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Dr. Ted's Corner

Hey, welcome to spring...and the end of our academic year! Hard to believe that its already April, and that the term will be over within a couple weeks. So hang in there...you're on the 'home stretch' as they say.

REGISTRATION/SCHEDULING

Included in this newsletter is our condensed version of the Fall, 2004 schedule and a list of spring/summer courses for your registering needs. Registration begins March 30 and will continue throughout out the Spring and Summer terms. As always, we encourage, even beseech, you to enroll as early as possible in order to avoid class cancellations. There are some things you should be aware of for registration purposes:

- ART 429 (History of American Architecture) has been cancelled for the Fall, 2004 term as Dr. Ellen Schwartz has received Release Time from the university. This eliminates a major conflict we have had on Wednesday evening. **IT WILL BE TAUGHT NEXT WINTER TERM IN 2005**, so don't panic.
- There are several courses available to you this spring and summer, including the Field School (GHPR 636) and the Traverse City Seminar (GEOG 695) courses. Please see the insert for more details.

OUR 25TH YEAR

Next Fall promises to be a busy one with applications streaming in at a record pace. It will be a banner year for the program in many ways, not the least of which is the fact that we will celebrate our 25th anniversary. As one of the older and now the largest graduate historic preservation program in the nation, we have a lot to be proud of and much to celebrate. Already committees are working on ways to commemorate this year. These include a *Leadership Council* that is working on raising funds to further endow the McLennan Fund, and an *events committee* that is planning events to celebrate and recognize the program. You are welcome to serve on either committee; please see me if you are interested. And fill out one of the sheets on my door if you have ideas on how we can best observe this year.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Take a moment to say goodbye to our interim Department Head, Dr. Barry Fish. He will be returning to teaching duties in the Psychology Dept. next Fall after serving as our leader for the past two years. In response to the university's strained budget situation and as a cost-saving effort, our Department. Head position will not be filled this year. This will not effect you or change our program, but administratively we will report to a different department head. Should be an interesting year!

ALUMNI UPDATES

Bill Click (2003) is about to become a national TV celebrity. He has been chosen to *host* a new television series on the DiY (Do It Yourself) Channel of HGTV called *Restoration Realities*. It will consist of at least twenty-six and possibly fifty-two thirty minute shows which will begin airing in the Fall 2004. His co-host and the show's carpenter, Chris Babcock, is an architect who owns a design/build firm in Indianapolis. The show is about homeowners doing their own restoration projects with Bill and Chris on hand to help them along. It will be shot in different cities across the US and should provide preservationists an entertaining view of preservation and architecture.

Rob Linn (2001) has left the Jackson area and his job at CCRG to become the *Historic Resource Specialist* for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation's Southeast Region. As part of PennDOT's cultural resource program, Rob manages the Section 106 process in fourteen counties including some of the most culturally rich places in the region like Berks and Lancaster Counties. His e-mail: roblinn@state.pa.us.

Rick Rockwell (2003) has returned to the classroom, but this time as the teacher. He is *teaching American History* at the New Directions for Alternative Education Program for the Ypsilanti Public School system. Welcome back Rick!

Barry Stiefel (2003) has been accepted into Tulane University's Ph.D. program in....

DID YOU HEAR THAT...

Staci Johnson, and her husband Jeff are the proud parents of a new preservationist, little Jake Alexander, who was born July 11, 2003.

Rev. Lottie Jones Hood is on a research and heritage tourism journey to Africa. And that she is the recipient of a \$500,000 grant from the United States Dept. of Education to help further develop her Underground Railroad Heritage Center at the historic First Congregational Church in Detroit. WOW!! (We also have a piece of this award as it funds a Graduate Assistant for three years as part of the grant.)

Cassandra Nelson has accepted the Graduate Assistantship position that we hold with the Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) Cultural Resources division for the coming year. Congratulations Cassandra!