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A Message From



Anthony Dasta
Interim Dean

I would like to take this opportunity as the Interim Dean to first thank the alumni and friends of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction. It is your continued support that has greatly contributed to the success of the program. As we all know, 2005 marked the School's 70th anniversary and the development of the BCN Alumni Regional Clubs, which enhance and encourage the relationship between the School and its alumni and friends, has been very successful. I saw first hand at the reception in Tampa on September 21st, 2005 just how dedicated and enthusiastic the alumni and friends are when it comes to supporting the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the Rinker Family and the Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Foundation and its chairman and president, Dr. David Rinker for the continued support they have provided to the School. The most recent being a \$1 million dollar gift for the Rinker Scholar endowment.

The Rinker School has made significant progress under the leadership of Dr. Abdol Chini. Under his leadership, the Rinker School has made significant increases in the graduate programs, increases in Funded Research and most recently the development of the Charles R. Perry Crafts Awareness Program.

In closing, we are currently in the search for a new dean for the College of Design, Construction and Planning and I ask that you take the time to get involved in this very important task facing our college. The committee has been established and you can contact Dr. Chini or me for more information regarding the process. Serving as one of the members of the committee is Mr. Steve Palmer, COO, Stiles Corporation and President of the BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee.



Dr. Abdol Chini
Director

It has been a very exciting spring for the Rinker School of Building Construction. We have received several major gifts that will enhance the quality and the reputation of our academic programs. The Charles R. Perry Endowed Professorship has been established through a generous \$1 million commercial annuity gift by late Chuck Perry. The plan is to apply for the 75% state match and use the income from the endowment to hire a much needed additional faculty member.

We have made good progress in the design development of the 3000-sq.ft. Perry Construction Yard to house the Charles R. Perry Crafts Awareness Program. An innovative roofing system comprised of plants and soil has been proposed for the roof of this facility. Known as an "eco-roof," it is part of a trend that is being driven in part by research at the Rinker School that has the underlying strategy of restoring nature wherever possible. The green roof will provide insulating value to the roof, reducing cooling loads in summer and heating loads in winter. It will also reduce cooling loads on Rinker Hall itself by providing a surface that will absorb solar energy rather than reflecting it back into the main building. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Perry for her generous support of the School. She agreed to provide the additional funding needed to put an "eco-roof" on Perry Construction Yard.

I am also pleased to announce that the M.E. Rinker, Sr. Foundation has committed \$1 million to the School to fund the Rinker Scholar program. This pledge is designated for the creation of an endowment to be used for the support of faculty members of the Associated Schools of Construction admitted by the Rinker School into its doctoral program. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to Dr. David Rinker. The Rinker family's investments in our program give us many opportunities which would otherwise be virtually impossible without this support.

The Rinker School's 70th year anniversary celebrations started with a banquet at Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay on September 21st, 2005. It was a memorable night for more than 300 BCN alumni and friends who attended.

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Fall 2005 Homecoming Barbeque

The day dawned bright and sunny on October 8th, encouraging BCN alumni and Gator fans to congregate on the lawn of the Rinker Building. A small ceremony was held to award Steve Powell with his Construction Hall of Fame Plaque, and unveil his name on the Hall of Fame Wall at the Rinker entrance. This was followed by a sumptuous Barbeque feast, generously provided by **Burkhardt Construction**. BCN faculty, students, and alumni mingled and shared BCN memories and experiences, before heading off to enjoy the game.



Mr. Steve Powell accepting his Construction Hall of Fame Plaque from Dr. Abdol Chini



Dr. Leon Wetherington, Mr. Vince Burkhardt, Dr. Abdol Chini and Mrs. Sharon Burkhardt.



Students, Alumni and Faculty enjoying the homecoming barbeque

Fall 2005 Homecoming Parade

BCN teamed up with the College of Education to design a float for the 82nd annual homecoming parade. The float featured a family of paper-mache gators, along with their bulldog. The parade, which is normally observed by more than 100,000 people included former Alumni and NFL star Emmitt Smith and Kendra Todd, winner of the third season of *The Apprentice*. The homecoming parade's theme was "GatorNation". We would like to thank **Charles Perry Construction** for sponsoring the float and **Rinker Materials** for allowing BCN to use their truck to pull the float.



The Perry Construction Yard

The design development phase of the 3000-sq.ft. Perry Construction Yard started in November 2005 when PPI was hired as the design-builder. Construction is expected to start at the beginning of March 2006 with a completion date of August 1, 2006. The facility will include a craft demonstration area with a 100-student seating arena. Gould-Evans Architects was commissioned for the design to keep it in harmony with Rinker Hall and its LEED Gold sustainability classification. The Perry Construction Yard will be naturally ventilated and will have a state-of-the-art green roof.



BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

The **North Central Florida (Gainesville/Ocala)** BCN Alumni Club held its second meeting on November 16th. The meeting was held at the office of Charles Perry Construction, and over 30 alumni attended. The featured speaker was Cathy Atria with the Alachua County School Board. Ms. Atria gave an update on the School Board's viewpoint of the Jessica Lunsford Act and how it is affecting the construction industry. We would like to thank Joyner Construction for sponsoring the meeting. The Board of Directors include Domenic Scorpio, Brandon Tinkham, Matt Webster and Louie Wise.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid February. Anyone interested in more information on this club and events, please contact Domenic Scorpio, Club President, at PPI Construction Management at (352)-331-1141.

John Sofarelli, President of J. Raymond Construction Corp. has offered to head up the BCN Alumni Club of **Central Florida/Orlando**. The first meeting of the Club was held on November 3rd at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs. More than 50 BCN alumni attended and selected their Board of Directors (Richard Betourne; Philip Copare; Jack Dunlop, Jr.; Art Higginbotham; Matt Lines; Tom Maurer; Laurence Oleck, Jr.; Rich Shannon; John Sofarelli; Mike Wood; and Hal Ziegler).

John Sofarelli, President of J. Raymond Construction Corp. organized and sponsored the event.

