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Get an Education not Just a Degree  It has been a few years since the department produced a weekly newsletter.  In that time the means students use to get their information has evolved and now includes YouTube, blogging, Facebook, texting, and Twitter.  The TCM Department has tried them all… some admittedly have worked better than others.  In retrospect none have worked better than this newsletter.  Why? Using a regular and predictable method of communication we were able to produce news that impacted your ability to “Get an Education not Just a Degree”.  With that, the line that began every newsletter is back… at least until the next new fad in digital communication distracts us.

Chili Cook-Off  If you haven’t been to a Chili Cook-Off before I guarantee this will be the best one you have ever attended! The Annual Chili Cook Off will occur this Wednesday, January 19th, starting at 6pm in Kemper Hall 102 with a short Construction Club Meeting.  The Cook-Off will begin around 6:20 in Kemper 120.  Socialize with other majors and the faculty and see who wins the coveted Golden Plunger.  Contact Dr. Gebken at richardgebken@missouristate.edu if you have a secret recipe you would like to enter.

CSI Meeting  Students are invited to the monthly CSI Meeting this Thurs. Jan. 20th.  The meeting topic is about legal issues and going digital.  RSVP with Dr. Gebken at richardgebken@missouristate.edu.

Scholarship Applications  Last week the scholarship application for the American Society of Professional Estimators was emailed to all students.  If you lost it you can contact the department office at tcm@missouristate.edu and request a new one.  A number of Scholarship deadlines fall in Feb. and March, watch the newsletter for details...

BattleBots  The perennial favorites at Collegiate Battlebots (Missouri State) are gearing up to head back to Florida next month to defend their title as top Collegiate Battlebot in the country!  If you are interested in participating contact Chad Pepmiller at chad433@live.missouristate.edu.  Meetings are Thursdays at 6pm in Kemper 112.

NAHB Competition  The NAHB team finished in the top ten at the annual competition in Orlando, Florida last weekend.  This ties the highest place the team has ever finished.  Considering nearly forty teams competed, many of whom focus on residential construction; this is a performance we can all be proud of.  Congratulations to team members: Drew Wilde, Jeff Souza, Sam Unerstall, Dan Rathe, David Porter, Chris Lucas, and team coach Dr. Richard Bruce.

Student Spotlight  If you attended the Men’s Basketball Game two weeks ago you would have seen the following Meek’s Trivia Question:  What is freshman Nathan Scheer’s major at Missouri State University?  A: Sociology, B: History, C: Law, or D: Construction Management.  If you guessed Construction Management you would have been correct!  This is the first time in recent history the TCM department has had a basketball player as a major.  With Nathan getting considerable playing time as a freshman it is well worth your time to show your support and attend the games.

Recent construction management graduate David Arkin will become only the 5th person in Missouri State history to play in the Annual East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 22.  For details see this Missouri State Webpage.

Get Free Safety Gear  Get free Missouri State safety gear for wearing your department hardhat, safety vest, safety glasses to games!  The department has Missouri State hardhats, safety glasses, and safety vests for sale for $21 in Glass 200 or get them free (while supplies last) if you make a habit of wearing them to BB games.  You won’t look any more ridiculous than the yellow banana, green guy, or the topless Missouri State group!  Stop by the department office in Glass 200 or the Chili Cook-Off for details.  Go Bears!

Equipment Donation  Take a look in Kemper 116 at the department’s newest piece of equipment.  We are grateful for the donation by Weise Material Handling of a 2006 Cat P5000 Forklift.  This will be utilized to support a number of the department’s courses.  All we need to do now is figure out how to get it out of Kemper 116!  Remember Weise (pronounced we-see) for your material handling needs...

This concludes the first department newsletter of 2011.  Future newsletters will have faculty and student highlights, Q&A sections, career information such as job postings, and department events.  You must be a declared major to receive the newsletter.  Submit ideas for future newsletters to shawnstrong@missouristate.edu.

Upcoming Events
Jan. 19  Chili Cook-Off, Kemper Hall, 6pm
Jan. 20  BattleBots Meeting, Kemper Hall, 6pm
Jan. 20  CSI Meeting
Jan. 22  Bears Basketball against Creighton, JQH Arena, 4pm