

CAREER EDUCATION CORP

Form 4

May 22, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Fireng Stephen C

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CAREER EDUCATION CORP
[CECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5550 PRAIRIE STONE
PARKWAY, SUITE 400

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Pres., Univ. Division

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/18/2006		A	(A) or (D) Amount 10,000 (1)	\$ 0 11,427 (2)	D	
Common Stock					252	I	See footnote (3)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.8	05/18/2006		A	45,000	(4) 05/17/2016	Common Stock	45,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fireng Stephen C 5550 PRAIRIE STONE PARKWAY SUITE 400 HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195			Pres., Univ. Division	

Signatures

/s/ Stephen C. Fireng
05/22/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This grant of 10,000 shares of restricted stock was approved by the Company's Board of Directors on May 18, 2006.
- (2) 1,427 shares of which were purchased under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Under a marital settlement agreement, the reporting person has agreed to transfer 476 of these shares to his ex-wife.
- (3) The reporting person acquired beneficial ownership of these shares on April 8, 2005 upon his marriage to the owner of the shares, all of which were purchased under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Exercisable as to 11,250 of the underlying shares on each of May 18, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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