The Board of Directors will meet on February 3, 2006, in the J. Raymond Construction Longwood Office. If you would like additional information or would like to join the Club, please contact John Sofarelli at: jsfarelli@jray.com

The **Northeast/Jacksonville** Region BCN Club is currently preparing a date for its next meeting. The meeting will be held either in February or March. If you would like additional information or would like to join the Club, please contact Erik Sharpe at: esharpe@brasfieldgorrie.com

The first meeting of the **Miami/Ft. Lauderdale** BCN Alumni Club took place on September 13 from 4-7 pm

at the Rinker FEC quarry in Miami. About 200 people showed up, with 100 BCN graduates in attendance. Rinker Materials sponsored a bus tour of the facility to everyone who attended. The FEC facility is the largest state of the art aggregate quarry in the United States. The core group directing the activities of the club include: John Bennett, Rick Derrer, Chip Reid, Steve Palmer and Dan Whiteman. Steve Palmer of Stiles Corp. and John Bennett of Rinker Materials organized the first meeting. John Bennett, one of the coordinators said "Overall, this was a very positive event for the BCN alumni." Anyone interested in more information on this Club and events, please contact Steve Palmer, Club President, at Stiles Corp. at (954) 627-9300 or stevep@stiles.com

The **UF Tampa Bay** BCN Gator Club has had an exceptional first year of progress since inception in February 2005. The "Flagship" club counts approximately 193 members that are included in its directory and 99% are BCN alumni from the nine county region (Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Polk, Pasco, Hernando, Sumter and Hardee). The Club hosts quarterly meetings at a local venue, most recently at Rick's on the River in Tampa, and has been able to secure sponsors to defray the costs of snacks and has a "cash bar" arrangement that has worked out well. All members in the Club directory are notified of the meetings by the "E-Vite" system and attendance has been between 40 to 50 members at the summer and fall events. The fall meeting in November was sponsored by Tappouni Mechanical Services Inc., Paul Tappouni (1986) and Chris Tappouni (1993) are BCN graduates. Also during the fall meeting a review of the construction project for the new headquarters of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, including their complete new training facility, was presented by the project joint-venture team of Hunt/Sierra. Bill Morthland is in charge of the Tampa office of Hunt Construction, Paul Sierra is a 1970 BCN graduate and his daughter, Gina, is a 1994 BCN graduate.

The Club also hosted the first of several regional BCN 70th Anniversary Celebrations, for more information please see pages 6 & 7. If you would like additional information or would like to join the Club, please contact Bob Angle at: rpa@angle-schmid.com.

The Tampa Bay Region UF BCN Gator Club Hosts the First

Alumni, friends and sponsors got together on Wednesday evening, September 21st, 2005 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay to celebrate the School's 70th anniversary and participate in a fundraiser for an endowed professorship.



The Tampa Bay Region UF BCN Gator Club is one of six clubs recently organized in the State of Florida and was responsible for hosting the event. It was a memorable night for all in attendance where celebrating the alumni, friends, sponsors and the School's accomplishments took center stage. The evening started with a cocktail reception, then dinner and a program.



The program began with Jeff Schiller, President of the Tampa Club, giving a brief description of the Tampa Club's initiatives and purpose of the banquet. He also thanked all those in attendance for coming as well as acknowledged the Tampa Bay Board Members and table sponsors, without their support the event would not have been possible. Dr. Chini then presented the School's new recruiting video, *Tradition of Excellence*, which showcased the successful BCN alumni, their respect for the School, and the importance of giving back to support the School. Professor Tony Dasta, Interim Dean for the College, then welcomed the group and gave a brief accounting of the Rinker School's activities. We were also fortunate to have Cathy Underhill of Cathy's Cottages speak during the celebration. Cathy was the Project Manager for

Rinker Hall when it was under construction and gave a presentation entitled, *A High Performance Building*. Also during the event Mr. Bob Angle, President-Elect of the Club acknowledged and thanked those Professor Emeritus of the School that were in attendance, Dr. Brisbane H. Brown, Jr.; Dr. Jack Martin; Dr. William Gunby and Dr. Harold Holland. Marcia Bourdon, DCP Director of Development, with the assistance of Greg Fulginiti of the University of Florida Alumni Association then honored the BCN Grand Guard Alumni; Jim Kalemeris, BCN 1951; Richard Dreyer, BCN 1950; and Dr. William Gunby, BCN 1953. Slide shows of the School's past 70 years of accomplishments as well as those of our table sponsors were shown during the banquet.

In addition to celebrating the Rinker School's 70th anniversary, this event also raised \$45,000 for the School's 70th Anniversary Endowed Professorship. The resources generated by this endowment would be used to bring outstanding construction professionals into the classroom to share their knowledge with our students and give them broader exposure to the "real world" of construction.



Many in attendance commented on how special the night was and how wonderful it was to get together with peers, faculty and industry. As the flagship BCN Club, Tampa had the difficult task of creating a fun-filled evening for all to enjoy as well as fund raising for the 70th Anniversary Professorship. Of course the Tampa Club did a great job with coordinating the event and establishing a high benchmark for the other BCN Club's to follow. The Rinker School would like to give special thanks to the Tampa Bay Club Board of Directors and our table sponsors, without the hard work and efforts of the Club members and generous support from our sponsors the event would not have been possible.

For more information about the future 70th anniversary ceremonies and Endowed Professorship please see page 8.

70th Anniversary Banquet and Fundraiser in Tampa Florida



Marcia Bourdon, DCP's Director of Development honoring three of BCN's GrandGuard, Jim Kalemeris (BCN '51), Richard Dreyer (BCN '50) and William Gunby (BCN '53).



Bob Angle, Tampa Bay Club Coordinator and President Elect, honoring BCN's Emeritus Faculty, (from left to right) Harold Holland, Brisbane H. Brown, Jr., Jack Martin and William Gunby.



