

Comments from the Editor

This issue of CACHE News features the views of Peter Rony -- Emeritus Professor of VPI, who is retiring after his 29 years of service as a CACHE trustee -- on **“Future Opportunities for CACHE”**. Peter has always had a unique perspective on developments in computing, so this article should be of interest. His “swan song” takes the form of a narrated, digital video of a presentation. Peter helped in editing CACHE news and CAST Communications over the years; provided free short courses for ChE faculty on microprocessor interfacing and programming; created the CD-ROM for the 25th anniversary of CACHE; and promoted email (e.g., BITNET and COMPMAIL) in the early 1980s, when email was not cool. We are greatly indebted to him for his many years of service.

Two articles on new approaches to teaching numerical methods (at UT Austin and U. of Wisconsin) should be of interest to the readers, as well as the announcement of a new CACHE design case study, new CACHE energy modules and two new editions of leading textbooks in design and control. Two NSF supported projects led by CACHE trustees are discussed next: smart process manufacturing and UTeachEngineering. Educational presentations from the recent ESCAPE meeting and an AIChE webinar are included, as are five papers reprinted from Chemical Engineering Education. Upcoming CACHE conferences are also announced: a combination of FOCAPO and CPC conferences scheduled for 2012 may be of interest.