

students about urban design; additionally, Mr. Riley presented a lecture to the Department about some of his Fort Worth projects and offered job-seekers points to consider during their search.

Texas Tech University Student ASLA Chapter News

Along with the new web server came our very own **Student ASLA** website for the Texas Tech Chapter. On the **SASLA** web site, we display recent announcements, fundraiser information, and student award information. Please visit this web site at <http://www.larc.ttu.edu/SASLA>.

In the Spring of 2006, the TTU Student ASLA Chapter held a raffle to raise money for Chapter projects, as well as to sponsor a Texas Tech University design team to compete in national competitions. Aquascape Designs, Pavestone, Sutherlands, Innovative Landscapes, and Nursery Direct sponsored the raffle by donating materials to be used in the winning design; the design for the winner will include one 11' X 16' Aquascape Designs signature pond with pump system, 150 sq. ft. of Pavestone pavers, two trees and flowering shrubs. The drawing was held on April 11, 2006, and raised approximately \$2,900. The winning ticket holder will meet with

members of the TTU Student ASLA Chapter to create a design for the winner's backyard, which will be installed on April 22, 2006.

Distinguished Lecturers

Clair Cooper-Marcus joined us to lecture on the history therapeutic gardens in America. Ms. Cooper-Marcus also discussed the details behind designing healing gardens in the modern age.

Lynn Miller, who retired from Penn State University, joined the University of Texas Landscape Architecture Department to direct the first year of their Graduate Program in Landscape Architecture. Mr. Miller also worked on a design team for the Flight 93 Memorial during the first year of its operation; this design team was one of three semi-finalists. Mr. Miller joined us to share his team's entry for the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania, as well as to discuss the history of conservation movements in the United States.

In the early Fall, **Fredrick Steiner**, Dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Texas, presented a lecture, titled, "Landscape Architecture and the Wealth of Nations."

Brent Baker, of BWM Group, Past President of the Texas Chapter of ASLA, joined us in the Fall of 2005 to discuss the workings of the BWM Group and to discuss how the various Texas Chapters of ASLA interact and function.

Mr. Robert Riley, Directory of Development for the City of Fort Worth, joined us on campus in the early Spring of 2006 as a guest speaker in one of Dr. Louis Mills' class and discussed job-search opportunities with all students in the Department.

In March of 2006, **Mr. Joseph Lalli**, President and CEO of EDSA, presented a lecture, titled, "International Opportunities to Provide Landscape Architectural Services to a Global Market." Mr. Lalli presented many of EDSA's international designs, along with a discussion of possible job opportunities for graduating seniors.

The Department of Landscape Architecture at Texas Tech University greatly appreciates all of their guest speakers for taking the time out of their busy schedules to lecture to our students about their Landscape Architecture firm practices, their varied designs, and their many business endeavors.

Faculty Merit

Between some faculty members publishing books and others beginning national studies, from faculty members receiving grants to others teaching students internationally, the faculty members at the Texas Tech Landscape Architecture Department have been incredibly busy this year.

Dr. Alon Kvashny, FASLA, Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture, was honored as a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects in October of 2005. Dr. Kvashny has spent much of the 2006 spring semester preparing for the ASLA accreditation review of the Landscape Architecture undergraduate program. In addition to his regular duties as chair, Dr. Kvashny also represents the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources on the Texas Tech University Faculty Senate. In January of 2006, Dr. Kvashny co-authored and published a book, titled, *Managing Virtual Changes - A Guide to Create Problem-Solving in the Design Professions*. For information about purchasing Dr. Kvashny's book, please feel free to write to him at alon.kvashny@ttu.edu.

Prof. John Billing continues to serve as Graduate Advisor of the Landscape Architecture Department. Prof. Billing

chaired Bryan Shelhamer's thesis committee, the final project of which was titled, *Integration of Native Vegetation into Existing Golf Courses through Strategic Design Principles*. In March of 2006, Prof. Billing presented a lecture on EDSA's Phases I, II, and III designs of the Atlantis Resort in the Bahams.

Dr. Safei Hamed, during the Spring of 2006, is writing two books: "The Historical Gardens of the Middle East," and "Environmental Ethics: Learning from the Past and Guiding the Future." Dr. Hamed continues to serve on the ASLA Policy Committee and to lecture on the national and international levels. In February, Dr. Hamed was the keynote speaker at a Stanford University event concerning environmental ethics. In March of 2006, he was invited by two Saudi Arabian universities to present a series of public lectures and to offer graduate seminars and continuing education workshops.

Prof. Jean Kavanagh, FASLA, was named President-Elect of the Texas ASLA Chapter in January of 2006. In July of 2006, Prof. Kavanagh will begin a two-year field survey of therapeutic gardens. This nationwide study, *Connecting Design and Effect*, will analyze design elements and principles used in professionally designed therapeutic gardens. Prof. Kavanagh hopes to survey at least one-hundred

therapeutic gardens for participation in this field survey, and would like to invite your firm's therapeutic garden projects to participate in this study. Children's gardens, Alzheimer's gardens, and healing gardens of all types will be examined in this first ever field survey of design detail practices in therapeutic gardens. Prof. Kavanagh can be reached at jean.kavanagh@ttu.edu.