Cathy Underhill of Cathy's Cottages

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Attention South Florida Alumni

The UF South Florida BCN Gator Club

requests your attendance at

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

The UF South Florida BCN Gator Club in Ft. Lauderdale/Miami is hosting the Rinker School's 70th Anniversary Banquet. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at the Hard Rock Café in Hollywood, Florida. The cocktail reception starts at 6:00 pm, with dinner and program starting at 7:00 pm. Invitations will be sent out to the South Florida alumni in March. If you would like more information about the banquet, or would like to sponsor a table, please contact Rick Derrer at: wrld@jamesacummings.com or Steve Palmer at: steve.palmer@stiles.com

We would like to thank the South Florida companies below, who have graciously agreed to sponsor tables as of January 25, 2006.

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Rinker School 70th Anniversary Barbeque in Gainesville

The BCN Gainesville/Ocala Alumni Club invites you to the 70th Anniversary Barbeque before the Spring Football Orange and Blue Game on April 22, 2006. This will be a fund raising event for the 70th Anniversary Endowed Professorship in the Rinker School of Building Construction. The game will start at 1:00 pm with the Alumni Barbeque starting two hours prior at 11:00 am. We are currently soliciting corporate sponsorship and will also be selling individual tickets. For more information, please contact Kim Stanley @ (352)-331-1141 or email her at kms@ppicm.com.

Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing

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Hurricane-related damage, loss of life and insured property losses in Florida since the early 1900s is staggering. This, coupled with damage, loss of life and property losses in excess of 20 billion dollars that have been associated with Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne in 2004, as well as loss of life and billions of dollars in property losses as a result of hurricanes in 2005, makes it crystal clear that there is an urgent need to train and educate targeted audiences with regard to the variety of materials and building techniques that are available to them in the marketplace that can be employed to reduce hurricane-related damages, loss of life, loss of property, loss of capital and financial resources, and general social and personal dislocation.

Since 1998, the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing has administered the construction of four regional Windstorm Damage Mitigation Training and Demonstration Centers across Florida. The premise for this project is that a statewide network of permanent regional training and demonstration centers will facilitate training and education of the general public, homeowners and others with regard to windstorm damage mitigation methods. The centers also will support local, county, and state governments with regard to windstorm damage mitigation in related comprehensive mitigation planning.

The locations of the regional centers have been chosen in coastal counties and near major highways in order to assure relatively easy access by targeted audiences that will benefit from the centers. Once completed, the regional centers are turned over to the government of the counties in which the centers are located with stipulations that: (1) the counties will subsequently maintain and operate the centers at their expense and (2) the counties will employ the centers primarily for teaching about and demonstrating materials and methods that may be employed for mitigating windstorm damage in new and existing buildings.

The centers have been, and will continue to be, constructed on county extension installations. Each center will be operated and administered by county extension personnel. These adult education professionals work with an advisory council for each center that is drawn from the region to identify damage

mitigation topics of relevance to the region. In-service training programs bring regional program administrators together to learn about new products and materials, to exchange outreach approaches, and to identify successful methods of reaching out to targeted audiences.

The first regional center was completed in the City of Ft. Pierce in St. Lucie County in June 1999, the second was completed in the City of Cantonment in Escambia County in June 2000, and the third was completed in the City of St. Augustine in St. Johns County in December 2001. Construction of a fourth regional center in the City of Davie in Broward County was completed in December 2005 (see picture). Records show that, as of April 2004, over 10,000 Floridians had attended classes or participated in tours of the three currently available centers to learn about wind damage mitigation in both new and existing residential structures.



Funding support is needed for the construction of two additional Regional Windstorm Damage Mitigation Training and Demonstration Centers — one in the Panhandle / Big Bend Region of Florida and one in the Central Gulf Coast Region. These two additional regional centers will complete a network of six centers that provide adequate coverage of the state by ensuring that a regional center is available to all Florida residents within approximately two hours of driving time. (**Note:** We have recently been advised that HGMP funding support — that is, FEMA funds administered by DCA — will be provided for construction of the fifth center.)

The lesson learned from hurricanes that occurred in the last decade, is that there is a need for innovative mitigation programs in order to break the cycle of destruction and reconstruction that is associated with hurricanes in Florida. The construction and implementation of Regional Windstorm Damage Mitigation Training and Demonstration Centers constitutes such an innovative program.

Fluor Program for Construction Safety

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Safety continues to be a priority focus area in the Rinker School. Every graduate of the Rinker School, whether an undergraduate or graduate student, takes at least one course in construction safety. Of the students graduating this past December, the Fluor Program Outstanding Student in Construction Safety Award was awarded to Wyelon Hilton. This award was based on his overall performance in the Construction Safety class and was heavily influenced by his leadership role in developing an excellent safety program.

Several of our graduate students have elected to conduct research in the area of construction safety. Three of the research efforts are supported through financial support of the industry. One study on Hispanic workers and safety is supported from funds obtained from Fluor Corporation. Another study on leading indicators of safety performance is supported by funds obtained from Conoco-Phillips. A research project, supported by the Construction Industry Institute, on

examining safety techniques to address specific hazards is nearing completion. The Fluor Program for Construction Safety is currently working on a research grant to assist in the mitigation efforts associated with post-hurricane construction work. Fluor Corporation, with extensive involvement in the New Orleans post-Katrina effort, has agreed to assist us in our preparations and will endorse this as a meaningful and valuable endeavor.



Professor Michael Cook honoring Wyelon Hilton with the Outstanding Student in Construction Safety Award

Powell Center for Construction and Environment

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The Florida Division of Historical Resources, Dept. of State, recently awarded the Powell Center a grant of \$350,000 to support the reconstruction of the former Cotton Club in Gainesville to historic standards but with the application of sustainability principles. In its original form, the Cotton Club was a PX at Camp Blanding that was moved to Gainesville just after WW II. After years of serving as an entertainment venue for the African American community in Southeast Gainesville, with the likes of B.B. King and James Brown performing as part of what was known as the Chitlin Circuit, the building became a warehouse for a local furniture company before falling into disuse and disrepair. The restoration of the Cotton Club is being carried out with the local community and it is envisioned that the newly restored facility will serve as an anchor for the revitalization of the entire neighborhood. The Powell Center previously worked with the local community on the Gainesville Train Depot which is

being converted into a community asset. The Train Depot and the Cotton Club are located on the same corridor in Southeast Gainesville and it is expected that their completion over the next few years will have a transforming effect on one of the more impoverished neighborhoods of the city. The Powell Center will be submitting additional grant proposals to the State and working with the community to raise over \$1 million to accomplish the full renovation of the Cotton Club.



