Farewell to Professor Jennifer Taylor

Sadly Jennifer Taylor has left the University after nearly three decades to return to Queensland. Since beginning her academic career in the Department of Architecture in 1971 Jennifer has established her reputation as an outstanding teacher and architectural historian and critic of national and international standing. She is universally held in the highest esteem by all of her colleagues, students past and present. As its first major social event the Alumni is delighted to invite you to a black tie Farewell Dinner to be given in her honour on Wednesday, 9 September 1998 in the Holme and Sutherland Rooms at the University. Peter Johnson, John Witzig and Peter Tonkin will be guest speakers. See separate flyer with details of the event and the registration form. Kindly return your registration as soon as possible as the event is likely to be oversubscribed.

THURSDAY NIGHT LECTURES

AALTO, UTZON, GRIFFIN & DUTCH ARCHITECTURE

In Semester 2 the Alumni is co-hosting the first of the Thursday Night lectures series (see attached program) which celebrates three twentieth century greats and explores the Dutchness of Dutch architecture. The co-hosted lecture on 30 July, to be given by English architect and historian Michael Spen, is entitled Repositioning Aalto. Sydney architect Bob Woodward, who will be its respondent, reflects on his own experience working for Aalto,

“My initiation into Finnish architecture was daunting. Everything I saw was different from that I had known. I had eighteen years of drawing experience, a solid grasp of geometry, structures and an understanding of materials. The foundation was sound but in design I really knew nothing. I was starting with a clean sheet.

My education began as an assistant to Alvar Aalto. Could there have been a better start? It was the classic master-apprentice method with perhaps the best master in the world. Aalto sat at my drawing board for half an hour twice each day, developing ideas for my particular project with explanatory descriptions and sketches. My task was the technical translation of those clearly defined ideas into finished drawings.”

On 8 October Professor H. Allen Brooks will give a lecture at the Powerhouse Museum to coincide with the exhibition Beyond Architecture, Marion Mahony and Walter Burley Griffin, America, Australia, India now on display there. Professor Brooks, a noted Wright and Griffin scholar will speak of The Griffins and the Prairie School. Other lectures include Peter Myers’ Utzon at 80 on 3 September and Joseph Buch’s In-between Realms: What is “Dutch” about Netherlands Architecture on 22 October.
**THE CONSTITUTION**

Alumni Treasurer Peter McDonnell reports that since establishment earlier this year and following six Committee meetings, a Constitution for the Architecture Alumni Association, AAA, has been adopted by the Committee and forwarded to the Senate of the University for approval. During the formation of Constitution, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Gary Moore, has been present along with other representatives of the Faculty. The association will be known as the ARCHITECTURE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Architecture Alumni Association, the University of Sydney

Membership of the Alumni is open to all Faculty graduates, students and past students, and all present and past members of Faculty staff. Membership is also open to persons with a substantial association with the Faculty and members of associated professions, upon the nomination of two Members. Members will not be required to make a financial contribution, however, they will be invited to make an annual donation.

The objects of the Alumni, advised in the first issue of the newsletter, are now defined in the Constitution are to:

2.1 Promote dialogue and interface of Faculty graduates, with staff of the Faculty
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2.3 Promote education through the Faculty:
   a) Support continuing education.
   b) Provide advice and assistance to the Faculty in curriculum reviews.
   c) Co-host exhibitions, talks, social functions.
   d) Promote excellence in education, study, teaching and research and in the application of all aspects of the disciplines of the Faculty.
2.4 Promote in general, the values and contribution of the professions of architecture and the built environment and the Faculty in particular, to schools, governments, industry, and the wider community.
2.5 Do all such things as are incidental, or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

The University views the establishment of Alumni Associations as being of major importance and a mutually beneficial partnership between the University and the professions. In the future it is hoped that the Alumni will contribute towards scholarships, building programmes, student recruitment and international exchange and travel. The constitution will adopted at the first Annual General Meeting to be held early next year. Any member wishing to obtain a copy before notification of the AGM may do so by contacting the Editor.

**BIRTHDAYS**

ANNIVERSARY OF DESIGN COMPUTING RESEARCH AND TEACHING AT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

1998 is the year which marks the 30th anniversary of the formal commencement of Design Computing research at Sydney University in the Faculty of Architecture (teaching commenced two years earlier). It is also the year which marks the 21st anniversary of the commencement of the specialist graduate degree in Design Computing. To celebrate these anniversaries we are holding a one-day open seminar titled Design Computing - Towards the Millennium and a dinner for our alumni on Friday 4 December 1998.

Current speakers at the seminar include former Visiting Professors, academic staff and related researchers.

For further information contact Professor John Gero on (02) 9351 3238 (tel) (02) 9351 3031 (fax) or email john@arch.usyd.edu.au

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (FORMERLY TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING)

A number of events are planned to mark this happy occasion including the publication of a book on the contributions of Sydney alumni to the development of planning in New South Wales, Australia and overseas. It is hoped that all graduates of the planning program can become involved in some way in the anniversary. The first step is for the faculty to construct as complete a list of alumni as possible. Graduates are urged to contact the Faculty and register their current contact details so they can be kept informed of the plans for 1999. Please contact Ms Joanne Greenwood to register on (02) 9351 3975 (tel) (02) 9351 7754 (fax) or email prc@arch.usyd.edu.au

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Wednesday 9 September 1998
6.30 - 11.30 pm
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$65 to alumni  $50 to current students

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