

# Construction Management Technology News October 2000

Thank you! We would like to begin by thanking those firms who have hired our graduates and funded scholarships for our students. We also appreciate those firms and individuals that have donated money for the student construction management and the concrete toboggan competition.

Scholarships Many of our students received scholarships. Matt Hebert received the Maine Chapter of Construction Specification Institute scholarship. Ryan Labrecque has received the CMT Scholarship and a Pulp and Paper Scholarship.

Anthony Cincotta was awarded a scholarship from the Utility Contractors Association of New England Cecil "Buddy" Kershner received the Association of General Contractors Scholarship, Construction Specifications Institute Scholarship, Construction Financial Management Association Scholarship and H.E. Sargent Scholarship. Congratulations to these scholars and many thanks to those that provide scholarship opportunities!

Summer Internships Employment of students during the summer is an important opportunity for students to gain valuable experience, learn the relevancy of their studies, and assess a firm for permanent employment. Most important, summer employment provides employers an opportunity to assess personalities, skills, and motivation of students. Both students and firms appear to be pleased with what they see since many graduates are offered and accept full-time employment with their summer employers. We encourage firms to send us an e-mail or letter listing Summer employment positions.

# **Chuck Starting Phased**

Retirement We are both pleased and saddened to announce that Chuck Gould has started his phased retirement. We are pleased that Chuck and Susanna are in good health, have a wonderful camp on the lake, and are enjoying extra time to relax and fix up their camp. We are sad that students will no longer be

exposed to Chuck's expertise in the classroom after 2002.

## Faculty Position Available We are

actively seeking applications for Chuck Gould's position. We need help in locating someone with Chuck's expertise and qualifications. Ideally, we would like someone that is retiring from active construction practice but is not ready to leave the construction field. The person would be expected to have a M.S. in civil engineering or construction, be a licensed professional engineer, and be able to teach construction practices, estimating, scheduling, construction management, and construction software. If anyone is interested or knows someone who may be interested, please contact **Knud Hermansen** for additional information and the application procedures. Applications will be reviewed starting 1 November 2000.

Faculty News John McDonough, a long-time faculty member in CMT and director of SET, has accepted a full time position as associate dean in the college. George Hayes, retired CMT faculty member, is enjoying winters in the Carolinas. He and his wife are in excellent health and enjoying their retirement. Knud Hermansen has been promoted to full professor and agreed to serve as coordinator of the CMT program. Mac Gray has just completed a year-long sabbatical working at the wood composite facility on campus. He plans to continue to work part time in the research facility.

Course Brief One of the more recent courses added to the CMT curriculum was CET124, Construction Safety. This course was introduced into the curriculum at the suggestion of the industrial advisory committee. It has been appreciated by both students and employers. The course is taught by Karl Ward, adjunct professor, and employee of Nickerson & O'Day. Karl brings his knowledge and experience practiced daily to the course so students will know, appreciate, and practice construction safety.

#### Alumni Rumors Jim Braley (1993),

employed by Sergeant & Sergeant, is expecting another child. He has three daughters. John Woloschuk (2000) has taken a position with Kiewit. He has moved to Massachusetts with his family. Cassie Magoon (2000) has moved back to Maine from the deep south and is employed at Cianbro. Virgil Gray (1996) has passed his P.E. exam. David Triggiani (1999) is working for Neill and Gunter in Scarborough. Please send us your address and news so we can inform your former classmates of your success and accomplishments.

# **Industrial Advisory Committee**

We are saddened to report that **Dale Jellison** (H.E. Sargent, Inc.) and **Herb Doten**(Kleinschmidt & Consultants) have resigned from the CMT Industrial Advisory Committee (IAC). Dale's employment required his relocation to Virginia. Herb has decided to move on to other endeavors. Both have served for many years and will be missed a great deal. They leave with the heartfelt thanks of the faculty and other IAC members. We are pleased to have our newest IAC members, **Rhonda Waterman and John Simpson**. Rhonda is a highway construction engineer with the Maine Department of Transportation. John Simpson is H.E. Sargent, Inc.

Recruiting Students Getting the word out about our program is not always easy. Many high school guidance counselors are unaware of the construction management programs. Others think students should have a liberal education and push good students away from technical and professional programs such as construction management. If you

find yourself in a situation where you can influence high school students, please contact us. We would be happy to send you information to hand out or use in a presentation that will promote construction management.

## **Certified Professional**

#### Constructor Program Starting in

November 2000, Maine has been designated as a testing site for the American Institute of Constructors Constructor Certification Commission (AICCCC) Program. Our thanks to **Jack Kelly** for recommending this program and suggesting this option be made available to our students and contractors in Maine. Additional information for achieving the status of Certified Professional Contractor can be obtained at: AICCCC, 466 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702. 727-578-0317 or AICCCC@aol.com

# <u>Senior Pamphlet</u> The senior pamphlet containing resumes of seniors will be sent to construction companies in April. If you have not received one previously and would like to be on the mailing list, contact Knud Hermansen.

Help Us Alumni are encouraged to submit news about themselves and their companies to CMT. Please send information to Knud Hermansen at knud@spatial.maine.edu or School of Engineering Technology, 5711 Boardman Hall, Room 119, Orono, Maine 04469-5711