Rendering of rehabilitated structure

Germany Exchange Program

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This past fall, the Rinker School was graced with the company of three exchange students from Germany. These students were enrolled in four of our classes, including International Construction, Project Management, Finance, and Construction Productivity. Our visitors have now returned to Germany and our focus is shifting to this May when some of our students will travel to Germany for a three-week immersion course. Our students continue to be excited about the all-English program. Many of the programs features remain the same from year to year, but the construction sites visited often change. This past year, Hamburg (the second largest port in Europe) was added to the list of cities to visit and this will probably be a city we will regularly include in our future visits. The program is very flexible as students need not be formally

admitted to the Rinker School. In fact, any university students (not exclusive to UF students) who have a desire to participate are welcome. In three weeks the participants earn 3 upper division elective credits, all at a total cost of just over \$2,500, making this one of the best international exchange deals at the university.



The three Germany Exchange Students:
Sebastian Steinert, Jonas Kriebel and Jens
Klauke at the Welcome Reception

Fall 2005 BCN Career Fair

The Fall 2005 Construction Career Fair was an unprecedented success, with 118 companies vying for students' attention on October 11th at the Steven C. O'Connell Center. Firms of all sizes and specialties, from near and far were in attendance. Students arrived in suits, with impressive resumes in hand. Enthusiastic recruiters plucked students from the throngs to tout the virtues of their companies. Overall, the event was a huge success. Companies were calling the next day to register for the Spring Fair. The afternoon and following weeks were filled with companies interviewing students. Statistically, Rinker graduates receive an average of three job offers, and the school boasts a 100% job placement rate. Internships before graduation are also very popular, with over 40% of graduates accepting jobs from firms for whom they previously worked.

On the eve of the Fall 2005 Construction Career Fair, recruiters were invited to mingle at a reception held at Emerson Alumni Hall. Hors'de oeuvres and drinks drew many representatives from the 118 attending companies. There was a subtle air of competition as

recruiters knew they would be competing for a very limited number of students the next day. A significant number of these recruiters were Rinker School Alumni themselves, and now returned to woo their fellow Gators.



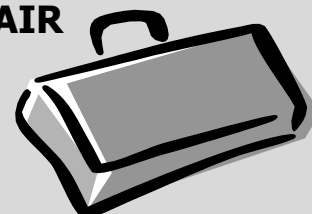
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Welcome Reception

On August 25th, the Rinker School faculty and staff welcomed new students with a reception at Emerson Alumni Hall. The focus of this year's reception was student involvement. Representatives were present from each of the Rinker School's student organizations and clubs. Each club president was given the opportunity to introduce their group and encourage new students to join and participate in the many activities the clubs host each semester. Rinker School professors also had the chance to introduce themselves and explain the subjects they teach. The evening concluded with an address from Dr. Chini, wishing new students the best of luck in their coming years at the Rinker School. We would like to thank **Charles Perry Construction** for sponsoring this event.



Graduate Student Social

The Fall 2005 Graduate student social was held on December 7th at the Merlion Restaurant on SW 13th Street. The event was attended by over 80 students and faculty members. The social gave the graduate students an opportunity to spend a nice evening together. For some, it was their last chance to get together with their classmates before graduating. We would like to thank **Turner Construction** for sponsoring this social.



Graduation Dinner



Graduating students and their families were hosted in a farewell reception held at Emerson Alumni Hall on December 16th.

In addition to a good meal, students and their loved ones were treated to a few surprises, including a viewing of the new Rinker School Recruiting Video, produced this year for the program's 70th anniversary. Also shown for the audience's pleasure was the video of SLX, the construction honor society's, annual tongue-in-cheek skit which takes a comical look at life, and the people, in BCN. As with each graduation dinner, senior superlatives were a big hit. Dr. Robert Cox presented these "awards," in particular noting a nine-way tie

for "Best Negotiator," of grades that is. Senior Wyelon Hilton stood out, winning numerous awards including the Fluor Safety Award and the H. Duff Williamson Estimating Award. The evening concluded with each student introducing their family and friends, and reminiscing about their favorite Rinker School memories.



U. S. Green Building Council

By Donna Isaacs

B-B-Q

The Fall semester got off to a good start for the members of the USGBC Student Chapter with a free "Welcome Back" barbeque on the lawn north of Rinker Hall. The barbeque brought students from all five disciplines of the college together in an informal setting.

LEED®

Approximately 20 students from the college participated in the free Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Exam Review. The six-week review included guest speakers who shared their green building experiences with the interdisciplinary class. Bahar Armaghani, LEED Accredited Professional, and Project Manager in UF's Facilities, Planning and Construction Department was able to give an overview as well as a progress report on green building on UF's 13 registered projects. Mike Hess, P.E., and LEED AP, of GreenTime, LLC shared his experiences on energy modeling while reviewing the module on Energy and Atmosphere. Wendy Landry, AIA, and LEED AP, discussed the calculations required while reviewing the module on Materials and Resources.



Students were invited to lunch by Kyle Abney and Mike Hess of the Central Florida Chapter.

GreenBuild 2005

Student chapter members capped off the semester with a week long trip to GreenBuild in Atlanta, Georgia. Thirty students were among the 12,000 participants at GreenBuild 2005. Although most of the students were from Building Construction and Interior Design, the trip even got the attention of Kelly Crandall, a Political Science major who was attending Dr. Kibert's Sustainable Construction class and wanted to learn more. GreenBuild did not disappoint: it was difficult figuring out which lecture to attend, as multiple tracks competed for your attention.

