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Construction Outlook

2007 Fall Events

- August 24:** Tom Champoux People Skills Workshop
 The Effectiveness Institute
- September 21:** Leadership Panel
 Sponsored by [AvalonBay](#)
- September 25:** Design Build Panel
 Sponsored by [RK&K](#)
- September 29:** Homecoming VT v. North Carolina Tailgate
 Held by the Young Alumni Committee
 Sponsored by [Bovis Lend Lease](#)
 Lot 2 Spaces 487/488 hosted by
[American Infrastructure](#)
- October 12:** Service Learning Panel
- October 25:** VT v. Boston College Tailgate
 Held by the Constructor's Consortium
 Sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Gilford Edwards
 Lot 1 Space 151 Hosted by George Compo,
[Compo Construction](#)
- October 26:** Construction Law Panel
- October 30/31:** [Construction Internship and Career Fair](#)
 The Inn at VT and Skelton Conference Center
- October 30:** Career Fair Social @ the University Club
 Sponsored by [Forrester Construction](#)

For more details on these events please contact
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Thank you HITT Contracting for sponsoring this issue of the Construction Outlook!

Note from the Department Head

Lot of things going on but the most important is moving forward after the events of 4/16/07. April 16th will be remembered forever by everyone who was at Virginia Tech that day and all HOKIES everywhere.

Many things were changed because of 4/16. The awards banquet was postponed and we look to regroup this year. We were however able to provide an end-of-the-year gathering at Maison Beliveau—a way to complete the year and to send students home with a sense of completion of the spring semester and of degrees for seniors.



Seniors cooking out at Maison Beliveau



Justin Balchun receives the Outstanding Senior Award given by Yvan Beliveau.

We look forward to the upcoming year as we move into Bishop-Favrao Hall and the new role of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction. I will be stepping down as Department Head of Building Construction in January 2008 as I take on my full time role as Director of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction. Walid Thabet will be the next Department Head of Building Construction. I hope that your best wishes and support will extend to Walid as he takes on this role.

Walid is an exceptional faculty, who exemplifies the continuing legacy of commitment to students, faculty, staff and the construction industry.

Sincerely,
Yvan



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BC Department News

Building Construction students renovate historic Lynchburg home of Harlem Renaissance poet

Lynchburg natives and Virginia Tech juniors in the Department of Building Construction, Ren Hutt and Will Cook recently completed work on a renovation project led by Rebuilding Together, a Lynchburg-based organization that repairs and restores homes for low-income families.



Rebuilding Together, with Hutt and Cook, provided some much-needed structural work for free to the Anne Bethel Spencer House at 1313 Pierce Street, a 1903 structure that was home to the Harlem Renaissance poet.

Bob Luse, a Lynchburg general contractor, and the students performed a highly customized renovation to maintain the historic integrity of the house. Among the renovations were improving the structural stability of the

rear load-bearing wall, rebuilding a second-floor window, and repairing and upgrading electrical wiring. Hutt and Cook received credit for their role in the renovation through an independent study class.

BC Department Research

University-Industry partnership seeks to set new precedents for green building

This expansion and renovation of the headquarters of leading infrastructure contractor Lanford Brothers, Inc. will be the second LEED-rated facility in Roanoke and will serve as both inspiration and living laboratory for others seeking to follow in Lanford's footsteps. One of the most innovative efforts being undertaken on this project is the team's effort to set a new precedent for a credit under the Innovation and Design category of the LEED rating system. Working closely with a research team from Virginia Tech, the project team is seeking ways to document every aspect of the project in a format that can be easily incorporated as part of the curricula of multiple classes, both graduate and undergraduate, in the construction programs at Virginia Tech. Members of the research team are presently undertaking an inventory of the



Ken Lanford, President Lanford Bros.

construction curriculum to identify areas where project data is currently used as part of learning, and will establish a data structure and digital library to capture information from the Lanford project that can be drawn upon by multiple faculty members for their courses. The aim of the project is to establish a template for documenting innovative construction projects that meshes closely with the types of exercises, problems, and projects used in the classroom. If successful, this project will also establish an important precedent with the US Green Building Council that other projects can follow to obtain an additional credit under the LEED Rating System.

Lanford would like his project to serve as an example of how green building can be accomplished in the mainstream, and hopes his experiences can help to inspire the next generation of construction professionals currently studying at Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech Building Construction faculty member Annie Pearce sees this project as a vanguard leading the way for other companies and projects that can become more closely tied into the construction curriculum at Virginia Tech, and possibly other universities as well.



Professor Annie Pearce

For more information on this project or to inquire about participating in this new initiative, contact Dr. Annie Pearce at apearce@vt.edu.

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BC Clubs/Organizations

Constructor's Consortium

The CC will help to organize community service, educational and social events for the Myers-Lawson School of Construction and the Department of Building Construction. Please contact the CC President, Kate Asselin at kasselin@vt.edu.

Sigma Lambda Chi

The SLC is an international construction honors society made up of nominated students who are in the top 20% of their class. For more information, please contact SLC Chapter President, Daniel Hawkins at dhawkins@vt.edu.

Where our May 2007 BC Graduates Went to Work

Michael Alder	Department of Military Affairs
Justin Balchun	Owner, Balchun Construction
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Terry Steffens	Clark Construction
Brendan Walsh	Ryan Homes-Charlotte West
Matt Winkler	Massaro Corporation

The Fall 2007 Construction Career Fair is scheduled for October 30th and 31st at the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center. A list of employers attending is on page 7.

There are several ways to recruit students from the Building Construction program. Please contact Dannette at dannette@vt.edu or 540-231-1924 for more information.

FALL 2007 INDUSTRY PANELS

The Department of Building Construction hosts industry leaders in a panel discussion regarding important topics including, but not limited to, the topics listed below. The students use these experiences to better prepare for the real world of construction.

LEADERSHIP, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

- **Mitch Hadden**, President and CEO of [Colonial Webb Contractors](#)
- **Rick Morris**, Senior Vice President and Head of Construction of [Avalon Bay](#)
- **John Tarpey**, Division President and CEO of [Balfour Beatty Construction](#)

DESIGN BUILD, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

- **Henry C. (Peter) Beck, III**, Managing Director of [The Beck Group](#)
- **Mike Potter, P.E.**, Partner at [RK&K](#)
- **David Rock**, Vice President of [Breakell Construction](#)
- **Kurt Weinfurter**, Regional Vice President of [Donley's](#)

SERVICE LEARNING, OCTOBER 12, 2007

- **Steve Darr**, Founder [Peacework](#)
- **Daniel Hurst**, Vice President of [Building Specialists](#)
- **Ken Lanford**, President of [Lanford Brothers, Co.](#)

LAW IN CONSTRUCTION LECTURE, OCTOBER 26TH

- **Tom Wolf**, Attorney at Law at [Leclair Ryan](#)

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