

## College Launches New Web Site

On November 4, the college launched its new Web site with added content, improved navigation and additional features, including a section with faculty profiles and a section dedicated to faculty research.

The college's Web site is a critical tool in recruiting students, both at the graduate and undergraduate level. To better serve this audience, the new site features an expanded academic degree and programs section with complete descriptions of each area. The college's array of degree certificates and joint programs is listed and explained for potential candidates who are seeking to enroll in one or more of the college's programs. In addition, the department and school listing is expanded to provide instant contact information and links to their respective sites.

DCP webmaster Karen Cano worked closely with the academic units and experts throughout the college to review

content, improve navigation, identify logical layouts and include easy-to-find links. She created a condensed page design to allow for less scrolling and easier viewing on small screens. She added the breadcrumbs feature, which provides a list of higher-level pages at the top of each screen for easy backtracking.

College news, calendar events, photo galleries, faculty spotlights and our college publications are combined under the news section. DCP faculty and staff can still submit news items online through the college publications page. Links and addresses associated with our Web page will remain the same.

Thank you to everyone who assisted Karen with this project. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Web site, please contact Karen at [kcano@dcp.ufl.edu](mailto:kcano@dcp.ufl.edu).

### News Bulletin

#### ◆ Dean Search

UF Provost Janie Fouke spoke to DCP faculty at the October faculty meeting and has requested nominations to the dean search committee. As soon as the committee is formed, the dean search will begin.

#### ◆ John Simonds Exhibit

An exhibit featuring the work of visionary landscape architect, planner, educator and environmentalist John Simonds will open with a reception and speaker at 5 p.m. Nov. 16, in the second-floor exhibit gallery of Library East. DCP students, faculty and staff are invited to the opening reception for a short talk by landscape architecture professor emeritus Herrick Smith. Though internationally known, Simonds is of particular importance to Florida for his planning and design work. LAE master's students Brenda Curtis, Nicole Hawkins and LAE associate professor Kay Williams arranged and described the collection.

#### ◆ IND Professors Present Papers

IND assistant professors Debra Harris and Candy Carmel-Gilfilen presented refereed papers to the Interior Design Educators Council South Regional Conference last month. Carmel-Gilfilen's paper, "Investigating Characteristics of Interior Design Graduate Programs," identified 51 academic programs with a graduate degree in interior design to assess standards of the programs. Among the findings was less than half of all bachelor programs in interior design possess a corresponding graduate program, and the majority of these programs are post-professional with research-based content. Harris's presented paper, "A Comparison of NICU Designs Focusing on Space Allocation and Construction Costs," examined the recent trend in the design of neonatal intensive care facilities to increase the number of private patient rooms for neonates and their families.

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## BCN Community Service Project Stays on Track

In a small town west of Gainesville, less than a mile from the town's only stoplight, past the Cross Creek Baptist Church and surrounded by huge fields of grass, sits a tired, old caboose.

But it won't look old for long.

Eight UF students have been spending their Saturdays in the small town of Archer, donating their time to restore an antique caboose. Once the last car on a train that may have roared through North Florida, it now sits in City Recreational Park.

Members of the "Caboose Project," led by UF graduate student James Marini, are working to restore the antique caboose so it can eventually be turned into a concession stand for park sporting events.

This project is a small part of Archer's efforts to improve its youth recreational programs and give children in the area something to do.

Leon Wetherington, the project's faculty adviser, was contacted by City Commissioner Roberta Lopez and asked to take on the project.

Wetherington, who holds a doctorate in building construction, has personally invested \$1,100.

"He's always pushing us to give back to the community," Marini said.

All eight of the project's crew members are taking Wetherington's superstructures course at UF. Marini volunteered to take on the role of project manager.

"It's our own project, so if we want something done, we have to do it," Marini said.

The caboose, which has been painted bright red on one side, suffered years of vandalism and neglect.

Pictures of the caboose from less than a month ago tell a grim story. Broken windows, rotting wood and graffiti made it look less like an antique and more like a junkyard mobile home.

Inside, the walls are black from a fire and wood has been torn away by termites.

