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FROM THE ARCHITECTURE CHAIR

- **ARCHITECTURE BANNER COMPETITION**

Welcome to Spring semester! To kick off the semester, we are holding a department-wide design competition to design a banner for the Department of Architecture, which will be displayed on the outside of the building next to the revolving door entrance (you can see the banners currently displayed there). The department will display a banner to announce its location to the rest of the university community (many people on campus might be surprised to learned that there is a Department of Architecture!). The competition is open to all architecture students, and you can enter as many designs as you like. Entries will be juried by the faculty, who will make the final selection. There may be multiple winners. Please look for the Banner Competition poster displayed by AIAS throughout the department. Information on the Banner Competition was also emailed to everyone in the department. Entries are due Wednesday, February 6.

- **LECTURE FEBRUARY 21: JACK TRAVIS, FAIA, ARCHITECT**

New York-based architect Jack Travis is the next presenter in the Department of Architecture's ongoing lecture series. Travis encourages investigation into black history where appropriate and includes forms, motifs, materials, and colors that reflect this heritage in his work. His practice focuses not only on cultural content but sustainability in environmental design. Travis is also involved in alternative educational practices that seek to insure the entrance of more students of color into the architectural profession. The lecture begins at 7:00 PM in Wilde Auditorium, and is free and open to the public.

- **ARCHITECTURE STUDENT SHOW**

Preliminary planning is underway for the Department of Architecture's student exhibit, scheduled to open on April 17, 2008. AIAS is now planning the show and encourages student involvement. Please see fourth-year student Susana Real or third-year student Chris Femino, co-chairs of AIAS, for more information.

- **NAAB ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

The Department of Architecture's graduate program will be the focus of an accreditation visit by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) in October 2008. This academic year, student work throughout the undergraduate and graduate programs is being collected for the visit, and materials are being prepared for NAAB. If you'd like to know more about accreditation, how the University of Hartford program is preparing for it, and how you can help, please see department chair Mike Crosbie.