

# ARCHUpdate 03.29.07

FROM THE ARCHITECTURE CHAIR

- **ON A MISSION**

When the NAAB accreditation team visits the Architecture Department next month (April 15-17) team members will want to know our “mission.” Mission statements are often pretty vague, but ours sets the architecture department within the context of the university as a private institution with a public purpose, and focuses on how architecture engages the world. Here’s our mission statement: “The Department of Architecture is a diverse community of practitioners, teachers, and students dedicated to educating future architectural professionals and growing the knowledge base of the profession. Our commitment is to engage architecture in its civic, social, and professional realms for the ultimate benefit of the built environment and those who use it.”

- **GETTING READY FOR NAAB**

Efforts in the past few weeks to prepare ourselves for the NAAB visit have included new paint in the North Studio, a great model stand in the North Studio’s review room constructed by Tyson Dorman and Chris McCoy, the installation of new gallery lighting, the removal of some retired studio furniture, and the installation of student work on the new tack boards. The faculty and staff have also been collecting materials that NAAB will review during its short visit. In the next few weeks, we encourage students to display their work (finished and “in process”) around the studio. We also want you to be at the “NAAB Briefing” in Dana 201 on April 10 at 12:30. We’ll talk about what to expect, how you can help, and answer questions you might have about accreditation.

- **“SKETCH FOR CASH”**

You’ve come back broke from Spring Break. What better reason to enter the Sketch for Cash Competition! Entries (original sketches no larger than 11x17) are due April 11 to Mike Crosbie or Anne Marie Cirullo. Sketches will be displayed and judged the following week, with \$100, \$50, and \$25 cash prizes. Sharpen your pencils!

- **SPACE INVADERS**

It might not have walls, but Anne Marie Cirullo’s office is her own space. Please be respectful and do not sit at her desk, sit on her desk, eat at her desk, or do anything else that you wouldn’t want done if it were your desk.