

Students Design for Architecture Building in 2007 Witters Competition

For some DCP students, the weekend of March 23 didn't revolve around Gator basketball, but expanding the Architecture Building. Student teams participated in the 44-hour 2007 Witters Competition, which focused on adding nearly 94,000 square feet of extra space to the Architecture Building. The annual event, coordinated by ARC professor John Maze, pits teams of students in the college against each other in an interdisciplinary design-build competition with a winner-takes-all prize of \$3,500.

Each team consisted of five members from a minimum of four of the DCP academic units. Members of the winning team were: John Begeman, Erik Bellin, Cuyler Hendricks, Christen Hutton and Michelle O'Carroll.

Students were tasked with adding a large amount of studio space, a bigger gallery, an auditorium, faculty and staff offices and even a cafeteria to the existing building. Many of the teams' designs integrated sustainability practices such as green roofs and photo-voltaic panels.

Col. Arthur G. and Beverley A. Witters, who endow the competition, made the trip to Gainesville from Orlando to see the competition presentations on Sunday and were very impressed with the results. "We started this competition so all disciplines in the college could talk and work with one another," Col. Witters said to teams after the winning team was announced. "Your hard work this weekend made it possible and we are very proud of all of you."

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■ IND Students Sweep Design Competition

International Interior Design Association Student Day 2007 was held Feb. 24 at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Tampa, Fla. The event involved more than 200 students, designers and professors representing eight programs from across the state. DCP students swept the student competition in all categories entered.

Best Overall Category:

Meg Gallup for "Fierce" Pave Competition Entry

Hospitality/Retail Category:

First Place: David Newman, Sharon Neff, Candace Mederos for "The Vine"

Honorable Mention: Viviana Stewart for "Red" Pave Competition Entry

Institutional Category:

First Place: Viviana Stewart, Rebecca Russell for "Baby Gators"

Honorable Mention: Haley Russell, Rachel Horner, Danielle Hamby, Mike Demri for "Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads Wellness Center"

Residential Category:

Honorable Mention: Haley Russell for "A Modern Palazzo Loft"

■ URP Students Present to City, County Officials

The Urban Planning Practicum class (URP6341) presented their work, entitled "A Vision for the City of Starke, Florida," to city and county officials on Feb. 27. The class, sponsored by Main Street Starke, Inc., developed a comprehensive plan for this small Florida community north of Gainesville. The team made recommendations for the city to apply newly available resources through their recently established Main Street and CRA programs. Ideas generated in this knowledge-based studio included an overlay district for U.S. 301, design guidelines for the historic district, adaptive reuse of structures and brownfields along the railroad and the establishment of a Certified Local Government (CLG). Students participating in the project led by URP professor Joseli Macedo were: Stephen T. Anderson, Ashley K. Aronowitz, Michael M. DePalma, Peter S. Hofheinz, Varun K. Kalhan, Christopher S. Kintner, Shani E. Kruljac, Lauren K. Simmons and Charles R. Wells.

■ Steiner Awarded for Contribution to Planning

URP professor Ruth Steiner was the recipient of the Kermit Sigmon Award for Citizen Participation, which is given out by the Gainesville Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for outstanding contributions to the community's transportation planning process. Steiner will receive the award later this spring.

Beinecke-Reeves Award Recipient Honored for Historic Preservation Efforts

Janet Snyder Matthews, Ph.D., received the 2006 Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Achievement Award on March 1. Snyder was honored because of her unending dedication to historic preservation efforts in the state of Florida and the United States.

Currently serving as Associate Director, Cultural Resources for the National Park Service, Matthews manages the nation's most important historic preservation and cultural resource stewardship programs. These programs affect thousands of communities nationwide and all of the nearly 390 national parks in the United States. They include the National Registry of Historic Places, the National

Historic Landmarks Program, the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program, the Historic American Building Survey and the Historic American Engineering Record, among others.

DCP established the Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Achievement Award to honor the professional who most embodies the "Spirit of Preservation" in Florida. This significant award is given each year to an individual or group having a connection to the state and demonstrated dedication to historic preservation. The award is named in honor of the late Walter Beinecke Jr. and Professor Emeritus F. Blair Reeves.

■ IND Faculty, Students Attend IDEC Conference

IND professors and graduate students were well represented at the national IDEC conference held April 5-11 in Austin, Texas. IND professor Jo Hasell presented a refereed paper on courthouse design security featuring the thesis research of IND master's alumnae Smita Sahool. In the same session, IND professor Candy Carmel-Gilfilen presented a refereed paper on design and retail security; she also is presenting another design security paper at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. IND professor Debra Harris presented her research on healthcare design and design education and IND doctoral student Marlo Ransdall conducted a refereed poster session on the potential of digital learning communities.

■ Siebein Conducts Workshops at Symposium

ARC professor Gary W. Siebein coordinated the Third Concert Hall Research Group (CHRG) Symposium held in Aspen, Colo. in August 2006. He conducted two workshops in addition to organizing the meeting which brings together the foremost acoustical consultants, researchers, musicians and architects involved in concert hall design for a week of intense workshops, symposia and music listening. The first workshop focused on acoustical research conducted at UF and the second entailed a design charrette on multi-purpose concert hall design oriented around interior and exterior soundscape design. CHRG is an international consortium of acoustical consultants, researchers, architects and other design professionals whose members share research to push the frontiers in the science of architectural acoustics for improvement in the design of concert halls and related performing arts spaces. Siebein and the UF Acoustics Group have been members since the group's founding in 1990.

■ Tanzer Co-Edits Architecture Book

ARC professor Kim Tanzer and Rafael Longoria, an architecture professor at the University of Houston, served as co-editors of a recently published book titled "The Green Braid: Towards an Architecture of Ecology, Economy and Equity." It is available through Routledge Press.

■ Markle Hits 29 Year Safety Mark

DCP woodshop teaching lab specialist Whitey Markle received his 25-year service pin last month and marked more than 29 years of state service as a woodshop teacher with zero accidents. Over the years, Markle has been responsible for the safe guarding of more than 88,000 fingers.

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