FROM THE HEAD

Fall semester is well underway, and as you will read in this issue, a number of projects and events have occurred involving our students. The enthusiasm they have for learning is contagious and raises the energy level in McNeal Hall. On a quieter note, the College of Design has established committees to facilitate the work of the college. Faculty and staff have been very generous in their willingness to serve and contribute to these governance functions. Over the coming months, we will be hearing from them as they continue to shape the college. - Becky

STUDENT NEWS

DHA welcomes Ashley Wokasch, Dan-Tam Phan-Hoang, and Katie Corbin as our new customer service assistants at the front desk. Ashley is a clothing design major; Dan-Tam is a College of Biological Sciences student and plans to major in biology; and Katie is a CLA student with an interest in design.

Clothing design students swept all three awards in the 2006 Safety Products Student Design Challenge sponsored by the Safety and Protective Products Division of the Industrial Fabrics Association International. The Safety and Protective Products Division represents companies that manufacture and/or supply products to the safety and protective industry. The competition is open to college students worldwide. The products entered in the competition were developed in DHA 3224 Clothing Design Studio IV (the functional clothing design course) taught by Karen LaBat. Students worked with HDM, Inc., St. Paul, MN, to design new products using HDM’s patented puncture-resistant fabrics, SuperFabric™. Third place award went to the team of Laura Domholt, Chau Luong, and Jenny Olson for design of Rock Climbing Pants. The second place award went to the team of Alyssa Cogan, Dan Roedler, and Lisa Venna for design of the K-9 Bullet-Resistant Vest. First place award went to the team of Stephanie Amann, Theresa Lastovich, and Angela Martin for the design of Smart Roofing Pants. All teams and the Clothing Design Program will receive cash awards; the first place team also receives an all-expense paid trip to the annual Industrial Fabrics Association Conference and Expo held in Atlanta, GA, October 31-November 3.

Clothing design seniors designed live during the members’ preview opening of “Pattern Language: Clothing as Communicator,” at the Weisman Art Museum, Friday, October 13 at 8 p.m. Clothing design
**juniors** will present a student showcase inspired by “Pattern Language: Clothing as Communicator,” at the Weisman Art Museum, Thursday, November 30 at 7 p.m. The runway show will be followed by a reception and juror's review.

**Clothing design juniors** working with local culinary students will present chocolate-inspired designs at the Twin Cities Chocolate Extravaganza, November 11 - 12 at International Market Square.

Twelve teams of **retail merchandising students** in the class, DHA 5216 Retail Promotion and Consumer Decision Making, competed October 5 for their holiday promotion designs to appear in Bachman's Holiday Atrium. Judges, including Bachman employees as well as outside experts, chose six winning team entries based on sketches. The six finalist teams were each given a $250 budget to design and create a dress to be a centerpiece featured at the flagship store. The students have been told “the final design should be over the top,” said **Kate Daly**, instructor of the class, “yet also have a sense of believability and actuality that someone could wear it.” Bachman's customers will vote on their favorite display and the winning team members will receive a prize of $200 each. The six non-finalist teams will continue to work on their displays which will be used at other Bachman stores throughout the metro area.

The UM Center for Early Education and Development is looking for temporary office space in North Minneapolis to serve as the first site for the University-Northside Partnership (UNP). Two prospective sites on West Broadway have been identified by the University Real Estate office, however each space needs substantial design and interior build-out before the UNP could occupy it. One space is a former grocery store, the other a former auto repair shop. Working in teams for three weeks, **34 senior interior design students** in the class DHA 4607 Interior Design Studio 7, under the direction of instructors **Caren Martin** and **Michael English**, worked on design concepts for both prospective sites. The projects were presented by the students on Thursday, September 28.

**Housing studies students** through the Housing Organization for University Students (H.O.U.S) student organization co-hosted a career readiness bus tour to St. Paul on October 13. They visited housing developments in Phalen Park and in the Frogtown neighborhoods. Alumni at the sites spoke with the students and included **Keith Jans, Kris Graham, Andy Barnett, Kris Madson**, and **Bonnie Clark**. Alumni **Marjorie Mangine** helped to organize the tour.

Clothing Design seniors **Laura Domholt** and **Lindsey Strange**; recent clothing design alumni **Sarah French** and **Megan Wannarka**; and faculty member, **Missy Bye** had their clothing designs accepted for the 2006 International Textile and Apparel Association Design Exhibition being held November 2 in San Antonio, TX.

**Rebecca Noran's** (graduate student, interactive design) MFA thesis exhibition, “Places to Go: Bathrooms of the Twin Cities” is on display at the Hennepin History Museum through December 30. She invites you to explore the historic, aesthetic, and amazing public bathrooms of the Twin Cities in this photographic journey. The museum is located at 2303 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis, 612-870-1329; hours and info at hhmuseum.org. An article about Noran and the exhibition appeared in the September 27, 2006 issue of CityPages.Com.

