FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Welcome Back!

I trust everyone had a restful break and returns to the fold ready for a semester of intense work at teaching, learning, research and involvement. I know I always yearn to get back to the College as the intensity of activities at APDesign is invigorating, enriching, even intoxicating regardless of the fact that so much of our operation is currently being conducted outside of Seaton Hall. Besides, at this time the daily changes in and around Seaton helps ameliorate the pains associated with our current ‘diaspora’ model.

As I write this I just finished meeting with an alumnus in Los Angeles who was preparing for an important presentation on a large, high-profile project, even as this alumnus was trying to set up an office, having just moved to a new space. When I walked in to the new space I saw table legs without tops, no internet connections, computers still in boxes and only two employees flitting around to get the presentation prepared. The parallels to our situation last semester were obvious. When queried about the presentation our alumnus stated very simply, "We will be ready. Our client has no interest in excuses."

And that is where we are.

No excuses.

We are now connected, have fabrication spaces, transportation, security and given that most of the 4th year is away on internship or international study, plenty of room in both Seaton and APDWest. The expectations of performance from our faculty, students and staff is not tempered nor diminished by our situation. We have a reputation to uphold and to build upon regardless of any discomfort associated with our circumstances. Pledge to do your part, your best. Like it or not, we are a brand and to paraphrase from a comment I read in a magazine recently, “You know that a place or program has become a brand when people start talking about how great it was before it became what it is.”

We have a full slate of events this semester. Great lectures, exhibits, Design Expo, Open House and a full slate of field study trips. Be active and involved. Take full advantage of these enhancements to our programs as they are part of our distinction.

With anticipation,
AROUND THE COLLEGE

APDesign architecture student from Medicine Lodge wins Manko design competition

MANHATTAN - Brock Traffas, a fourth-year architecture student at Kansas State University, is receiving a $5,000 scholarship as the winner of a College of Architecture, Planning & Design, or APDesign, competition sponsored by MANKO Window Systems in Manhattan. Click here for the full story.

Italian without Words
Thursday, Jan. 28

10:00am
Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union
Join us for a screening of the documentary "La voce del corpo" ("The Voice of the Body"), in Italian with English subtitles, followed by a Q-and-A with director Luca Vullo.

11:30am
Room 227 in the K-State Student Union
Enjoy an interactive workshop on the art of the Italian gesture.

Luca Vullo is a director and expert on Italian gestures and nonverbal communication from Caltanissetta, Sicily. An accomplished filmmaker, Vullo has been featured at universities around the world, and his latest documentary, "Influx," was recently screened at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival.

For more information about the event, please contact Anthony Nussmeier at aun21@k-state.edu.

Sponsored by:
Department of Modern Languages; College of Architecture, Planning & Design; School of Music, Theater, and Dance; Department of Communication Studies; Anthropology Program; Department of Art; and Office of International Programs.

LARCP Colloquium
12 Feb 2015 APDesign West 4:30pm

Lee R. Skabelund
Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture

"Better Understanding Green Infrastructure with the Aim of Improving Design, Implementation & Management"

Click HERE for the full size poster.

GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWS

For the week of January 11-15, 2016
Graduate School Notices

Dear College Liaisons,

I appreciate your assistance with promoting the Spring 2016 Graduate Student Leadership Development Program to graduate students in your college.

The Staley School of Leadership Studies and the Kansas Leadership Center have created a semester-long program specifically for graduate students who want to move beyond technical expertise and develop their leadership skills to make positive change in their work, studies, and student organizations. Program participants will

· attend three workshops with Leadership Studies faculty
· learn from and support their peers in three monthly peer consultation meetings
· and receive guidance from professional leadership coaches in three monthly telephone coaching sessions.

In Spring 2015, this program was piloted with graduate students in the College of Engineering. The program was well received by the engineering students, and based on their recommendations, this year’s program is being offered to graduate students in all disciplines.

Graduate students who have had no leadership experience to those who have filled numerous leadership roles, to everyone in between is welcome to apply for this program. If selected to participate, students must be available to participate in all program activities.

Visit the GSLDP webpage for more information and to apply for the program.

Application deadline is January 22, 2016 at noon.

Questions may be directed to Megan Miller, Graduate School Project Coordinator of Student Services, mmmiller@ksu.edu, 532-6191.

Scholarship Information

The College of Architecture, Planning and Design offers a number of scholarships to students each year. All scholarships consider academic performance and some require financial need as a basis for consideration in addition to academic performance and other considerations. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better are strongly encouraged to apply. Last year over 170 students in the College received some form of scholarship support.

For more information click HERE.  
Applications due February 1.

WEIGEL LIBRARY - THIRD FLOOR TIDBITS

Semester Break Hours for Weigel

This week, January 11 through 15, Weigel hours of operation will be: Monday through Friday 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm. The library will be closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, January 16, 17, and 18. Regular library hours of operation will begin Tuesday, January 19.

Weigel Library hours can always be found at http://www.lib.k-state.edu/architecture-library-hours

Reserves reminder

Spring course reserve lists are needed in Weigel so class listings can be created prior to the start of the semester.

Lists should include the following information to ensure the correct resource is placed on reserve for the appropriate course: title, author, edition, course name and number and type of reserve (2 hour, 1 day, 7 day, open, closed, etc.)

Reserve lists can be emailed to Maxine (mlganske@ksu.edu), or placed in the 2nd floor Weigel mailbox, or delivered to Weigel (Seaton 323).