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“No one has ever collided with the sky.”

“An airplane flies because of a principle discovered by Bernoulli, not Marconi.”

“The worst day of flying still beats the best day of real work.”

-Anonymous

TSA Inspection at Liberty

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) conducted their annual inspection of the School of Aeronautics (SOA) in December. We are pleased to report that there were no discrepancies with our administrative records or flight line procedures. These inspections are conducted on a “short notice” basis with only a few hours notification which makes it imperative that we maintain accurate records and adhere to exacting procedures throughout the year.

Record Flying for the SOA

The 2008 Fall semester was a record making period for the SOA. We flew 2121 flight hours and 221 simulator hours. Our student pilots earned 19 FAA certificates and we had 17 students solo. Additionally, at 254 students we experienced the largest aviation course enrollment in our history. In the Spring semester we are anticipating 20 new students.

Dean’s Comments

As we closed out 2008 we were blessed with a fantastic Fall semester as we set records in flying hours and student enrollment. As we launch

2009 we are off to a great start with a positive upward vector. We are anticipating enrolling another record enrollment in the Spring semester and implementing several initiatives throughout the year. The Aviation Maintenance Technician School (AMTS), or aircraft mechanic training is progressing toward FAA certification as we complete the renovation of the facility where it will be housed, undergo the certification process, and acquire the remainder of the training equipment. The FAA certification of the Helicopter 141 training portion of our flight program is pending FAA approval. In addition, we have designed an Online aviation degree completion program for pilots who already have their FAA flight certifications. We anticipate implementing this program very soon. We are in the process of acquiring a Multi- Engine trainer to replace the Seminole which was sold at the end of last year. The economic downturn in our nation is on our radar screen, but so far we have not seen an impact on our program. However, we are not

sitting idle. It is our intent in 2009 to strive for more efficiency and most particularly to identify how we can reduce the cost of flight training and maximize the utilization of our aircraft, simulators, students and instructors.

-Dave Young

A Word from the Chairman

The School of Aeronautics completed a pre-spring semester Safety and flight procedures training day on January 9th 2009. Bruce Barnhart our SOA Chaplain/ Associate Director of Flight Operations lead us in a devotional and prayer for God’s continuing blessing on our staff and students. This staff training day kicked off our largest and most aggressive semester in our history.

-Ernie Rogers



Staff 2009



“...On wings like eagles.” Isaiah 40:31
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