



## Department of Technology and Construction Management

Weekly Newsletter

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**Get an Education not Just a Degree!** In a few weeks we will enjoy the successes of our graduating senior class, presenting them with their hardhats. While the seniors will remember this event, the faculty will also remember how the graduates performed in the weeks leading up to graduation. Far too often I hear the term "senioritis" used in a less than complimentary fashion. Remember, whether you are taking a class as a freshman, just gave a two week notice at work, or are a graduating senior a case of "senioritis" can wipe out a semester, a year, and even a career.

**Student Competition Teams** It has been a while since the last "weekly newsletter". Since the last newsletter the ASC Teams took two seconds and two thirds. This is the best we have ever performed and for the second year in a row puts us in second place in our region. No other school in Missouri or Kansas fared as well as the Missouri State teams. Congratulations to the ASC Teams!

Michael Bard was the first Missouri State participant in the IFMA E-Poster Competition in Phoenix Arizona. Michael took first place delivering the presentation titled "Plug and Process Loads, Do They Really Matter?!" See [this link](#).

**Construction Club** The next Construction Club meeting is next Wednesday at 6:30pm in Kemper Hall 102. After the meeting will be the first Basketball Game we will attend as a group (see below).



**Basketball Hard Hats Required! Of course we don't stop with football... it's now time to support basketball!** Wear your grey hardhat and safety vest to the next home game. We will leave after the Construction Club meeting on December 7th at 7:15pm. **For a ticket email your M-Number to Dr. Gebken at [richardgebken@missouristate.edu](mailto:richardgebken@missouristate.edu)** . If you do not have a hard hat and vest contact the department office in Glass 200 for more information. This is open to all majors. Go Bears!

**Statics and Computational Calculus Tutoring!** Every Monday from 5-8pm.

**IFMA Kansas City Christmas Dinner** Facility Management students are invited to attend the Kansas City Chapter of IFMA Annual Holiday Party on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Kauffman Center. Cost is only \$10. Contact Dr. Strong ASAP if you are interested in attending at [shawnstrong@missouristate.edu](mailto:shawnstrong@missouristate.edu) .

**Part-time Employment** Herman Builders, a local custom home builder, is looking for a carpenter's assistant; if you are interested contact alumni Gary Herman at 849-0225.

A local commercial construction company is looking for part-time help. Send your resume to Dr. Gebken by 12/4 for consideration.

**Scholarship Deadline** The KC Builders Association Deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>. These are \$3,000 scholarships! See the [Builders' Association Website](#) for details.

The **MSU Student Chapter of the Society of Manufacturing** is having a guest speaker at their December 1st meeting (5-6 pm, Kemper 102). Mr. Brian Seibert of Sign Fab, Inc. will describe the business and processes involved in creating illuminated signs. Free pizza and soda will be provided! See [this link](#) for more information.

**Recruitment News** The new budget climate in state-supported universities means we are actively recruiting new students into our 4 degree programs. On November 17, we hosted an informational session for undeclared undergraduate students. Attendees heard about the curriculum, internship and career opportunities and unique TCM extra-curricular student activities from a panel of seniors Michael Bard (FM), Alessa Gerke (TM), Michelle Essner (CM) and recent graduate Jay Jackson (CM). On Nov. 22, we hosted a group of charter high school students from the AGC's Construction Career Center in St. Louis. Thanks to students AJ Brown, Chris Lucas and Christine Crocker (CM) and Michael Bard (FM) who assisted with this event!

### Upcoming Events

12/1/11 SME Meeting

12/7/11 Construction Club Meeting

12/7/11 Basketball Game

12/12/11 KC IFMA Holiday Party

12/15/11 Builders' Association Scholarship Deadline



Bard Wins International  
Competition