

School of Engineering

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY

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VISIT MEMPHIS IN OCTOBER ... WHY?

Q. Why do you want to visit Memphis this coming October?

A. Because ...

School of Engineering Recognition Dinner

Thursday, October 4th

6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

The dinner will be at the Ridgeway Inn, 5679 Poplar Ave. **Brother Philip Morgan** will be honored at this event for his lifetime contributions to the School of Engineering at CBU and the engineering profession. In addition to honoring Br. Phil, we plan to congratulate several members of our CBU Engineering family:



*Nolan Engrg Center,
CBU*

- **Reginald Rodriguez** (ECE) for his retirement and emeritus rank
- **Paul Wisnewski** (MEM) for his 2001 R. Craig Blackman Outstanding Graduate Engineering Alumni Award
- **John Ventura** (ECE) for 2001 CBU Engineering Featured Engineer
- **Lecia Martin** (ME) for the Proclamation she received from Congressman Ford, Jr.
- **Dr. L. Yu Lin** (CEE) for his promotion to Professor rank
- **Dr. Bernard Beard** (ME) for his promotion to Associate Professor rank

The cost for the dinner is \$150 per person. This includes dinner, wine, and open bar. Proceeds from this dinner will be used to establish the Engineering Lab Endowment. The ballroom can accommodate only 200 seats. Therefore, please RSVP early by contacting Ms. Carol Thornton, Director of Development at (901) 321-3270 or cthorno@cbu.edu or Dr. Siripong Malasri, Dean of Engineering, at (901) 321-3419 or pong@cbu.edu.

Attention alumni! Join Bodine, Fisher & Arnold, and Dr. Richard Martin in sponsoring a table for 10 people at \$1,500 per table.

CBU Alumni Reunion

Friday, October 5 - Sunday, October 7

The weekend will be packed with activities:



Barry Hall, CBU

Friday, October 5

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception on Campus

8:00 - 11:30 p.m. Casino Trip (Bus will leave Central Lot at 8pm, leave casino at 11:30pm) Or visit with classmates at selected locations

Saturday, October 6

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Family Picnic on Campus featuring Corky's BBQ and children's games (moonbounce, clowns, etc...)

2:00 p.m. Alumni Volleyball Game (alumni varsity players only) Alumni Soccer Game (alumni and immediate family welcome to play!) Alumni Basketball HORSE tournament on the outdoor court

7:00 - 11:30 p.m. Dinner, Dancing, & Awards at Strings & Things

Sunday, October 7

11:00 a.m. Mass at De La Salle Chapel

12:00 noon Lunch with the Brothers

For more information on the Alumni Reunion, please contact Shawna Gastright Engel '93, Director of Alumni Affairs at 1-800-283-2925 or sgastrig@cbu.edu.

Are you convinced that you should visit Memphis in October? We look forward to seeing you!

STUDENT NEWS

The Master of Engineering Management Program held a successful Open House on July 24. Prospective students who attended were from companies such as Carrier Corporation, BellSouth, Medtronic Sofamor Danek and Smith & Nephew, Inc. Thanks to current students, **Phil Ryan**, **Ulysses Polk**, and **Robin Turner** for helping with the open house.

Congratulations to **David Lessig** (MEM) for obtaining the Information Technology Certificate by completing three IT-related courses in the MEM program. David is an engineer with Carrier Corporation.

ALUMNI NEWS

Stephen Shearer (CE '79)'s twin girls Molly and Katie have just turned three years old this August. Stephen owns LMK Building Designs. After his first year in business, Stephen's company finished #176 out of the top 200 of the largest pre-engineered building builders/distributors as published in *Metal Construction News* (May 2001) with 755 tons of steel sold.

Brian Marshall (CE '95) passed the most recent PE exam. Brian is Intermediate Designer at VP Buildings in Memphis, TN. VP Buildings is a pre-engineered metal building design/manufacturing firm with its international headquarters located in Memphis, TN.

