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A Message From

Dr. Christopher Silver, Dean



It is hard to believe that a new academic year is already upon us in the College of Design, Construction and Planning. The past year, my first as Dean of the College, was one of getting to know the tradition, accomplishments, opportunities, and indeed the challenges of our highly respected programs. It has been both an honor and an immense source of pleasure to work with the faculty of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction, to support its

talented and highly motivated students to reach their objectives, and to get to know so many of the School's distinguished and supportive alumni and friends.

Looking at some of the accomplishments of the School this past year, we can see how the Rinker School represents the ideal model of a superior professional education. For example, Dr. Jimmie Hinze was one of two College faculty selected to be among the first class in the campus-wide Faculty Achievement Recognition program. He was honored for his internationally recognized scholarly contribution in the field of construction safety.

Working with BCN Director Abdol Chini and the School's faculty search committee, we recruited two new distinguished faculty members. One of the most difficult shoes to fill belonged to Dr. Leon Wetherington, one of the School's most beloved teachers who retired at the end of the last academic year. Fortunately, he agreed to return to help the School run the newly opened Perry Construction Yard. The yard, which features UF's first "green roof," was made possible by the generosity of the late Charles Perry and his wife Nancy and dedicated in Spring 2007.

Throughout the past year, BCN students participated in the national conference of U.S. Green Building Council, the School's first Rinker Scholar Major Patrick Suermann began his doctoral studies, and of course, the talented graduates of the program were scooped up by firms throughout the country for internships and permanent positions as a result of the Fall and Spring job fairs. And, it was a banner year for the School's development efforts in support of student scholarships, faculty research and the ability to grow the faculty in order to support additional student enrollment.

It has been a great first year for me working with the Rinker faculty, students and alumni. I eagerly look forward to working in year two (and beyond) to help them to achieve even more.

Dr. Abdol Chini, Director



It's an exciting time to be at the Rinker School. This past academic year, 123 students graduated with Bachelors, 41 with Masters, and 8 with Doctorate degrees. The top 65 students who were admitted to the undergraduate program for this Fall have an average Pre-BCN GPA of 3.44 and average SAT score of 1243. Job placement for BCN graduates has been extremely successful. We had 118 companies with 397 recruiters at the Spring BCN Career Fair in O'Connell Center.

There are a number of exciting things happening at the Rinker School. William G. Lassiter (BCN 51) and his wife, Aneice contributed \$2 million to UF to fund two Endowed Professorships in Building Construction and Pediatrics. Their gift is eligible for \$2 million matching grant from the State. I would like to thank Bill and Aneice for their generosity. Their kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated by all of us at the Rinker School.

The other exciting news is the dedication of the Charles R. Perry Construction Yard that took place on April 9th. The Perry Yard will be used to educate and instruct, with hands on experience, our students in the work of subcontractors and craftspeople. In addition to a demonstration area for master crafts and outdoor teaching amphitheater, the Perry Yard includes a 2,600 sf "green roof," the first on UF campus. Thanks to the dedication and generosity of Charles Perry and his wife Nancy, the Rinker School is now better equipped to educate building construction professionals.

We had a successful year recruiting two new outstanding faculty: Dr. Edward Minchin and Dr. Robert Ries. Ed's work experience with the Florida DOT and teaching experience at Iowa State and the UF civil engineering programs will be an asset to our heavy/civil construction emphasis. Robert is coming from the University of Pittsburgh where he taught courses in sustainability and life cycle assessment. Robert's expertise will strengthen the Rinker School's reputation in sustainable construction and green building.

Your support is crucial to our continued success and we welcome your involvement in our educational activities. Please plan to visit the School, be a guest speaker in one of our classes, and join us at the Homecoming BBQ on November 3rd.

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BCN Homecoming BBQ

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 3, 2007, during homecoming at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The Gators are scheduled to play Vanderbilt. Plan to stop at Rinker Hall at 9:30 am for some great food, a tour of Rinker Hall, the Charles R. Perry Construction Yard and to visit with Alumni. Special thanks to **Angle & Schmid** for sponsoring the BBQ.

Homecoming Events:

9:30 - 11:00 am

11:00 am

12:00 - 2:00 pm

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

BCN Advisory Council Review of the BCN Curriculum

Honoring 2007 inductee for the BCN Construction Hall of Fame

BBQ

Tour of Rinker Hall and Charles R. Perry Construction Yard

Charles R. Perry Construction Yard Dedication

On April 9th, 2007 the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction dedicated its newest building addition, the Charles R. Perry Construction Yard. The addition was made possible by the late Charles R. "Chuck" Perry, the founder of Charles Perry Construction. The dedication, which was attended by Chuck's family, friends, business associates, and university faculty, staff and students, concluded with a not-so-typical ribbon cutting ceremony. A brick wall was laid by Abe and Jim Painter of Painter Masonry and everyone from Mrs. Nancy Perry, Charles Perry's wife, to Dr. Abdol Chini, Dean Christopher Silver, and President Bernie Machen participated in laying their own brick on the wall.



Abdol Chini, Jerry Painter, Bernie Machen, Nancy Perry and Abe Painter



Nancy Perry, Chris Silver and Abdol Chini laying bricks during the dedication

The inspiration behind the project was Charles Perry's belief that building construction graduates should know the basics of skilled manual labor and be better prepared to work effectively with sub-contractors and craftspeople. The construction yard will allow students a hands-on approach to the building crafts. It is anticipated that students will be instructed in as many as ten to twelve of the major crafts during their two-year experience in the upper division. The Perry Yard will showcase demonstrations such as plumbing, masonry, carpentry and welding. There is also an overhead two-ton crane that can haul in heavy pieces such as steel beams for students learning about steel structure construction.

In addition to a demonstration area for master crafts, the Perry Construction Yard includes a 2,600 square foot green roof which is used for faculty and student research. The roof consists of native vegetation and other species, which are able to adapt to the local atmosphere of Gainesville. The green roof serves as an interdisciplinary research project, allowing many units of the College of Design, Construction and Planning to learn and benefit from the research and experiments. The goal for BCN students is to enter the industry with the increased awareness regarding issues of waste, energy efficiency, and sustainability. The green roof enforces the increasing campus wide efforts of sustainability.



To add to the unique rooftop design and craft awareness program, Nancy Perry commissioned two of her husband's favorite local artists to create a piece of artwork that would serve as an homage to craftsmanship. The result is an 8-foot-by-8-foot mosaic that is affixed to the west side of the Charles Perry Construction Yard. The mosaic, designed by Mary and Mike McIntyre, depicts the tools of craftsmanship in stained glass.

Thanks to the dedication and generosity of Charles R. Perry and his wife Nancy, the Rinker School is now better equipped to better educate building construction professionals.

Doc Wetherington's Retirement Party

On April 14, 2007 the Rinker School held a retirement party for Dr. Wetherington. "Doc" as he is known to faculty, staff and students, has been with the BCN family since 1964, when he attended the University of Florida to study building construction. He then graduated with honors, obtained his Master in Building Construction and also earned his Ph.D. in Architecture. Doc has taught courses ranging from construction drawing, construction mechanics, construction techniques, methods lab and estimating since 1992.

Dr. Chini gave a speech to highlight Doc's achievements as a professor and mentor to the BCN students. "Doc has been a perfect role model to show BCN students that commitment to social responsibility is a large part of the University's history and tradition. Doc's goal has been to encourage BCN students accept the challenge to experience some kind of outreach work during their time here at the Rinker School," Chini said.



Tomasz Wisniewski and Paul Wroblewski



BCN students showing off their Doc T-shirts



BCN students and alumni enjoying the day's festivities



Dr. Leon Wetherington, Professor Michael Cook, Sallie Schattner and Matthew Szporka admiring the UF Gator-fishing pole.

The retirement party was a fun filled day with a BBQ, games and live music provided by BCN's very own Tomasz Wisniewski and Paul Wroblewski, both current graduate students. The BBQ provided the opportunity for fellow faculty, staff and students to share their memories and reminisces of all the good times they've had with Doc throughout the years. All guests picked up a complimentary "Doc t-shirt" with the classic photo of him smoking his signature pipe. Everyone then gathered in the Charles Perry Construction Yard to watch the slide show which was produced to showcase past and present photos of the professor in action, during his classes and service projects he was involved with.

Sallie Schattner, admissions/registrar officer for the School presented Doc a plaque and Professor Cook presented him with a University of Florida Gator fishing pole. Lastly, Sigma Lambda Chi, which Doc advised for several years, presented him with a hunting knife as a parting gift and thank you for all his years of dedicated service to the organization and to BCN.

Although Doc will remain with the BCN staff as an adjunct professor, when he finally does retire from BCN completely, he will be missed. Doc is an integral part of the BCN family and programs.

BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

The Tampa Bay Gator BCN Club will be holding its fall meeting, in Sarasota at the R.J. Gators Florida Sea Grille on September 13th at 5:30 pm.

The club held its winter meeting, sponsored by the AGC of Greater Florida, Inc., at Rick's On The River, on February 22, 2007. Representatives of WCI Communities gave a presentation on their amazing "team effort" to build a new home for a family in Tampa's Davis Island in seven days. The project was featured on ABC Television's Extreme Makeover, Home Edition and club members were treated to a sneak preview before the program aired.

The club hosted their Second Annual UF Tampa Bay Gator BCN Club Golf Scramble at The Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater, Florida on Tuesday, May 22, 2007. A pre-event lunch was provided prior to the shotgun start with twenty-six foursomes competing in a "Best Ball" format, followed by a post tournament awards ceremony with multiple raffle gifts, silent auction items and a light snack buffet.



The Closest-To-The-Pin Contest winners: George Edmonson, Jr. "Mr. Two Bits", Bob Angle, Debbie Murray Defoe and Jerry Schmid

The team sponsored by Springer Peterson Roofing and Sheet Metal, which included Rob Springer, Don Springer, Jay Gabler and John Gabler, took first place honors this year. The teams from R.J. Griffin & Co. and David Nelson Construction Co. took second and third place, respectively.

Everyone had a great time again this year. The golf course was in perfect shape and the many prizes and gifts that were available for the participants made an enjoyable afternoon of golf and socializing with friends and business associates. These were all made possible by our sponsors and the many volunteers that helped plan and work this event. The Rinker School's Endowed Professorship Program received \$10,880 from this event's proceeds. The Tampa Bay Club wishes to acknowledge and thank the following firms for their generous participation and contributions:

Able Body Labor/ Angle & Schmid/ Bovis Lend Lease/ Brandon Construction/ Clark Construction/ David Nelson Construction/ Diaz Fritz Isabel/ Florida Handling Systems/ Florida Man

Construction/ Hennessey Construction Services/ Highway Rock Industries/ Gerdau Ameristeel/ H.D. White Cap/ Henkel Technologies/ Hughes Benefit Services/ Irwin Contracting/ Jim & Slim's Tool Supply/ John Carlo Incorporated/ Kalemeris Construction/ McIntyre, Elwell and Strammer/ Merit Professional-Coatings/ Paul J. Sierra Construction/ Procrete Systems/ Product Innovations/ Proefke Construction/ R.J. Griffin & Company/ R.R. Simmons Construction/ Rinker Materials/ Rowland/ RSC Rentals/ Springer Peterson/ Sunbelt Rentals/ Tappouni Mechanical/ Travelers of Florida/ Turner Construction & Development/ United Rentals/ W.G. Mills/ Wagner Bonding & Insurance Working Capital Consultants/ York International/ Zurich American Insurance Company.

The Northeast Florida Gator BCN Club is planning their next committee meeting for sometime in August. If anyone is interested in membership, please contact Mr. Erik Sharpe at ESharpe@BrasfieldGorrie.com. Refer to the BCN website and click on regional clubs for this club's future events.

The Southwest Florida Gator BCN Club has finalized their chapter and the Board has been appointed. In addition, they are planning a social event for August to introduce the Board and announce the details of their first annual golf tournament. The golf tournament is scheduled for October 5th at the Colony Golf and Country Club, in Bonita Springs. For details on participating in the tournament and sponsorship, please go to the BCN website and click on alumni regional clubs. For membership and further information, please contact Mike Richardson at (239) 253-9772 or mike@deerbrookinc.com.

The Gainesville / Ocala Gator BCN Club hosted a barbeque and skeet shoot at Bradford Sportsmen's Club on Friday, June 15, 2007. Approximately 30 members and friends attended the event and enjoyed a day of sociable competition. Ken Tenney, BCN '75 and owner of Central Florida Drywall & Plastering, took home the coveted top overall shooter award.

The Gainesville / Ocala BCN Alumni Club would like to encourage all BCN alumni and friends to join their current members in any and all events. Their next meeting will be a social mixer in August. For more information, please contact Ryan Murphy at rmm@ppicm.com or (352) 331-1141.

The West Palm Gator BCN Club is looking for additional support to plan their next event. If anyone is interested, please contact Mr. Vince Burkhardt at vince@burkhardtconstruction.com. The West Palm Club includes the following counties: Highlands, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, Glades, Hendry and Palm Beach. Refer to the BCN website and click on regional clubs for any updates.

The Western U.S. Gator BCN Club is looking for anyone who is interested in helping to form and organize the inaugural event. For more information, please contact Brandon T. Moore at bmooregators@hotmail.com

BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

Attention Orlando Area Alumni

The Orlando Gator BCN Club

Requests your attendance at

The Rinker School's
70th Anniversary Banquet
and fundraiser for
the 70th Anniversary Endowed Professorship

This event is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2007 at the J.W. Marriott Grand Lakes (South Orlando) Hotel. The cocktail reception will start at 6 pm with dinner and program starting at 7 pm, and going until 10 pm. Invitations will be sent out to the Orlando area alumni in October. Prizes will be raffled at the end of the event as well.

J. Raymond Construction has agreed to be a sponsor at this year's event. If you would like more information about the Orlando Gator BCN Club, additional information on the banquet, or would like to sponsor a table, please contact Mr. John Sofarelli at: jsfarelli@jray.com.

Balfour Beatty Construction Golf Tournament

BCN was the beneficiary of a golf tournament fundraiser organized by Balfour Beatty Construction (formerly Centex Construction). The event was held on May 7, 2007 at Grand Oaks Golf Club in Fort Lauderdale and raised \$30,000 for the Rinker School.

Balfour Beatty Construction is not a new face on campus. Besides building Rinker Hall, the company has been supporting BCN for many years and actively recruits BCN students. In fact, it has been the professional caliber of BCN students and graduates that was a key reason in choosing BCN as the recipient for this year's fundraiser. Ray Southern, CEO of the Florida division of Balfour Beatty Construction – and a BCN alumnus- explains it this way, "The UF Rinker School has always been recognized by the industry, and by Balfour Beatty Construction, as one of the top construction schools in the country. Roughly 25% of our four-year graduates are from the University of Florida and of course, the majority with a degree in building construction. As the demand for top talent becomes more competitive, so does the demand for the Rinker School to continue to grow to support our industry."

Dr. Abdol Chini, Marcia Bourdon and David Weiss accepted the contribution at an awards ceremony immediately following the tournament. Thirty-five companies participated, many of which have sponsored this event in the past.

We would like to thank the companies who have graciously sponsored this year's tournament: Acousti Engineering/ Aetna Construction/ American Engineering/ Anning Johnson/ Baker Concrete Construction/ Baring Industries/ C Davis Electric/ Central Florida Equipment/ Coreslab Structures/ Custom Welding & Fabrication/ Delta Painting/ Enterprise Fleet Management/ Form Works/ Francis Engineering/ H & J Contracting/ Hypower/ IKON Office Solutions/ Lotspeich Company of Florida/ Mello Concrete/ National Construction Rentals/ North Ridge Electric/ Office Depot/ Performance Door & Hardware/ Right Way Plumbing/ Rinker Materials/ Sherwin Williams/ Southeast Mechanical Contractors/ Spectra Contract Flooring/ Steel Fabricators/ Tarmac – A Titan America Business/ Thermal Concepts/ Tilt-Con Corporation/ Triple M Roofing Corp/ Ulmer Construction.



From left to right: Ray Southern, Al Petrangeli, Abdol Chini, Marcia Bourdon, David Weiss and Steve Palmer

Professor-for-a-day

Every spring semester, the Rinker School offers industry members an opportunity to be a “Professor-for-a-day.” The BCN professors are asked to invite guest speakers to their classes to discuss current issues in their field of interest. The two day program which took place on February 14-15, allowed the students to receive an inside look into the construction industry.

If you are interested in being a “Professor-for-a-day” or would like additional information, please contact Dr. Abdol Chini at chini@ufl.edu. If you are interested in a particular course, you may contact that professor directly.

Professors-for-a-day

John Beaudry - Safety Consultant

Adam C. Bolton - Robinsone Inc.

Al Dell’Isola -Projacs USA

Brice Miller - Clancy and Theys

Raymond L. Robinson - Robinson & Associates, P.A.

Joerg Rudolph - PERI Formwork Systems, Inc.

David A. Stayshich - Fluor Corporation

Glynn Summers - Sunbelt Rentals

Craig & Robert Theisen - Tilt-Con Construction

Guest Speakers

We would like to thank the following people for donating their time and sharing their knowledge and experience with our students

BCN 3027 - Construction Profession and Ethics

-John Carlson, President of PPI

-Carol Hurst, Chief Building Official for Alachua County

-Philip Rickman, Architect

-John Sofarelli, President of J. Raymond Construction Co.

