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FROM THE DEAN

As most of you are now aware, the School of Architecture is grieving the loss of **Dr. Jay C. Henry**, Professor of Architecture. Dr. Henry passed away on March 16, 2005 after a short hospitalization. Jay was a remarkable teacher and scholar, the institutional memory of the School, and an exemplary colleague and member of the university community. The expressions of sympathy and remembrances by former students and colleagues are truly remarkable and vivid testimony to his success in his life's work. In 33 years at UTA he never missed a class until his recent hospitalization.

Below is the text of a special message that was sent out by the University on March 17th to the UTA community:

"Campus flags are flying at half-staff today to honor the life of University of Texas at Arlington Architecture Professor Jay Henry, who died Tuesday, March 15, in a local hospital. Dr. Henry, born Jan. 10, 1939, received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Catholic University in 1962 and his Master of Architecture at the University of Washington, Seattle. He earned his Ph.D. in Architectural History from the University of California at Berkeley and joined the UT-Arlington faculty in 1972. He never missed a class because of illness during the entire time he taught at UTA.

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic passing of Dr. Jay Henry, an accomplished scholar and a kind-hearted colleague," said Provost Dana Dunn.

"Dr. Henry was a notable author and a popular and respected teacher. He taught freshmen and graduate students with equal skill and passion, showing his love for architecture and history. He was a leader in faculty governance and University and professional society committees, and he played a vital role in the development of UTA's School of Architecture.

He left his impact on this University, not only through his scholarship and dedicated service, but through the countless lives he touched in his 33 years here. The loss of Dr. Henry impacts us all, both inside and outside the School of Architecture. Everyone at UT-Arlington will miss him," Dunn said.

Dr. Henry was an authority on Texas architectural history and the author of "Architecture in Texas: 2895-1945", U of Texas Press, 1993. He was currently at work as co-author of the Texas volume in the "Buildings of the United States," sponsored by the Society of Architectural Historians, and had authored more than a dozen scholarly articles and presented more than 50 conference papers. Dr. Henry taught architectural history surveys and seminars. He also focused on modern architecture of the 20th Century, history of interior architecture and the history of urban form.

Dr. Henry taught in the School of Architecture's annual summer program in Rome and was chair for the upcoming Southeastern Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting in Fort Worth in October. He is survived by a sister, Patricia, a retired school teacher in Dallas.."

A mass of resurrection will be held on April 7, 2005 at 2pm in the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3811 Oaklawn Avenue, Dallas. All friends, colleagues and former students are invited. Currently, a black banner hangs on the School in Jay's honor and other plans to establish a permanent memorial to him are underway. His family has requested that donations in Jay's honor can be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Church or the UTA School of Architecture.

Don Gatzke
Dean

I'd also like to invite you to a special lecture at the School next Monday, April 4, 5 pm, Room 204. Murray Legge of LZT Architects, Austin will present **the innovative sustainable design strategies in the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless.**

Winner of a 2004 AIA Austin Design Award and 2004 Austin Impact Award ARCH was designed to be open and accessible combining a range of services for the homeless in one facility.

A LEED-rated building, ARCH implements many innovative building techniques and components. The exposed concrete structural frame was built using stack-cast tilt-frame construction. Frame elements were cast on-site horizontally, one on top of the other, allowing for less formwork and greater finish control.



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FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to Assistant Professor **Jane Ahrens** and her husband Daniel on the birth of their first child. Owen Daniel Ahrens was born on March 16, 2005.

Sixteen students led by **Todd Hamilton** have been working on a class project to design interior concepts for the 6,000 square-foot penthouse atop 1505 Elm in Dallas. This luxury living space includes a 2,000 foot balcony and will be sold as one large residence or two smaller 3,000 square-foot units.

David Hopman, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, recently received grant funding from UTA for a proposal entitled "Critical Regionalism in the Contemporary Practice of Landscape Architecture." He will be honored along with other award recipient's at the President's Convocation for Academic Excellence next month.

