

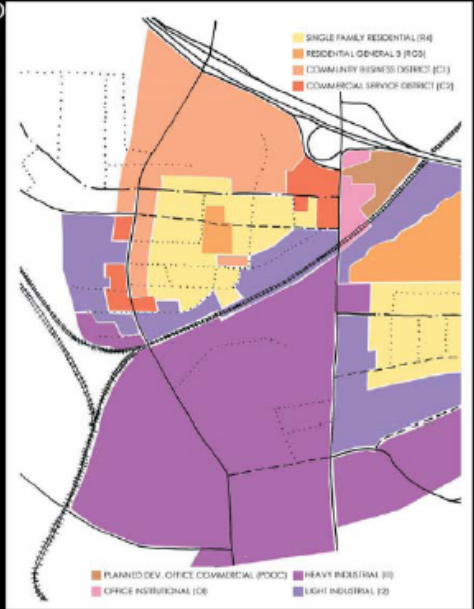
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This photo makes it clear: Professor Sawicki is an avid fisher

Photo courtesy: Dr. David Sawicki

Professor David Sawicki Continues Work as JAPA Editor

Dr. Sawicki is currently serving as editor for the Journal of the American Planning Association

City and Regional Planning Professor, Dr. David Sawicki is currently serving as editor for the Journal of the American Planning Association (JAPA). David took the job in 2004 and continues to work as a professor in the planning program.

David graduated with his Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning from Cornell University in 1971. He came to Georgia Tech in the summer of 1983 to direct the City and Regional Planning program. Since that time he has observed many changes at Tech. While director, David helped bring new ideas and people to the program.

When he came to Tech, he says the program, unlike other top-10 programs, had not fully made the transition from being practice-based to research-based. As director he led the faculty in making changes in order to modernize the curriculum and compete with the elite planning schools for the best students. He brought his own Compaq "portable" (luggable) laptop (128 KB RAM; 328 KB floppy) with him and introduced the idea of spreadsheets (Visicalc) and micrcomputing to the GT planning students.

David is now serving his first year of a five-year term as editor for JAPA. He says he's thrilled about being editor of the journal because he enjoys editing and working with authors, associate editors, and reviewers - plus he's an energetic reader with broad interests in planning, public affairs, wine, music, fishing, and more.

As a result of his JAPA responsibilities, he has reduced his teaching commitment. In 2004-05 he taught his Urban Development Policy seminar in the spring, and has been "guiding" eleven 2nd year planning students through their option papers. He says that the current class is among the strongest he's seen in his 22 years at Georgia Tech.

David and his wife Amy Helling own a house on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. He built the house in 1980. It was designed by an architect-colleague from Wisconsin. David and Amy (a GSU professor) have twin daughters who graduated in 2004, both English majors, from Yale. Both Alex and Nadia will be going to medical school this fall, though they are undecided who will go where as of this writing.

Dates to remember:

- May 7 — Commencement Reception for graduating City and Regional Planning Students: <http://www.coa.gatech.edu/crp/events/index.htm>
- August 16 - 26 — Late registration and schedule changes for Fall Term 2005
- August 19 — Last day to pay fees without penalty (returning students only)
- August 22 — Classes begin - Fall Term 2005
- August 26 — Last day to register and/or make schedule changes.
- August 26 — All fees due by 4:00 pm. Late fees apply (to returning students only)

Have a great summer!

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Congratulations to Graduating Students!

Ph.D. Candidate Sugie Lee Minted

Sugie Lee graduated from Georgia Tech with a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning in May. Sugie came to the United States from Korea, where he had earned a BS and MS in Urban Planning at Hanyang University in Seoul. He entered in fall '99 and earned his Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Georgia Tech in 2004. He specialized in GIS. While at Tech, he has

spent six years working in the Center for GIS. Sugie is taking a position as assistant professor at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

His dissertation investigates the impact of metropolitan growth patterns and policies on intra-regional spatial differentiation and inner-ring suburban decline in the

context of metropolitan smart growth strategies.

Sugie's dissertation committee members included Steve French (Advisor), Nancey Green Leigh (Co-Advisor) and Committee members Cheryl Contant, Randall Guensler (Civil Eng. GT) and Gregory Lewis (GSU).



