

"September 2nd Begins a New Era in Education"



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Advisory Board

Our website now features the Advisors on the Home Page, plus an Advisory Board page with pictures and information on the advisors, and links to their own websites.

Publicity

I will be speaking at the February meeting of the NYC Junto, Thursday, February 2, 2006, which is having a birthday celebration for Ayn Rand that day (her actual birthday).

Interesting Facts

The *Wall Street Journal* recently published an article about the relatively new Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Massachusetts, next to Babson College. Olin is the brain child of the Trustees of the F.W. Olin Foundation, created in 1938 by munitions industrialist Franklin W. Olin. After many years funding huge projects in colleges around the country, the Trustees of the foundation decided it was best to close the foundation by using the assets to start an entirely new, innovative college of engineering.

The entirely new curriculum at the college emphasize integration, teaching mathematics, physics and engineering together, combined with the liberal arts. Undergraduate teams work on real engineering problems using cross-disciplinary advisors. The college has forged "a link with top ranked Babson College, long known for its innovative entrepreneurial leadership and consistently rated among the best undergraduate business schools in the U.S." The two schools will work together to educate students as creative entrepreneurial engineers.

The school has no tenure (and no tuition, made possible by its \$460 million dollars in founding capital) and no departments, and has drawn top students from around the country. It has drawn many notable professors and businessmen to teach as well, such as Michael Moody, former Chair of the Mathematics Department at Harvey Mudd College and David Barrett formerly of iRobot Corporation.

Olin College's goal is to do no less than "change the way engineers are educated in the U.S." How exciting to find an engineering school based on an integrated approach to learning!

If you'd like a copy of the article, please let me know.

Donations

Thank you to *Suresh Kempula* for making a donation through the college website. We hope it is the first of many through that venue! We can accept donations through Paypal.

Organization

What you can do:

Website: We are in the process of developing the website, using new descriptive text, sections, pictures, links and FAQ's. If any of you have suggestions, please send them to me.

Networking: If you know of other individuals or organizations that might be interested in learning about the College, please send me their information.

Financial Support: At the present, I have many letters out to prospective supporters and advisors. Of course, please send me any suggestions for possible financial supporters.

Advisors: I am looking in particular for well-qualified advisors who would be sympathetic to our mission in: biology, anthropology and archeology, literature, mathematics, and the fine arts. Please send me your suggestions.

Newsletter: Send in any ideas for improvements or topics of interest for the newsletter.

Thanks for your attention and help.

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