Prof. Charles Klein was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the West Texas Section of the Texas ASLA Chapter for 2006. Prof. Klein is now preparing another group of LARC 4001 and LARC 6306 students for a month-long study abroad program on the Yucatan Peninsula. The focus of the program is community-based ecotourism: students will visit historical sites such as Mayan ruins and Colonial-era haciendas, along with a variety of cultural events, biosphere reserves and eco-lodges. Students will also have the opportunity to attend lectures by environmentalists, archeologists, anthropologists and architects. After three weeks of contextual site analysis, the students will work with one or more Mayan villages to participate in a week-long design studio in which they will establish community-based programs intended to attract tourist attention while maintaining the villages' cultural and environmental identities.

Dr. Louis Mills and his research team from the Texas Tech College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, were awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Texas General Land Office, for research conducted on the Texas Coastal Management Program. The research project, "Scenic Resources Design Guidelines for the Texas Coastal Zone," will be an eighteen-month project concentrating on the means to protect the scenic continuum of the Gulf Coast. The team will develop a design booklet on recommended land use practices geared toward protecting coastal scenic resources; this booklet will be oriented to land professional and government planners.

Prof. Alice Sherrod had two papers published in *The Arts and Humanities Conference Proceedings* in Honolulu, Hawaii, in early 2006. On May 3, 2006, Prof. Sherrod will present a paper, entitled, "The Design Styles of Intuitives and Sensates in a Collaborative Studio," at the **Environmental Design and Research Association**, in Atlanta, Georgia. This essay analyzes the incorporation of Myers-Briggs personality types into forming collaborative design groups in the

disciplines of Landscape Architecture, Architecture, and Interior Design.

Student Excellence

During the 2005-2006 academic year, the students in the Department of Landscape Architecture have repeatedly demonstrated excellent design and academic capabilities both state-wide and nationally.

The 2006 Texas ASLA Convention took place at South Padre Island this year. Many students from the Department of Landscape Architecture at Texas Tech University entered the annual Texas ASLA Design Competition, where they competed against students from Texas A&M and from the University of Texas. The Department of Landscape Architecture is extremely pleased to announce that our students **swept** the competition: **Mr. David Haigood**, a third-year studio student, was awarded **first place**; **Mr. Lendle Monden**, a fourth-year studio student, won **second place**; and **Mr. Chad Dietz**, also a third-year studio student, earned **third place**. These students were honored at the Texas ASLA Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 6th, 2006.

The winning designs are displayed below, in respective order.



David Haigood



Lendle Monden



Chad Dietz

Mr. Lee Petty, a fourth-year student in the Landscape Architecture Department, was voted “**Aggie of the Month**” for February by his peers at the January 2006 Agricultural Council meeting. The “Aggie of the Month” award is the Ag Council’s way of recognizing students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for their outstanding work within the community and the university; this award also recognizes excellence in academics and meritorious citizenship. Mr. Petty will be recognized at the annual Agricultural Council banquet, which takes place at the end of April.

Ms. Briana Hirth received the annual ASLA Texas Tech University scholarship of \$1000.00 for academic

merit and good citizenship over the course of her studies during the 2005-2006 school year.

Ms. Nicole Kalina received a study abroad scholarship which will help to fund her continuing explorations in Mexico and in the field of ecotourism. In addition, during the Spring 2006 semester, Ms. Kalina has received funding for her thesis research on xeriscape landscaping in West Texas; she will work with KJTV-34/FOX Television site in her research and demonstration plot.

The graduating class of 2006 is approaching 100% placement in design firms across America; states where students will be employed include North Carolina, Florida, and of course, Texas.

We would like to congratulate **Dustin Barnhill**, **Jill Busby**, **Joshua Emerson**, **Laura Frey**, **Cody O'Donnell**, and **Michael Woods** on their upcoming graduation.

In addition, we would like to congratulate **Ms. Lisa Lewis** and **Mr. Bryan Shelhamer** on their successful thesis defenses and on receiving their Master of Landscape Architecture degrees over the course of the 2005-2006 school year.

We are delighted to report that **Mrs. Sharon Pope** continues to assist all of the Department's needs, from student headaches to faculty concerns, as she approaches her thirty-fourth year of service. **Mrs. Sara Stroud** has moved to part-time retirement but still keeps busy after twenty-three years of service in the Department. In 2005, we welcomed **Ms. Ana Krahmer** on board as the staff computer technician, and though **Ms. Elaine Gentry** had to say good-bye to us in 2005, we are pleased to welcome **Ms. Sonie Pinkert** to the staff. We would like to thank the staff in the Landscape Architecture Department for their constant support and kindness.

We would like to conclude this newsletter by thanking the **American Society of Landscape Architects** for their prior contribution of \$25,000, from which we draw enough interest to offer student scholarships. We would also like to express our appreciation for the continuing support of the **A. Dale Chapman Fund**, from which we draw student scholarships.

Additionally, we would like to thank **you**, our **alumni**, for your constant contributions to the Department's **Cost of Education fund**, which finances educational materials that the University is unable provide. Please consider also donating to the **Texas Tech Department of Landscape Architecture General Scholarship fund**. With the steady increase of tuition and fees, the scholarship fund is in dire need of financial assistance. Thank you for your continued help.

If you ever find yourself in the Lubbock area, please drop into the Department of Landscape Architecture. We would love to see you!

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