-Dan Whiteman, President of Coastal Construction

BCN 3700 - Construction Contracts

-Jeff Braswell, Attorney

-Ray Robinson, Attorney

BCN 4023 - Creating Affordable Housing

-Bob Beisel, Sales Engineer with Nudura Corporation

-Ron Gaines, Sales Engineer with Simpson Strong-Tie Co.

-Pierce Jones, Director of IFAS Program for Resource Efficient Communities

-Linda Patrick, Gainesville Building Department

-Diep Tu, Engineering Director with Florida Concrete & Products Association

- Brian Tully, Sales Engineer with Aercon of Florida LLC.

BCN 4612 - Estimating II

-David Brasch, Vice President of Harmon Glass

-Greg Grooms, Project Manager with Pulte Homes

-Calvin Helitzer, Director of Pre-construction Services with Gryphon Construction Company

-Art Higgonbotham, Director of Pre-construction Services with Walt Disney Imagineering

-Rachael Johnson, Director of Estimating for RCC Associates

-Chuck Sauls, Director of Pre-construction Services with Hardin Construction Company

BCN 4712 - Managing Construction Operations

-Tim Good, Vice President of The Haskell Company

-Sid Jordan, President-Southern Division of Clark Construction

-Dan Lindsey, J. Raymond Construction Corp.

-Jim O’ Leary, The Haskell Company

-John Omran, Clark Construction

-Pete Pace, VP & CEO of the Florida Division of Clancy & Theys Construction Company

-Chip Reid, CEO of Current Builders

-John Sofarelli, President of J. Raymond Construction

-Mike Walsh, President of MM Parrish Construction

BCN 4735 - Construction Safety

-Dennis and Paul Brannon, Attorneys

-J.D. Lewis, Bovis Lend Lease

-Joseph R. Roesler, CAS (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)

-Brian Roundtree, The Haskell Company

-Glynn Summers, Sunbelt Equipment

BCN 5618 – Comprehensive Estimating

-Bryan Parker, Chief Estimator with Balfour Beatty Construction (Formerly Centex)

BCN 6586 - Construction Ecology & Metabolism

-Mark Brown, Environmental Engineering

-Ken Fonorow, Florida HERO Inc.

-Ann Wilkie, Agricultural Engineering at UF

Endowed Professorship for Construction Services

The Rinker School proposes to develop a construction services track using an endowment funded by companies in the construction services sector of the construction industry. Students who graduate from this track will be qualified to work for equipment suppliers, material suppliers, testing laboratories, bonding agencies, insurance providers, financial firms, accounting firms, legal firms, and specialty contractors that support and contribute to the growth and development of the construction industry. The resources generated by this endowment would be used to hire an outstanding construction professional to develop and teach courses in construction services and share his/her knowledge with our students to give them a broader exposure to the “real world” of construction.

Equipment/material suppliers and manufacturers, bonding/ insurance/ accounting /legal firms, and specialty contractors are encouraged to consider a generous donation (minimum \$20,000) to the endowment for Construction Service Professorship. The goal is to raise \$1.2 million and apply for a 50% state match. Total gift with match (\$1,800,000) will generate \$72,000/year.

Donors will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Perpetual Donor Wall Recognition
- Orange and Blueprints publication
- Perspective publication
- University Honor Roll of Donors
- LCD monitor advertisement space
- Rinker School Career Fair booklet
- UF President’s Council recognition
- Invitation to the annual President’s Council Gala
- A subscription to the UF Today magazine
- Borrower privileges at the UF’s libraries
- Football parking passes for Society level and above
- Occasional visitor parking on campus during business hours

For more information please contact Abdol Chini (chini@ufl.edu) or Marcia Bourdon (mbourdon@ufl.edu).

Endowments

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction holds nearly 30 endowed funds totaling \$20 million. The forward-thinking donors that have given endowed gifts are providing support in the most sustainable way. It is the perpetual interest generated by these invested funds that supports BCN students, faculty and research with steady replenishing beyond state budgets. Endowment funds begin at \$30,000. Funds established

with gifts of \$100,000 and above are eligible for matching funds through the State of Florida’s Major Gifts Trust Fund.

For more information on endowments or other giving opportunities, please contact Marcia Bourdon at: (352) 392-4836, ext. 314 or mbourdon@ufl.edu

New Endowments in the Rinker School

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

- Balfour Beatty Scholarship Endowment - \$30,000
- BCN 70th Anniversary Endowed Professorship - \$230,000 + \$115,000 anticipated match
- C. H. Denny, III Endowed Scholarship/Fellowship - \$100,000 + \$50,000 anticipated match
- Fluor Scholarship for the National Association of Women in Construction Members - \$20,000
- Greg Jones Endowed Scholarship - \$81,000
- William and Aneice Lassiter Endowed Professorship - \$1,000,001 + \$1,000,001 anticipated match
- Charles R. Perry Endowed Professorship - \$1,000,001 + \$750,000 anticipated match
- Matthew Remsen Memorial Fund - \$20,000
- Jerry Rumsey Endowed Scholarship - \$20,000
- Ed and Betty Proefke Endowment to support the Center for Collective Protection \$100,000 + \$50,000 anticipated match

BCN Construction Hall of Fame

William G. Lassiter and William R. Derrer were selected as the 2007 inductees for the BCN Construction Hall of Fame. Mr. Lassiter will be inducted in a ceremony on September 28th in conjunction with the Florida Tomorrow - The Campaign for the UF. Another ceremony is scheduled for Mr. Derrer's induction in conjunction with the UF Homecoming events on November 3rd. During these ceremonies, the inductees will have their bronze plaques on the Construction Hall of Fame wall unveiled.



William G. Lassiter graduated from University of Florida in 1951 with a degree in Building Construction. He is currently Director of W.G. Lassiter Properties, Inc., a major real estate development company in Palm Beach. He is also president of Palm Beach Development Corp. and Legal Leasing Corporation.

Upon graduation from UF, Bill was employed by the E.D. DuPont de Nemours Company in Savannah River H-Bomb plant in Aiken, South Carolina for four years. He then became general superintendent of construction for John A. Robbins Co. of Philadelphia, developing and building shopping centers from 1955-1958. In 1958, he joined W.G. Lassiter Co., a general contracting firm founded by his father, as vice president. He became president of the company in 1972 at the elder Williams' retirement and director of W.G. Lassiter Properties, Inc. in 1977.

Bill was named to the Palm Beach Atlantic University's Board of Trustees in 1974 and since then has been actively involved in the University's growth. In 1993, he was honored with the Palm Beach Atlantic University's American Free Enterprise Medal, and in 2005, Bill was named a Life Trustee. The Palm Beach Atlantic University awarded him an honorary doctorate degree in 2006.

Bill and his wife, Aneice, have been generous supporters of UF and the Rinker School, where their \$2 million gift in 2006 helped fund two Endowed Professorships in Building Construction and Pediatrics. The University has applied for \$2 million matching grant from the State of Florida.



William Rick Derrer graduated with honors from the University of Florida in 1973, with a degree in Building Construction. He was hired fresh out of college by Frank J. Rooney, Inc., one of the largest general contractors in Florida, at the time. From there he quickly stood out with his strong desire to excel. Rick was vice president before he was 30 years old.

He is currently the President of James A. Cummings, Inc. He has been in the construction industry for 33 years, and has earned a reputation of dealing with everyone with integrity and facing challenges on jobsites with a no-nonsense approach. He has worked tirelessly to create a program that would benefit small businesses and those involved in the old MWBE program, thus bringing about the newly created Community Small Business Enterprise (CSBE).

Rick also serves as a member of the Rinker School's Advisory Council EXCOM and assists with fundraising and curriculum development. He was the chair of the organizing committee for the South Florida Gator BCN Club's 70th Anniversary banquet. His countless hours and leadership were the primary reason this banquet was a big success and raised \$100,000 for BCN.

Rick's passion for his company extends to the community as well. He is an outstanding contributor to many charities including the Boys & Girls Club, United Way, and the Partnership for the Homeless. These and many other organizations have benefited from his philosophy of giving back to the community.

BCN Distinguished Alumnus Award

This award is given annually to a graduate of the School who has graduated a minimum of ten years prior to the award. The Nominee must have distinguished himself/herself since graduation in a construction field and have demonstrated consistent support of the School. The 2007 BCN Distinguished Alumnus is Sidney R. Jordan.



Sidney R. Jordan graduated second in his class in 1981, from the Rinker School. He found his passion in building construction at the age of 12, when he worked in the field as a laborer and concrete finisher. After graduating from BCN, he began as a project coordinator with Federal Construction in St. Petersburg, and was quickly promoted to project manager in just a year and a half. At 26, only four

years after graduating, he became Vice President, which is a testament to his outstanding management and leadership skills.