**Kim Skobba** (graduate student, housing emphasis) welcomed the fourth Skobba boy on Wednesday, August 9, at 6:03 a.m, weighing 8 lbs and 4 ozs. Kim and Mike named him Axel John, after Kim's great-grandfather.

**Elizabeth Gomez** (graduate student, apparel emphasis) was cited in an article titled “the Uncertain Future of the American Department Store” which appeared in the September 5 issue of the Star Tribune.
**Graduate Student Milestones**

Individuals who passed the preliminary written examination for the Ph.D.:
- **Chin-Man Chen** - June 30, 2006.
- **Peg Deppe** - August 7, 2006.
- **Jean McElvain** - September 1, 2006.

Individuals who passed the preliminary oral examination for the Ph.D.:
- **Chin-Man Chen** - August 31, 2006
- **Ellen McKinney** - August 28, 2006
- **Juyeon Park** - September 14, 2006.
- **Kathy Reiley** - September 13, 2006.

**Minjeong Kang** successfully defended her master’s thesis September 15, 2006.
**Julie Peterson** successfully defended her master’s thesis September 8, 2006.
**Kate Bukoski** passed her final oral examination for the Ph.D. on Thursday, July 27, 2006.

**STAFF AND FACULTY NEWS**

**Missy and Josh Collins** welcomed Henry Maxwell Collins on July 23 at 1:20 a.m., 8 lbs. 12 oz.

**Julie Hillman** married Jon VanSteenbergen on Saturday, September 16, 2006.

**Seung-Eun Lee** resigned her faculty position in DHA effective September 1. Lee has accepted a position as associate professor of apparel merchandising in the Department of Human Environmental Studies at Central Michigan University.

**Sauman “Sue” Chu** has been selected as one of the Innovation Fellows in Technology (“iFellows”) by the Office of Information of Technology for the year 2006-07. This is the inaugural year of the program.

**Karen LaBat** has been selected to serve as a Scientific Excellence Advisor for the National Textile Center (NTC) for the second year. She will review research proposals for the NTC and be responsible as primary evaluator for managing 10 proposals this year. The National Textile Center is a research consortium of eight universities with collaborative research funded by the federal government. The mission of the NTC is to enhance and expand the knowledge base of the fiber/textile/fiber products/retail complex.

**John Owens** recently completed layout, design, and illustrations for the Metro Meals on Wheels annual report.

About 70 4-H members from around the state competed in the 2006 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest held at McNeal Hall on August 23, 2006. This year’s contest highlights included an educational activity related to housing and homelessness. Under the direction of **Marilyn Bruin**, Associate Professor and Extension Housing Specialist, 4-H members learned about housing issues in our Minnesota communities. The youth then practiced wise purchasing strategies related to housing by participating in a shopping experience at IKEA. Upon return to their local communities the 4-H members donated the purchased items to their local homeless shelters or food shelves.

**Joanne B. Eicher** has been appointed to the International Scholarship Advisory committee. She is serving on the subcommittee for fellowships. Look for information on funding opportunities from this committee in November 2006.
Sauman “Sue” Chu has been nominated to serve on the University Senate Judicial Committee from 2006-2009.

Publications
Tasoulla Hadjiyanni's paper “Bounded Choices – Somali Women Constructing Difference in Minnesota Housing” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Interior Design.


Barbara Martinson and Sauman Chu have a chapter in Designing Effective Communications: Creating Contexts for Clarity and Meaning (2006, Allworth Press) edited by Jorge Frascara. Their study, “Cross Cultural Comparison on Attributing Meaning to Corporate Logos,” examines the meaning of abstract symbols in the US and Hong Kong.

Presentations
James Boyd-Brent attended the Mid-America Print Council conference and participated in a panel discussion and presentation titled “How do you Communicate about Studio Space?”

Faculty presenters at the Housing Education and Research Association annual meeting in Ithaca, NY, included Lyn Bruin who presented “Propensity for Homeownership among Single-Parent Women with Housing Choice Vouchers, (Amanda Smoot, and Becky Yust, co-authors); Ann Ziebarth presented “Domicide: A Case Study of Public Policy and Discrimination”; and Becky Yust was on a panel titled “Are Housing Education and Research Critical in Today’s Environment.”

Steven McCarthy will present a paper at the international Design Research Society conference in Lisbon, Portugal this November. Titled “Defending the Domestic Environment from Advertising: the Commercial Rhetoric Art Project,” the paper discusses the body of work created during Steven’s Semester Leave project last Fall. Related to this, the project’s digital videos were recently displayed at the Festival of Electronic Language in Sao Paulo, Brazil. McCarthy received a grant from the UM Office of International Programs to support his presentation.

