This past month was a busy month. We ran a very successful banquet and had a guest speaker come in. This month Jim Langenbach and Emily Guyer gave us a presentation on some of the different projects that their company has been working on. It was a great presentation! Also we are heading to Vanderbilt at the end of the month. The chapter is busy finalizing all of the competitions and plans. Look next month for the report on how we did!

In addition to preparing for our chapter events, the student chapter also looks forward to awarding several scholarships to its members by the end of the year. Last year several different students received an accumulated amount of $3000.00 worth of scholarship funds. These contributions are made possible by organizations such as the ASCE Florida Section, ASCE Cape Canaveral Branch, and the Eric Primavera Endowment Fund. Keep an eye out for the Scholarship application and get yours in on time.

For more information about sponsoring our chapter or speaking at one of our meetings contact Christel Noyes at 321-674-8048 or cnoyes@fit.edu.

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**2009 Southeast Student Conference Hosted by Vanderbilt University March 27-29 2009**

**Kelsey McGinnis**
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We leave for the ASCE 2009 Southeast Student Conference on Wednesday, March 25th, so start packing! Registration fees have been sent in, but it is still possible to register with a late fee. We have had a few cancellations, so there is room for one or two more students in the competitions. All students already signed up should be checking out the rules for their respective competitions by downloading them from the Conference website: [http://engssws.vuse.vanderbilt.edu/asce/Competition.htm](http://engssws.vuse.vanderbilt.edu/asce/Competition.htm). We will be giving out important information concerning the competition, so be sure not to miss the meetings! Our general meetings are every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Frueauff. We’re looking forward to a great Conference this year!

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**“Concrete Canoe”**

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The team is very busy this month preparing for the competition. The team has sanded the inside of the canoe and is finishing the outside within the week. Footbraces and staining of the panther designs will also take place during the next week. The canoe display and stands will be finished and the team is swamp testing the canoe this Friday. Only a few practices remain before the competition and the paddlers are working out hard. The team looks forward to March 25, our departure date for competition.

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**“Steel Bridge”**

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The bridge is still on its way to completion. After spring break, the paint will be applied for aesthetics, and timed construction practice will start. The team has worked hard on fabrication and is looking forward to competing this year.

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If you would like any additional information please feel free to contact Carlos Frade, ASCE President, at cfradega@fit.edu.