Since 1996 he has been President of the Southern Division of Clark Construction Group - the nation's largest privately held building contractor. In that capacity, he has supervised the construction of many of the interesting projects in the Southeast including the Orange County Convention Center, the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, as well as other projects..

As Vice Chairman of the Rinker School's Industry Advisory

Council EXCOM, Sid provides proactive input to curricula of the Rinker School to insure they address current industry practices and standards. Due to his strong lobbying effort for the School, Clark Construction is a major donor to the Rinker School at the Gold level.

Sid spends countless hours towards community service including:

University Community Hospital Board and Foundation, Gilda's House, Metropolitan Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, and most recently remodeling a home to best fit the needs of an U.S. Army soldier who lost his sight during the Iraq war.

Building Construction Advisory Council Executive Committee

The BCN Advisory Council EXCOM held their spring meeting on April 13, 2007 at Hyatt Regency of Orlando International Airport. In attendance were: Robert Angle, John Bennett, Vince Burkhardt, Rick Derrer, Tim Good, Paul Hardaker, John McIntyre, Harley Miller, Bill Morthland, Steve Palmer, Charles Reid, Eric Sharpe, Darrell Smith, John Sofarelli, Raymond Southern, David Stayshich, Wayne Wadsworth, Breck Weingart, Louie Wise III, Marcia Bourdon, Abdol Chini, Raymond Issa, Sally Morris, and Julie Segura. Steve Palmer, Chair of the Committee called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Julie Segura, the new BCN Alumni Liaison/Job Placement Coordinator was introduced. The BCN Regional Club representatives reported their activities during the past six months and their future plans. John Sofarelli reported

that the Orlando club plans to have a fund raising banquet in fall 2007. Wayne Wadsworth is in the process of forming the BCN club in Atlanta. His goal is to have the club's first meeting this summer. The new registration fee for the BCN career fair and revised criteria for being a major donor to the School were discussed and approved. Darrell Smith reported his initiative for fund raising for an endowed professorship in construction services. The Development Subcommittee volunteered to provide promotional materials to solicit support from subcontractors, vendors, insurance/bonding companies, etc. The next EXCOM meeting is schedule for Friday, November 2, 2007 from 8:30 am to 12 pm in Rinker Hall.

Meet Breck Weingart, BCN Advisory Council EXCOM Member



Breck Weingart is president of Charles Perry Construction, Inc. He is also a co-owner of both Charles Perry Construction, Inc and PPI Construction Management. Breck received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida School of Building Construction in 1980. He is a strong supporter of the University of Florida's endeavors, and an outstanding alumnus of the BCN program.

An Ohio native, Breck first took an interest in the building trade from his father, who worked as a subcontractor and moved the family around the U.S. for a number of years. He took a job as a project estimator for Charles Perry Construction. Breck began taking on more responsibility and eventually became vice president and co-owner with Mr. Charles Perry. PPI Construction

Management was subsequently established as a separate company in 1993 to pursue construction management contracts. Breck continues to carry on the high standards established by the late Charles Perry.

Through his ownership in the two companies, he employs over 200 people in Gainesville, Orlando, and Flagler County, and has garnered a reputation among his employees and the construction industry as being honest, fair, and a true steward of the industry.

He has been involved in commercial building construction in the Gainesville area since 1983 and has served on community boards including the Santa Fe Community College Board of Trustees, SFCC Endowment Board, M&S Bank Board of Directors, Builder's Association of North Central Florida, FHSAA Public Liaison Advisory Committee, Gainesville Country Club Board of Directors, and the Alachua County Boys and Girls Club.

New Career Fair Registration Fee

The registration fee for the BCN Career Fair will change effective fall 2007 based on the recommendations from the Building Construction Advisory Council Executive Committee. The main reasons for the change are the increase in costs to rent the O'Connell Center and catering food, hiring a full-time Job Placement

Regular Registration Fee:

For a booth including two recruiters - \$1,000

For each additional recruiter - add \$400 each

Major Donor Registration Fee:

Bronze Level

For a booth including two recruiters - \$500

For each additional recruiter add \$300 each

Silver Level

For a booth including two recruiters - \$300

Add one additional recruiter free of charge.

For each additional recruiter add \$300 each

Gold Level

For a booth including two recruiters - \$300

Add up to three additional recruiters free of charge.

Coordinator, and providing additional resources for recruiters and students to make the recruiting process more efficient. In an effort to "level the playing field," the Executive Committee recommends that a base fee be charged for two recruiters with an additional fee for each additional recruiter.

Major Donor Levels:

Bronze: Companies who have contributed \$10,000 or more to the Rinker School over the preceding 3 years.

Silver: Companies who have contributed \$50,000 or more to the Rinker School over the preceding 10 years.

Gold: Companies who have contributed \$100,000 or more to the Rinker School over the preceding 10 years.

Other Major Donor's Advantages:

- All Major Donors will receive preferential placement at the Career Fair, according to their level of donations.

- All Major Donors can participate in a reception with the graduating seniors the evening before the Career Fair.

- Major Donors will be given priority for interview and seminar at the School before the Career Fair.

Major Donor Companies

Gold

Rinker Materials

G.W. Robinson Builders

Fluor Corporation

Clark Construction

Balfour Beatty Construction

Miller Construction

Current Builders

James A. Cummings

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Holder Construction

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Stellar Group

Kelsey Construction

Summit Contractors

Hardin Construction

Bronze

Coastal Construction

Brasfield And Gorrie

M. M. Parrish Construction

J. Raymond Construction

Turner Construction

Charles Perry Construction

Burkhardt Construction

Moss & Associates

Hensel Phelps Construction

NDC Construction

R.C. Stevens Construction

Catalfumo Const. And Development

A2 Group

Suffolk Construction Company

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Parsons Brinckerhoff

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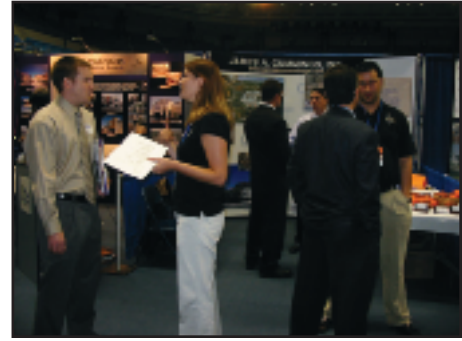
G.L. Homes

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Spring 2007 Career Fair

The Spring 2007 BCN Career Fair was held on February 13th at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. Each semester, a career fair is held for all students to meet with recruiters from a wide range of building construction industries including: commercial; residential; real estate development; civil engineering and retail, educational and institutional developers. With over 100 companies and 400 students in attendance, the career fair was once again an enormous success. All graduating students were able to find permanent employment and many of the students were able to secure internships.

The day before the career fair, a major donor reception was held. This reception was solely for major donors to interview and socialize with upper division students and graduate students. The reception attracted over 20 major donors and gave them an advance opportunity for recruiting BCN students. The night before the career fair, recruiters met for a social gathering at the Emerson Alumni Hall. The recruiter's reception allowed recruiters to mingle with past graduates, BCN faculty and staff.



Welcome Reception

On January 17th, the Rinker faculty and staff welcomed new students to the School with a reception at Emerson Alumni Hall. This event gave the Rinker faculty and staff an opportunity to introduce themselves and tell the students a little of what their role was at the school. **Holder Construction** sponsored the reception and showed a video about their firm, giving students a glimpse of what awaits them in a few short years. The evening concluded with a brief reading of the School's history, followed by the students having an opportunity to meet with the BCN student clubs and organizations.



Holder Representatives Wayne Wadsworth and Beth Studley

The Building Construction Career Fair

October 23, 2007 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Stephen C. O'Connell Center

For more information, visit our website at:
www.bcn.ufl.edu (click on Job Placement)



Graduation Dinner

On the evening of May 3rd, graduating students along with their families, friends and BCN faculty and staff gathered at Emerson Alumni Hall for a graduation dinner. The evening started with Dr. Chini saying a few words and then introducing Dean Christopher Silver. Dean Silver welcomed everyone and congratulated them on graduating from such a prestigious program. This was followed by the faculty and staff introductions.

Following dinner, Dr. Chini introduced Mr. Sidney J. Jordan, he was presented with the BCN Distinguished Alumnus Award. Mr. Jordan is President of Clark Construction Group's Southern Division.

Then the evening's sponsor, Hunt Construction Group gave a presentation, detailing the firm and highlighting current and past projects. After this was the presentation of the awards and the first award of the evening was for Academic Excellence, awarded to **Matthew Szporka** for having the highest GPA over his four semesters with BCN. Matt also received the H. Duff Williamson Award in Estimating. Another prestigious award, the Student Leadership Award went to **Keith Carr**. **Christopher McCarthy** received the Fluor Award in Construction Safety and **William Long III** received the last award of the evening for the Best Overall Capstone Project.

