

Construction Management Technology News

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ENROLLMENT: Enrollment is continuing to grow and stands at 102 students. In addition, we have several Mechanical Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering students that have declared a minor in Construction Management Technology.

EMPLOYMENT OF 2005 SENIORS: May 2005 graduates are receiving numerous employment offers. All the graduates can be employed at or shortly after graduation.

UNDERGRADUATE RESUMES: Please consider contacting one or more undergraduates to meet your summer employment needs. Short bios of undergraduates are posted on-line at <http://www.umaine.edu/set/cmt/UndergradResumes.htm/>

All of the undergraduates will have at least one course in surveying and plan reading. Sophomores and juniors will have courses in safety, statics, materials, construction surveying, construction methods, and structural design. Juniors will have courses in construction law, soils, estimating, and bidding. Students have been very pleased with the quality of summer employment. Many thanks to employers for providing students with quality work and motivating them to continue their studies.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING COURSE: The Engineering Fundamentals course has attracted thirty students. The students are taking the course voluntarily (elective). The course is designed to prepare CMT students for the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. The two-credit course is currently an elective, but will be a graduation requirement for students that entered the program in the Fall 2004.

ASC COMPETITION: Will Manion and Phil Dunn are planning to field at least two teams in two separate competitions – heavy highway and design-build. The teams have 12 CMT and CIE students willing to take part in the competition. The New England regional competition is scheduled for early November 2005 in Fairfield, NJ. Details about the competition itself are at <http://ascweb.org/asc/competition/>. Maine teams have been successful in the past, winning 2nd

place in the regional heavy highway competition at the last competition.

SCHOLARSHIPS: We are pleased to announce the following CMT students have been awarded scholarships: Jeff Bailey has received the CMT Alumni scholarship, Construction Specifications Institute Scholarship, and the Stephen R. Nelson Memorial Scholarship. ACM scholarships were awarded to Eric Saucier (Cianchette Brothers Scholarship). The H.E. Sargent Scholarship was awarded to Travis Ridky. Jessica Mitchell received an AGC scholarship (Ival R. Cianchette Undergraduate Scholarship). Matthew Love and Andy Soucia received the Maine Better Transportation Association Scholarships.

DEAN'S LIST: The following CMT students earned the honor of being recognized in the Fall 2004 Dean's list: Jeffrey Bailey, William Bannister III, Byron Beauregard, Kristofer Demasi (2005), Bradley Edwards, Ryan Levesque, Matthew Love, Curtis Marston, Seth McGee (2005), Russell McLean, Kabe Micklon, Jerard Murray, Jeffrey Newcombe (2005), Travis Ridky (2005), Jonathan Rose, Jason Sanborn, Eric Saucier, Gregory Schaub (2005), Brayden Sheive, Matthew Thibault, and Jeremy Whitehouse (2005)

3.5 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD: The Presidential Achievement award is made just one time in a student's studies at the University of Maine. Full-time students must attain a 3.0 grade point average or better for two consecutive semesters. The student must also achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the most recent semester. Very few students achieve this honor. The following students have achieved this honor: Byron Beauregard, Jacob Bowler, Kristofer Demasi, Kathryn Hurley, Ryan Levesque, Seth McGee, Jeffrey Newcombe, Jonathan Rose, Eric Saucier, Andrew Soucia, and Matthew Thibault.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS CHUCK GOULD: Chuck lives in Holden during the winter and moves to his camp on Green Lake as soon as the weather permits. He and his wife, Suzanne, are in good health and enjoying life with two grandchildren.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS GEORGE HAYES: George and his wife Dorothy live in Brewer and spend the winter months in the Carolinas. George keeps busy catching salmon with his fly rod.

CMT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: There is \$1,295 in the CMT Alumni scholarship. Thanks to all the alumni and firms that have contributed toward the scholarship. The goal is \$5,000 when the scholarship will be permanent.

AGC STUDENT CHAPTER: The AGC Maine Black Bear Chapter had successful years in 2004 and 2005. With sixty members, the organization was able to accomplish several things. AGC started the school year with a field trip to the Verona - Prospect Bridge that Cianbro and Reed and Reed are constructing. The field trip consisted of a visit from the commissioner of transportation, David Cole, and a presentation from the Maine DOT. AGC was given presentations from Cianbro, Pike Industries, and HE Sargent. Many students were able to find jobs through the presentations given. AGC purchased turkeys that were delivered to Cross Roads Ministries for families in need during Thanksgiving. During the month of December, the student chapter held a toy drive and collected 120 toys that were delivered to ACM for distribution.

ASSOCIATE CONSTRUCTORS EXAM: During the past semester, 11 students sat for the Associate Constructor Exam (Level 1). Students took the

exam in the Fall and Spring. This exam is used to assess strengths and weaknesses within the program. According to the exam results, communication continues to be a weakness necessitating more writing within the curriculum. Planning, scheduling, project administration, management, safety, surveying, and budgeting tend to be the strengths of the program.

For more info on the AC exam see:
<http://www.constructorcertification.org/>

COMPANY WEB ADDRESSES: If you would like a link to your company from the CMT web site, please send Knud (Knud.Hermansen@umit.maine.edu) your web site address. Many firms are already listed on the program's web site.

DISPLAY CASE CMT would like to obtain a display case to display old survey equipment. If any company would like to donate a display case contact Knud Hermansen (581-2168).

PROGRAM FUNDING: Funding of the program continues to be a problem. While increasing enrollments and employment opportunities illustrate the program's success, corresponding increases in funding from the university have not been forthcoming. The program receives the same budget regardless of student enrollments. Many thanks to our financial supporters from industry, particularly Eldon Morrison of CPM Constructors.