Dr. Pat D. Taylor, Director of the Program in Landscape Architecture, will chair a panel on higher education in landscape architecture at the Annual Conference of the Texas Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, on March 31st in Austin, Texas. The panel will identify the major issues facing higher education in the state, particularly where the preparation of future practitioners is concerned.

STUDENT NEWS

The 2005 **Job Fair** was a big success. Over 20 firms participated. Students had the chance to meet with recruiters and discuss job opportunities. Some firms chose to do on-site interviews. Many thanks to the JCCA for organizing this event.

Redi Karameto, a graduate student in Architecture, was recently honored in the International Design Guild/ASID Design Contest. He placed first in the BROADBLOOM portion of the contest and received Honorable Mention in the RUG portion of the contest. He received a cash prize for both entries.

Dianne Laurence, a graduate student in Landscape Architecture, had a display this month at the Dallas Museum of Art as part of the ART IN BLOOM 2005 Floral Symposium and Festival. She said, "The concept for my entry was a family outing to the DMA via the Katy Trail, riding through wildflowers. Amidst all the modern art objects in the DMA Sculpture Garden is a one of a kind hand painted bicycle with child carrier attached which is parked on (the illusion of) a trail in a woodlands area filled with wildflowers."

Robert Diaz and **Marcus McKenzie**, senior Architecture students, have been selected for an exhibition of their projects which were entered in the international C2C Home competition. Their hard work highlights the students' increased interest in sustainable architecture and the School of Architecture's dedication to making it an integral part of the curriculum.

Congratulations are in order for **Chad Kyzar**, graduate student in Architecture. He and his wife Kathleen welcomed their first child, Claire Elizabeth, on February 18, 2005.

ALUMNI NEWS

Marty McCammon (B.S. Arch, 1991 – UTA) has joined JSA Architects, Interiors, Planners as a member of its Portsmouth, New Hampshire healthcare design studio. For the last decade McCammon has been involved with healthcare and research facilities for clients such as Tufts University, Holyoke Hospital, West Virginia University, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State University, and Jackson Labs. He and his family have relocated from the Boston area to Portsmouth.

Michael Cowan (B.S. Arch, 1995 – UTA) and **Michael Haddon** (B.S. Arch, 1996 – UTA) have started their own firm in Austin. Haddon + Cowan, Architects Collaborative will be doing mostly retail, commercial and residential work. They are currently working on two house projects, seven retail prototypes, and a land development project in San Antonio which will be a joint venture with Lucid, a concept/marketing firm run by **Rene Gracia** (B.S. Arch, 1995 – UTA).

Congratulations to **Troy Brown** (M. Arch, 2004 – UTA) and his wife Janie on the birth of their first child. Emma Grace Brown made her debut on March 8, 2005.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4 – Murray Legge

Murray Legge of LZT Architects, Austin will present the innovative sustainable design strategies in the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless. The lecture will take place at 5:00pm at the School of Architecture in Room 204. This event is free and open to the public.

April 6 – Randall Korman

Professor of Architecture from Syracuse University. His presentation is titled “Missing in Action: The Architectural Façade in the Age of Blobitecture”. The lecture will take place at 5:00pm at the School of Architecture in Room 204. This event is free and open to the public.

April 18 – Alan Ward

From Sasaki Associates in Boston, Massachusetts. His presentation is titled “Photography, Design and the Landscape”. The lecture will take place at 5:00pm at the School of Architecture in Room 204. This event is free and open to the public.

April 27 – Richard Keating

From HKS Architects in Los Angeles, California. His presentation will be on “Recent Concerns”. The lecture will take place at 5:00pm at the School of Architecture in Room 204. This event is free and open to the public.

May 14 – Spring Commencement

On Saturday, May 14th, the School of Architecture will honor it’s graduates at commencement. The event will take place in the Architecture Courtyard at 9:00am. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved next door to Fine Arts in the Main Stage Theater. Tickets will be required if the ceremony is held indoors.

Tentative Lecture for Spring 2005 Lecture Series:

- Lubowicki - Lanier Architecture of Los Angeles.

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For more news and events, please visit our website at www.uta.edu/architecture.

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