Cynthia Tucker, an entomology expert from UF, was brought out to investigate the damage. The crew learned that extensive extermination would be necessary.

The biggest challenge of the project, however, has been the wood framing, Marini said.

On one side of the caboose, all the old framing had to be removed before a new wall could be installed.

Marini said he thinks it will be at least another month before they can finish the project.

"Our goal in this is to make it structurally sound, and that's what it's going to be," Marini said.

Marini said he hopes the project will be symbolic to the city of Archer as railroads have played a significant role in shaping the city.

The crew can be found hammering away Saturdays at the City Recreational Park, 13975 SW 174th St., in Archer.

--- Kari M. Tarr

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#### ▲ URP Professor Edits Upcoming ARC Journal

The Winter 2005 issue of the Journal of Architectural and Planning Research (JAPR) is a theme issue on crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), edited by Richard Schneider, professor of urban and regional planning and URP's graduate coordinator. The issue features papers by scholars from Australia, Canada, Britain and the United States. Schneider is on sabbatical during the winter semester and is currently visiting professor of urban planning at Sheffield Hallam University, in Sheffield, United Kingdom.

#### ▲ Fall 2005 BCN Career Fair

BCN's fall career fair hosted 120 companies, and approximately 420 students attended throughout the day. The spring BCN career fair will be held Feb. 7. Applications are now being accepted for companies who wish to attend.

#### Lecture Series Calendar

##### Architecture Fall 2005 Lecture Series

November 7  
6 p.m. Harn Museum  
Robert McCarter, UF ARC Professor

November 14  
6 p.m. Harn Museum  
Charles Rose, Charles Rose Architects

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### ▲ ARC Professor on PBS

On April 27, ARC professor Robert McCarter appeared in a PBS documentary on the restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House. His interview appeared in the first part of the three-part series "Saving a Landmark: The Darwin Martin House." Segment one, hosted by Drew Kahn, recalled the story of the site's collapse and the rallying cry for restoration. The programs share the progress of the project involving the world's first reconstruction of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings and highlight the intense community participation in the effort. The Martin House Complex, located in downtown Buffalo, N.Y., is said to be Wright's most extensive Prairie House. The other two segments are tentatively set to air in fall 2005 and spring 2006.

### ▲ International Deconstruction Report Issued

Abdol Chini, BCN professor and director of the Rinker School, recently completed and published a state-of-the-art report on deconstruction and materials reuse, of which he was the editor, for the Council for Research and Innovation in Building Construction (CIB). It investigates the systematic disassembly of buildings in order to maximize recovered materials reuse and recycling. A task group was commissioned in 1999 to produce a comprehensive analysis of worldwide building deconstruction and materials reuse programs and issues. Chini's report is the fifth and final in the series. This report covers deconstruction and materials reuse programs and issues in 10 countries. The process of demolition often leads to the mixing of various materials and contamination of non-hazardous components. Deconstruction can actually be the source separation of materials and is emerging around the world as an alternative to demolition.

### ▲ APX Halloween Fest

Alpha Rho Chi, the co-ed professional fraternity for architecture & the allied arts, hosted a successful fund-raising and entertainment event for DCP students and faculty, raising \$270 for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Costume-clad event goers enjoyed live music, games and some friendly competition while supporting a worthy cause. The Oct. 31 event was sponsored by Magnum Wood and student organizations APX, ASID/IIDA, NOMAS, AAIAG and ASLA.

### ▲ URP Student Recognized

URP student Kristen Nowicki was presented with an Outstanding Student Award in September at Florida

Chapter of the American Planning Association's 2005 Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, Fla. A photo of Nowicki receiving the award from FAPA president Val Hubbard appeared in the October issue of "Florida Planning."

### ▲ BCN Professor Speaks in Athens

Jimmie Hinze, BCN professor and director of the Fluor Program for Construction Safety, presented the keynote address at the Third International Conference on Construction in the 21st Century in Athens, Greece. His address, "Safety in the 21st Century," encompassed a historical perspective of worker safety that dated back to the Industrial Revolution. Although worker safety has improved since that time, still too many workers are injured or killed. In his speech, Hinze identified the major safety problems facing the construction industry and offered suggestions for how they might be addressed. In addition to his keynote address, he presented a paper on the noise levels of construction tools. Apart from the conference, he was able to visit the Acropolis and an island free of automobiles.

