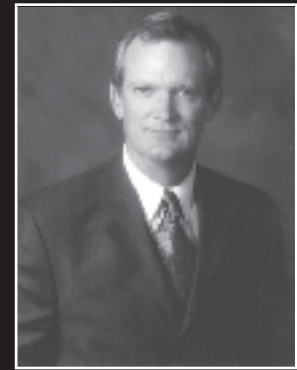


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A Message From



Anthony Dasta
Interim Dean

I have been with the College for the past 40 years, serving as a full-time faculty member for the first 25 years and the last 15 years as an administrator and professor. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the University and College during these years. I will be officially retiring in December 2007.

The University and College have completed a national search for a new dean. Provost Janie Fouke has named Dr. Christopher Silver as our Dean. Below is an article on Dr. Silver. His choice is an excellent fit for our diverse programs.

This past year as your Interim Dean, I have seen first hand why the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction is one of the top programs in the country. When it comes to teaching, research and service, the School has no equals in its field. Under the leadership of Dr. Abdol Chini and with support of its distinguished faculty, the Rinker School of Building Construction has made significant progress in its graduate and distance education programs, while maintaining its strong undergraduate programs.

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Dr. Abdol Chini
Director

The Rinker School had a successful 2005-2006 academic year. We graduated 120 students with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Building Construction, four with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Services, 22 with the degree of Master of Science in Building Construction, 20 with the degree of Master in Building Construction, and three with a Ph.D. degree. More than 160 qualified students applied for admission to the Fall 2006 semester, but only the top 60 students were admitted to the program. The incoming students have an average Pre-BCN GPA of 3.45 and average SAT score of 1260. Job placement for BCN graduates has been extremely successful. We had over 120 companies represented at the Spring 2006 BCN Career Fair in O'Connell Center to recruit both full-time employees and interns.

The Rinker School's 70th anniversary celebrations and fundraisers for an endowed professorship in North Central Florida on April 22nd and in South Florida on May 9th were the exciting events of this past semester. I would like to thank the BCN Club Board of Directors and sponsors in

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Meet the new Dean...

By Ron Wayne



The UF Provost Janie Fouke announced on June 16th that Dr. Christopher Silver, the head of the department of urban and regional planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has been selected as the dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning effective October 1, 2006.

Dr. Silver has been a professor of urban and regional planning and head of his department in Illinois since 1998. From 1995 to 1997, he was the urban development advisor to Indonesia under a U.S. Agency for International Development, project based in Jakarta. Starting with a Fulbright Senior Lectureship in 1989 and 1990, Silver has researched urban development and decentralization in Indonesia for more than a decade.

Silver previously served Virginia Commonwealth University from 1979 to 1995 in a variety of positions, including professor and as associate dean in the College of Humanities and Sciences and in the School of Community and

Public Affairs. The central focus of his published research has been urban and planning history, both in the US and in an international context. He is completing a book entitled, "Planning the Megacity: Jakarta in the Twentieth Century" (Routledge).

He is also completing a history of planning in the urban South in the US from the 1890s through the 1950s. Other recent research involves the global phenomena of urban planning in the context of decentralization, democratization and the emergence of civil society in developing nations.

Silver earned a doctoral degree in American urban history and a master's degree in American history from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; a master's of urban and regional planning from Virginia Commonwealth University; and a bachelor's in history from St. Lawrence University. He is past President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, a former Co-Editor of the Journal of the American Planning Association, and currently editor of the Journal of Planning History.

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BCN Homecoming BBQ



Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 7, 2006, during homecoming at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The Gators are scheduled to play Louisiana State. Plan to stop at Rinker Hall at 9:00 am for some great food, a tour of Rinker Hall and to visit with alumni. Special thanks to **Holder Construction** for sponsoring the BBQ.

Homecoming Events:

9:00 - 10:30 am

10:30 - 11:30 am

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

BCN Advisory Council Review of the BCN Curriculum

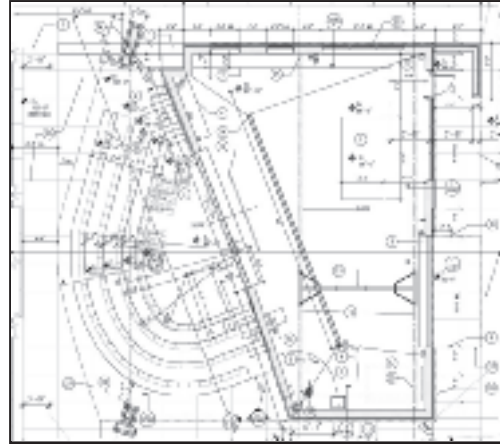
Honoring 2005 inductees for the BCN Construction Hall of Fame

BBQ

Tour of Rinker Hall

The Perry Crafts Awareness Facility Progress Report

Construction is expected to start on the Perry Crafts Awareness Facility by mid-August 2006 with an expected completion date of December 31, 2006. The facility will have a green roof which will be the first of its kind, located adjacent to the northeast corner of Rinker Hall, on the UF campus and a 100-seat amphitheater. The facility will be cooled by natural ventilation and will be furnished with a 300k testing frame and a 2-ton hoist. Students will be able to develop their craft awareness by observing the performance of master craft workers in areas such as welding, masonry, and formwork erection.



BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

The First Annual UF Tampa Bay BCN Gator Club Golf Scramble was hosted by the club on Thursday, June 1, 2006 at the Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater, Florida. The Feather Sound Country Club was in great shape for this event, and the staff provided an excellent poolside lunch prior to the shotgun start, and followed up with the post tournament get-together in the ballroom with the awards ceremony, a buffet station with light foods as well as plenty of refreshments.

Sixteen foursomes competed in this "Best Ball" format and the team sponsored by Rinker Materials, which included Stefanie Oldham, Dave Wright, Ryan Willis and Bob DiPietro, took first place honors. The teams from Hennessey Construction Services and ASAP Rental Equipment and Sales took 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Scott Pittman from the Nelson Construction team was the Long Drive winner and John Omran from the Clark Construction Group, LLC team won the "Closest to the Pin" award.

Despite a rain-shortened event, everyone had a great time and the Tampa Bay Club is already starting to plan a similar golf outing for next year. It is anticipated a full slate of 25 foursomes will compete, network, socialize and generally have a great afternoon away from work.



The First Annual UF Tampa Bay BCN Gator Club Golf Scramble raised \$5,600 for the 70th Anniversary Professorship and the club wishes to acknowledge and thank the following firms for their generous contributions and participation:

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BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

The Rinker School's 70th Anniversary BBQ sponsored by the **North Central Florida BCN Alumni Club** was held on Saturday, April 22nd from 11 am to 1 pm on the Rinker Hall North lawn. Close to 150 BCN alumni and friends attended and enjoyed the pre-Orange & Blue game BBQ. The event was kicked off with a brief welcome and overview of the Club's initiatives and rationale for the fundraiser by Club President, Domenic Scorpio. Dr. Abdol Chini then addressed the group and thanked those that helped sponsor the event.



Domenic Scorpio, Club President

The BBQ was a great opportunity for alumni and friends to relax and reminisce prior to the game. BCN Grand Guard alumnus Robert Bird (BCN 1956) shared many stories of his BCN experience as well as graciously donated his photos from that time for the Rinker School archives.