The evening concluded with each student introducing their guests, along with sharing a favorite BCN moment with everyone. Special thanks to **Hunt Construction Group** for sponsoring the graduation dinner.



From left to right: Hunt Construction Group Representatives Mike Penick, Cynthia Phillips, Bill Morthland, Tim Plate and Denise Hand with Abdol Chini



Christopher McCarthy receiving his Fluor Award in Construction Safety from Dr. Jimmie Hinze

Commencement

The Spring 2007 commencement for the College of Design, Construction and Planning was held on May 4th at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. This year the commencement for graduate degrees was held separately on May 3rd. For the Spring 2007, the Rinker School announced the graduation of 65 students with bachelor's and 23 with their master's degrees. Hazar Dib and Zhigang Shen received their Ph.D. degree with concentration in Building Construction. We at the Rinker School wish our newest graduates the best of luck with their new careers or next level of education.

During the ceremony, the college recognized Dr. Rick Smailes and Sallie Schattner for their achievements. Dr. Smailes received the college's 2007 Teacher of the Year Award and Sallie Schattner received the college's Advisor of the Year Award. The university conferred a posthumous degree in Building Construction to Jeremy Marlar who lost his battle with cancer before he had a chance to graduate.



Dr. Rick Smailes and Sallie Schattner being recognized by Dr. Paul Zwick, Associate Dean during the commencement ceremony

Residential Construction Management Team

In February 2007, students of the Rinker School participated in the Residential Construction Competition at the International Builders Show in Orlando. Our team this year was sponsored by **Mercedes Homes**. The case project was a condominium development in Fairfax, VA built by Centex Homes. The students applied their knowledge of estimating, scheduling, and finance as well as sales and marketing to the project. The team members are shown from left to right: Christopher McCarthy, Julian Miller, Greg Stetz, Tomeka Jordan, Faculty Advisor Rick Smailes, Jennifer Grinnan, Allen Smith and Adam Robertson.



Residential Construction Management Team Members

Construction Management Team

The BCN Construction Management team competed in the ABC National competition on March 22nd - 24th in Nashville, TN. The team finished second for the overall competition, 2nd for the project management/scheduling award and finished 1st for the estimating award. Team members included: Kevin Chupp, Scott Dennis, Christine Fernandez, Jordan Keen, David Smith and Eric Weiss. The team's faculty coach was Professor Michael Cook. We would like to thank **PCEA Orlando**, **RCC Associates** and the **Gulf Coast Chapter of ABC** for sponsoring the team.



From left to right: Kevin Chupp, Eric Weiss, Professor Cook, Jordan Keen, David Smith, Christine Fernandez and Jeffery Scott Dennis

Graduate Student Team

For the first time, the Rinker School participated in the national graduate construction competition hosted by the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) in conjunction with the ASC Regions VI and VII conference competitions in Reno, Nevada February 7-10, 2007. The Florida Team, "Gator Construction," was coached by Dr. Raymond Issa and led by team captain, Major Patrick Suermann, P.E., the current Rinker Scholar. The team was also lucky to have two graduate students who recently matriculated from Colorado State's undergraduate construction program, Will Kochenour and Greg Smith. Finally, the team's "secret weapon" was Edwin Perkins, who has extensive computer skills in Building Information Modeling (BIM) design, rendering, and coordination.

At this year's competition, the teams were required to simulate the ongoing operation of a complex, multi-phase construction project in an interactive environment, including efficient management of normal construction operations, the resolution of special problems and the accurate reporting of cost and schedule status. The sponsor, **Clark Construction**, presented a scenario based on

the successful management of a highly complex seismic upgrade to the Northridge Hospital Medical Center (NHMC). The NHMC is a 425-bed Acute Care Facility in the west San Fernando Valley.

The team learned a lot, represented the University of Florida well, and looks forward to returning again next year to take home first place!



From left to right: Edwin Perkins, Will Kochenour and Patrick Suermann

Green Building Team

In February 2007, a BCN team traveled to Reno, Nevada to compete in a new Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) competition addressing delivery systems for green buildings. The members of the team were three Senior 2's (John Finch, Sean Horan, and Bobby Patel) and three Junior 2's (Matt Enander, Matt Forenza, and Eric Chellberg) and the coach was Dr. Charles Kibert. The participating teams were required to develop and submit a prequalification statement prior to the competition based on the U.S. Green Building Council LEED building rating standard. The actual competition in Reno included 10 teams, with most of them being from the western region of the ASC. The LEED building for the competition was a 30 story office building located in Seattle, Washington, an actual LEED project recently completed by the competition sponsor, Skanska. The first day competition was the full development of a green building proposal that included detailed cost analyses, scheduling, LEED strategy development, and life cycle costing, with a presentation to the project team on the morning of the second day. Although the BCN team did not win the competition, they performed extremely well. Each of the team members said it was one of the best learning experi-

ences they have had to date. Next year's competition will again be held in Reno and the three Junior 2's on the team will be the core of an even stronger and better prepared team next year. We would like to thank **McIntyre, Elwell and Strammer GC** and **USGBC Gulf Coast Chapter in Tampa** for sponsoring the team. The Beck Group in Tampa will be the sponsor of next year's BCN green team.



Team members preparing for competition

Germany Exchange Program

The ninth Germany Exchange was completed this past May. Eleven University of Florida students, accompanied by Dr. Jimmie Hinze, participated in the exchange program this year. The three-week program included visits to Detmold, Cologne, Berlin, Potsdam, Dessau, Dresden, Leipzig and other smaller cities located near Detmold. This year the students had two consecutive "free" days and they took advantage of the block of time to visit Amsterdam and Hamburg. The group was joined in Berlin by Dr. Kevin Grosskopf. The program consisted of tours of various construction sites and also visits to traditional points of interest. As a continuation of the exchange program, four German students are planning to visit our campus this fall and enroll in the fall semester classes.



Learning to LEED

The Rinker School is teaching a series of professional development courses designed to assist construction industry professionals pass the examination to become a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED-AP). The lead instructor for these courses is Dr. Charles Kibert. These two day courses provide an intense learning experience for the participants and fully acquaint them with the US Green Building Council LEED rating system for new construction and major renovations (LEED-NC). The course also

meets CEU requirements of contractors, architects, engineers, and landscape architects. Attendees who do not pass the LEED-AP examination can take the course a second time at no additional cost. For detailed information go to <http://www.treeo.ufl.edu/LEED> Course dates and locations are as follows:

August 9-10 Jacksonville
September 27-28 Ft Lauderdale

October 25-26 Orlando
November 29-30 Gainesville

Hong Kong Exchange Program

The Rinker School and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) Department of Building and Real Estate signed an agreement for a reciprocal student exchange program in 2006. During the spring 2007 semester, two BCN students, Chris Holzworth and Troy Newberg went to PolyU and three PolyU students, Natalie Tak Yan Lee, Eva Ka Yi Sung, and Josefina Wing Yi Eramela studied at UF. Following are Troy's memories from Hong Kong and an interview with Natalie, Eva, and Josefina.

Troy Newberg:

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University boasts an inviting environment and top notch professors. Always willing to help and go the extra mile, the professors made the material easy to understand and appreciate. The language and communication barrier, which I assumed would be the most difficult part, surprisingly was virtually non-existent. The people of Hong Kong are very eager to please, and always welcomed you with open arms. Hong Kong was nothing like I expected. It was a Chinese speaking version of the city that never sleeps. The night life didn't end till the sun came up. And the opportunities to meet new people from all over the world were never ending.

The memories I made by traveling to Hong Kong will follow me throughout my life. The culture, which at first was intimidating, became second nature to me. From riding on subways, eating exotic foods, using chop sticks, traveling all over Asia, a new adventure was always around the corner. Being able to see and experience the other side of the world opened my eyes to what all the world has to offer. Life in Hong Kong was trouble-free and fun, an experience that I wouldn't trade for anything.

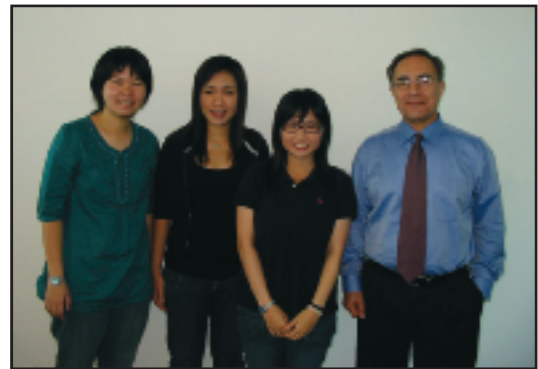
Interview:

Traveling across the world to a different country and culture can be a challenge, but for three students studying at the Rinker School from Hong Kong, it was the experience of a life time. Natalie Tak Yan Lee, Eva Ka Yi Sung, and Josefina Wing Yi Eramela left their home school, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and became BCN Gators during the Spring 2007 semester.