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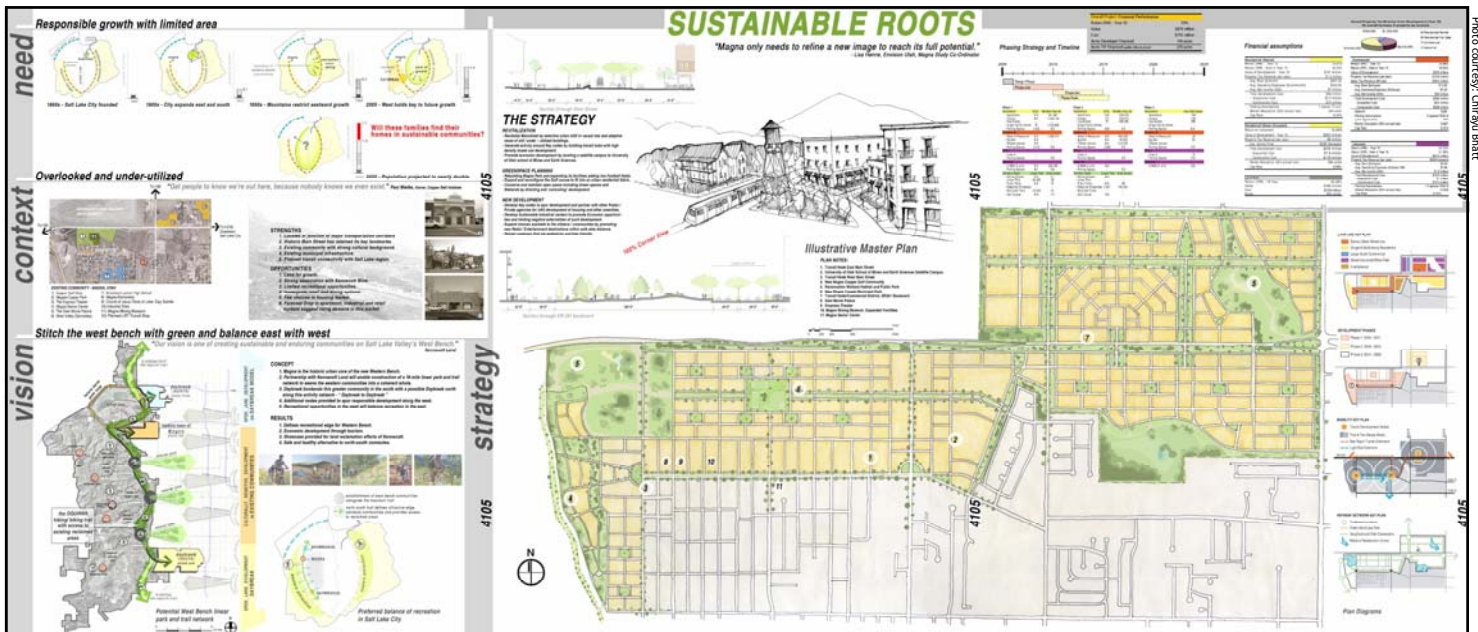
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Georgia Tech Receives Honorable Mention in ULI Urban Design Competition



The team's final product: a plan for sustainable growth

Georgia Tech won recognition in February for a student team's work for the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Urban Design Competition. The team included City and Regional Planning students Jeff Williams, Chirayu Bhatt and Sean Brady. Architecture students Jimmy Amichandwala and Huzefa Rangwala were also on the team.

The Tech team was one of four team entries selected for honorable mention. Others included: "Trading Places" from Harvard University; "Reclaiming the Edge" also from Harvard University; and "New Magna" from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Four finalists went on to compete in the competition. Finalists and honorable mention entries were selected from 81 submissions sent from 25 universities across the United States.

City and Regional Planning students in the Urban Design Competition (from top to bottom):

Jeff Williams (MCRP/M Arch, Georgia Tech), Chirayu Bhatt - *Team Leader* (MCRP, Georgia Tech, B Arch C.E.P.T., Ahmedabad), Sean Brady (MCRP/MBA, Georgia Tech/Emory)





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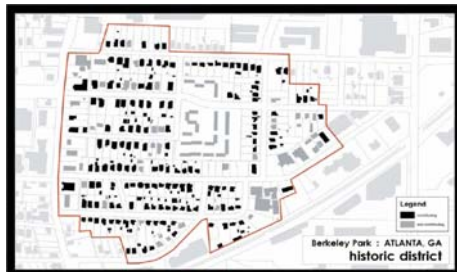
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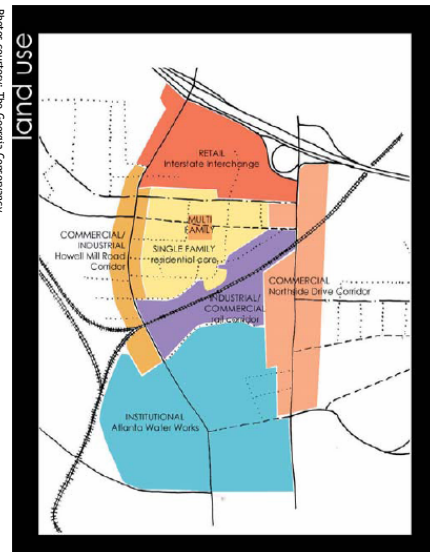
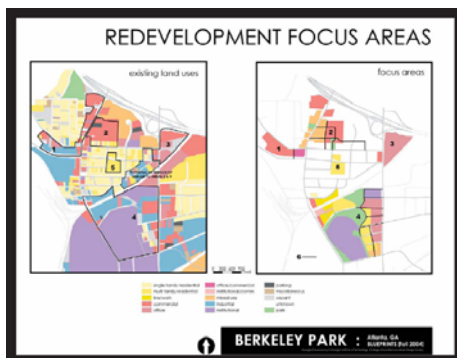
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Urban Design Studio Examines Local Community