Dr. Abdol Chini and BCN Grand Guard Alumnus Robert Bird

In addition to reminiscing and celebrating the Rinker School's 70th Anniversary, the event raised \$14,000 for the 70th Anniversary Endowed Professorship. The Rinker School would like to give special thanks to the North Central Florida Alumni Club Board of Directors, event sponsors, and Kim Stanley without whom this event would not have been possible.

The North Central Florida BCN Alumni Club Board of Directors

President - **Domenic Scorpio**, PPI Construction Management
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The first meeting of the **Southwest Florida BCN Alumni Club** took place on June 1, 2006 from 6 to 9 pm at the Pelican Larry's Pine Ridge Road location in Naples. Fifteen BCN alumni attended the event to socialize, network, reunite, and learn about the BCN regional clubs. Dr. Chini provided an update of the Rinker School's enrollment, faculty, curriculum, career fair, and other major events. Also in attendance were Marcia Bourdon, Director of Development for the College of DCP and new Assistant Director Sally Morris. John Gooding, President of Deerbrook, Inc. organized and sponsored this event. With the support of the members who attended the first meeting, John is planning to set up another one with more participants

to select the first Board of Directors for the Southwest BCN Alumni Club. Please contact John (john@deerbrookinc.com) for more information.

The **Central Florida/Orlando BCN Alumni Club** held its first social on June 29th. It was held at DubsDread Country Club in Orlando. With about 50 people in attendance, they discussed the purpose of the club and ideas for upcoming events. The planning is to have another social in either late October or early November and to have a banquet in the Spring 2007 semester. The club website, <http://www.ufbcn.org/centralflorida> is still being worked on, but when complete it will have information regarding club events.

The South Florida BCN Alumni Club Presents \$100,000 to

Close to 650 alumni, friends and sponsors got together on Tuesday evening, May 9th, 2006 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Davie Florida to celebrate the School's 70th anniversary and fundraiser for an endowed professorship.



The **South Florida BCN Alumni Club** presented a \$100,000 check to Interim Dean Anthony Dasta and Dr. Abdol Chini for the Rinker School's 70th Anniversary Endowed Professorship. The generosity demonstrated by the South Florida BCN Alumni Club is a testament to the dedication our alumni and friends have for the Rinker School. We are very appreciative of the confidence they have shown in the Rinker School through this gift.

The South Florida BCN Alumni Club is one of 6 clubs currently organized in Florida and was responsible for coordinating and hosting the event. The remarkably strong Gator spirit was present while alumni, friends, and sponsors enjoyed an unforgettable evening of celebrating and reminiscing. The evening was kicked off by a cocktail and social hour, then dinner and a program.

The program's welcoming remarks were given by Rick Derrer, President-elect of the Club, where he thanked all those in attendance. Steve Palmer, President of the Club, gave the opening remarks, including a brief description of the Club's initiatives and purpose of the fundraising banquet. Dr. Dan Whiteman, Vice President of Academics for the Club, gave the invocation for the evening. The evening program continued with Dean Dasta giving the group a brief accounting of the College's and Rinker School's achievements and activities. Dr. Chini then addressed the group and introduced the School's faculty in attendance, Drs. Brown, Cox, Dukes, Issa and Olbina. Ray Southern, Charles P. Reid, and Jim Cummings were keynote speakers during the event. They spoke of their experiences within their careers and how BCN enabled them to be successful in the construction industry. Each speaker also entertained the group with stories of their times at BCN and/or their first "real" job after graduation.

The resources generated by the endowed professorship would be used to bring the outstanding construction professionals into the classroom to share their knowledge

with our students and to give them broader exposure to the "real world" of construction.

The Club Board of Directors had the difficult task of organizing an elaborate fun-filled evening for all to enjoy as well as fund raising for the 70th Anniversary Professorship. They did an excellent job with coordinating the event as well as reaching their fundraising goal, which was to surpass the high benchmark already set by the Tampa Bay Club. The Rinker School would like to give special thanks to the Club Board of Directors and sponsors. Without the hard work and efforts of the Club members and generous support from our sponsors, the event and professorship would not have been possible. We would like to also recognize Ray de la Feuilliez, Giovanna Easton and Beth Yowell of James A. Cummings; Kathy Worley of Stiles; and Viki Solt of the Rinker School for their outstanding efforts in organizing many activities needed for a banquet of this size.



Steve Palmer, his wife, Linda and John Bennett.



Ray Southern, CEO of Centex Construction

the School at its 70th Anniversary Banquet and Fundraiser

The Rinker School wishes to thank all who participated, especially the South Florida BCN Alumni Club Board of Directors and those companies who sponsored tables.

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Attention West Palm Beach Alumni

The Palm Beach UF BCN Alumni Club

requests your attendance at

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

The Palm Beach UF BCN Alumni Club is hosting the Rinker School's 70th Anniversary Banquet scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, 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 alumni in the region the first of September. If you would like more information about the banquet, or would like to sponsor a table, please contact: Vince Burkhardt (BBC 72) or Bill Zammit (BBC 74) at: PalmBeachBCNAlum@bellsouth.net or Duane Burgard (BBC 81) at: tcdburgard@adelphia.net

We would like to thank the West Palm Beach area companies below, who have graciously agreed to sponsor tables as of 7/20/06.

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In these times of unsteady state support, the Rinker School has maintained strong support of its alumni, profession and friends. I am especially thankful to the Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Foundation, Charles R. Perry family, and all of those who have given their support to the School. The Rinker School's 70th year anniversary BCN Club celebrations have been very successful and will provide needed faculty support in the future.

In closing, I look forward to working with the Rinker School in the coming year and to helping in any way I can to keep the program a success. Thank you to all the alumni and friends I have met in the past year. It is your support that leads the School to the success it has earned.

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these two regions. Without the hard work and efforts of the club members and generous support from the sponsors, the events and professorship would not have been possible. The celebrations in Tampa, Gainesville, and Ft Lauderdale have generated \$180,000 for the 70th anniversary endowed professorship. The BCN Clubs at Palm Beach and Orlando are planning to have their celebrations in the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007, respectively.

Dr. Robert Cox left the University of Florida and his Associate Director position with the Rinker School to become the Building Construction Management Department Head at Purdue University. His excellent teaching skills and leadership qualities have been instrumental in improving the quality of our programs for the past 13 years. We will sorely miss his enormous contributions. I have appointed Dr. Paul Oppenheim as the Director of Undergraduate Programs. Dr. Oppenheim has been teaching BCN undergraduate courses in Heating and Air Conditioning and Electrical systems since 1989 and has ranked consistently at the top of the BCN faculty in teaching performance. He is well-respected by students and his fellow faculty members for his enthusiasm and dedication.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. Your support is essential for us to maintain the high quality of our program.