According to the students, the biggest difference between school in Hong Kong and UF was the increased amount of tests throughout the semester. "In Hong Kong, we have one test at the end and that is it," Josefina said. "Here, I think it is better. The tests through the semester encourage you to study as you go along." Natalie, Eva and Josefina found BCN students and faculty very enthusiastic about construction and of course, UF sports. "We enjoyed the final matches for basketball," Josefina said. "People here are very enthusiastic about sports!" They also were grateful for the help they received from students. "Everyone was just really friendly and nice," Josefina said. "In Hong Kong, people are always rushing and going. Here, people really help with any problem you have until it is finished." The students returned to Hong Kong during the summer where they will continue their studies in building construction.



Troy Newberg, Chris Holzworth, Dr. Francis Wong, two exchange students from Korea and Dr. Parick Fong



Eva, Josefina, Natalie and Abdol Chini

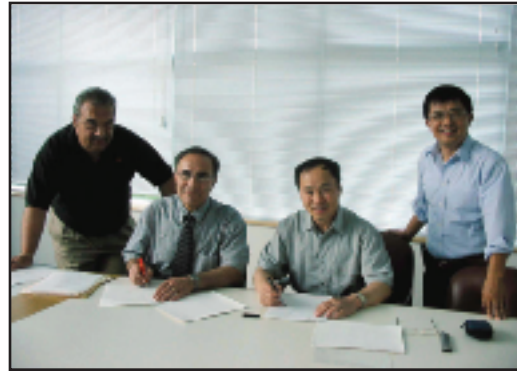
Australian Exchange Program

The Rinker School currently has exchange programs with three Australian universities: the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (Melbourne), Queensland Institute of Technology (Brisbane), and Curtin Institute of Technology (Perth). Each year several BCN students attend one of these three programs and a similar number of Australian students attend the BCN program, usually for one semester. For the fall of 2007, seven students from Curtin Institute of Technology will attend classes in the Rinker School as

part of this new exchange program. Curtin is located in Perth in Western Australia, an area about the size of half the United States but with a population of just 1 million. Dr. Charles Kibert is the University of Florida administrator for these three exchanges and he has visited and taught at all three Australian institutions. Over the past three years, 9 BCN students have attended construction programs in Australian universities for a semester.

Agreement Signed with Architecture Society of China

On May 1, 2007, Mr. Chang Zhou, the Secretary General of Architectural Society of China (ASC) and Dr. Abdol Chini signed an agreement for the development of cooperative efforts between the Rinker School and the Architectural Society of China in Beijing to enhance the academic interchange between the two institutions. In particular, they agreed on joint delivery of the online Master of International Construction Management (MICM) degree in China. ASC will be responsible for marketing, recruitment, registration, and logistical support of students in China, and the Rinker School will be responsible for curriculum development and instruction of the MICM courses. UF will issue the MICM degree to Chinese students who have successfully completed all required courses and the comprehensive exam. ASC will start marketing the program in China this fall and is prepared to register students for the Spring 2008 semester.



Dr. Issa, Dr. Chini, Mr. Chang Zhou, the Secretary general of ASC, and Dr. Sherman Bai, Director of UF Beijing Center for International Studies

Code Books Donated to the Rinker School

The International Code Council (ICC) donated a complete collection of the 2004 Florida Building Code to the Rinker School. On May 3, 2007, Doug Murdock, Head of the Building Inspection Department of the City of Gainesville and a member of ICC Board of Directors presented sets of code books to the Rinker School faculty. The code books are placed in the Planning Room in Rinker Hall to be used by BCN students to familiarize them with the Florida Building Code.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.



Doug Murdock presenting Florida Building Codes to BCN Faculty

Fluor Program for Construction Safety

The Fluor Program for Construction Safety had an active spring semester. Nine masters students completed their graduate degrees by pursuing research topics in construction safety. Two doctoral students will complete their degrees by the end of the summer and additional masters students will be completing their thesis research in safety during the fall semester. Fluor Corporation has supported several research studies in construction safety, especially studies that have examined safety as it applies to the Hispanic workforce.

Fluor has continued to sponsor the student chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Also, with the assis-

tance of Fluor Corporation, safety instruction will have a stronger show-and-tell focus as safety products are acquired to help students visualize the proper selection and use of personal protective equipment, scaffolding, ladders, small tools, etc. Beginning this fall, the required safety class will be offered to the second semester junior students in the Rinker School.

The spring recipient of Fluor's Outstanding Student in Construction Safety Award was Christopher McCarthy. Award recipients are students who have demonstrated excellence in their knowledge and understanding of construction safety. Chris was also an active participant in the activities of the ASSE.

Estimating Workshop

The industry review of the estimating courses took place on Monday, February 12, 2007 in the Rinker Hall conference room. Attendees included: Tim Dickson (Stellar), Terry Forrester (J. Raymond), Tim Good (Haskell), Calvin Helitzer (GRYPHON), Mark Kavoullich (WCI), Steve Losie (James. A. Cummings), J.R. Maxam (Holder), Brian Parker (Centex), Ron Qualls (Stellar), David Simons (Haskell), Fred Strammer (ME&S), Mike Taylor (Current Builders), Abdol Chini (Rinker School), Mike Cook (Rinker School), and Kevin Grosskopf (Rinker School).

The course content and instructional materials utilized for BCN 3611 - Estimating I, BCN 4612 – Estimating II, and BCN 5618 – Comprehensive Estimating were presented by the instructors. The following comments were made by the industry representatives to better prepare BCN students in the world of construction estimating.

- One area that requires extra focus is the preconstruction. In the last 10-15 years, General Contractors and Construction Managers have become more of a part of the construction “team.” As a result, preconstruction efforts have grown and estimating has become a tool for preconstruction.
- The value of good estimating to the company and the career opportunities within estimating as a profession and as a fundamental requirement to succeeding in other career paths should be emphasized.
- Students should be taught to look for subjects that are not obvious from contract documents. They should be able to see the big picture rather than small details.
- Leave out some information from the plans and specifications to examine if students can detect and ask for clarifications/information through RFIs.
- Incorporate new CSI divisions.
- Discuss how infrastructures such as electrical distribution systems, water and sewer tie to the building.
- Develop a check list for items that require attention.
- More emphasis should be placed on site plan and cost items such as retaining walls, utilities and storm water system.
- MEP work needs more attention (fire alarm, fire emergency system, temporary utilities).
- Teach students to interpret the contract documents together (drawings and specifications). Again the purpose of document review is to realize the scope of the work.
- Put more emphasis on ability to read and interpret written specifications.
- Organization of the estimate and its importance should be emphasized
- Students should be familiar with digital takeoff and available software such as on-screen.
- Explain the Owner/Contractor Controlled Insurance Program(s) (OCIP, CCIP). These are a large part of the business nowadays and are becoming even more complex to understand. The insurance industry introduces Subcontractor Default Insurance programs. These are alternative programs to traditional Performance and Payment Bonds that certain Surety companies are offering to construction clients.



Professor Cook presenting the Estimating II course content to industry reviewers

Photovoltaic Array For Rinker Hall

A recently passed referendum by University of Florida students approved the use of a part of their student fees for investment in renewable energy systems on campus. About \$625,000 of funding is expected to be generated through these fees and Rinker Hall may be one of the first beneficiaries of these resources. Dr. Charles Kibert is working with BCN and engineering students to size an array of about 20 to 30 kilowatts that would be located on the roof of Rinker Hall with a smaller array on the south face

of the building. The original planning for Rinker Hall included provisions for a photovoltaic array to be mounted on the roof; however adequate funding was not available to include it in the original construction contract. One of the original architects for Rinker Hall, Gould Evans Associates in Tampa, is beginning a review of the building design, along with the structural engineer to assess any additional structure that may be required. A decision on funding should be made during the coming academic year.

BCN Alumni in Higher Education

Starting in the Fall 2006 Orange & Blueprints, we have highlighted accomplishments made by our graduates in higher education. In this issue, we are highlighting Mr. John Mouton of Auburn University. If you are a BCN alumni and currently teach at a post secondary construction education program, please send us a short bio of yourself for publishing on this page.



John. C. Mouton (MBC Dec '78) currently serves as the Senior Advisor to the President of Auburn University in Auburn Alabama.

