

Budlong Thomas G
Form 4
March 17, 2008

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Budlong Thomas G

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)

CAREER EDUCATION
CORPORATION, 2895
GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY,
SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Sr. VP, Org. Eff. and Admin.

(Street)

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169

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
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	03/13/2008		A	(A) or (D) Price	21,750 (1) \$ 0 38,750	D	

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.32	03/13/2008		A	39,500	(2) 03/12/2018	Common Stock 39,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169

Sr. VP, Org. Eff. and Admin.

Signatures

/s/ Thomas G.
Budlong 03/17/2008

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).

This grant of 21,750 shares of restricted stock was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on

(1) March 13, 2008. This number represents the maximum number of shares that could become vested assuming full satisfaction of all vesting requirements.

(2) Exercisable in four equal annual installments on each of March 13, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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