Building Construction Advisory Council Executive Committee



The Spring BCN Executive Committee meeting was held on April 7, 2006 at the Orlando International Airport Hyatt Regency from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. The committee discussed the current fundraising efforts for the 70th Anniversary Endowed Professorship. Specifically, it was noted that any proceeds received by December 31, 2006 for the professorship will be eligible for bundling to receive the State match. Breck Weingart, President of Charles Perry Construction, gave the group an update on the Gainesville/Ocala BCN Club's pre-Orange and Blue game BBQ scheduled for April 22, 2006 at the UF Campus. Rick Derrer, President of James A. Cummings, Inc. informed the group of the Fort Lauderdale/Miami BCN Club's initiatives for its upcoming 70th Anniversary Banquet, scheduled for May 9, 2006 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

The committee also welcomed the following new members to the EXCOM: Tim Good, Vice President of The Haskell Company; Chris Hanlon, Senior Vice President of Tower Division for WCI Communities; Paul Hardaker,

Florida Region Manager for Gerda Ameristeel; Bill Morthland, Operations Manager for Hunt Construction Group in Tampa; and Louie Wise, III, President of CCS Mechanical. The committee also discussed filling the two available seats on the committee with new members. Ron Nunez, Senior Director of Corporate Health, Safety, and Environmental for Flour Constructors and Raymond Southern, CEO of Centex Construction were selected to the EXCOM effective Fall 2006. The next EXCOM meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the UF and BCN Homecoming events for Friday, October 6th at Rinker Hall from 8:30 am – noon.

Members and BCN faculty who were present for the April 7th meeting include: Robert Angle, John Bennett, Curtis Culver, Rick Derrer, Tim Good, Chris Hanlon, Paul Hardaker, Sidney Jordan, John McIntyre, Harley Miller, Bill Morthland, Steve Palmer, Chip Reid, Erik Sharpe, Darrell Smith, John Sofarelli, Breck Weingart, Louie Wise, III, Abdol Chini, Robert Cox, and Raymond Issa.

Steve Palmer, President of the BCN Advisory Council EXCOM

By Hollie Gowen



When Steve Palmer was 15, he and his best friend decided to do a little construction just for fun. Over the course of one summer, using money they made painting houses, the boys planned and built the ultimate tree house. "It was 30 feet in the air in a large oak tree," Palmer said. "It was fully enclosed with walls, shingles, paneling and a rope ladder."

"It was such a great experience creating something from nothing-basically taking an idea and making it a reality," Palmer said. "The passion of being a builder started there." That passion continues to this day. In addition to his role as chief operating officer of Stiles Corporation, a Fort Lauderdale-based development company, Palmer is chairman of Habitat for Humanity of Broward, Inc. "My personal philosophy about my purpose is to be a good steward of the talents I've been blessed with, and Habitat gives me an outlet to accomplish that," he said.

Palmer has volunteered for many groups over the years, but along with Habitat, he is especially proud of his work with Kids in Distress, a local agency dedicated to eradicating child abuse and caring for its victims. "When I joined the board of Kids, there were maybe a dozen children and a couple of paid staff," said Palmer, who has been on the board for 22 years. "Today, the agency touches the lives of over 7,000 children a year."

He added that Stiles Corporation has played a major role in

helping to build each of the organization's major capital projects. The business charged no fee for its work. Palmer said it is his nature to volunteer his time and talents to such worthy organizations. "I grew up in a family that was very involved in giving back to the community, and I have a strong belief that it's important to do that," he said. "It's also rewarding to know that you're making a difference."

Palmer came to Fort Lauderdale in 1979- straight out of the University of Florida's School of Building Construction- to take a job as an estimator with Stiles Corporation. "I never worked anywhere else," Palmer said, noting that the company had 10 people when he started. Things have changed for both Palmer and Stiles Corporation. The latter is now one of the largest construction companies in South Florida, and Palmer now holds the position of chief operating officer.

In today's work world, where employees bounce from one company to the next, Palmer's loyalty to Stiles is something of an anomaly. But he said his longevity at the company was easy to achieve. "The core values we have as an organization are completely aligned with what my personal beliefs are, and we have been extremely successful holding to very high standards," Palmer said. Palmer lives in Weston with his wife, Linda, and their 15-year-old son. In his spare time, what little of it there is, Palmer likes to golf, write songs and play guitar.

Palmer currently serves as President of the BCN Advisory Council, EXCOM President of the South Florida BCN Club and recently served on the Dean search committee for the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing

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The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation has recognized the importance of the preservation of affordable rental housing stock through its Window of Opportunity program and through grants to support housing-policy-related research. These efforts are hampered, however, by the lack of data about subsidized properties in both individual states and across the nation. For example limited information is available about ownership, types of subsidy programs used to finance the properties, mortgage prepayment eligibility dates, property conditions, tenant characteristics, and so forth. In response to this lack of decision-support data, the MacArthur Foundation awarded a grant to the University of Florida, on behalf of the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC).

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation, working in partnership with the Shimberg Center, will convene a

national meeting of organizations already engaged in collecting housing preservation data. The second phase of the effort will be led by the Shimberg Center and will be to develop and implement a data collection project within the state of Florida. The objective of organizing the meeting and conducting the data collection and analysis is to identify the information needs for housing policy and program development professionals and to create a data infrastructure that other states can implement for the preservation of the affordable rental housing.

The key personnel that will be involved in the project include Mr. William O'Dell, of the Shimberg Center, who will be the principal investigator for the Shimberg Center's tasks, and Ms. Nancy Muller, Policy Director for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, who will be the principal investigator for the FHFC tasks.

Powell Center for Construction and Environment

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The Powell Center is organizing an international conference, Rethinking Sustainable Construction 2006 (RSC06), an international conference that will be held September 19-22, 2006 in Sarasota, Florida. RSC06 will focus on the cutting edge and beyond for high performance green buildings and assist in the development of a roadmap for designing and building future high performance facilities. We anticipate a collaboration of designers, developers, builders, manufacturers, primary materials suppliers, policymakers, and researchers to collaborate in developing a vision of the future high performance building. The green building movement has been highly successful and the Powell Center has been engaged in the process of evolving this concept for 15 years. Rinker Hall was the first green building on the University of Florida campus and there are now a total of 18

green buildings in various stages of evolution. These high performance buildings have become an important research topic for graduate students, with eight masters students having written their papers or theses on topics ranging from greening residential development and smart growth, to measuring building performance by developing assessment tools. Additionally, there are four current doctoral students writing their doctoral dissertations on subjects such as optimizing indoor environmental quality, development of financial and other incentives for high performance buildings, optimizing the building hydrologic cycle, and greening historic preservation. The Rinker School offers a track in Sustainable Construction in the Masters program and a Certificate in Sustainable Construction to address the rapidly growing interest in this approach to construction.

Fluor Program for Construction Safety

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Safety is an integral part of the curriculum in the Rinker School. Every student who graduates from the Rinker School has taken at least one 3-hour course on construction safety. In addition, several instructors have begun to include lectures on safety in their classes. Several research studies in construction safety are always being conducted. One project that is nearly completed examined the best practices associated with implementing programs to address specific types of hazards. Another study underway is focused on identifying the best leading indicators of safety that can serve as a viable measure of the health of the safety process. Still another project is examining the various practices associated with providing for anchorage points for worker fall

protection. The research findings are regularly reported in the professional literature and at conferences.

The Fluor Program for Construction Safety continues to serve as a means of communication on safety and health matters between the Rinker School and safety personnel at Fluor Corporation. Fluor has maintained a world-class safety record on its construction sites and the Rinker School is proud to have an affiliation with them. This pride is embodied in The Fluor Program for Construction Safety Outstanding Student in Safety Award which was received by Brandon Moore this past spring semester.

