

NDSU

THE STILL UN-NAMED,
BUT WE'RE WORKING ON IT NEWSLETTER
for the

Department of Architecture & Landscape Architecture
www.ndsu.edu/arch

In this Issue:

- ◆ Extreme Makeover 1
- ◆ Department News 2
- ◆ Europe Trip 2006 3
- ◆ Words from the Woodshop 3
- ◆ Student News..... 4
- ◆ Reflections 4
- ◆ Happy Birthday.... 4
- ◆ Corrections 5
- ◆ Breaking News..... 5
- ◆ FYI 5
- ◆ You Can Help Our Programs..... 6

EXTREME MAKEOVER

The Fall semester started us off running. We had a unique chance to work on the Extreme Makeover Home Edition show in August. Approximately 185 students from both the LA and Arch programs signed up to volunteer as well as three faculty and two staff members.

The event took place in Minot, North Dakota where the Bliven family was the recipient of a new home and yard makeover. The family consists of Michelle & Bill and their three children, Kristen, Aaron, and Taylor. They were chosen because Aaron has cerebral palsy and is in a wheel chair. Their old home was not wheel chair accessible, nor was their yard. Also, Michelle has given back to the community by starting a baseball team, *Dream Catchers*, for special-needs children. Part of the makeover was refurbishing their ball park with a handicap-accessible seating area, a small press box, new paint for all the out buildings, new bleachers and upgrades to the field.

This all took place the first week of class, August 21-26, creating chaos both at school and in Minot. It was a busy first two weeks of school, but eventually everything returned to normal. The program aired on October 15th, so the students could see the results of their work shown on national television.

Minot was in a drought for the summer, but once we all showed up ready to work, we ran into some rain and severe storms. Everyone worked together to cover the bare yard in plastic to keep it from getting too muddy. A couple of us took the opportunity to explore Minot, and we found the Scandinavian Heritage Center to be very interesting.

Minot State University was gracious to open their dorms to our students, since our students were sleeping in tents at the KOA campground and were very wet. By evening, we were able to get back to work and many worked through the night.

It was a special opportunity to be a part of and we are extremely proud of our students for their good work and dedication they showed in all weather conditions.



Volunteers working on the water feature, walk-ways and retaining walls in the back yard.

What's Up This Semester

Like everything else in life, we have experienced some changes in the department over the summer. We have had a number of staff changes and new faculty plus wedding bells have been ringing.



Judy Graff, who was our Student Services Coordinator, has moved into the Office Manager position. Tami (Eklund) Stegman got married in March and moved to Neche, North Dakota with her new husband, Greg.



Ben Bernard, Computer Services Specialist, was married to Scarlet Gray on August fifth. Ben and Scarlet will be living in the Fargo area.



Kelly Larson, Academic Assistant, joined the department in April. We welcome Kelly as well as her husband, Lee and three children, Casey, Shane and Nicholas.

In our first newsletter, we mentioned that Vincen Hatlen retired. Vince is continuing to participate with us by taking on the task of digitizing the thousands of slides in our ALA Library.

Also leaving us were Joshua Walter and Angela Hanson in the Landscape Architecture Program.

New faculty in the department are:

Mohamed Diab - replaces Mohamed Elnahas on leave this year. He is teaching Arch 453 ECS: Passive Principles and third year design studio.



Joan Vorderbruggen - replaces Rebecca Pinkston on leave this year. She is teaching second year studio, Arch 728 Sociocultural Issues and Arch 789 Professional Topics: LEED.



Mike Christenson - new architecture faculty member from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Mike is teaching third year studio. We welcome Mike and his wife, Malini and daughter Noor.



Kathleen Pepple - was a part-time lecturer, but has joined us full-time in the Landscape Architecture program. She is teaching LA 531 Advanced Landscape Architecture I and fifth year studio.

We will have two more new faculty members join us in the spring. Kaarin Lindquist will join the Architecture program and Mark Lindquist will join the Landscape Architecture program. They are coming from New Zealand.

New lecturers in the Landscape Architecture program are **Niki Carlson**, **David George ('06)**, and **Dominic Fischer ('05)**. David and Dominic are alumni from the Landscape Architecture program. Niki is teaching third year studio; David teaches LA 341 Site Development & Detailing I; Dominic Fischer teaches fourth year studio.