In addition to serving in a senior administrative group responsible for strategic implementation and policy development. Mr. Mouton has operational responsibility for Auburn's Campus Planning, Design and Construction, Facilities and Operations, as well as Space Planning and Management. In his role, Mouton has been responsible for assessment, restructuring, and oversight for the University's aggressive \$200+ million per year design and building program as well as re-development and leadership for the Campus Planning effort and office.

Mr. Mouton also holds the Wilborn Chair in Building Science (College of Architecture, Design and Construction) where he

served as head of the department from 1992 – 2000. He has also served as President of the Associated Schools of Construction and has served as an Educator Trustee on the American Council for Construction Education. Mr. Mouton has served on the University Tenure and Promotion Committee and was elected and served as Chair of the University Senate, Chair of the Faculty and Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees.

A former contractor and business owner, Mr. Mouton joined the faculty of the Building Construction Program at Virginia Tech in 1985. He later served on the faculty in the Construction Management Department at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Mr. Mouton also has a BS in Building Construction from the University of Louisiana – Monroe.

Mr. Mouton continues to provide consultation and expert witness services to construction firms. He also conceived and developed the Superintendent Career Training Program for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

BCN in the News

Rob Baldwin is the newest city council member of Bellair Beach, FL. He was sworn in at the city council's annual reorganization meeting held on March 19th. He graduated in 1982 with a bachelor's in BCN.

Roger Bass was recently inducted into the Alabama Road Builders Hall of Fame. This was the fifth class of inductees. The induction ceremony was held on July 2nd, at Montgomery County Club and was attended by more than 200 guests. Mr. Bass graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's in BCN.

Michael Cason has joined Ocean Gate General Contractors Inc., as a Project Manager. He graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's in BCN.

Kenwyn Diego Harrilal a Pre-BC student has received the Building Envelope Contractors Division Scholarship which was awarded under the GANA Educational Foundation. He is one of five recipients of the \$1,000 scholarship. The GANA Educational Foundation received 65 applications for this scholarship.

Thomas Matzke, CSI, LEED AP was recently promoted to Se-

nior Vice President of VOA Associates Incorporated, architecture, planning and interior design. Mr. Matzke received a Master of Building Construction in 1997.

David K. McLaughlin has joined Faison Enterprises, Inc. as director of construction for its Orlando based team. He will manage all of Faison's construction efforts in the region. Mr. McLaughlin graduated from BCN in 1979.

Current BCN student, **David C. Smith** was chosen as the 2007 Construction Association of South Florida (CASF) Industry Scholarship Award recipient. He was chosen out of seven scholarship applications received from UF. His award was presented to him during the annual installation banquet which was held on Friday, June 15th at the Weston Hills Country Club, in Weston.

This past semester, **Lawrence Wright** was one of nine University of Florida past students to be inducted into the UF's Athletic Hall of Fame. Lawrence played on the UF football team from 1993-1996. He graduated from BCN in 1997.

Alumni Updates

1957

Bob Claudy, at the age of 77 re-married on May 20th.

1958

Rodney Kincaid, is President of Kincaid Construction Company and is getting ready to celebrate 45 years in business in Winter Park, FL.

Bill Shivers and his family love to fly and spend most of their time on mission trips to the Bahamas, Mexico and Alaska helping others who can't help themselves. He turned 75 in May.

1973

Sam Brusco, currently lives in Costa Mesa, California where he is a Vice President and Chief Estimator for the western region of Clark Construction.

1974

Lionel Kier is the Executive Director at BTC Management Corporation and is now working on developing a 52-unit barrier-free apartment building for handicapped and disabled people in Trenton, NJ.

Walter Miros, Jr. has now settled back in South Florida and looks forward to continuing his current position as VP of Operations for Skanska USA Building, Inc. based in Ft. Lauderdale.

Bill Pinto, President of Atlanta-based Hardin Construction Company, has become a principal shareholder of the privately held company following a succession management transition in February.

Roy E. Pogrzeba is currently Senior VP and Principal in charge at Bovis Lend Lease, Inc. at the Raleigh, North Carolina office. His son is currently serving in the Army Infantry with the 1st Armoured Division and he is stationed in Ft. Bliss Texas.

1977

Ralph Olesky is a partner in APC Incorporated in South Florida. They are interior specialty contractors distributing a variety of products that include Mondo Athletic/Commercial Rubber Flooring. His daughter will be attending UF this year.

1981

Darrall Henderson retired as a Colonel in the Army Corps of Engineers after serving 26 years. He will begin working with Hromadka and Associates as a Principal Consultant. He relocated to Lexington, Kentucky in June.

1982

Craig Holliday, Principal Owner of Holliday Group of Sarasota, Inc. has been very busy over the past year with several projects in the central west coast of Florida, ranging from restaurants to luxury condominiums to law offices.

Jim Starzinski recently took a new position as Corporate Senior Project Engineer with W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company. He is living in DeLand, FL where he has been for 20 years. He recently married Linda Matthews in Key West.

1983

William Borregard has been operating Borregard Construction, Inc. since 1993 as a licensed General Contractor specializing in Commercial Construction and Custom Residential. He lives in Dade City, FL with his wife of 21 years, Jennifer.

1984

Dean Clinque upon graduation worked as VP for JDC, Inc. in

New Jersey, then as VP of construction for Florodeco in Fort Myers, FL. Currently he is a Project Manager with Duke Construction in Raleigh, NC.

1988

Joe Russell is the officer-in-charge of the military department in USNS Niagra Falls (T-AFS 3) which is forward deployed to Guam.

1990

Eric Anthony has moved from New Orleans to Aruba and lived there for one year. He is currently in London assigned to a project in Chile.

1992

Scott McCarthy has recently joined Lodge Construction, Inc. of Fort Myers as a Project Manager. He will be involved with pre-construction operations and closeout for schools and other public works in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

1994

Matthew Lines and his partner **Ed Valley** (BCN '93) have combined to form a residential custom homebuilding company called Tandem Building Corp. Matt married Kelly in February of this year and Ed married Melissa last December. Ed and Melissa are expecting their first child later this year.

William Nassal and his business partner Matt Brown have just finished construction on all exhibits for the Las Vegas Springs Preserve Museum. LVSP will be the first platinum LEED construction museum in the U.S., utilizing sustainable construction.

1995

Anthony W. Ingassia was recently named President of Ingrassia Construction Co., Inc. located in Middlesex, NJ. Anthony has been working since 1996 at the general construction company.

1996

Michael D. Eller retired from the Air Force in 2006, moved back to Hawaii and accepted a position with CACI International as a Program Manager, under contract to the Air Force at Hickam Air Force Base.

1998

Tom Harl has started his own development and construction company called Amenity Developers, LLC and High Mark Construction, LLC. Also in the last 6 months he and his wife have celebrated the birth of their second child Kate.

2001

Brice Miller joined Highwoods Properties Inc. in April as a Senior Project Manager. They are a national developer of office properties with regional headquarters in Orlando. Brice and his wife Marcy have 2 children; Karina and Brice.

2002

Wyatt Marks is currently working for Ryland Homes as a home builder. He is working on starting his own company called "The Marks Group, LLC". He has his Residential Contractors license along with his Florida Real Estate Broker's License.

2005

Crystal Perrine has just moved to Columbia, SC and is currently working for McCrory Construction Co. LLC. It is owned and operated by Allen Amsler, another BCN graduate.

In Memoriam



On June 14, 2007, the University of Florida and specifically the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing lost a dear friend. **Mr. James H. Shimberg, Sr.**, for whom the Shimberg Center was named, passed away in Tampa, Florida. Jim is survived by his wife, Amy, their five children and their fifteen grandchildren.

In the words of Phil Emmer, a long-time friend of the Shimberg family: "Jim and Amy, as a pair, are among the most charitable people we have ever known and their charity is bolstered by the understated way both of them handled their good works. They didn't just give, they worked as Amy did (and still does with Meals on Wheels) and Jim did with his vast undertakings including the University Community Hospital in Tampa, the University of Florida Center for Affordable Housing, the state of Florida housing issues going back to Bob Graham's administration, the National Association of Home Builders, the Florida Home Builders Association and a big, long-time booster of everything Tampa. He and his brother Hinks built more than 5,000 homes, mostly in and around Tampa. These are just a few pieces of what marked Jim's life and Amy was always the partner."

An example of Jim's personality was expressed by his own comment after being named the Outstanding Citizen of the Year in Tampa, Florida, by the Tampa Metro Civitan Club for his leadership and lifetime commitment to the Tampa community. His comment was, "I couldn't be more surprised. This is a really distinct honor. I don't know that I really deserve it."

The Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing team and the fac-

ulty and staff of the Rinker School of Building Construction express their condolences to Amy Shimberg and the entire Shimberg family.



