

# THE MOMENT

ASCE Cecil T. Lobo Student Chapter - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

## Special points of interest:

- Chapter receives Certificate of Commendation
- Still seeking service projects for this year
- Fundraising needed this year
- CE enrollment on the rise

## Student Chapter Recognized by ASCE National

*Certificate of Commendation is the Chapter's 16th in 18 years*

The chapter was notified by ASCE's National Office in September that we had been awarded a **Certificate of Commendation** for our 2002 Annual Report submitted in February of this year. The report, assembled mostly through the efforts of '02 secretary Amy Haymaker and '02 president Aaron Burke, summarized all chapter activities throughout the year.

Highlights of the report included the many service projects that have been a regularly featured by our chapter over the years, including the ASCE Christmas Basket, the Golf Tournament for Habitat for Humanity, and our middle school programs using

Building Big and West Point Bridge Designer.

Some of the reviewer's comments included, "What a joy it is reading your reports...it gets better each time...Keep up the great work...You were the only perfect 10 I gave on goals and objectives."

There were 14 chapters honored with the Certificate of Commendation nationally. Brigham Young University won the Robert Ridgway Award this year. The Vice President's Award for our Zone II went to West Virginia University.



Chapter Officers for the 2002 Calendar Year with Spring 2002 Advisor Tom Descoteaux: L to R on sculpture are Nick Harden, Walt Flood, Corey Howell and Spring McEwen; L to R middle row are Descoteaux, Wendy Packard, Dave Pirnia, Amy Haymaker and Brad Pickering; and L to R on front row are Dave Honan and Aaron Burke

## Honan is photo contest runner-up

David Honan was honored this summer by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute for his photograph "Sunset at Watervliet Reservoir." He entered the photo in EWRI's 2003 World Water and Environmental Resources Congress photo contest, and was selected as one

of the four runner-ups to the winner. Printing the photo would not do it justice here, but you can find that photo and many others on Dave's web site at <http://gcdranet.homelinux.com/davehonan/index.html>. Check it out!



Planning the Dobb's Park caboose rehabilitation may be a service project this year.

## Still Seeking Service Projects

*We're still seeking that one "hallmark" service project*

On the service project end, we will continue to help out with Explore Engineering, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-a-Street, and other events, but we are seeking at least one distinguishing service project as our "hallmark" project this year—and of course we'll need someone to lead that project.

Possible projects include the Dobb's Park Caboose Rehabilitation, St. Leonard's Church

wheelchair ramp, or some other project yet to be discovered. If you have ideas, please let us know, and be prepared to step up and help us when we do get started.

Upcoming service project opportunities (watch for the announcements):

- Explore Engineering
- Adopt-a-Street
- Tribune-Star Christmas Basket

## Fund Raising Ideas Needed

*"...we could have a budget shortfall over \$4,000."*

In the past, the chapter has been able to rely on a variety of resources to help cover our expenses, which includes things like "Free Food Fridays," travel to field trips, and travel and lodging expenses at conferences and other regional/national meetings. This year, however, we are seeing a real shortfall. Believe it or not, our chapter expenses each year are budgeted to be on the order of

\$6,000. Our current income expected for this year is much less, and we are looking at a possible budget shortfall over \$4,000.

Fundraising planning is already under way. We are seeking help from ASCE Indiana section, and we are planning some fund raising activities. We may also have to go begging to alumni and other sources.

What happens if we come up short? We have some thoughts there, too, but it will mean cutting some of our top activities, like participation in the regional conference and steel bridge.

In the long term, we are working on a great fund raising opportunity for future years—professional workshops for engineers, so stay tuned.

## CE Enrollment on the Rise

It's an annual ritual for Dr. Houghtalen and the faculty—reaching out to freshman to tell them a little about civil engineering and encourage them to give the department a serious look. So far, this year has been a "bumper crop" as far as freshman recruiting is concerned. The department currently has over 40 freshman who have

declared civil engineering as their major. With a class that big, the faculty may end up teaching dual sections of required courses during future quarters.

It's all good news for the chapter, however, because it means higher membership and more folks to help out.



Dr. Houghtalen is wondering how many freshman will be going on the CE freshman field trip this year.

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*Some of you may not be aware of how successful the student chapter at Rose-Hulman has been. Here are a few stats that may surprise you:*

- *Total funds raised for Tribune-Star Christmas Basket—\$17,213*
- *Total funds raised for Habitat for Humanity through our annual Golf Tournament—\$10,884*
- *Robert Ridgway best student chapter in 1998*
- *Vice President's (Zone) Award Winner—1990, 1997, 1999*

*We are committed to continue maintaining the high standards and tradition set by Dr. Lobo, our chapter advisor for many years...and have a lot of fun in the process.*

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## Upcoming Department and ASCE Events

October 7—Explore Engineering

October 8—Adopt-a-Street

October 21—Explore Engineering

November 4—Explore Engineering

November 12-14—ASCE Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN

November 17-20—Final Exams

Early December—Christmas Banquet

January 23-25, 2004—Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders, New Orleans, LA

February 15, 2004—Annual Report due

April 2004—Great Lakes Regional Conference, Milwaukee, WI

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