New lecturers in the Architecture Program are **Heather Fischer (Helland, '05)**, **Mark Shaul ('76)** and **Joe Jenni ('90)**. Joe, Mark and Heather are all alumni from the Architecture program. Joe and Mark are with TL Stroh Architects and are team teaching the AR 724 Architectural Technology. Heather Fischer is with R.L. Engebretson and teaches two sections of AR 231 Architectural Drawing.

Europe Trip 2006



For the past several years, the department has put together a study abroad opportunity for the Architecture students.

Ron Ramsay escorted a group to Greece, Italy and Turkey; Stephen Wischer took students to Spain; Carol Scott, Switzerland, Germany and Amsterdam; Amanda Henderson, France and England.

We had one unfortunate accident in Greece. Rebecca Pinkston, a faculty member, (the person in the wheel chair) was hit by cab. We are very happy that she is doing well and was not hurt more seriously.



I want to thank Dan Salyards and Justin Miedema who were so kind to share their photos.

Words from the Woodshop

“All things are relative”. That’s the factor when you consider assessments like, is it large or small, easy or hard, and other comparative terms. The addition of the Downtown campus building provided half of our studios with brand new desks, chairs and cabinets. Of course this established, in relative terms, a lofty benchmark against which to measure our existing equipment.

Fifth year studio now has 70 brand new desk tops. These have been fitted to freshly powder coated frames. Thanks to the efforts of Assistant Studio Technician Dave Miller; and to Neil Anderson, Adam “B.A.” Torkelson and Matt Serra, crew members. We are looking forward to a similar retrofit of the second-year units.

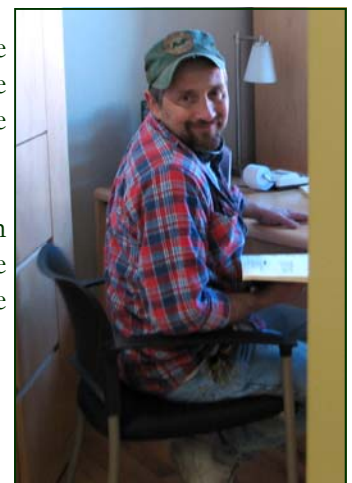


Pictured from left to right: Neil Anderson, Dave Miller, Adam “B.A.” Torkelson and Matt Serra.

The addition of these units brings a new, more professional look to the studio.

Stop by Ehly Hall when you’re in the neighborhood to see the difference.

~ Jimmy Billups,
Studio Technician



Student News

This year's recipients of the **AIA North Dakota** scholarships are:

Design

- ◆ Lejla Mehmedovic: 5th yr, Fargo, North Dakota
- ◆ Matthew Brehmer: 5th yr, Fargo, North Dakota
- ◆ Joshua Grote: 5th yr, Aberdeen, South Dakota

Service

- ◆ Kimberly Sandbulte: 5th yr, Luverne, Minnesota
- ◆ Ron Randell: 5th yr, Anchorage, Alaska
- ◆ Brock Martinson: 5th yr, West Fargo, North Dakota

Congratulations to these students on their great achievement.



STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL ASLA CONVENTION & RECEIVE AWARD

Jim Clark took all of the Landscape Architecture students to the ASLA Convention in Minneapolis.

In the awards ceremony, **Lance Schuer** and **Ben Johnson** received their national ASLA Honor Award for collaboration with the Moorhead Center for the Arts project.

Students were able to meet the Landscape Architecture Advisory Board and alumni who attended the reception. The students brought some of their projects to display and were able to talk with the Board and alumni about the profession.

We would like to thank the Landscape Architecture Advisory Board for all their time and help.

Meet the Landscape Architecture Advisory Board:

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Mike Allmendinger ('98) | Candace Amberg ('95) |
| Land Elements | Brauer & Associates |
| Fargo, ND | Hopkins, MN |
| mike@landelements.com | Candace@brauer-ltd.com |

Jason Amberg	Michael Bender ('94)
Brauer & Associates	Wyss Associates
Hopkins, MN	Rapid City, SD
Jason@brauer-ltd.com	mikeb@wyssassociates.com

Continued from previous column

Barbara Burgum	Todd Halunen ('90)
Deephaven, MN	Wisconsin
thebarbo@aol.com	Chalunen1@yahoo.com

Craig Larson ('94)	Jolene Rieck ('99)
BCDM	Peaks to Plains Design
Omaha, NE	Billings, MT
clarson@bcdm.net	Jolene@peakstoplains.com

Reflections

"Many of the guys in studio never got around to going to get a haircut until winter and spring breaks, so I started offering haircuts in the Quonset studio in our third year. Then, on some Fridays, I rarely had to buy a beer at the 'Trader and Trapper' in Moorhead! But the most fun as a 'hairstylist' was on the roof of our Pension in Rome in July. On the last day before our group split up for independent travel for the next month; cutting hair for about 8 guys and drinking Italian wine!"

