

Construction Management Technology News

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Enrollment: The Construction Management Technology Faculty are pleased to report that the number of first year students entering the program has almost doubled. The total number of students in the program exceeds 100.

Resources: With the jump in student numbers, the Construction Management Technology program is in the position where more students is not necessarily better for the program in all aspects. More lab sections and equipment are required to properly train students. There is no money within the college of engineering budget. We are hoping alumni will be willing to make donations specifically for the CMT program. In the alternative, a cap may have to be instituted.

Employment: Employment for the May graduates is 100%. Some of this can be attributed to the growing reputation of the program and the success of graduates (THANK YOU!). Part of the success must also be attributed to the expansion of construction and engineering firms that demand well-trained graduates.

Web Site: Within the last year, the Construction Management Web site has been considerably updated. You are encouraged to review the web site. You encouraged to visit the "Alumni Hearsay and Rumors" site to find information about old classmates. You are encouraged to contribute information about yourself, your firm, and your family. Don't hesitate to send word of other graduates and what they may be doing. Other links include information on changes to the program, starting salaries, awards, honors, and interesting news (including a copy of previous newsletters). If you are interested in employing students or graduates, check out some of the student biographies that are posted on the web site.

Chuck Gould: Last Spring Chuck taught his last scheduled class at the University of Maine. He will be missed by all. Fortunately, Ray Werkmeister has managed to offset the loss of Chuck with his dynamic personality and considerable capability. Chuck has agreed to work as liaison between the program and Portland area alumni in recruiting efforts.

George Hayes: George Hayes appeared at Chuck's retirement party. George and his wife are in excellent health. George divides his time between golf and fishing. George does some consulting work but only on days where the weather prevents wetting a fly or swinging a club.

Dreams: All of us have dreams or goals that we strive to attain. We have many needs ranging from equipment to more lab capability. Two ongoing hopes are to hire another faculty and obtain more scholarships for our students. The first would allow more flexibility in course offerings and further improve the program. The second would help relieve the onerous financial burden many of our students face. As so many of you can attest, our students typically come from hard-working middle class families. They are often the first generation to go to college. Many are non-traditional students that quit a job to gain the education to put them ahead. They often have families. It is these students that we would like to be able to offer some financial aid. Consider donating money to the Construction Management Technology scholarship fund.

Surveying Program: The School of Engineering Technology is evaluating the feasibility of adding a surveying engineering technology program. The current spatial information engineering program is being closed. If there is a surveying engineering technology program, it is expected to be a close association between the surveying technology program and the construction management technology program.

ABET Evaluation: The School of Engineering Technology just completed its ABET/TAC evaluation. We are pleased to report that all programs including CMT did very well with the ABET evaluation. The only concern the ABET/CMT evaluator had with the CMT program is a direct result of the success of the CMT program. The growing number of CMT students is stretching resources beyond the available time of the faculty and facility resources.

ASC Competition: The University of Maine Construction Management Technology team won THIRD place at the Fall Northeast Regional ASC student Heavy/Highway competition held at Fairfield, New Jersey. Although, the University of Maine Construction Management Technology team was disappointed in not repeating last year's first place performance, they placed ahead of a majority of the competition. The competition was comprised of eleven colleges and universities from the Northeast region. Twenty-one, six student competition teams were fielded.

The University of Maine was well represented. The team was comprised of Matt Hebert, Team Leader, Ian McCarthy, John Phillips, Travis Whitehead, Tom Carey and Adam Lawson, with backup alternates Adam Roy and Spenser Maynard. The faculty advisor was Ray Werkmeister. Construction Management Technology students gained confidence and understanding in how to work through a real-world bid competition.

The competition occurred between October 31st through November 2nd, 2002. This was the first time the competition was held in the Fall semester. As a result, the team started its hard work of preparation for the competition in early September, after the start of classes. Competition during the Fall semester was a challenge to find the time to meet and prepare. Participation in the team demonstrated real dedication and commitment by our team.

Alumni & Employer Surveys: Some alumni and employers have received a survey from the School of Engineering Technology. Others can expect to receive a survey in the future. These surveys are important. They help the programs modify and focus their efforts on producing better graduates that will be better able to meet the needs of the industry. Some of the information is used to help with recruiting.