Germany Exchange Program

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This past May, the eighth group of students from the Rinker School participated in the Germany Exchange Program. Seventeen students participated, making this the largest group to go to Germany. The three-week program ran smoothly as always. Our students were hosted by German students and saw how students in Germany live (and play). Some students played soccer, many went bowling, some went dancing, etc. As part of the program, the students saw many local attractions and traveled to several interesting cities, including Cologne, Hamburg, Berlin, Potsdam, Dessau, Dresden and Leipzig.

The program provided a rich mixture of visits to construction sites and to traditional tourist attractions. As in the past, the students were accompanied by Dr. Jimmie Hinze and during the last week, Dr. Kevin Grosskopf also joined the group. For their participation in the exchange program, the students earned three hours of credit for an upper division elective.



Cologne Cathedral



Student operating a remote controlled compactor at a museum of safety

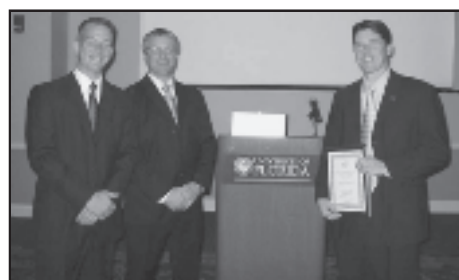


Student sawing wood at a craft training school

Welcome Reception

On January 19th, Dr. Chini and the Rinker faculty and staff welcomed new students to the School with a casual reception at Emerson Alumni Hall. Following dinner, Dr. Wetherington provided the crowd with a brief history of the Building Construction Program. **James A. Cummings, Inc.** sponsored the event, and showed a video about their firm,

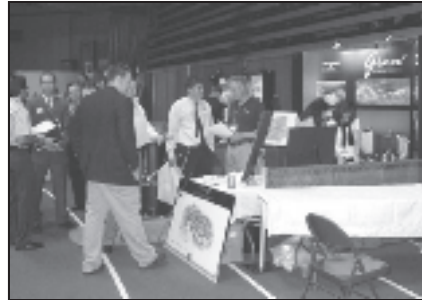
giving students a glimpse of what awaits them in a few short years. New students were also treated to a viewing of the recently produced "Rinker School – A Tradition of Excellence" video. The evening closed with Rinker student clubs and organizations having the opportunity to meet the new students and encourage them to get involved.



Mr. Trevor Prigg, Mr. Kevin Vann and Mr. Rob Maphis of James A. Cummings

Spring 2006 BCN Career Fair

The Spring 2006 BCN Career Fair was held on February 7th at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. Held each semester, the career fair offers students an opportunity to meet with recruiters from a wide spectrum of construction companies. With over 120 companies in attendance, along with more than 450 students, the career fair was an enormous success. The fair was preceded by a Recruiters Reception at Emerson Alumni Hall. This recruiters reception provides the recruiters an opportunity to mingle with past graduates, as well as with the BCN faculty and staff. Over 70 recruiters attended the reception.



THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FALL CAREER FAIR

October 17, 2006 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Stephen C. O'Connell Center

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www.bcn.ufl.edu (click on Job Placement)



Commencement

The Spring 2006 commencement for the College of Design, Construction and Planning was held on May 5th at 2:00 pm at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. This semester the Rinker School announced the graduation of 59 students with Bachelor Degrees, 21 with their Master's, and 2 that received their degree in Fire and Emergency Services. Special congratulations to Lucy Acquaye and Tan Qu for their accomplishment of receiving their Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Building Construction.

The afternoon's commencement speaker was Thaddeus L. Cohen, AIA. Thaddeus was named the Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs in March 2004, and currently serves on Governor Bush's Coastal High Hazard Study Committee and chairs the Florida Communities Trust Governing Board.

We at the Rinker School wish our newest graduates the best of luck with their new careers or next level of education.



Guest Speaker, Thaddeus L. Cohen



BCN Grads Victor Gomez, Daniel Antione (FES), and Mike Chae



Graduation Dinner

On the evening of May 5th, graduating students along with their families, friends and BCN faculty and staff gathered at the Paramount Resort and Conference Center for a send off dinner. The evening started with Interim Dean Dasta welcoming the students and their loved ones, which followed by Dr. Chini introducing the school's faculty and staff. Following dinner, Mike Wozney, Project Executive with Clark Construction, gave a presentation, detailing the firm's divisions and projects.

Following the sponsor's video was the presentation of awards. The first of our evening's awards was presented to **Mr. Robert P. Angle**, president of the St. Petersburg, Fla., firm of Angle & Schmid, Inc., General Contractors. He was the recipient of the 2006 BCN Distinguished Alumnus Award. Next, **Brandon Moore** was recognized as one of the finalist's for the DCP Student Academic Achievement Award. **Brandon** also received with the Fluor Award in Construction Safety.

Mariah Jensen received the award for Outstanding Student Leadership and **Derek Markham** received the Outstanding Scholarship Award, this award is given to the student with the highest GPA for their BCN upper division courses. **Carolyn Smith** received the H. Duff Williamson Award in Estimating. The award for Best Overall Capstone Project was given to **Victor Gomez**.

Special thanks to **Clark Construction Group** for sponsoring the graduation dinner.



Dr. Abdol Chini and Mr. Bob Angle



Mr. Mike Wozney with Clark Construction



Brandon Moore accepting his award from Dr. Abdol Chini

Construction Management Association of America

By Cardiff Shea

Construction Management Association of America is an organization that promotes construction management as a method of construction delivery alternative to the traditional design-bid-build. This semester the UF CMAA chapter had multiple meetings highlighted by guest speakers who gave insight, through their experience in the construction industry. Additionally, the club planned a trip to Tampa to visit a large interstate intersection construction project as well as a high-rise hotel. On a social level, CMAA had a Social at Café Gardens for members and potential members. Also this year the CMAA West Florida Chapter donated funds to our chapter to continue our operation. The UF CMAA chapter lobbied UF Student Government for more funds for the 2006-2007 academic year and was successful in their endeavor. Through these funds UF CMAA will be able to continue their

growth and to support Habitat for Humanity and organizations like Rebuild Gainesville. We would like to extend our gratitude to the professional West Florida Chapter of CMAA who have pledged two yearly scholarships to UF CMAA members.



Building Construction College Council

By Jonathan Hill

The Building Construction College Council (BCNCC) continued the momentum that John Nichols started from the previous year. John and the Council had set three goals: Awareness, Communication, and Coordination. The Council created a calendar so all of the BCN organizations could schedule their events without interfering with each other. The calendar was put on the BCNCC website so all of the BCN students would have access. The Council then publicized the website and calendar in each of the classes. The BCNCC calendar was a great start on accomplishing the councils three goals.

John stepped down from the President position after the 2005 Fall Term. As the current VP, I assumed the role as President and Ryan Stringfellow was elected as the VP for the Spring Term. To maintain the momentum the Council had started, Ryan and I chose to run for reelection for next year with a co-running mates. We did not want to have a full Board change over with people who had not been on the council before. The plan is for our co-running mates to transition into their roles during the Fall Term 2006 and continue the work that the Council has started. Ryan and I will be graduating in December 2006 and feel the new board will be able to continue and grow the work already started.

The Council organized an end of the school year BCN Luau with help from several of the BCN clubs. A special thanks to **Brasfield & Gorrie** along with **NAWIC** for sponsoring the event. Ryan Stringfellow developed a very nice shirt design and all of the shirts were sold out quickly. The event had over 200 in attendance at the FUS Restaurant (the old Sky Bar).

