INDD Faculty, Staff, Student & Alumni News:

Last January INDD moved into the newly renovated Wallace Center. This move improved accommodations for our 130 (2nd thru Grad level) students and expanded our fabrication facilities. O.D. Smith, INDD’s home for 20 years, is being renovated for the College of Science and Mathematics, and the University Outreach Program.

Professor Clark Lundell with graduate students Glen Boyd, Caleb Dawson, Garth Urice and Lab Tech II David Gowen completed a Department of Energy project for the Chicago Housing Authority. 200 AU/INDD designed vandal resistant lights were installed in CHA’s 17 story Robert Taylor Homes. The student designed fixture was awarded the Chicago Chapter Energy Engineers Product Design Award in December ‘99. Clark recently received an award from AU’s Human Odyssey Program for his long term participation in this core curriculum sequence.

Professor Bret Smith was recognized as an AU-Authority 2000 for his work on NASA and interactive multimedia training projects. An exclusive list of 14 AU faculty (2 from INDD) have been honored over the past two years by such recognition. A video program featuring Bret’s work was presented at the Vanderbilt pre-game show. Bret recently developed a new INDD Shop Safety Policy and served as the INDD Strategic Plan coordinator, he also had three papers accepted at this year’s National IDSA Educators Conference. Bret is an invited speaker at an international Congress on Behaviorism in Taipei, Taiwan.

Professor Tin Man Lau, received an award for service on AU’s Graduate School Council. During this service he reviewed graduate curricula campus-wide for the semester conversion. He is currently directing the 6th annual industry collaboration with Brother International. Tin Man is also teaching a required MicroStation software class to both sophomores and juniors. Graduate students Hans Natz and Caleb Dawson are providing teaching assistance. Tin Man has developed a web based tutorial to assist in the MicroStation instruction which can be viewed at www.auburn.edu/ind/ust.

Associate Professor Laura Prange lead part of the Ireland Program last spring, also taking students to Scotland and England. This academic year Laura is on leave teaching at the University of Washington, Pullman. In her absence Visiting Instructor Chris Barrs is supervising our sophomore studios. Chris recently worked with INDD alums Ken Smith and David Reynolds on the design of a Payload Equipment Restraint System for NASA which is scheduled for launch Feb 2001.

Associate Professor Rich Britnell’s spring ’00 studio worked with Frigidaire of Orangeburg SC to develop new concepts for yard maintenance equipment. Tin Man Lau’s studio also worked on this project. Coordination on the Frigidaire side was managed by AU/INDD alum Jeff Hickman. Rich continues to show in a number of Gulf Coast related Art Festivals. The summer of 2001 will be the 5th year Rich has directed the INDD Design Workshop for high school students. In 1999 Rich was identified as an AU-Authority for his work on the CHA project. He currently serves as INDD’s Faculty Senator.

Associate Professor Randall Bartlett continues to serve as INDD Ireland Program Director and lead students to Magee College, University of Ulster last spring. He also managed a joint studio project between Auburn, Magee and Sligo Tech University. He is currently arranging for our first exchange student from Ireland to come to Auburn spring ’01. Randy continues as the southern district representative to the national IDSA Education Committee. This year’s Design Interaction, Dudley Hall Gallery Show was directed by Randy. It did a wonderful job of presenting our work to the college and university community.

Assistant Professor Brenda Peters was awarded tenure this fall semester and is currently preparing for a presentation in Seoul, Korea. She also presented papers at this year’s IDSA Educators Conference in Lafayette, LA and Universal Design Conference in Rhode Island. Last spring Brenda’s 2nd yr studio worked on a redesign of a medical walker which attracted much media attention. The project was sponsored by Cleveland State University’s Advanced Manufacturing Center (CSU/AMC). AU/INDD alum Andrew Cross, coordinated CSU/AMC’s side of this work.

Visiting Instructor Gary Rockwell continues to provide part-time assistance to INDD and is teaching a new sophomore level rendering class. Gary is being assisted by graduate students Kevin Cowart and Michael Dodds.

Paul Fortune, Director, Ireland National College of Art and Design was a Visiting Instructor to our summer 1st yr design studio (80 students).