Welcome to Edition 4 of Contours.

1. Student Centre News

Semester One Exam Timetable will be released to students on Monday 4th May by 5pm.

2. New Building for the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning has recently launched an exciting new international design competition to select an architect or architectural team to design a replacement building for the Faculty on the existing University of Melbourne campus. Following extensive consultation with colleagues, students and friends of the Faculty, as well as international and local alumni, this competition will put environmentally sustainable design at the forefront of its criteria and will help the Faculty achieve its vision of creating one of the world’s leading architectural design centres. This landmark building will embody the Faculty’s future focus, working from its strengths and reputation to engage in globally relevant research and teaching, risk taking innovation and the incubation of our future students into tomorrow’s industry leaders.

The competition process will take place over two stages, the first being an open call for Expressions of Interest from which a short list of up to six practices or teams will be invited to submit additional material for consideration. This project has received the firm backing of the University community, and this commitment is reflected by the role of the Vice Chancellor as the chair of the jury to select the architect.

Expressions of Interest are due on Friday 1st May 2009 and full information including details of the entry process can be found on the ABP competition website
www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/competition/

Updates on this exciting process will be released as the competition progresses, and the chosen architect and commission will be announced at the end of September 2009. We anticipate receiving some innovative submissions and look forward to the birth of a new building which will enable our future students and staff to realise their full potential for years to come.


Following is a reminder of the building access and usage protocol:

- Bachelor of Environments students have 24 hour access to the Architecture building via the north and south automatic doors. Your student card doubles as your access card. If you have any problems with access please contact the...
Student Centre.
- When building models, please ensure that you clean up any mess that you make and do not leave rubbish all over the table and floor.
- 2 extra large waste bins on wheels (660 litres) have been placed on the second and third floors to cope with the extra waste produced by model making. Please use these bins for model waste only.
- When using glue, please put paper down on the table and clean up any spills immediately. These tables are used by others for drawing and working and they do not want them to be sticky.
- When cutting please protect the table surface by using a cutting mat. Again, the tables are used by others who need a smooth surface.
- Spray painting is not allowed anywhere in the building or on the cement/grounds outside the building.
- The use of sticky tape on the carpet is not allowed.
- Blocking access controlled doors open is not allowed.
- Sleeping overnight in any of the buildings is prohibited.
- 24/7 access to the building is a privilege and students have a responsibility when using the building to ensure that security isn’t compromised, cleaning can be undertaken when required and the building isn’t damaged by their actions. Students found doing any of the above may have building access privileges revoked.

4. 2009 BlueScope Steel Glenn Murcutt Student Prize

The BlueScope Steel Glenn Murcutt Student Prize has been established to recognise outstanding architectural student work which demonstrates excellence in response to place, technology and Australian culture.

Eligibility:
- Students who have completed a recognised Australian Institute of Architects/SONA recognised architecture course in 2007; and
- Undergraduate students enrolled in an Australian Institute of Architects/SONA recognised Australian architecture course during 2008.

The winning entrant will receive $8,000 in prize money. The online entry system will open on 30 April and all entries must be received by no later than 5pm on 10 July 2009. For more information visit www.sona.com.au/gmprize

5. Research Powered Career Series

A graduate research degree can open doors to unique careers in all sorts of places, not just the university. This series of panel events will feature research graduates, researchers and industry representatives who will show you how their graduate research experience led to careers tackling the big challenges of our time.

- Monday 27 April, Facing a hot, dry future - water, environmental management, sustainability
- Tuesday 28 April, Healthy futures: Medical research careers
- Thursday 30 April, A fair go for all: Improving equity and opportunity nationally and internationally
- Tuesday 5 May, Unlock your electric potential - sustainable energy in the future
6. Essay Competition

Malaysia Australia Business Council (MABC) invites Australian and Malaysian students enrolled at Australian universities to participate in the MABC Essay Competition 2009. The applicant is required to write an essay (not exceeding 2,000 words) on the topic “An internship experience in Malaysia would add value to my qualification and professional development”.

The winner will be awarded a complimentary return airfare from Australia to Malaysia by Malaysia Airlines for a 4 weeks internship with an assigned member company of MABC during summer break in January 2010.

Closing date for essay submission is 30th May 2009.

For a copy of the application form and submission guidelines please email adag@unimelb.edu.au

7. Volunteering: get into it!

Volunteering provides a unique opportunity to take your skills and talents out into the community. It's a great way to get involved, give a little and get a whole lot more back. Find out how volunteering can open new and exciting doors of opportunities for you. To enrol in the next up-coming information session, visit www.volunteersonline.unimelb.edu.au/StudentLogin.aspx

For more information visit www.services.unimelb.edu.au/live/svrs/training-events.html

8. Free Student Workshops: Tuesday Lunchtime Series

Wellbeing Services are offering the following free student workshops in the coming weeks.

- Learning Emotional Intelligence to motivate yourself - Tuesday 28th April
- Overcoming Procastination – Tuesday 5th May

To find out more or to register visit www.services.unimelb.edu.au/counsel/Workshops09/semesterone09_index.html

9. Arts Lab

The Arts Lab is an open access workshop for Student Union Members designed for multiple creative activities and uses. The light filled Arts Lab is well equipped for easel and two dimensional table based art practice as well as textile and craft. It's a space for students to explore their ideas and try something different through specifically designed creative workshops.

The Arts Lab will be running a variety of free open access creative workshops for union members throughout the semester. For more information about workshops visit http://union.unimelb.edu.au/artslab/
10. Free Public Lectures and Seminars

Dean's Lecture Series

The second Dean's Lecture Series for 2009 will be delivered by Winston Shu of Integrated Design Associates, Hong Kong. The lecture titled ‘Integrated Design- a holistic approach and a business model’ will be given on Tuesday April 28 at 7pm, Carillo Gantner Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre.

For more information and to register visit www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/winstonshu

Public Lecture

Professor Harrison Fraker, College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley will speak on ‘The EcoBlock, Sustainability at the Neighborhood Scale in China’ at 1.15 PM, Monday, 20 April in the eZone, 1st floor, Architecture Building.

For more information visit www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/aboutus/special-public-lectures/archive-2009/fraker.html

Research Seminar Series

The Faculty Research Seminar Series is a series of weekly lunchtime presentations of current research by staff, visiting scholars and guests of the Faculty. Students, graduates and members of the public are welcome to attend.

On 30th April Dr Siqing Chen will be talking about ‘Ecological Carrying Capacity Assessment of Metropolitan Melbourne: A GIS-based Approach’.

For more information visit www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/aboutus/research-seminar-series/

AND Lecture Series (Mondays)

April 27, Daniel Flood & Sam Slicer, Flood Slicer Architects
May 4, John Wardle, John Wardle Architects
May 11, Cullum Fraser, Ellenberg Fraser

for more information visit www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/aboutus/and-lecture-series/

11. Exhibitions

Wunderlich Gallery 20-27 April

Designing Environments Exhibition

Back copies of this newsletter will be available through the LMS for each of your Environments subjects under the Resources link on the navigation bar.

Bought to you by the Environments and Design Student Centre

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