Thanks to the 20+ individuals that help setup the event. Beth Glover did an excellent job of decorating for the event. There were palm branches, bamboo, and coconuts everywhere along with a bamboo limbo. With Hills BBQ and the FUS providing food, no one went hungry. The event went so well that the Council is planning an end of Fall 2006 Term event.



Sigma Lambda Chi

By Nicholas Bieber

The Spring of 2006 proved to be a banner semester for the Sigma Lambda Chi Construction Honor Society, thanks not only to an outstanding addition to the active members of our society from our most recent initiation class, but also to SLX's increased involvement in the surrounding community. In an effort to broaden the involvement of our honor society, SLX has decided to undertake new construction-related service activities in addition to our Habitat for Humanity and Peaceful Paths contribution. SLX has also made an effort to strengthen unity within the society by emphasizing an increase in both current and past member participation in SLX sanctioned events. Overall, we are looking forward to a great upcoming semester.

Sigma Lambda Chi would like to proudly welcome our new members: Jay Cherry, Peter Dayton, Rainer Elken, Thomas Elliott, John Finch, Matthew Gilstrap, Sean Horan, Scott Marone, Axay Patel, Michael Schutt, Matthew Szporoka, Patrick Thompson, and Alex Wolpert. Congratulations!



Associated General Contractors

By Mariah Jensen

AGC got to work this semester! On January 24th, the chapter started off the year with a club meeting in which the goals for the semester were discussed. Then, just in time for the Career Fair on February 7th, we held a meeting in which a guest speaker from the Career Resource Center shared knowledge about resumes and recruiting. On the 16th of February, AGC held a social with the Nursing School at the Grog House. The dress theme was "Yacht Club" and everyone who attended had a blast! On Saturday, February 18th, a group of AGC volunteers joined forces with Rebuild Gainesville for a community service project. We traveled to a home in Hawthorne where we built a handicap ramp for a resident in need.

It was a wonderful and heartwarming experience and AGC will continue working with Rebuild Gainesville on future projects. After Spring Break, AGC held a club meeting with guest speaker William Wimberly from Zachry Construction in which he gave career advice and information about his company. On Tuesday, April 11th, AGC hosted a BBQ at the Rinker School, serving up hotdogs and hamburgers to the students and faculty of BCN. The last meeting of the Spring 2006 semester was held on April 19th in which the officers of next Fall were elected. Our final social event of the year was a collaboration with ABC at Club XS. It was a great way to end the year and have some fun!



National Association of Women In Construction

By Staci Bartlett



This semester we assisted Women Build, a group that helps raise funds for Habitat homes and allows women the opportunity to participate in the construction process of a Habitat home, by building a playhouse to be raffled off to raise funds to start a new Habitat home. We spent two weekends with the help of other BCN students and staff completing the playhouse.

We took a tour of the Women's Gym currently being renovated by AJAX. Mary Thompson, the project manager, showed us the building and gave insight on the challenges of renovating a historically significant building.

Jill Carter of the Gainesville NAWIC chapter set up a tour of a water treatment plant currently under construction with CHM2HILL in Orlando. Eight members of NAWIC traveled to Orlando and enjoyed some time out on the town and then toured the site the next day. It was a great experience and we greatly appreciate the support of the Gainesville NAWIC chapter.

During the spring semester we incorporated some social events to help the members get to know each other better. We also held breakfast sales in the morning where we discovered that the men of BCN are very health conscientious.

NAWIC ended the year by donating \$500 to the annual BCN Luau, which took place at FUS Restaurant & Bar, and was attended by BCN students, faculty, and staff. Beth Glover contributed to the decoration of the event by getting items such as bamboo and a limbo set donated by her family.

We look forward to another year with hopes to start on a Habitat home with Women Build.



Christians in Construction

By Robert Kummer

It has been another growing and busy year for Christians in Construction. Throughout the semester we have had the opportunity to have several wonderful guest speakers.

During the month of January, **Dr. Otto Fetterhoff**, from URS Corporation spoke to the students on how to prepare resumes and what questions to ask and to answer during job interviews. **Melissa Miller**, from Rebuild Gainesville, spoke to our club in March about her organization. She discussed the dire need of volunteers for her organization. **Mr. Reeves Byrd**, who is a retirement planning consultant, spoke at our Financial Seminar in April. He spoke primarily on investment options that companies offer and what to look for in the investment world.

On a personal note, we would like to thank the guest speakers for taking the time to speak to us and offering their insight

in the construction industry. We would like to thank Dr. Leon Wetherington, our faculty advisor, for his help and support. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Drawdy Brothers Construction, Inc. for their generosity and support.

The officers for Christians in Construction for the Fall 2006 semester are: Erin Young, President; Adam Robertson, Vice President; Seth Simmons, Secretary; Robert Kummer, Treasurer; John Finch, Public Relations, Dr. Leon Wetherington, Faculty Advisor.

Next semester we plan on having several guest speaker, community service projects, and social gatherings. 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 Robert Stroh

The Student Chapter of the NAHB met during the spring semester to hear Jim Kalemeris (BBC '51) discuss the importance of using the lessons learned in the classes of the BCN curriculum. He emphasized the situations where those classroom lessons have helped him avoid near disasters over the years. Jim also emphasized how important it is to use your knowledge of alternative materials and methods that can save time and money when bidding a job. He described several projects for which Kalemeris Construction, Inc., was the successful bidder simply because he had proposed an alternative approach to the construction project that saved

either time or money for the owner.

Closing out the program was a video tape of an 8mm silent film of the original construction of the Empire State Building. This Empire State Building project was started in February 1930 and completed in May 1931. The entire 102-story building was erected in 15 months. At the height of the activity, over 3,000 workers were on the job site. Throughout the film it was obvious that our current construction safety standards were not yet in place in the 1930s.

Honors Presentation

This past semester the Rinker School had 5 students graduate with Summa Cum Laude. Congratulations to Erik Anderson, Holton Jacob Harders, Brandon Moore, Brooke Nicholson and Kimberly Rambaum for their outstanding academic performance.

To graduate with the distinctions of Magna Cum Laude (high honors) or Summa Cum Laude (highest honors) a student must have earned a 3.6 or 3.75 GPA, respectively. In addition, they are required to prepare an "honors research paper" which is supervised by two BCN faculty members.



From left to right:
 Kimberly Rambaum (Cook, Kibert)
 Brooke Nicholson (Cook, Muszynski)
 Brandon Moore (Wetherington, Cox)
 Holton Jacob Harders (Smailes, Kibert)

Not shown:
 Erik Anderson (Issa, Cox)

Associated Builders and Contractors

By Robert Cox

The annual Student-Contractor Golf Tourney was held on March 24th at Ironwood Golf Course. The tournament was a total success for the more than 120 golfers. The ABC Student Chapter would like to express their sincere thanks to all company sponsors and to all those who participated in this event. Please watch for flyers announcing next year's event.

A special thanks goes out to the ABC Gulf Coast Chapter for all their support this past year. The ABC Gulf Coast offices in Tampa played host to our annual student-contractor BBQ on February 23rd. This social event was attended by some 20 students and 25 contractor members.

