

# Construction Management Technology News

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Spring 2010

**ENROLLMENT** — In the previous newsletter, enrollment in the CMT program exceeded 160 students. Enrollment appears to be steady or increasing for the fall semester. We had reported an effort to cap the program at 90 students. Unfortunately, that cap has been set aside and there is demand to increase the enrollment, especially out of state students. Due to budget constraints, it does not appear that additional faculty will be appointed any time soon.

**EMPLOYMENT OF SENIORS** — Despite the slow down in the economy, most seniors have obtained employment.

**3.5 PRESIDENTIAL ACHIEVEMENT 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. This year the following students have achieved this honor: Jason M. Millett, Thomas N. Daniels, Zachary T. Drapeau, Alexander W. Hardy, T. Smith, Matthew P. Leclerc, Zachary C. Logan, and Tyler D. Weymouth

**SCHOLARSHIP STATUS** — Scholarship investments have suffered along with private investment accounts. Accordingly, scholarships were not awarded this semester.

**ABC STUDENT CHAPTER** — The Student Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors is advised by Assistant Professor Philip Dunn of the CMT program. The chapter has been inactive this semester.

**AGC STUDENT CHAPTER** — The Black Bear Chapter of AGC is advised by Mac Gray. The AGC student chapter has elected new officers: Tom Daniels as President; Zach Logan as Vice President; Ian Messier as Secretary; and Matt Leclerc as Treasurer. The AGC student chapter has hosted several guest speakers. They are hoping for an active fall semester.

**PROGRAM FUNDING** — Funding for the College of Engineering, including Construction Management Technology is minimal. A 20% reduction in funding was ordered across all colleges. We are fortunate and grateful that our alumni and IAC members have made sufficient pledges to cover adjunct faculty. Adjunct faculty will cover extra courses brought about by the high enrollment in the program and the need to offer more building related courses.

**PROGRAM CHANGES** — A new course, CET 412 - Sustainable Population & Environmental Design & Construction is being offered. The predominant focus on the course will be LEED training. The description for the course is the following:

This course provides instruction in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), green building design, environmental favorability rating, and progressive leadership toward the goal of reducing the population footprint (i.e., development sprawl & resource consumption) through innovative construction practices.

**ASSOCIATE CONSTRUCTOR EXAM** — The following students/graduates have passed the

associate constructor exam in the Spring Semester 2010: Marc Denis, Christian Eberhardt, Trevor Langley, Nicholas Lunt, Ryan Miller, and Ethan Raymond.

The Associate Constructor exam is offered by the American Institute of Constructors Construction Certification ([www.constructorcertification.org](http://www.constructorcertification.org)). It tests knowledge on surveying, estimating, scheduling, materials, administration, law, and operations. Students are required to take this test and pass four out of the seven sections to graduate.

**CMT CROWE AWARD** — Congratulations to Shawn Shelley for the honor of receiving the Construction Management Technology's Distinguished Francis Crowe Award that was presented at the end of the spring semester. The Distinguished Francis Crowe Award recognizes individuals who have made considerable engineering contributions to the construction profession and the construction management program.

Shawn Shelley received his bachelor of science degree from the Roger Williams School of Architecture in 1984. He began his career as an assistant draftsman. He now holds the position of Project Executive. He is a mentor at Gilbane and a member of the CMT IAC. He has been an administrator and judge for the 2006 Construction Management Competition. He has been actively involved in Habitat for Humanity.

Prior distinguished Francis Crowe inductees include Charles E. Furbish (2000), Robert Chaput, P.E. (2001), Keith Anderson (2001), Eldon Morrison, P.E. (2002), Jack Kelly, P.E. (2003), Mark Bancroft (2003), the Sergeant's Clan (Ralph Leonard, Herbert R. Sargent, Herbert E. Sargent, James Sargent, Shane Sargent) (2005), Timothy Sommers (2006), Ken Ouelette (2008), Karl Ward, CPC (Dec. 2008), and Bollie Bollenbach (2009).

**FACULTY NEWS** — There are three full time faculty and two adjunct faculty in the program. The three full-time faculty are Howard "Mac" Gray, P.E. (Coordinator); Phil Dunn, P.E., and Knud Hermansen, P.L.S., P.E., Esq. During the past semester, Knud were invited to speak by the University of New Hampshire, Midcoast Realtors, Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee, West Virginia Board of Professional Surveyors, New York Association of Professional Land Surveyors, and the Maine State Bar Association.