The USGBC student chapter would like to give a special thank you to Mike Hess, Kyle Abney and the USGBC Central Florida Chapter for sponsoring lunch. We would also like to thank Dave Gustashaw, VP of Engineering of Interface, Inc., for inviting the entire group to dinner and for his continued support of the USGBC Student Chapter.

For more information on the USGBC Student Chapter, contact: Donna Isaacs at dlisaacs@ufl.edu



The group at dinner with Dave Gustashaw of Interface, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Chi

By Alison Radcliffe

Sigma Lambda Chi had another excellent semester with members demonstrating outstanding leadership and service to both the University and the community. In September, members contributed their time, energy and construction knowledge to the Gainesville chapter of Habitat for Humanity to aid in the construction of several homes. Other service work included a Rinker Hall service project and maintenance and repair for Peaceful Paths (a domestic abuse support center). On November 3rd, SLX enthusiastically welcomed the following new members: Nicholas Bieber, Shane Bizzell, Jesse Bochichio, Dave Cutlip, Stacy Diavolitsis, Matt Ferlisi, Jay Fraser, Mark Hardee, Jonathan Hill, Robert Kummer, Jessica Ligator, Brittany Lee, Caleb McCutchen,

Brooke Nicholson, Dan Seeley, Josh Sicard, Seth Simmons, Ryan Stringfellow and Kevin Yarbrough. Congratulations!



Dan Seeley, Kevin Yarbrough and Josh Sicard volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in September

National Association of Women In Construction

By Elizabeth Glover

The National Association of Women in Construction student chapter has been very busy this past semester. A kick-off barbeque before the Tennessee football game got the semester activities off to a great start. After the Habitat for Humanity Women Build House was completed, NAWIC built a children's playhouse which will be raffled off for fundraising for the next house. NAWIC would like to extend a special thanks to Mike Beaupied for all of his help and guidance with the building of the Habitat playhouse.

Rebuild Gainesville was another organization that NAWIC volunteered with by repairing homes in the

Gainesville community. Upcoming events and activities include: Construction Week in Spring 2006, volunteering at Pace Center of Alachua, and Shirts for Success.

NAWIC is growing with every semester and is looking forward to another successful semester.



Community Service

Our community service program has really taken off. Some of the more recent graduates may remember that each student in BCN 3224 (Techniques) are required to perform at least eight hours of community service. We have now required other students to do this as well. This past semester, we had a very enthusiastic group, many of which did a lot more than eight hours.

One particularly notable group was that led by James Marini, a BCN graduate student. James was the project manager for the Archer Caboose restoration project. The caboose began as part of the Chuck Wagon, a restaurant in Gainesville on Williston Road at Interstate 75. It was closed a few years ago and donated to the city of Archer. After being transported to the city recreational park in Archer, the caboose fell apart. "It had been badly vandalized, fires had been set off inside and rocks had been thrown through the windows, not to mention there was extensive termite damage," said James.

Although James had other volunteers from time to time, he and his steady crew of John Reeves, Marty Baker, Scott Marone, Rob Taylor and Brian Crum worked many months to make the caboose structurally strong and attractive. Ultimately the goal is for the caboose to be used as a concession stand for park sporting events.

Many other students volunteered with Rebuild Gainesville Inc., a non-profit group founded and directed by Melisa Miller (BCN Spring '05). This group uses college and high school student volunteers to make much

needed repairs for low income homeowners. BCN students repaired windows, doors, roofs and plumbing, and replaced rotted floors and added under floor insulation.

These projects are used for several purposes. One is to help the low income citizens of our community by making their homes warmer, safer, and dryer. Another is to provide an opportunity for the students to give a little back to the community and hopefully to feel good about doing so. A third use is to introduce the students to what the various construction trades have to do. We would like to thank all of the students, along with Dr. Leon Wetherington, for donating their time and helping out these great causes.



Scott Marone & Marty Baker work on the caboose in September 2005



The caboose in December 2005 with: Daniel Joseph, Rainer Elkin, James Marini, John Reeves, Scott Marone and Patrick Thompson

Christians in Construction

By Robert Kummer

Throughout the Fall 2005 Semester, Christians In Construction has faced many obstacles, experienced change, and had tremendous growth. With the determination of four students to revive the club from a year of inactivity, CIC was restored. The members planned to have a guest speaker, a community service project, raise money for CIC, and to increase the membership base for the Fall 2005 semester.

Through the leadership and motivation, the members were able to complete the goals set for that semester. CIC had Dr. Otto Fetterhoff from the URS Corporation come and talk to the students about ethics in the workplace and what to look for in a company when job searching. For a community service project, CIC helped two elderly blind sisters by mowing their yard, repairing a leaking pipe, mounting surge protectors, caulking around windows, and blowing leaves off the roof. CIC has currently raised over \$250 by selling Krispy Kreme

certificates for \$5.00. CIC membership base has tripled from 5 members to 15 members. The current officers for CIC are Robert Kummer, President; Jonathan Hill, Vice President; Seth Simmons, Secretary; Forrest Eleazer, Treasurer; Rodney Bryant, Public Relations; Dr. Leon Wetherington, Faculty Advisor.

CIC will be having elections this semester and is looking forward to another semester of growth. This semester CIC is planning on having a Job Career Seminar, preparing students for the Job Fair on Feb. 7, 2006, more community service projects, and increasing our membership base.

CIC is not just a club exclusive to Christians. It is a club that reaches out to people who are in need and is accepting of people where they are in their life and who they are.

National Association of Home Builders

By Dr. Robert Stroh

The Student Chapter of the NAHB arranged a tour to the Suwannee Lumber Company facility in Cross City, Florida, on Friday, December 2nd. The students were hosted by and given a guided tour of the facility by Dan and Michael Dickert, president and vice president of Suwannee Lumber Company.

