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Dale Margerum Memorial Award

Chung “Mike” Ngan of Chicago was recognized for his leadership in extracurricular activities with the department’s Margerum Award. He has volunteered his time and effort to projects that relate to his two chosen fields of study: his major of aerospace engineering and minor of computer science.

As a high school student, Ngan spent two summers as a teaching assistant for computer technology in the Chicago public school system. When he came to the University of Illinois, he volunteered his time as an Engineering Advocate, giving presentations to encourage high school students, especially minorities, to consider studying engineering. For several years, he was involved with Float’n Illini, an undergraduate microgravity research effort sponsored by NASA. He was the team’s project manager and webmaster, and also served on the flight crew. He was similarly involved with Cetan II, a project to build the world’s fastest human-powered hydrofoil, and served as the team’s president and webmaster.

With his computer capabilities, Ngan helps users with computer-related questions in the College of



Graduate student Rob Thomas chats with his advisor, Prof. Rod Burton, before the awards ceremony.

Engineering’s Workstation Labs, a job he has held since October 2004. In summer 2005, he worked as a database programmer with PHP and MySQL software for the Engineering Workstations.

Ngan is an Engineering James Scholar. He spent the summer 2004 semester at the Università di Pisa, where he studied Italian language and culture.

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When alumni from Aerospace Engineering kept bumping into each other at Mission Control, they decided to take a group photo for the folks at their alma mater. From left to right, they are: Tony Eyre (MS '98), booster systems; Cathy Larson Koerner ('87, MS '89), flight director; Whitney Knudson Maples ('00), International Space Station (ISS) control and life support systems; Mike Misiara ('94), cargo and integration officer; Tom Erkenwick ('94), visiting vehicle officer; John Melcher (PhD '01, M&IE), booster systems; Matt Budde ('96), Department of Defense payloads representative; Dave Weiler ('00), Shuttle guidance, navigation, and control; Paul Boehm ('88, MS '89), extravehicular activities officer; Jonathan Brogan ('01), ISS trajectory operations officer; Shalin Mody ('01), ISS robotics systems, and Aaron Brown ('98), trajectory operations officer.



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