic City. Dr. Bistline had been diving from a charter boat with a group when he was reported missing Sunday afternoon. The Coast Guard discovered his body near the boat four hours later. His son, Paul, said his father had five years of diving experience, and the possibility that his equipment had malfunctioned was being investigated.

Dr. Bistline grew up in Delaware County and graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield. He earned a bachelor's degree in astronomy and astrophysics from Villanova University in 1971. He taught for two years at West Catholic High School for Boys and then was a manager at Schmidt's Brewery before operating his own papermaking company in Northern Liberties for several years.

He earned a master's degree in business administration from Drexel University in 1983 and a doctorate in operations management from Drexel in 1995. From 1994 to 1999 he was an assistant professor in the School of Commerce and Finance at Villanova. He then became associate professor at St. John's University in New York. He returned to Villanova to teach in the summer.

His son said: "I would meet Villanova students and ask them if they had a teacher named Bistline, without telling them my name. They would tell me he was the greatest."

Dr. Bistline was a member of the Northeast Decision Sciences Institute and was a former Cub master of Pack 152 in Downingtown. A cycling enthusiast, he had planned to participate this weekend in the annual city-to-Shore bike tour to raise money for multiple sclerosis.

In addition to his son, he is survived by his wife of 31 years, Melanie Burke Bistline; another son, William; daughters Laura and Christine; his mother, Catherine Cooper; and three brothers. ■