This spring semester the student chapter was fortunate to have the following guest speakers for their monthly meetings: Louie Wise III of CCS Mechanical; Dan Minnick and Randy Fitkin of Mathews Construction; and Jeremy Voss and Wes Feldman of PCL Construction.

The Rinker School and the ABC Student Chapter were represented at the National ABC Construction Management Competition as a part of the ABC National Convention in Las Vegas during spring break. This year's team consisted of Doug Bily, Matt Morey, Ethan Katz, and Matt Gilstrap.

Best wishes to Doug Bily and Matt Morey as they enter the industry following graduation this past Spring. Best of luck to Ethan Katz and Matt Gilstrap when they return to represent

the Rinker School next spring at the national competition. These students worked extremely hard in preparation and did a wonderful job in the competition while in Vegas against 28 teams from across the nation.



ABC Team L to R: Dr. Cox, Matt Gilstrap, Matt Morey, Ethan Katz, Doug Bily, Steve Cona, ABC Gulf Coast Chapter



Louie Wise III of CCS Mechanical speaks at the ABC chapter monthly meeting

Balsa Bridge Building Contest

By Lucy Acquaye

Students in both classes of BCN 2405, Construction Mechanics participated in a Balsa Bridge Building Contest. Students designed, built and tested balsa bridges to find out the most efficient designs. Members in the winning teams were awarded certificates.

In Lucy Acquaye's class, members of the winning team were Caroline McCammack, Whitney Cole, and Jamie Reid. Their bridge weighed 0.016 lbs and supported a load of 19.50 lbs and had an efficiency of 1219.

In Wen Liu's class, members of the winning team were Cassidy Resnick, Daniel Schroeder, Kenneth Perrine, Sina Bazargan-Lari, Sean Snowden, and Ryan Berg. Their bridge weighed 0.056 lbs and supported a load of 89.8 lbs and had an efficiency of 1603.



Winning Team in Lucy Acquaye's class



Winning Team in Wen Liu's class

The Rinker Scholar Endowment



The recently created Rinker Scholar Endowment will for the first time be awarded to Capt. Patrick C. Suermann for the upcoming academic year. Patrick received his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Master of Science in Construction Management from Texas A&M. He teaches

construction courses at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Patrick will start his doctoral program at the Rinker School in the Fall 2006 semester.

Established in 2005 by a generous gift from the Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Foundation, Inc., this \$1 million endowment

supports fellowship awards to Associated Schools of Construction faculty members pursuing a Ph.D. in construction management at UF. Establishing this endowment is, in part, a response to the growing need for Ph.D. level faculty members actively conducting research. The Rinker School is uniquely positioned to support this type of opportunity for doctoral fellowships in the construction management field because it is one of only four in the nation with a doctoral program focused on the construction management field. Continued support for the Rinker School through generous gifts like this keeps opportunities available to the most qualified recipients with the greatest potential to maintain the Rinker School's position among the nation's premier building construction management institutions.

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 for The Rickman Partnership
 John Sofarelli, President of J. Raymond Construction Co.

BCN 3500 - Plumbing

Jim Tharp, President of Tharp Plumbing

BCN3611 - Construction Estimating I

James (Gino) Ginopoulos, Director of RCC Associates
 Robbie Gronbach, Project Manager with Edwards Construction Co.

BCN 3700 - Construction Contracts

Cliff Gorman, Attorney
 Michelle Malick, Project Manager for Gryphon Const. Co.

BCN 4023 - Creative Affordable Housing

Ronald Barnett, Vice President of AIRCON
 Bob Beisel, Field Representative for NuDura, Inc.
 Leslie Chapman-Henderson, President of Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)
 James Gulde, Masonry Information Technologists
 Fred Malik, Corp. Dir. of Const. for Mercedes Homes, Inc.
 Linda Patrick, Gainesville Building Department
 MariBeth Rizzuto, Director of Training & Education for Steel Framing Alliance
 Diep Tu, Director of Engineering for Florida Concrete & Products Association

Bill Tucker, Florida Building Material Association

BCN 4612 - Construction Estimating II

Art Higginbotham, Director of Walt Disney Imagineering
 Chuck Sauls, Director for Hardin Construction Co.
 Buzz Willis, Owner of Willis Estimating

BCN 4735 - Construction Safety

J.D. Lewis, Corporate Safety Officer for Bovis Lend-Lease

BCN 4751 - Project Planning and Feasibility

Glenn Acomb, UF Faculty from Landscape Architecture
 Joe Aufmuth, UF Science Library
 Dan Green, Senior VP of KB Home
 Rob Johnson, Pres. & CEO of the Florida Capital Bank of Gainesville
 James Izzo, President of The 1220 Group

BCN5618 - Comprehensive Estimating

Terry Butler, Chief Estimator for Brasfield and Gorrie

BCN 5737, Advanced Issues in Construction Safety

Brian Lange, Safety Sales Representative, MSA

BCN 6586 - Construction Ecology

Tom Lane, ECS Solar
 Anne Wilkie, IFAS
 Mark Brown, Environmental Engineering
 Scott Davies, Alachua Biodiesel Company

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 8-9, 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.

- Guest Speakers**
- David Arent** - BCBE Construction Company
 - Calvin Helitzer** - Gryphon Construction
 - Joe Knabel** - BCBE Construction Company
 - Anthony LoFurno** - GL Homes, Inc.
 - Randy Marconnet** - Safety Consultant
 - Mark Meeske** - GL Homes, Inc.
 - Scott Moss** - Moss and Associates
 - Jerry Painter** - Painter Masonry
 - Alberto G. Ribas** - A2 Group
 - McArthur Shelton** - M. Shelton Construction, Co., Inc.
 - Craig Theisen** - Tilt Con Corporation
 - Robert Theisen, Jr.** - Tilt Con Corporation
 - Dan Whiteman** - Coastal Construction



Dr. Abdol Chini and Mr. Alberto G. Ribas



Mr. Craig Theisen, Dr. Larry Muszynski and Mr. Robert Theisen, Jr.



Prof. Michael Cook, Mr. David Arent, Mr. Joe Knabel and Dr. Raymond Issa



Dr. Abdol Chini, Randy Marconnet and Dr. Jimmie Hinze



Dr. Abdol Chini, Mr. Scott Moss and Dr. Richard Smailes



Dr. Abdol Chini, Mr. Anthony LoFurno, Mr. Mark Meeske and Dr. Robert Stroh



Dr. Robert Cox, Mr. Jerry Painter and Dr. Jimmie Hinze



Dr. Abdol Chini, Mr. McArthur Shelton and Dr. Walter E. Dukes



Dr. Abdol Chini, Dr. Dan Whiteman and Dr. Brisbane Brown

1962

Gerald H. Stanley has been active in the Bridge Construction Industry for over thirty years and recently retired from Hewitt Contracting Co. as manager of their Bridge Construction Division. He has four sons and resides with his wife in Tampa.

1966

Doss Watson worked for Dupont's Engineering Department, Construction Division until 1998. He spent six years in the Air Force and then moved to Delaware in 1976, to join the Delaware Air National Guard. He has been an Adjunct Instructor at Delaware Technical and Community College since 1991 and has no plans to stop.

1967

Gary Schaffel is the President of Schaffel Development Co., Inc., which he founded in Los Angeles in 1977. The company develops and constructs condominiums in the Greater Los Angeles area and currently has over 800 units in various stages of development. He is married to Diane and they have one daughter.

