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FALL 2004

The Faculty welcomed visitors to Dalhousie's first Open House in more than a decade, on 22 & 23 October. Activities included an exhibition of student and faculty work, videos, tours of the facilities and open classes and studios. Presentations on Summer Free Labs by **Roger Mullin (M.Arch.98)** and **Steven Mannell**, First Nations Community Planning by **Heather Ternoway (MURP03)** and **Lucy Trull (MURP02)**, and the Creighton Gerrish Development by **Grant Wanzel** completed the program. *** The Fall Convocation continues to grow in significance for this Faculty. Congratulations to the 85 graduates whose degrees were conferred during the ceremony on 16 October. **Jane Abbott** received her Bachelor of Environmental Design Studies degree with Sexton Distinction. **Michael Colpitts**, **Robert DesRosiers**, **Kevin Harrison**, **Michelle Johnson**, **Gordon Karau**, and **Etienne Lemay** achieved Distinction. *** **Steven Mannell** has been reappointed as Director of the School of Architecture for a 2nd 3-year term. *** The professional program in architecture received the maximum 5-year accreditation in August from the Canadian Architectural Certification Board. Among the strengths praised by the visiting team were an intense work ethic, public engagement, direct design and building experience, and our professional practice curriculum. Our library holdings and resources continue to be a major cause for concern. *** Professional Practice Week, organized by **Niall Savage (M.Arch.89)**, was a tremendous success, with public lectures by **Gilles Saucier** of Saucier + Perrotte, **Anne Cormier** of Atelier Big City, **Donald Schmitt** of Diamond and Schmitt, and **Stephanie Forsythe (M.Arch.00)** and **Todd MacAllen (M.Arch.00)** of Forsythe + MacAllen Design and Molo Design. *** **Terrance Galvin (M.Arch.88)** and **Catherine Venart** coordinated a field trip to Montreal in September for the first year M.Arch. students. Highlights included attendance at the launch of the most recent Tuns Press publication, *Saucier + Perrotte Architectes 1995-2002* at the Canadian Centre for Architecture and the presentation by the Canada

Council for the Arts of the Prix de Rome to **Danita Rooyackers (M.Arch.89)** and **Michael Carroll (M.Arch.87)**. *** Our exchange programs are flourishing. 5 of our students are studying in Germany while 1 Mexican and 5 German students spend the term with us. *** A weeklong visit to the School of Planning by **Elke Pahl-Weber** has resulted in discussion of exchange opportunities with the Technical University of Berlin. *** **Patricia Manuel** has taken over the roles of Acting Director and Undergraduate Coordinator for the School of Planning while **Jill Grant** is on sabbatical. *** **John Zuck** led the annual Maritime Field Trip with visits to Port Hawkesbury, Sydney, Louisbourg and Glace Bay. *** Several new courses are being offered for the 1st time as the School implements the 2nd year of the new Master of Planning degree and the honours year of the Bachelor of Community Design degree. The BCD Honours students are currently seeking volunteer positions for a one-day-a-week internship during the winter term. Please contact us if you can provide challenging experience for these students. *** The generosity of **Margo Johns** and **Barry Johns (B.Arch.72)** has created 2 new annual architecture awards. **Etienne Lemay** is the first recipient of the Barry Johns Design Scholarship. Other architecture in-course scholarship winners include: **Annie Pelletier** - Shaw Group Scholarship; **Kate Busby** - Medjuck Architectural Design Scholarship; **Jonathan Mandville** - Newfoundland Association of Architects William J. Ryan Scholarship; **Michael Colpitts** - Architects' Association of New Brunswick Scholarship; **Allegra Snyder** - George Rogers Scholarship. Portfolio prizes were awarded to **Kate Busby** and **Jordan Ludington**. *** Notable entrance scholarship recipients include: **Clara Stewart-Robertson** - Chancellor's Scholarship; **Mark Genest** - Mazankowski Foundation Scholarship; and **Corey Toews** - Walter Gardner Stanfield Scholarship. *** Annual increases in tuition mean financial support to deserving students is more important than ever. Dalhousie will spend \$34 million this year on scholarship, bursary and on-campus employment programs, consequently numerous other students