The mill produces dimensional lumber, radius-edge decking, and bagged pine-bark chips. The tour started with the log yard, went by the debarker and log sorter, and saw the operation of the log scanner that captured the log geometry and defined the cuts that would maximize the yield from cutting the log. After seeing the various stages of the cutting operations, the group watched the visual lumber grading operation. Mr. Mark Lee of Timber Products Inspection, who was conducting an in-plant quality review of the visual grading work, met with the students and discussed the main factors that establish the grade assigned to a piece of lumber. The tour ended at the automatic lumber sorting stage and the kiln drying tower.

NAHB held elections for the 2006 officers on Monday, December 5th. Lia Nielsen was elected president for

the coming year and Kristy Kelley was elected vice president. Working with Lia and Kristy will be Matt Szporka, the newly elected treasurer, and CJ Hamilton, the newly elected secretary.

The past president, Julie Lipsitz, and past vice president, Mariah Jensen, are entering their final semester in the Rinker School and will be concentrating on finding a position in the construction industry upon graduation.



Shown in the photograph (left to right) are: Dr. Robert Stroh (faculty advisor), Matt Szporka, Patricia Roset-Zuppa, Francesca Mucciolo, Nick Herring, Lia Nielsen, and Dan Dickert, President of Suwannee Lumber Company.

Associated Builders and Contractors

By Daniel Seeley

This past semester has been an exciting one for ABC. Every month, the club had individuals from the construction industry come and speak at their monthly meetings. The speakers spoke about the importance of ethics and leadership in the construction field, as well as representing their fine companies. While most speakers have been from large construction companies, there was also a subcontractor who addressed the importance of their working relationships with general contractors. Speakers included: Dave Anderson from Hardin Construction, Chris Jiminez from Glendale Painting, Louie Wise III from CCS Mechanical, Jeremy Voss from PCL Construction and Matt Webster from PPI construction. In addition to guest speakers, ABC

sponsored monthly club socials at The Swamp to attract new members and introduce them to ABC as a construction organization. This Spring semester, ABC will again have numerous guest speakers. Speakers not only inform the students about their company's achievements, but also speak about some of the lessons they have learned and the qualities they look for in BCN graduates. Also, we will be having the annual ABC Student Contractor Golf Tournament at Ironwood Golf Course. This social event allows ABC members to make contacts with ABC affiliated construction companies. This is the biggest social event of the year for ABC and will take place on March 24th.

Associated General Contractors

By Mariah Jensen

The Fall 2005 semester was busy for the student chapter of The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). On September 21st, Jeff Lang, President and Mariah Jensen, Secretary, attended a dinner in Tampa celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Rinker School. At our October meeting, the guest speaker, John Sofarelli from J. Raymond, discussed with club members the qualities companies look for in future employees. Later that month, the club held a social at Gator Dockside with the UF Nursing School. Lastly, on November 5th, AGC sponsored the BCN Barbeque before the Vanderbilt football game. These are just some of the highlights from the past semester. The AGC officers are looking forward to the Spring

semester, when they are planning to be more involved in community service projects, as well as recruiting more guest speakers to come and speak to the group.



BCN AGC President Jeff Lang and AGC Secretary Mariah Jensen at the 70th anniversary banquet in Tampa

Soils Class Field Trip

Students in Dr. Larry Muszynski's *Soils and Foundations* class were treated to a visit to Ring Power of Ocala on December 2nd. Ring Power is the second largest Caterpillar equipment dealer in North America. Students were given an overview of the business and its services while touring the facility with one of its managers. This field trip gave students the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the heavy machinery they may deal with on the job. Machines, such as the huge CAT 623 G Self-loading Scraper, with a price tag of \$450,000, caused particular excitement. More than one request for a "test drive" was made from the students. Trips like this are an integral part of the BCN curriculum, and make a huge difference in the students' understanding and enthusiasm for their subjects. We would like to thank **Ring Power** for

allowing our students the opportunity to tour their facilities.



Rinker Field Trip

This fall, students were once again treated to a trip to Miami to visit a Rinker Cement Plant and Quarry, as well as a Thornberry Construction highrise site. Each year **Rinker Materials** sponsors this trip, busing a group of 40 students to Miami for two days. On the morning of October 21st, students left their hotel for an early morning visit to the Cement Plant, where students toured the facility, including the control room for the giant kiln. Next was the Limestone Quarry, where the highlight was a blast timed just for this visit. Students were driven all over the facility and learned how aggregate is sized and how such a large facility is almost completely computerized. They were then treated to a Barbeque lunch. Lastly, students toured a Thornberry Construction highrise site, climbing all the way to the

top to see columns being cast in place. This trip is an invaluable chance for students to see major construction works and materials production first hand. We would like to give a special thank you to **Rinker Materials** for giving our students this great opportunity.



Steel Design Field Trip

Students from Dr. Ajay Shanker's Steel Design class were given the opportunity to get up close and personal with the material they were studying when they visited two local steel companies on October 28th and November 4th.

The first, Gerdau-Ameristeel in Baldwin, is a rebar manufacturing facility. Students viewed the entire production process, from the arrival of scrap metal, to smelting, pulling, and the finished product. The tour guides explained the various types and methods for making rebar, detailed safety features and described what it was like to work at such a facility.

The second company was Whitley Steel in Starke. Whitley is a steel fabricator, and in the absence of smelters and white hot metal, they had machines that could slice and punch right through steel I-beams and W-shapes. At this facility, the steel beams arrived ready to be cut and punched to order for local contractors.

We would like to thank **Gerdau-Ameristeel** and **Whitley Steel** for allowing our students the opportunity to tour their facilities.



1958

Rodney L. Kincaid is President of Kincaid Construction Company. They recently celebrated their 43rd year of operations in Winter Park, Florida on December 19th. The firm specializes in commercial building projects in the private market sector.

1972

Vaughan Rivers started his own company in 1975 named E. Vaughan Rivers, Inc. They are a general contractor, who specialize in commercial, industrial and institutional construction markets. He is married to Ginger and they have three children.