1972

Gary Houp teaches AP Physics and is the head coach of the girl's varsity volleyball at South Walton High School in Santa Rose Beach, FL. He is in his 12th year of teaching in public schools after serving 22 years in the United States Air Force, retiring in 1994 at the rank of Lt. Col.

1974

Bill Edwards was recently selected as Sr. Estimator for W.E. Dentmon Construction, Inc. Bill's notable career includes well over \$2 million in projects for the Shimberg Center's Wind Storm Damage Mitigation Facilities, and teaching for BCN from 1991-1998, to name a few. Bill and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 25 years and have 2 children.

1975

Bob Wright began working for the Linbeck Group, L.L.P. shortly after graduation. He is currently a VP and Project Executive for them in Houston, Texas. One of his recent projects include the just completed \$100 million facility for the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. Bob and his wife recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

1980

Mike Crabtree started his own company in May 2004 and specializes in commercial and industrial construction. He is married to Cathy and they have two children.

Parks Wilson is President of Wilson & Company, Inc. They built new offices in Oviedo, FL last year and are continuing to grow, building design-build professional buildings, churches and retail projects. Parks and his wife, Amelia, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have three children, two who are currently attending UF.

1983

Jeff Charlotte has been Executive Vice President and Co-Owner of Hennessy Construction Services since 2001. Hennessy has offices in St. Petersburg and Sarasota focusing on construction management services for commercial construction projects throughout SW Florida. He currently resides in Sarasota with his wife and three children.

1987

Michael Scott Goldman founded Gen-X Construction, Inc. which this year is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Gen-X specializes in commercial construction and owner representative work throughout South Florida. Mike and his wife, Denise, currently reside in Boynton Beach and have two children, Matthew and Lindsay.

1992

Scott McCarthy is a Project Manager for Wright Construction Corporation based in Fort Myers. He is currently working on two renovation projects with Collier County Public Schools. He recently joined the US Green Building Council and plans to obtain his LEED Certification.

1994

Bob Hicks currently lives in Atlanta and is the Controls Manager for Level 5, LLC. They specialize in Financial Development for clients in 38 states. Bob and his wife, Danielle have four children and are currently adopting a girl from China.

Bill Nassal and his partner Matt Brown (also a BCN '94 grad) own a specialty construction company in Orlando, called The Nassal Company. They just completed the new expansion to the Columbus Zoo. In addition, they were recently awarded the work on the new expansion for the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas.

1998

Domenic Scorpio was selected by UF's College of Design, Construction and Planning as a 2006 Outstanding Young Alumnus. UF's Alumni Association established this award to recognize Gators who have distinguished themselves in

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In Memoriam

Les Sparkman, passed away in February 2006 after a 2 1/2 year battle with cancer. Les has been living in the Nashville, TN area for the last 10-15 years. He graduated from BCN in 1975.

John Howard Boyer, Jr., 66, passed away on September 30, 2004. He was born and raised in Miami Beach and moved to Miami with his parents in 1949. He graduated from BCN in 1961. John was an accomplished sailor who competed in the one-design Star class for a good portion of his life, which included the Olympic trials in '62 and '66. He also sailed in the annual Bacardi Cup in Coconut Grove. He worked as a project manager for many years and eventually started his own consulting firm in South Florida. He is survived by his three children and four grandchildren.

Matthew Remsen Memorial Scholarship



Family and friends of Matthew Remsen donated \$10,000 to establish a memorial scholarship in his name within the BCN program. Moss and Associates Construction, where Matthew worked as a Project Manager before his death, matched these gifts by 100% to generate a \$20,000 endowment. The income from The Matthew Remsen Endowment will be given to a qualified BCN student each year. Matthew died Saturday, December 31, 2005 as a result of a motorcycle accident in Silver Springs, FL. He graduated from BCN in 1994.

Greg Jones Endowed Fund

We are pleased to announce the creation of the **Gregory Jones Endowed Fund**, a new memorial fund established to support faculty and students in the Rinker School.

After Greg Jones passed away in 2005, his wife Gail and daughters, Amanda (UF '04) and Alissa (UF '05) organized a golf tournament played at the Parkland Golf and Country Club, a WCI community in Coral Springs, in March of 2005. About 40 family, friends and businesses contributed and played in the tournament to raise over \$75,000.

Their company is Kitchen Art of South Florida, established in 1989 and headquartered in Coral Springs. Kitchen Art is a cabinet dealership specializing in gourmet kitchen designs for home construction companies. Kitchen Art is a cabinet dealership that specializes in designing builder programs for kitchens and baths in new residential communities for builders such as GL Homes, WCI, Minto Builders and Kenco Communities.

We are grateful that the Jones family chose to establish this fund at UF to honor Greg's work in the Florida construction industry. This will truly create a lasting legacy to support future construction Gators!



BCN Alumni in Higher Education

The Rinker School not only has been successful in educating talented managers and leaders for the construction industry, but it has been instrumental in producing high quality educators for construction education programs. The Master's degree program at the Rinker School was created in 1948 (first in the U.S.) and more than 700 Master's students have graduated since then. A Ph.D degree with concentration in Building Construction has been offered through the College since 1989. As of this May, 26 students have completed their Ph.D degrees in Building Construction. The School is in process of compiling a list of BCN alumni in construction education, and starting this issue, we will feature their success stories. **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.**



Dr. Bradford L. Sims received his Master of Science in Building Construction from the University of Florida in 1996. He is the Founder and Department Head of Construction Management in the Kimmel School of Construction Management, Engineering, and Technology at Western Carolina University. He and another CM

Dr. Sims has been an Assistant Professor in the University of Florida's Building Construction program where he performed research into Lean Construction. Before the University of Florida, he was both on the faculty and was a graduate student in Purdue University's Building Construction Management Program. There, he created his website called ConstructionEducation.com which maintains a wealth of construction information.

Dr. Sims has also worked for three different construction companies: Cherne Contracting Corporation in Southern California, Raytheon Engineers in Massachusetts, and Westinghouse Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

faculty, Dr. Capano, worked with Kimmel & Associates to set up an endowment in excess of \$10 million to support the CM program and its students' growth and success.

Students who graduated with their Ph.D.

Caesar Abi Shdid	Undergraduate Advisor and Center Director	Florida International University
Charles Duval	Assistant Professor	Pennsylvania State University
Kevin Grosskopf	Assistant Professor	University of Florida
Theodore C. Haupt	Research Coordinator	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
Aiyin Jiang	Assistant Professor	University of Cincinnati
Huangling Lu	Assistant Professor	Eastern Carolina University
Richard Smailes	Lecturer	University of Florida
Steven Van Dessel	Assistant Professor	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Joseli Wendler Macedo	Assistant Professor	University of Florida
Leon Wetherington	Lecturer	University of Florida
Haiyan Xie	Assistant Professor	University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Yimin Zhu	Assistant Professor	Florida International University

Students who graduated with their Master's

Hal Johnson	Professor	California Polytechnic University
John Mouton	John E. Wilborn Chair in Building Science	Auburn
Jim Rogers	Professor Emeritus	California Polytechnic University
Brad Sims	Associate Professor and Program Chair	Western Carolina University

BCN in the Big Apple



Recent graduate, Cesa Pledger, along with BCN students Brian Rabbitaille and Jason Rosasco have been busy this summer. The three have been working for AMEC Construction, where Cesa is an Assistant Project Manager, in charge of all the finish trades on the project and where Brian and Jason have been interning. They have been working on the new 52-story New York Times building located in Times Square. It will be the New York Times' headquarters. The total square footage of the building is 1.5 million. AMEC's contract is to build the core and shell of the project which is worth \$400-million. The building is scheduled to be fully open in December 2007.