~Janet Knobloch (Jansen) ('84)

Send us your "reflection"...

Happy Birthday

This year marks the 150th birth year of Louis Henry Sullivan.

He is credited with the early development of the skyscraper and ornamental style that links the U.S. with contemporary European developments such as Art Nouveau.

To commemorate the event, associate professor, **Ron Ramsay** is lecturing on Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright and H.H. Richardson at the Rourke Art Museum in Moorhead, MN. The lectures are every Tuesday evening in October starting at 7:00 PM.

Updates, Corrections & Exclusions

We were so crammed for space in the last newsletter that we cut off the last name of the winner of the Dennis Colliton Thesis Award. The winner was Sam Chapman. Sorry Sam.

Another exclusion was the winner of the BWBR Architects Award. Congratulations to Laurel Tracey.

We received information that another Landscape Architecture student had received an award from the ASLA. Matthew K. Scheibe received the ASLA Distinguished Undergraduate Design Award for the Probstfield Living History Farm Project in 1994.

Our apologies to those who were excluded or misprinted.



BREAKING NEWS

The department received a thank you letter from the Bliven family from the Extreme Makeover Home Edition (front page story). I'd like to take this opportunity to share the letter with all of you.

"Paul and students from NDSU Department of Architecture & Landscape Architecture

Wow! It's hard to put into words how we felt when we saw our Extreme home & yard. How proud you must feel looking at the final product. We were overwhelmed and amazed. The success of your program and students was evident in our beautiful home and yard. When we are asked about our home and what we don't like we say 'There isn't a thing we don't like. We love it all.'

Congratulations and thank you on a job well done. I know the Extreme Makeover team was totally impressed. I hope you all will enjoy the memories of your experience. I know we will.

Michelle, Bill, Kristen, Aaron & Taylor Bliven"

We are very proud of our students for a job well done.

For Your Information

- ◆ If you have any news you would like us to be aware of or if you are looking for a classmate, let us know and we will do what we can to facilitate the process.
- ◆ If your firm is looking for help, we would be happy to post that in our next newsletter.
- ◆ If you would like to know more about a certain faculty member or would like to hear from them, let us know.
- ◆ Let us know what you think of our newsletter.
- ◆ All information can be sent to Mary.Ekstrom@ndsu.edu.

To **unsubscribe** from this newsletter, click on the link below **and** enter SIGNOFF NDSU-ALAALUMNI in the SUBJECT line.

Listserv@listserv.nodak.edu. Then just hit send. If you have any problems, let me know and I will remove you from our list.

YOU CAN HELP THE ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS

Your continued participation with our programs is important for us in reaching our goal of even greater excellence. Here are some ways you can help.

Look at your schedules:

Will you be in Fargo during the Fall or Spring (2006-2007)?

1. You can participate in a design jury.
2. You can present a lecture.
3. Mentor our students.
4. Hire our students.
5. Network with Architecture & Landscape Architecture alumni.
6. You could host a social event for Alumni in your area.
7. Are you looking for architecture or landscape architecture interns? If so, you can participate in our annual Design Expo.
8. Make a financial contribution to the Friends of Architecture or Friends of Landscape Architecture.

Class Agents Needed

Would you like to catch up with your classmates? Become a class agent and help us locate alumni.

We appreciate your past generosity to the college and/or the department. Due to the continued growth and expansion of the Architecture & Landscape Architecture programs, your continued support is important to us.

You can direct your donation to the Friends of Architecture or Friends Landscape Architecture. By doing so, your gift directly benefits your program of choice.

Please consider a gift to your program to further our efforts in providing the best educational opportunities and facilities for the future. When we asked our Advisory Board Members why they give to the department, it was a resounding "...to make a difference."

Again, thank you for your generosity.

My gift of \$ _____ is pledged and presented to the North Dakota State University Development Foundation .

My Gift Is Designated for:

FRIENDS of LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

FRIENDS of ARCHITECTURE

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to NDSU DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.

Charge my gift to my:

VISA DISCOVER MASTERCARD

Account # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Please Sign: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please Print Legibly

Detach and mail to:

NDSU Development Foundation
 PO Box 5144
 Fargo, North Dakota 58105-5144