1975

Tony Rivas is the Director of Facilities with the Pinellas County School System. He has completed over \$1.2 billion in projects since he first started there in May 1992. He has been married to Nieves since June 1974 and they have two sons.

Fred Seidell is working at W.G. Yates and Sons Construction Company in Atlanta. They have been awarded the Design-Build of the New Consulate Compound in Mumbai, India. Their design team is the largest engineering design architect in the world.

1980

Tim Lynch became the Vice President and Sr. Project Manager of DooleyMack Constructors, Inc. on October 10th. He is located in their Ft. Lauderdale office and resides in Coral Springs.

1981

Dave Senko works for Jacobs as Manager of Construction based in Houston. He is responsible for overseeing major refinery projects throughout the U.S., Dave and his wife Bette have three children.

1983

Tim Moore has been the President of Stiles Construction Co. since 1994. He is directly responsible for the company and its associated operations throughout Florida. He currently resides in Plantation, FL with his wife and three children.

1986

Rick Hope founded The Hope Company in 1998, they provide construction services for the luxury home and renovation market, and they also overtake light commercial projects. He is married to Karen and they have four children.

1987

Allen Amsler joined McCrory Construction Co. upon graduation as an Assistant PM. Throughout the years he has worked his way up to his current position of Executive VP and COO. He became an owner of the business in 2003. He is married to Traci and they have two children.

1989

Timothy Jackson recently joined NuJak Development, Inc. of Lakeland, FL as an Owner and Vice President. He launched NuJak Properties, a commercial/residential Real Estate Brokerage, where he serves as President. NuJak's founder **Frank Kendrick** is also a BCN '89 grad.

Timothy T. McDonough received an MBA degree in Finance and Real Estate from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1999. He is currently a VP of Development for a Denver real estate development firm. He currently resides in Boulder with his wife Margaret and their four children.

1994

Bill Nassal and his business partner **Matt Brown** (also a BCN '94 grad) own a specialty construction company in Orlando, called The Nassal Company. They build zoos, aquariums, museums and theme parks. They recently completed the construction of the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta.

1997

Stephanie Davis-Marcusky recently joined Howell Construction Group, Inc. of Sarasota, Florida as a Project Manager. She recently completed her MBA through the University of Southern Mississippi. She currently lives in Sarasota with her husband Scott.

1998

Tom Harl and his wife Jen are adjusting to parenthood after having their first child, Mitchell in October. In December he topped out a 9-story beachfront condo building in Daytona.

Brian Kappeler is currently the Director of Project Development at The Stellar Groups food processing division. He and his wife reside in Jacksonville, FL with their 15 month old, Isabella, and are expecting their second child in August.

2001

Jessica Davisson began working for Pulte, Inc. as a Construction Superintendent shortly after graduation. In 2004 she was selected to take on the role of Area Recruitment and Development Manager. In December of that year she was chosen as the Director of Community Planning for the Tucson, Arizona division.

Let us Know!!!

**Tell us about any job appointments,
announcements, new contact information, etc.**

**E-mail: Stacey Rosenberg at
sirosen@ufl.edu.**

In Memoriam



Thomas Oliver Brown died on Saturday, October 29, 2005 an hour after being found beaten and unconscious in front of the CSX building in downtown Jacksonville. Thomas, who was a Merritt Island native, was 23 years old and a current BCN student. He

managed a local Pizza Hut and was very active in his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. He was well respected by his brothers and was named Brother of the Year for the 2003-2004 school year. To celebrate Tom's life, a memorial scholarship fund has been established with the University of Florida. This fund will provide scholarships within the BCN program.



Ryan Todd Lacey passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 in Gainesville, FL. Ryan was 21 years old and a Pre-BC student. He was born in Orlando and spent most of his life in Winter Park.



Matthew Remsen, died Saturday, December 31, 2005 as a result of a motorcycle accident in Silver Springs, FL. Matthew was 34. He was born in Las Vegas, NV and came to Florida with his family in 1985. Matt currently

worked as a Project Manager for Moss and Associates Construction in Ocala. He graduated from BCN in 1994. To celebrate Tom's life, the school is accepting donations, which will be used to establish a memorial scholarship within the BCN program.



Daniel P. Galfond, passed away November 5, 2005 after a 10 month battle with Leukemia. Daniel graduated from BCN in 1997.

Update Your Contact Information

The Rinker School uses the UF Alumni Association's database for distribution of the Orange & Blueprints Newsletter and for the BCN Regional Club mailings. If you are not receiving these mailings, have recently graduated, or have moved, please update your information with the UF Alumni Association. You may contact them by using the contact information or link below.

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Graduate Student Reception	Spring 2006	\$1,500

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NAHB Competition (Spring 2006)

Graduation Dinner (Fall 1999)

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Building Construction Advisory Board Executive Committee



The Executive Committee held their bi-annual meeting on Friday, October 7, 2005 in conjunction with the UF Homecoming events. This was the last meeting for Vince Burkhardt, President of Burkhardt Construction, as the Chair of the Committee. Former Vice Chair of the Committee, Steve Palmer of Stiles Corporation, will serve as the Committee's Chairperson for the next two years. Sid Jordan of Clark Construction Group was elected as Vice Chair of the Committee.

The committee discussed the current fundraising efforts for the 70th Anniversary Endowed Professorship. Mr. Bob Angle, Angle & Schmid, gave the group highlights of the Tampa Bay Region UF BCN Gator Club's 70th Anniversary banquet held on September 21, 2005. The Committee also discussed the nominations of new members. New member nominations are currently being voted on by the Committee and new members will be selected by mid-February.

The Nomination of Vince Burkhardt, Tom Gormely, A. B. Robinson, and Dan Whiteman to Emeritus status was approved by the Committee. Dr Chini presented

Mr. Burkhardt and Mr. Whiteman with their Emeritus plaques. The School would like to thank them for their years of service to the BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee and their dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the School.