BCN Construction Hall of Fame



Bob Moss is President of Moss & Associates, a construction management firm he founded in 2003 in Ft. Lauderdale. He was the Chairman, President & CEO of Centex Construction Group from 2000-2003. Centex was rated as the Nation's #1 Domestic General Contractor by "ENR" in 2000, 2001, and 2002 and had 400 active

projects in 25 states with 1,500 salaried employees. Prior to that, Bob served as the Chairman, President & CEO of Centex Rooney Construction Company from 1986-2000 and lead the company's growth from \$100 million annual revenues to \$700 million. During his tenure at Centex

Rooney, Bob transformed the company from a hard-bid company to a company with 85% repeated business and 100% negotiated contract and included the subcontractor community as part of the team. Bob started Moss & Associates in 2003 with two people on payroll, Bob and Scott Moss (BCN 1996). By the end of 2005, Moss & Associates had 200 salaried employees and 21 active projects.

Bob is an Emeritus member of the Rinker School Advisory Council Executive Committee, and member of several professional organizations such as: Board of Directors, Governor's Florida Council of 100; World President Organization, Chief Executive Organization, and Heart of Florida United Way. Today, Bob's favorite new role is playing "Papa" to his grandchildren Sarah, Wyatt, and Ann Claire.



Charles P. Reid graduated from University of Florida in 1976 with a degree in Building Construction. He is currently CEO of Current Builders, one of Florida's premier construction companies. Charles has over 25 years experience in the management of large-scale survey and engineering construction

projects. He is a diligent leader with solid business planning, negotiation, problem solving, and communication skills. His unique ability to recognize client needs and market trends has navigated the continuous success of Current Builders.

involvement with the community. For the past three years, Charles has been actively involved with recruitment and personal participation in Toys for Tots Christmas program by working intimately with the United States Marine Corps to help provide Christmas for underprivileged children. He is a member of the National Associated General Contractors Workforce Development Committee, whose main focus is to promote the use of "Career Academy's in Construction" by partnering with high schools. This provides construction industry opportunity exposure and training to those students not pursuing college.

Charles is a member of the Rinker School Advisory Council Executive Committee, a member of Presidential Council for the University of Florida, President of Associated General Contractors-South Florida Region 2000-2002, and an Associate of the American Institute of Constructors.

Charles' success in the industry is balanced by his

BCN Distinguished Alumnus Award



Robert P. Angle, president of the St. Petersburg, Fla., firm of Angle & Schmid, Inc., General Contractors is the recipient of the 2006 BCN Distinguished Alumnus Award. The purpose of this award is to honor graduates who have distinguished themselves since graduation in the construction field and have continually

shown support of the school. The recipient must have graduated a minimum of 10 years prior to receiving the award.

and went to work for J.A. Jones Construction in Atlanta and then Martin and Netroun in San Francisco. He and his business partner Jerry Schmid started their contracting firm in 1977 and have enjoyed tremendous success. Angle & Schmid, Inc., have completed more than 250 projects for such notable clients as the U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Stetson University and the St. Petersburg Diocese.

Bob presently serves on the BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee and is the president of the UF Tampa Bay BCN Gator Club as well as being an active member with Gator Boosters. While at the University of Florida, he was a member of Student Contractors & Building Associations, Sigma Lambda Chi and the College of Architecture and Fine Arts honorary fraternity, Gargoyles.

Bob completed his bachelor's degree in building construction

Faculty news



Dr. Charles J. Kibert was recognized as the 2005-06 UF Teacher/Scholar of the Year by the Faculty Academic Advisory Committee. This award recognizes distinguished achievement in both teaching and scholarly activity and visibility within and beyond the university. Kibert is the first College

of Design, Construction and Planning faculty member to have earned this distinction since the award's creation in 1960. The Teacher/Scholar of the Year is the University of Florida's oldest and most prestigious faculty award and identifies those who are models of excellence and an example of the teacher/scholar as represented at UF.



Dr. Esther Obonyo attended the International Conference on Computing and Decision Making in Civil and Building Engineering held in Montreal, Canada in June 2006. This conference was the largest gathering of experts in International Construction Technology.

Dr Obonyo presented two papers: *Semantic Markup of Information on Sanitation Initiatives* and *Agent-based Modelling of Sanitation Initiatives*.



Dr. Svetlana Olbina attended 2006 Architectural Engineering Conference entitled Building Integration Solutions. The conference was held in Omaha, Nebraska, from March 29 to April 1, 2006, and was organized by Architectural Engineering Institute of ASCE. Dr. Olbina presented the

paper *Transparent Shading Device As Daylighting System*.

New Appointments



Anne Williamson has been appointed Associate Director of the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing. Anne received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in finance from Middle Tennessee State University and a master of arts in finance from the University of

Florida. She is currently completing her dissertation in public administration and policy at the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia. Anne's research focuses on housing policy, with a particular emphasis on redevelopment and revitalization and public-private partnerships.

Anne joined the Shimberg Center as Coordinator of Research Programs and Services in 2002. Prior to joining the center, she served as senior manager with a Georgia developer specializing in multifamily affordable housing. She has also served as Development Manager for the state of Georgia's affordable housing programs, as well as Director of Research and Analysis for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. She has also been the Associate Director of the Real Estate Research Center at the University of Florida.



Dr. Paul Oppenheim has been appointed Director of Undergraduate Programs for the Rinker School effective July 17, 2006. His primary role is to improve the quality of the School's undergraduate programs. This includes course content, textbook revisions, continuity among courses, student relations, recruitment and

admission, and overall program updates and revisions through continuous assessment of industry needs and student outcomes. Dr. Oppenheim has been teaching undergraduate courses in Heating and Air Conditioning and Electrical systems for the Rinker School since 1989. He has ranked consistently at the top of the Building Construction faculty in teaching, been twice named the College Teacher of the Year, and been elected by BCN students as the outstanding professor several times. He is a registered professional engineer, a licensed refrigeration contractor, and a licensed residential building contractor.

BCN says Farewell to Dr. Robert Cox



It is with a sad heart that we announce the departure of Dr. Robert Cox to become the department head of construction management at Purdue University. Robert has been a valuable member of the Rinker School faculty and during his 13-year tenure at UF he has touched many student's lives and he has

made valuable contributions to our School. We wish Robert and his wife Cindy the very best and we look forward to hearing about his successes in the future.

Robert Cox Received Excellence in Teaching Award

The graduating seniors selected Dr. Robert Cox as the recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award for the Spring 2006 semester. Dr. Cox taught courses in Construction Project Simulation and Construction Cost Analysis.

Advisory Council

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction is honored to have an active Advisory Council whose members, both individual and corporate, serve as an important source of advice and support for the School. Advisory Council is an opportunity for you and your company to form a strong liaison with the School. In this way, we can be assured that our program is current and meets the ever-changing needs of the construction industry. We hope you will consider becoming a member of the Advisory Council for the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction.

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