

# Always on the Move

## T&L Tidbits By: Dr. Stewart

The holiday spirit is upon us and I hope that all of you will have an enjoyable season and a break from classes.

In November I was in Italy presenting a paper on a decade of team teaching TRSP-402. The paper was co-authored and presented with Dr. Randy Gabrys-Alexson who is the lead professor for TRSP-402 Urban Planning and Transportation Systems. While in Italy I had the opportunity to visit Pompeii. It is an incredible historical treasure that captures urban life 2000 years ago. Pompeii had been in existence for 800 years prior to the volcanic eruption that buried it. The transportation legend is that the 4'-8 1/2" gauge of rail tracks originated from the Roman rule of England. According to the legend the space between Roman chariots and carts was approximately 4'-8 1/2" so that is what was used for the width between the rails when the first wagon was put on rails. When I saw the grooves from carts in the Roman streets of Pompeii I measured them and can say that the distance between the centers of the ruts is approximately 4' 8 1/2".



Wagon Wheel ruts on a Pompeii street that are hundreds of years old



I have been seeing ads about Fiat's new car the Fiat 600 that is being released for sale in the U.S. While in Italy I saw the white Fiat 600 next to its 1960s-70s predecessors the Blue Fiat 500. I thought that the Fiat 600 seemed small until I saw the Fiat 500 that is supposed to seat four adults! The roads in Italy are not designed for SUVs.

Pictured Left: The Fiat 500 (Blue) and Fiat 600 (White)

### Fall 2011 Points of Interest:

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- IANA in Atlanta, GA
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- Conway and Lock & Dam No.1 Tours
- Kenneth Chong: Winner of the CFIRE Student of the Year Award
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## Lindsey Paradice: Winner of a CSCMP Twin Cities Roundtable Scholarship

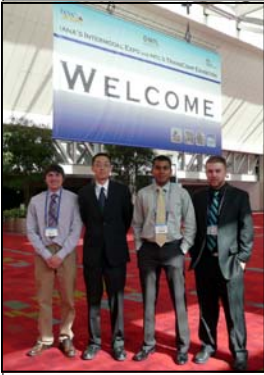
On October 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 UW-Superior's very own, Lindsey Paradice, attended the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals 2011 Global Conference in Philadelphia, PA. The conference is an annual event that focuses on various aspects of the Supply Chain and Logistics industries. She was able to attend the conference as a student member of CSCMP as she was awarded a scholarship through the Twin Cities chapter of the organization. "It was an honor to be able to attend and the experience was of immense help in determining how I want to proceed with my career after completion of my degree program at UWS."

"Overall, this conference was a wonderful experience." Lindsey had left the conference feeling excited and confident she had picked the right major with the vast opportunities that came with it. "I would suggest that any student nearing graduation be on the lookout for scholarship opportunities of this type. This scholarship provided me with an opportunity that is irreplaceable."



Lindsey Paradice

## IANA in Atlanta, GA



From November 13th–15th, 5 students from UW-Superior were selected to attend to the IANA Expo at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA. The winners of this trip were: Scott Byykkonen, Kenneth Chong, Brady Peterson, Cody Price, and Yasith Samarakoon. At the expo, the students were granted the opportunity to tour the intermodal terminals of Norfolk Southern and CSX located in the outskirts of Atlanta. These tours were very informative and students learned about some of the daily operations of those intermodal terminals. Students in attendance also had the pleasure of attending a number of educational sessions varying from increasing capacity through intermodal carriers, how sustainability plays an important role in freight transportation, an update on INCOTERMS and their position, amongst many others.

Another highlight of the conference were the multitude of exhibition booths located at the lower level of the Georgia World Congress Center. Here, students were fortunate enough to meet executives from different transportation and intermodal service providing companies. "It was a great chance for me to network with professionals and learn about the new developments in the industry, plus their opportunities for transportation graduates," says Yasith Samarakoon.

Those in attendance also had the pleasure of hearing Captain Mark Kelly speak about his life experiences as well as the Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood speak at the closing of the IANA Expo in IANA. "My experience in Atlanta was a truly memorable one." - Yasith Samarkoon

## The 15th Annual Freight and Logistics Symposium

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Freight and Logistics Symposium was held in Minneapolis on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is an annual event organized by the Center for Transportation Studies - University of Minnesota. Nine students were sponsored by the T&L Club to attend this event. The topic of this year's symposium was the impacts of economic change on freight transportation.

There were a number of speakers and participants in the event representing different companies in the region including BNSF, CP Railway and Bay and Bay Transportation. MIT faculty member Dr. Chris Caplice gave a presentation on a model they developed to find out the different areas of transportation that need development. A panel discussion lead by a number of executives from different companies discussed the changes that happened in the industry and how they have affected their companies. There was another panel discussion on how economic development has affected the transportation industry in the Twin Cities region. This was a great opportunity to take part in this event and learn about the current hot topics in the industry. It was also a great chance to network with the participants of the event and make new connections. All T & L students involved got the chance to enjoy the diverse food culture of the Twin Cities by stopping at Ethiopian and Mongolian Restaurants.

### A Big Thank You To Our Guest Speakers!

#### YU Career Center:

- Kathy Pykkonen

#### Halvor Lines:

- Al Dirksen
- Buck Hammann
- Darren Gordon

### Vice President Election

#### Results:

Congratulations to Luke Olin, the newly elected vice president of the T&L Club!

#### Current Officers:

##### President:

Kenneth Chong

##### Vice President:

Lucas Olin

##### Secretary:

Yasith Samarakoon

##### Treasurer:

Laleese Dawano

#### Gen. Events Coordinator:

Li Ma

#### Spec. Events Coordinator:

Zhi Qiao

## Conway and Lock & Dam No.1 Tours



The T&L Club was on the move again to the Twin Cities. First stop, the Conway terminal in Fridley, MN. We were given a presentation on corporate holding and operations throughout the terminal. Conway then provided the club with an all access tour through the vitals of their operation. A big thank you to Ron Mowry and Connie Dean for taking time out of their busy schedules to give us the enlightening tour.

The club continued their adventure to the US Army Corp of Engineers' Lock and Dam No 1 on the great Mississippi river. They serve as a lock and dam system to millions of dollars in cargo each year barged up and down the river. The club was able to access the controller tower and participate with the controls during a live simulation of the lock and dam system.

## CFIRE Student of the Year Award

Kenneth Chong, a senior majoring in Transportation & Logistics Management at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, has been named the 2011 CFIRE Student of the Year by the Center for Freight and Infrastructure Research and Education at UW-Madison.

Kenneth was selected from a pool of undergraduate and graduate students who are studying in transportation-related programs at CFIRE's consortium universities. Nominees were judged on academic excellence, research, leadership and involvement in student activities.

CFIRE is a national University Transportation Center led by Dr. Teresa Adams. UW-Superior's Transportation and Logistics Research Center is a partner university of the center. As CFIRE Student of the Year, his expenses will be paid to the 91st annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board from Jan. 22 to 26 in Washington, D.C. This renowned conference attracts more than 10,000 transportation professionals from around the world.

"I am elated that I have been given the opportunity to make the UW-Superior campus and the Transportation & Logistics Management program proud."