On June 11, 2007 the Rinker School of Building Construction lost an outstanding professor, mentor and friend with the passing of **Bill Gordon Eppes**, who was 76. Bill received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Architectural Engineering from the University of Texas. He moved to Gainesville in 1968 to take a faculty position at the School of Building Construction where he taught for three decades. He served as the acting Director of the School from 1988 to 1989. Bill was one of the most versatile professors of the School and taught 19 different courses. He received numerous awards and honors including Halliburton Education Foundation Award of Excellence, College of Architecture Teacher of the Year Award and State of Florida Community Service Award.

Throughout his career, Bill was very active, designing as an architect, structural engineer or both on numerous buildings. He received awards for his design of Holy Faith church and the Campus USA Credit Union in Gainesville.

While he worked hard and had many accomplishments, he also enjoyed classical music, traveling and entertaining at the home he built in Gainesville. He was an avid fan of Longhorn and Gator football and a member of the VFW.

Goodbye, Bill, and thank you for all you did for our School. You left it a better place because of your efforts.

Posthumous Degree for Jeremy Marlar

A posthumous degree in building construction was conferred to Jeremy Marlar and presented to his parents, Jerry and Martha Marlar during the Spring 2007 College of Design, Construction and Planning Commencement. Jeremy was admitted to upper-division Building Construction program in Fall 2003 and was diagnosed with cancer in Spring 2004. He completed 99 out of 126 credit hours required to earn his bachelor's degree in Building Construction. Jeremy never gave up and had every intention on beating his cancer to return to school and complete his bachelor's degree. Unfortunately, he lost his battle with cancer before he had a chance to graduate. However, through the efforts of his family and friends, and with great assistance from friend Kara Schiavone, the university was able to confer his degree in building construction this spring semester.

Jeremy Marlar was a young man with great dreams and drive. He aspired to do great things in the construction world. Jeremy taught us that life is precious and every breath is a gift to be appreciated. He also showed us how to value what we are capable

of with our education and utilizing it to the fullest extent.

There was a moment of silence at the Spring 2007 Commencement to remember Jeremy and BCN student **Thomas Oliver Brown** who was a member of this graduating class and died in October 2005.



Dean Silver presenting Martha and Jerry Marlar with Jeremy's posthumous degree

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FacultyNews



Dr. Kevin Grosskopf was awarded the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) 2007 National Teaching Award in recognition of excellence in teaching at the 43rd International Conference held on the campus of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, April 13, 2007. ASC is the professional association for the development and advancement of construction education through excellence in teaching,

research and service. Conceived during the Spring of 1965 at the University of Florida, ASC has grown from nine founding universities to more than 100 institutions across the country. Each year, ASC selects member faculty for the National Teaching Award on the basis of teaching philosophy, performance and innovation.

Dr. Grosskopf was also selected by the graduating seniors to receive the Teaching Excellence Award for the Spring 2007 semester. Dr. Grosskopf taught courses in estimating and finance.

three years he has served as the Coordinator of the CIB Working Commission on Safety and Health in Construction, an active international group that meets annually to exchange information through conferences. He recently published second edition of the textbook entitled Construction Safety.



Dr. Abdol Chini visited the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Department of Building and Real Estate (BRE) in June. He has been appointed as the BRE Departmental Academic Advisor for 2007-2010. In that capacity he has to visit the Department at the end of each academic year to participate in the Subject Assessment Review Panel and the Board of Examiners' meetings. He provides advice

to the Department on its mission, strategic plan and organization, academic programs, teaching, and research and scholarly activities.



Sallie Schattner, BCN's admissions/registrar officer, was awarded the 2007 College of Design, Construction and Planning's Adviser of the Year Award. She began with BCN in 1994 and has loved being able to interact with students upon entrance during their freshman year through graduation and watching them go on to obtain rewarding careers.

BRE provides educational programs in the construction and the real estate sectors which will enable students to develop their full potential for personal and academic development. Its aim is to provide programs that are application oriented, and produce graduates who can apply theories in practice. BRE has established strong partnerships with business, industry and the professions. In 2006-2007 academic year, BRE had 1250 students, 45 academic staff and 20 administrative and technical staff.



Dr. Rick Smailes was awarded the 2007 College of Design, Construction and Planning's Teacher of the Year award. He received his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. from the M.E. Rinker School of Building Construction and continues to teach students today. His research interests include commercial project management, scheduling, residential and industrial construction and ancient construction

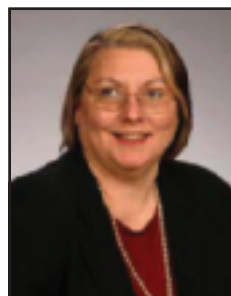


Dr. Esther Obonyo participated in an internship this summer with United Forming Inc. Sites that were visited during the Faculty Internship included 1) The 10-story OUC Administration Building in Orlando, which has been designed to meet or exceed the requirements for LEED certification thus championing environmentally responsible building programs in Central Florida; 2) The 350,000 square-foot,

three-building complex in Jupiter for Scripps (world renowned biomedical research institution), and; 3) The City Place South Tower in downtown West Palm Beach (luxury condominiums).



Dr. Jimmie Hinze was honored this past April, as the University honored several meritorious faculty members at the first Faculty Achievement Recognition Reception. He was the first faculty member from the Rinker School to receive this. Dr. Jimmie Hinze is internationally known and recognized for his contributions in the area of construction safety. For the past



Anne Williamson, Associate Director for the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing was granted her Ph.D. in public administration and policy by The University of Georgia on August 4, 2007. Her dissertation examined how state housing finance agencies and developers collaborate within the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

New Appointments



Dr. Edward Minchin will join the Rinker School faculty as an Associate Professor in the fall of 2007, moving over from the Civil and Coastal Engineering Department at UF. He was born and raised in Chipley, Florida. His father worked for the Florida DOT as a bridge inspector and some of Dr. Minchin's earliest memories were of accompanying his father to construction sites.

Dr. Minchin graduated from UF in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, and also obtained a master's degree in construction engineering in 1984. He then went to work with a heavy / highway contractor in Florida before going to work for the Florida DOT. In the meantime, he gained a commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve as a Civil Engineer Corps officer, assigned to a Construction Battalion, commanding first a detachment and later a company of Seabees. With the DOT, he designed drainage structures and systems for about two years before moving into construction, where he served as an inspector, project engineer, resident engineer, area engineer, and finally as Chief Area Construction Engineer. From there, he left in 1996 and took a faculty position at Penn State teaching undergraduate construction curriculum, while working on his degree "part time." After obtaining his Ph.D., Dr. Minchin moved on to Iowa State University to teach in the Construction Engineering program for two years. He then moved to UF to teach in the Construction Engineering and Management program for six years.

His areas of expertise and research interest include automated, real time construction quality control as well as construction contract administration and project control.

Dr. Minchin and his wife Susan live in Gainesville with their four children. He can often be found running or exercising on campus or near his home, taking part in church activities or spending time with his family. He has a passion for collegiate athletics and especially enjoys football, basketball, and baseball.



Dr. Robert J. Ries joined the BCN faculty as an Assistant Professor this Fall. He came to UF from the University of Pittsburgh where he taught at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and was Director of the Green Construction Sustainable Development Program since 2001. He previously practiced architecture in New York for eleven years. Dr. Ries received his

Ph.D. in Architecture (Building Performance and Diagnostics) in 1999 from the Carnegie Mellon University, a master's degree in architecture in 1995 from the Carnegie Mellon University, and a bachelor's in architecture in 1982 from Pratt Institute.

Dr. Ries developed and taught courses in Life Cycle Assessment Methods and Tools, Engineering and Sustainability, Resource Use and Environmental Quality in the Built Environment, and Building Economics at University of Pittsburgh.

In addition to teaching, he has been heavily involved in research activities. He has performed extensive research in the areas of life cycle assessment for the built environment and green building design, construction and performance. He has attracted more than \$1 million in funded research as principal investigator over the past six years. Dr. Ries has published more than 50 papers and has made close to 30 national and international presentations.

The Rinker Scholar



Michael Emmer is the second recipient of the recently created Rinker Scholar Endowment. Professor Emmer is the Director of Construction Management program at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He received his bachelor's degree in construction management from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston and his master's degree in construction science and management from Clemson University.

His area of research and interest is in sustainable construction with a focus on material extraction/reuse and deconstruction.

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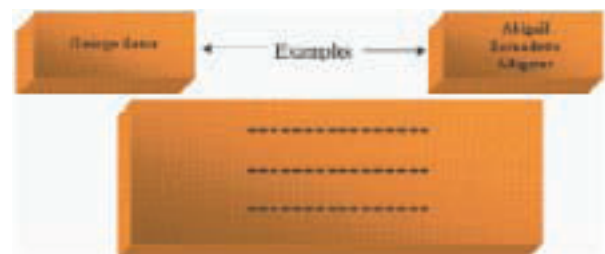
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