Members, BCN and DCP representatives that were present for the October 7th meeting include: Bob Angle, John Bennett, Vince Burkhardt, Curtis Culver, Rick Derrer, Sid Jordan, John McIntyre, Harley Miller, Steve Palmer, Bill Pinto, Chip Reid, Erik Sharpe, Darrell Smith, John Sofarelli, Wayne Wadsworth, Dan Whiteman, Don Whyte, Abdol Chini, Raymond Issa, Charles Kibert, and Marcia Bourdon.



The Rinker Scholar Program

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. Foundation has committed \$1 million to the Rinker School to fund the **Rinker Scholar** program. This pledge is designated for the creation of an endowment to be used for the support of faculty members of the Associated Schools of Construction admitted by the Rinker School into its doctoral program.

Since its inception, in 1935, the Rinker School has led the construction management profession in its journey to professionalization. With the dawning of the new millennium, the construction management profession finds itself at the threshold of its final and most important step toward professionalization. This final step involves the fostering of sustained efforts in research and development, in order to bring innovation to the profession and keep it vibrant.

In the U.S., there are about 108 construction management academic programs that are members of the Associated School of Construction. There is a need for these programs to increase their efforts in research and development. Most of the faculty members in the ASC Schools have a Master's

degree and five or more years of relevant construction supervisory experience and are excellent teachers. However, there is a shortage of qualified individuals that are actively pursuing research in the discipline. In order to foster research in these academic programs, the best and the brightest of these faculty members should be encouraged to earn a Ph.D. in construction management. Currently, the Rinker School is one of the only four doctoral programs in the United States focusing solely on construction management. The income from the **Rinker Scholar** endowment will be devoted to helping fellow construction schools enhance the quality of the education they offer, while increasing construction research. The goal is to make **Rinker Scholar** in construction education synonymous to the Fulbright Scholar in international education and, the Rhodes Scholar in education at Oxford.

We appreciate the strong relationship the Rinker School has enjoyed with the Rinker family. Their investments in our program give us many opportunities which would otherwise be virtually impossible without this support.

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Faculty news



Dr. Abdol Chini recently edited and completed a state-of-the-art report on deconstruction and materials reuse, for the Council for Research and Innovation in Building Construction (CIB). It investigates the systematic disassembly of buildings in order to maximize recovered materials reuse and recycling. A task group was commissioned in 1999 to produce a comprehensive analysis of worldwide building deconstruction and materials reuse programs and issues. Chini's report is the fifth and final in the series. This report covers deconstruction and materials reuse programs and issues in 10 countries. The process of demolition often leads to the mixing of various materials and contamination of non-hazardous components. Deconstruction can actually be the source separation of materials and is emerging around the world as an alternative to demolition. He also had an interview with the BBC World Service "One Planet" program regarding construction and demolition waste management that was aired on December 14, 2005.



Dr. Charles J. Kibert made several recent presentations of his research to several organizations in the U.S. and abroad. In September 2005 he attended Sustainable Building 2005 in Tokyo where he taught a class to a group of international students on sustainable construction, organized a conference session, and presented a paper on the future of green building. In November he was invited by the Delaware Valley chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council to give a presentation on sustainable construction based on his new book, "Sustainable Construction: Green Building Design and Delivery" published by John Wiley & Sons in 2005. At the annual U.S. Green Building Council conference in Atlanta in November, he participated in a session with three other professors from across the U.S., "Teaching Sustainability across the Curriculum." In December he taught a session at Federal Ecobuild held in Washington, DC on "Project Management and Estimating for Green Building Projects." He is

presently organizing an international conference. Rethinking Sustainable Construction 2006 which will be held in Sarasota, Florida in September 2006. The website for this conference is <http://www.treeo.ufl.edu/rsc06>



Dr. Svetlana Olbina attended the IX International Conference on Performance of Exterior Envelopes of Whole Buildings in Clearwater Beach, Florida, in December 2004. The conference was sponsored by ASHRAE and U.S. Department of Energy. Dr. Olbina presented a paper titled "Decision-Making Framework for Selection and Design of a Shading Device Based on Daylighting Performance." She also attended the Associated Schools of Construction's 41st Annual International Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. In April 2005 and presented a paper titled, "New Teaching/Learning Methodology in the Computer and Graphic Communications Course."



L. Charles Smeby, Jr. recently had his text published. It is titled "Fire and Emergency Services Administration: Management and Leadership Practices". It provides a comprehensive overview to prepare students to become leaders in the Fire, EMS, and Emergency Preparedness fields.

Kevin Grosskopf

Received Excellence in Teaching Award



The graduating seniors selected Dr. Kevin Grosskopf as the recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award for the Fall 2005 semester. Dr. Grosskopf teaches courses in plumbing and construction financing.

He was also selected as the College Teacher of the Year for 2004-2005

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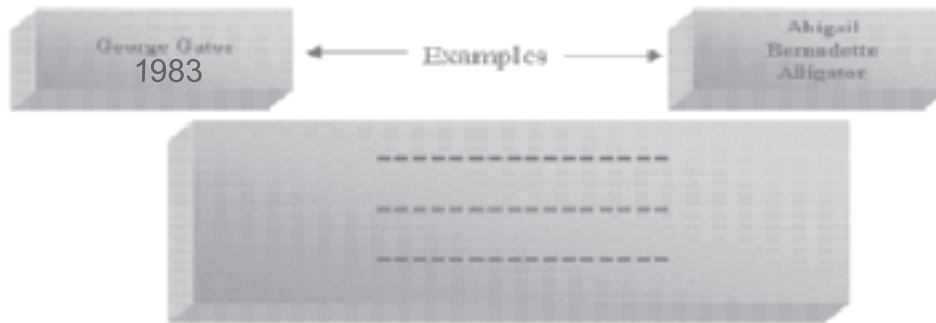
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We need additional resources to carry out the graduate education and research missions of the University without compromising our excellent undergraduate program. The income from the 70th Anniversary

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