

Memo

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"Preservation and the Quality of Life" Symposium held at Columbia

Preservation Alumni Inc. sponsored a symposium at Columbia on January 27 and 28. "Preservation and the Quality of Life" featured papers on pressing issues facing practicing historians, planners and conservationists.

The symposium began Friday evening with opening remarks from Bernard Tschumi, Dean of the GSAPP; Michael Kwarder, Director of the Preservation Program; and Donna Harris, President, Preservation Alumni.

On Friday and Saturday, speakers from across the country presented papers which addressed not only American concerns, but such diverse subjects as Japanese cultural policies and Borobudur monument restoration in Java. Among the moderators were New York City Council Member Ruth Messinger; Kenneth Frampton; Adele Chatfield-Taylor, Director of the American Academy in Rome; John Belle, founder and partner of Beyer Blinder Belle; and Michael Kwarder. A reception Saturday evening at an Upper West Side restaurant offered the approximately 125 participants the opportunity to continue their discussions in a more informal setting.

Thanks to Donna Harris for her efforts in organizing the symposium, to Michael Kwarder for his support, and to Beth Henriques for chairing the program. Deryl Lang, Alfonso Narvaez, Liz Froesch, Jim Wilson, Caroline Kane, Cristina Puglisi, Bruce Popkin and Marie Sarchiapone also made contributions to the great success of various programs.



Executive Officers meet with Dean Tschumi

The executive officers of the Board met with Bernard Tschumi, the Dean of Columbia's G.S.A.P. & P., in September, October and January. At the September meeting the Dean asserted his commitment to the Preservation program and his desire to strengthen the Preservation program by:

- extensive fundraising
- filling one faculty vacancy immediately, moving conservation sector as a tenure position
- updating the curriculum to reflect the current needs of the students and the movement itself
- actively seeking potential students

To follow through on the above initiatives, a task force of alumni representatives was created to meet regularly with the Dean

and address the problem of formulating guidelines for the tenure of Preservation faculty.

At the second meeting, Dean Tschumi announced that a tenure track position for the program will be advertised for next year. He also emphasized a plan to cross link within the GSAPP to strengthen the program specifically in the area of planning and design. The Dean is seeking names of prospective candidates for the hiring of the new conservation faculty position.

At a January luncheon prior to the symposium, all past presidents of PA, Inc. had a chance to meet the new Dean and hear firsthand about his interest and commitment to the program.

The past presidents were asked to meet again with Michael Kwarder later in the year to assist him with curriculum development issues, and provide insight on how the program should reflect the changing nature of the preservation movement.

Please bear with us as we experience some growing pains adjusting to a new format. Our goal is to publish a bi-monthly newsletter with information that you can use: student activities, conference notices, papers you've published or would like to, etc. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated so give us a holler and soon.

NOTES

The annual APT meeting was held in Chicago this year on September 6-9. Thanks to Joel Snodgrass and Anne Sullivan for organizing PA's cocktail party. More to come in the next issue.

We would like to say thank you to Beth Henriques for her efforts in publishing previous issues of MEMO.

We are open to any ideas you might have regarding a student-alum trip that we could arrange. Suggestions include a Hudson River Valley tour (Stacey Matson, are you up to it?), Staten Island, an overnighter to the Mount (any deals Scott Marshall?), and ??.

The National Trust will hold its annual meeting in Philadelphia this year on October 11th through the 13th.

Alumni Directory !!
Our membership database has been updated and printed in an 8 1/2" x 11" format and will be offered to members upon renewal of membership. Thanks to Alfonso Narvaez, Brian Hogg, Chris McAninch, Richard Tobin and Tom Pederson.

President Donna Harris passed the baton to Rachel Belsky, last year's secretary. Other officers elected include: Joan Berkowitz, vice president; Ed Mohylowski, treasurer (again); Christina Wallace, secretary. New Board members include: Courty Andrews, Marie Ennis, Brian Hogg, Joseph Pell Lombardi, Tom Pederson, Phoebe Tudor, Christina Wallace and Joel Snodgrass.

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