

# SVT Newsletter

Spring 2003

**Initial:** This is the first newsletter of the Surveying Engineering Technology program. The program was given official recognition in April 2003. Much of the credit goes to the support of professional land surveyors in New England and alumni of the Surveying Engineering program and the Spatial Information Engineering program.

**Program Focus:** The program will focus on the skills required for traditional professional land surveying services. There will be a heavy emphasis on the practical aspects of surveying skills and business.

**Industrial Advisory Committee (IAC):** The first IAC meeting occurred on 25 April. Members of the IAC are composed of representatives of the various New England professional surveying societies and surveying/mapping firms. The responsibility of the IAC is to advise and review.

**SVT Web Site:** The Surveying Engineering Technology program has a web site <<http://www.umaine.edu/set/svt/>> containing extensive information about the program and surveying related information. Please check out the web site. Comments and suggestions should be sent to Knud Hermansen. <Knud.Hermansen@umit.maine.edu>

**Faculty:** Ray Hintz is the coordinator for the program. Knud Hermansen is the second full-time faculty for the program. As enrollment grows, another faculty member will be added. Louis Morin, instructor with Forest Operations, is a cooperating faculty who will oversee forestry students intending to minor in surveying. Steven Adam, advancement officer with the College of Engineering, will also be an adjunct faculty teaching the Small Business Management Course.

**BLM Support:** The University of Maine has recently signed a support agreement with the Bureau of Land Management. With the cooperation agreement, BLM is providing \$250,000 to the program over five years.

**Enrollment:** The program is expected to begin with approximately 10 students starting in the Fall Semester 2003. In order for the program to continue, 40 students are required within three years. Enrollment in surveying programs across the United States has traditionally been lower than other programs. To reach the target enrollment of 40 students in three years, help of the profession is required. Visit high schools and get the word out about surveying and the Surveying Engineering Technology program. Recruiting information can be found on the SVT web site. Starting salaries and job prospects are excellent. Salaries meet or exceed other engineering fields.

**Financial Support:** Thanks to the Bureau of Land Management and the Surveying Education Foundation of New England Education (SEFNE), there appears to be adequate short term equipment and administrative financial support. Many New England professional societies have provided financial support for SEFNE. Please

consider donating money to SEFNE or your state's surveying professional society. For those that would like to donate money to the SVT alumni scholarship, a scholarship donation form has been made a part of the newsletter.

**Scholarship:** We would like to establish an alumni scholarship that will be awarded each year. If you are interested in donating to the scholarship, please complete the form and follow the directions on the form.

**Digital Pictures:** The SVT program will be setting up a bulletin board in the lobby of Boardman Hall. Prospective students often visit Boardman Hall on tours. We would like to include pictures on the bulletin board showing the various aspects of surveying. If you have any digital pictures showing an interesting aspect of surveying practice, please send or e-mail them to Knud Hermansen.

**Faculty Position:** We anticipate that our increasing enrollment will require the hiring of a third faculty in late 2004 or early 2005. Faculty will be required to have a B.S. and M.S. degree in surveying or related field along with licensure as a professional land surveyor.

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Make checks payable to the University of Maine. Note on the check "SVT Scholarship" or include the completed form with your check. Mail checks and form to:

School of Engineering Technology  
Surveying Engineering Technology  
5711 Boardman Hall, Room 119  
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The enclosed check is to be used for the:

Alumni Scholarship for SVT Students (any amount)

Named Scholarship (\$10,000 minimum)

Name of Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

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