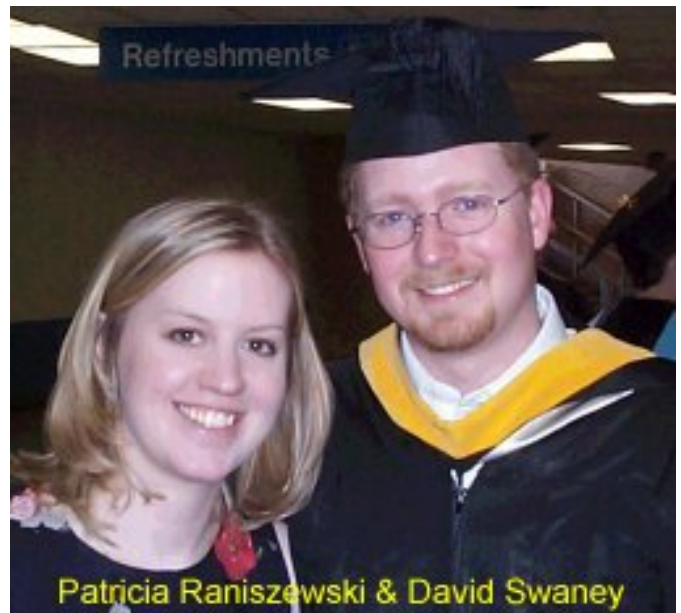
Sara (Buttermore) Garrison (CE '98) is Project Engineer with

Alan Shintani, Inc., in Honolulu, Hawaii. The company, established in 1984, is a licensed general construction company. They provide general contractor services and construction management for homes, commercial buildings, and government projects. Her husband, Robert, is a captain in the Marines and her daughter, Amber, has just started first grade.

Steve Bias (MEM '99) and his wife, Trisha, had their first baby girl on June 9th. Her name is Emily Catherine Bias and weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz. at birth. Steve is Manager of Home Environment Engineering at Hunter Fan. His group is responsible for the development of Hunter's non-ceiling fan products, such as air purifiers, humidifiers, programmable thermostats, and ceiling fan remote controls. Hunter Fan, established in 1886, has been in Memphis since the 1940's. Steve said, "*I graduated in August 1999 with my MEM degree, and it has really helped me here at Hunter Fan and will continue to do so in the future.*"

Pasiri Charusalaipong (ME '00) started the Mechatronics Master's Degree Program at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Thailand. This is a joint program between AIT and Technische Universität Hamburg-Harburg (TUHH), Germany. She has just finished the first semester at AIT and will spend the next three semesters at TUHH. Then, she will spend an additional two semesters working on her thesis either at AIT or at TUHH. The program information can be found at <http://www.tu-harburg.de/education/master/mechatronics/index.html>.

David Swaney (ECE '01) is now working for the State of Tennessee as the Information Systems Associate at the Office of Information Systems in Nashville, TN. He is getting married to **Patricia Raniszewski** (CE '00) on November 3, 2001. They will be living in Nashville after the wedding! Patricia will transfer to EnSafe's Nashville office.



Komal Shah (ChE '00) recently received her diploma in Patent Law from the Institute of Intellectual Property Studies in Mumbai,

India. Since June 2001, she has been taking courses at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) in cell biology and international business.

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS



Dr. Ali Pourhashemi

Dr. Ali Pourhashemi (ChE Chair) attended an ABET workshop in Detroit, Michigan, on June 2-3. There were about 50 faculty members from various engineering schools at the workshop. The workshop provided guidance for organizing and carrying out a comprehensive accreditation planning process under ABET 2000 criteria. The trip was partly funded by the Structural Dynamics Research Corporation, Ford Motor Company, and the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Bernard Beard (ME) was invited by the Condensed Matter Theory Group (CMTG) of the Dipartimento di Fisica (Physics Department) of the Università degli Studi di Firenze (University of Florence), Italy, to teach a short course in his research specialty, quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) methods. He gave 10 lectures spread over a week and a half in June/July. These lectures targeted graduate students and researchers with little or no experience in QMC. He also collaborated with members of the CMTG on future joint publications. Dr. Beard spent a total of three weeks in Firenze. This work was funded in part by the Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN, National Institute for Nuclear Physics) and the Istituto Nazionale per la Fisica della Materia (INFN, National Institute for the Physics of Matter). One of our CBU students, Stephan Richter, was in Europe at the time and was able to attend the last 4 lectures. His lecture notes can be found at http://www.cbu.edu/~bbbeard/QMC_Lectures.htm.

Dr. Neal Jackson, MEM Director, visited Medtronic Sofamor Danek in July and spoke with prospective students who are interested in the MEM program.

Dr. Siripong Malasri (Dean) gave a PHD talk on Routing Optimization at the Engineers' Club of Memphis on August 6th. This program gave one professional development hour (PDH) to professional engineers.

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