Sauman "Sue" Chu presented the project “A Case Study: Creating and Designing a Bilingual Resource Website for Somali Immigrants” at the Outreach Scholarship 2006 Conference in Columbus, Ohio, October 8 - 10.

Funding Received
Brad Hokanson authored a successful grant application for $61,000 called “E-scholarship as an Engine for Change and Innovation” for the new College of Design. It was one of four projects funded through the University’s Service and Process Improvement Fund. The project was selected “because it builds on CHE’s successful history of using technology to enhance teaching and learning. The College of Design can become a best-practice model for other colleges across the system.”

Four research proposals from DHA faculty have received Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) funding. Most of the projects also have faculty partners from other UM departments.

- “Changing Employment and Housing Mobility in Rural Minnesota,” Ann Ziebarth; $19,889.
- “Community First Impressions-Lasting Impressions,” Marilyn Bruin, Sherri Gusalem, Kim Johnson, and Barbara Martinson; $20,000.
• “Forming Interdisciplinary Linkages,” Karen LaBat, Elizabeth Bye, and Sherri Gahring; $20,000.
• “Web Casts as an Interdisciplinary Research-to-Outreach Tool via InformeDesign,” Denise Guerin; $20,000.

William J. Angell received a $200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for radon training initiatives. Angell is the principal investigator for the collaborative project involving Auburn University, the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, Kansas State University, and Rutgers University. Angell is director of an EPA-founded regional radon training center, the Midwest Universities Radon Consortium, serving the North Central region of the United States.

Exhibitions
Barbara Martinson received a first place award for “Clandestine Incantations” at the 2006 Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition.

Fiber art by Hazel Lutz was included in the Minnesota Textile Center’s “Vision and Focus Mentor Program” Exhibition now through October 14.

Daniel Jasper’s The Casualties of War: Tyanna Avery-Felder quilt will be exhibited through October at the DPI: Digitally Propelled Ideas exhibit at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. The exhibit was juried by Elliott Earls, head of the 2-D design department at Cranbrook. Jasper’s research paper about the Casualties of War series, entitled “Information is Anti Poetry: The Visual Display of Qualitative Information,” was selected for presentation at Wonderground: The 2006 Design Research Society International Conference in Lisbon, Portugal.

Daniel Jasper’s poster on the environmental theme of “desertification” titled Solar Bear will be on exhibit November through January at the International Biennial of the Poster in Mexico City, Mexico.

Media
Jeff Crump was cited about his home foreclosure research in a Saint Paul Pioneer Press article on September 24, “These homes were lost... and that's just the beginning,” by Jennifer Bjournhus and Mary Jo Sylwester.

KARE-11 covered the Bachman’s Holiday Atrium event on their 6 p.m. news October 5 and Kate Daly, the instructor for DHA 5216 (see information under student section) is going to be interviewed for a U of M Moment (audio programs produced for distribution to radio stations).

An article titled “U of M students volunteer to provide interior designs for University-Northside Partnership office on West Broadway” appeared in the October 9 edition of Insight News. Caren Martin was cited in the article which spoke about the 34 interior design students who created design concepts for the new temporary home of the University-Northside Partnership to be located in North Minneapolis.

On October 10, Steven McCarthy was interviewed on WCCO’s Morning Show with Dave Lee about the use of color and design in political campaign signs.

ALUMNI
Amanda Smoot, M.S. and B.S., housing studies alumni, has been hired as the Outreach/Research Administrator and Grant Manager in our College of Design.
Mauricio Arango, MFA alumni, presented his project “Vanishing Point” at the ISEA/ZeroOne conference, *A Global Festival of Art on the Edge & the Thirteenth International Symposium of Electronic Art*, in San Jose in August. For the conference, he created a reading-news-area in which visitors were able to sit comfortably and read local and national newspapers. On the wall, there was a projection of a map of the world connected to a database fed by news coming from several international newspapers. The visibility of each country on the map depended on how much media coverage each country received. Countries receiving little or no attention disappeared over time. Users were able to interact with the map and learn about the countries on it and read stored news over the last 50 days. View the project at [http://www.low-fi.org.uk/vanishingpoint](http://www.low-fi.org.uk/vanishingpoint)

Shannon Brown, 2006 graphic design alumni, was interviewed for a feature titled “How I got My Job” which appeared in the Business Section of the September 15, 2006 issue of the *Star Tribune*. Brown is an art director with Risdall Advertising Agency Interactive.

The exhibition, Poster Offensive 3, 9/15/06 to 9/24/06 at the Frank Stone Gallery, 1226 2nd Street NE Minneapolis, featured screen prints by alumni and recent graduates of the Graphic Design program: Anchalee Chambundabongse, Ben Hribar, Steve Jokisch, Katie Kirk, Steve Marth, Nate Strandberg, Adam Turman, Jason Walzer, and Dustin Yerks.