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have received University funded entrance and in-course scholarships. *** Several students have been very successful in attracting external research funding. **Ben Hoff** and **Lilith Finkler** obtained grants from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, **Andrew Curran** received a Social Science and Humanities Research Council award and **Capp Larsen** has been named winner of the Fessenden-Trott Scholarship. *** **Patrick Cheung, Julian Carnrite** and **Omar Gandhi** are Design Excellence winners in Portland Oregon's "Living Smart" international competition for the design of a single-family home. Their entries will be published in a full colour monograph and can be viewed at http://www.livingsmartpdx.com/gallery/excellence_winners.asp. *** **Mark Anson (M.Arch.04)** received an honourable mention in the ACSA/Wood Products Council Student Design Competition for a market on the site of Boston's Big Dig. *** Community Design student/hockey player **Myles Agar** and Architecture student/cross country runner **Rayleen Hill** will be honoured at the Academic All-Canadian banquet on 23 November for achieving high academic standing while participating in a varsity sport. *** **Grant Wanzel** was a participant at the Canadian Policy Research Network sponsored roundtable titled "Housing is Good Social Policy" in Ottawa last month. He will be a keynote speaker at the "Criminalization of Poverty" colloquium at Saint Mary's University on 08 November. Grant also traveled to Ottawa for the presentation of the Governor General's Medals for Architecture to represent Tuns Press, the publisher of *Architecture Canada 2004*. Alumni involved in medal winning projects include **Marco Bonaventura (M.Arch.99)**, **Diana Liu (M.Arch.02)**, and **Bruno Weber (M.Arch.00)**. *** Over the summer **Jill Grant** presented papers at the American Planning Association conference, the Canadian Institute of Planners conference (with **Kirstin Maxwell (MURP04)** and **Kate Greene (MURP04)**), and the Canadian Association of Geographers (with student **Jose Canjura**). Ashgate Publishers has released *Towards Sustainable Communities: East Asian, North American and European Perspectives on Managing Urban Regions*, edited by Jill and 2 colleagues. *** **Ted Cavanagh** co-edited the September issue of the *Journal of Architectural Education* on the theme of building construction and education. This fall Ted is speaking at Parsons School of Design in New York City and at the AGM

of the French Colonial Society in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. *** McGill-Queen's University Press has published *Chora: Intervals in the Philosophy of Architecture*, Volume 4, co-edited by **Stephen Parcell**. *** In June, Terrance Galvin gave a paper at the Dresden International Symposium of Architecture titled "The Concept of Proportionality and Principles of Good Fit in Architectural Theory." *** The exhibition "Living Spaces: 21 Contemporary Canadian Homes" at Cambridge Galleries in Cambridge, Ontario, open until 21 November, was co-curated by **Christine Macy**. Houses designed by **Heather Howat (M.Arch.95)**, **David Battersby (M.Arch.95)**, **Susan Fitzgerald (M.Arch.99)**, **Brian MacKay-Lyons (B.Arch.78)** and **Richard Kroeker** are featured. Last month Christine was a guest speaker at a symposium on the constructed environment at the Temple Hoyne Buell Centre of the Study of American Architecture. *** The Cities & Environment Unit, under the direction of **Frank Palermo**, received the prestigious 2004 Dubai International Best Practices Award to Improve the Living Environment for the First Nations Community Planning Project. *** We wish to welcome **Kenneth Hayes** who has joined us for the Fall term and congratulate **Susan Guppy** who has been promoted to Associate Professor. *** *Studioeast 2004*, edited and designed by **Charlotte Dunfield (M.Arch.04)**, is now available from Tuns Press. This volume of selected student projects is arguably the best yet. *** Our newsletter assistant is **Judy Baroni**. *** paula.costello@dal.ca

Regrettably we end this newsletter with a note about the loss of a member of our tight knit student community, **Colin Gash (BEDS04)**. Colin died on 29 July after suffering an aneurysm. The Arts Council of Cheticamp has dedicated the new Children's Amphitheatre in his memory. Colin was instrumental in designing and building the 200-seat theatre during the Cape Breton free lab. His work term employer, Kallweit Graham Architecture of North Vancouver, has donated a scholarship in memory of Colin, to be awarded annually to a student entering Year 4 of the BEDS program, for design excellence and contribution to student life.

1 Le Petit Cirque Free Lab, Cheticamp
 2 Breuer's Hybrid Free Lab, Halifax
 3 Floating Platform Free Lab, Northumberland Strait