### ▲ Graham Presents Paper in China

Roy Eugene Graham, FAIA, Beinecke-Reeves distinguished professor and director of DCP Historic Preservation Programs presented a paper, "Evolving Townscapes, Case Studies in Heritage Conservation Strategies," at the 15th General Assembly of the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in Xi'an, China on Oct. 18. While in China, Graham also attended the International Scientific Committee on Training of ICOMOS of which he is the designated U.S. representative. On Oct. 4, Graham gave a combined lecture to Chatham University and the University of Pittsburgh as part of a college lecture series on the role of historic preservation in 21st century urban design projects. He spoke on the 18th century fishing town of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and the 15th century Venetian Republic town of Kober, Slovenia, and the challenges they face in protecting their historic town character. Graham presented a conservation strategy for both cities that closely involved participation with the communities, having been developed jointly with professionals, students, governments and the communities. As a participant in the International Trades Education Network, Graham has been appointed to the World Monuments Fund's National Task Force for the Preservation Arts Training Initiative which the University of Florida will join in a field school on traditional building methods in Shaker Village, N.Y., during the summer of 2006.

## Architecture Grads' Design Work Featured on HGTV

BOULDER, Colo. — A “dream house” built by two University of Florida architecture graduates is featured in a reality television series on Home & Garden Television, HGTV.

Brad Tomecek, 32, and Christopher Herr, 35, met in graduate school at UF, and are now the subjects of a 13-week reality show called “Dream House,” as they build a house for Herr and his wife Tina.

“To build this house is something we had planned since grad school at UF,” said Tomecek, who with Herr, owns the Studio H:T architecture firm in Boulder. “A friend found out HGTV wanted to do a series in Colorado, so we sent [HGTV] some imagery, and we were chosen.”

The house, which was completed earlier this year, is

built in an unusual “box” design, to help accommodate the severe slope of the land, which has been in Herr’s family since it was purchased by his grandparents.

“The house is built with four boxes, and we built a retaining wall to surround it like a ribbon,” Tomecek said. “The design comes from modern sensibilities; we like projects that seem to know what they’re doing, keeping things simple and about function. This house has a theme of being grounded.”

Although the house is already built, the show will highlight the construction process, also focusing on the Herrs’ lives through that process.

“Dream House” airs Mondays at 8:30 p.m. on HGTV.

--- Meridith Jean Morton

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### ■ UFCC Campaign Closes

The UF Community Campaign, themed “Gators Give in a Million Ways,” kicked off September 26 and closed in October with the goal of reaching the \$1 million mark! With a campus community of more than 12,000 faculty and staff, each year, we come together to help fund the critical services extended by the 76 charitable agencies that work everyday to improve the lives of all Gainesville residents.

Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign. Your gifts will impact the lives of many people in our community. Special thanks to the DCP faculty and staff who volunteered to help coordinate this year’s campaign:

For the college: Rebecca Graves and Paul Wiseman  
For ARC: Hui Zou  
For BCN: Dottie Beaupied and Richard Smailes  
For IND: Susan Tate  
For LAE: Gary Purdum  
For URP: Stanley Latimer

If you still have your pledge card and wish to contribute to the campaign, please contact your unit representative or email Paul Wiseman at [pwiseman@dcp.ufl.edu](mailto:pwiseman@dcp.ufl.edu).

### ■ AIA Tampa Bay Open House and Tours

AIA Tampa Bay is hosting its first annual Archifest – A Celebration of Architecture and Art Nov. 5 – 19. Activities will include exhibits, films, speakers, firm tours and a dinner gala featuring keynote speaker Lebbeus Woods. UF architecture students are invited to attend the architecture firm tours at the event opening at 10 a.m. Nov. 5. Students interested in attending any of the events should call (213) 229-3411 to receive a schedule. The newly renovated AIA Tampa Bay headquarters will have their official grand opening Nov. 5, from 5-10 p.m.

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