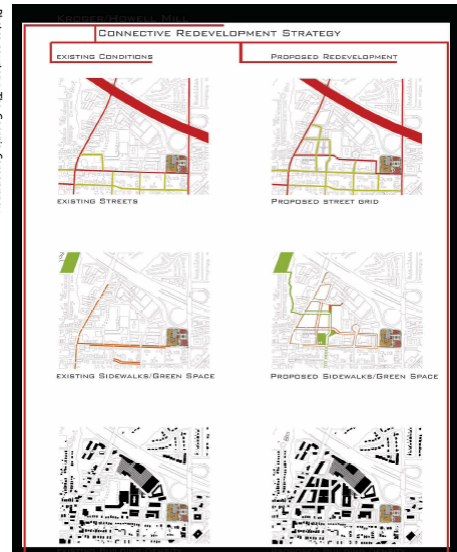
Students in Prof. Mike Dobbins' Fall 2004 Studio analyzed the Northside Drive Corridor, while also working on a Blueprints project for the Berkeley Park Neighborhood



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that the scale of the project, and other development pressures in the area, might adversely affect their neighborhood.

stressed that. He was really supportive of our ideas."

By: Stephen Conschafter, MCRP '06

Last fall Professor Mike Dobbins' studio studied the Northside Drive corridor in Atlanta. During the studio, a group of mostly MCRP students had the chance to work on the Georgia Conservancy Blueprints for Successful Communities.

The Georgia Conservancy established the Blueprints program to develop community planning initiatives across the state of Georgia. In the past, the Conservancy has created Blueprints for places like Home Park and Athens.

Residents of the Berkeley Park neighborhood in Atlanta contacted the Conservancy to help them face various planning-related issues in their neighborhood. Berkeley Park is located just north of the Atlantic Station development. Berkeley Park residents fear

Students in the studio prepared much of what you see in the final draft of the Blueprints report. They talked with residents, developers and design professionals in order to piece together a plan for the future of Berkeley Park.

"It was a good outlet for creative ideas" says second-year MCRP student, Karen Leone de Nie. Karen says that the developers were very interested in the transportation component of the project and that they were very willing to share information with the students and residents.

"It was nice to be able to talk to professionals and people in the community," says second-year MCRP student Karl Smith-Davids. "Mike [Dobbins]

"It was a good outlet for creative ideas."
— Karen Leone de Nie,
MCRP '05

Planning students who took Professor Dobbins' studio included Carolina Blengini, Colin Cortes, Todd Delk, Adem Gusa, David Jackson, Karen Leone de Nie, Andrew McCown, Robert McCullough, Cristina Pastore, Stephen Schrope, Karl Smith-Davids, Patrick Wolfe and Keri Ouellette. Within that group, City & Regional Planning students who worked on the Blueprints project included Colin Cortes, Todd Delk, Karen Leone de Nie and Keri Ouellette.

Follow this link to view a copy of the Blueprints report:

http://www.georgiaconservancy.org/SmartGrowth/BBP_FINAL_3_18_05LR.pdf



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Supercities: CRP Students, Faculty and Staff Attend International Conference in Madrid

Students discussed issues concerning the Southeast Atlantic Megalopolis Region



By: Stephen Conschafter, MCRP '06

This year students and faculty in the City and Regional Planning program had a chance to move beyond the Atlanta region and talk about planning in an international setting.

Students in the "Sustainable Urban Development" course taught by Cheryl Contant and Catherine Ross attended a conference in Madrid, Spain in March. They presented findings about what they called the "Piedmont Atlantic Megalopolis" -- the term they used for the Southeast supercity region that stretches from Atlanta to Raleigh, N.C. and beyond.

The idea for the conference began after Dr. Ross met with University of Pennsylvania professors Bob Yaro and Armando Carbonell in New York City. Their conversation inspired this spring's meeting in Spain. Drs. Contant and Ross took that inspiration back to their Urban Sustainable Development class at Tech so that they could do research on the emerging Southeast megalopolis.

Tech students joined University of Pennsylvania students at the conference,

which ran from March 7 through 11. Just as Tech covered the Southeast, the Pennsylvania students presented information about the megalopolis that runs from Washington, D.C. to New York City.

The class evaluated six factors in their analysis of the supercity region: demographics, national resources, governance, transportation, economics,

"We gained a more holistic and spatial view of supercity analysis..."
— Makayah Royal, MCRP '05

education and regional identity.

After presenting their findings, the students attended lectures by European planners. They heard Alfonso Vega, director of the Fundacion Metropolis, speak about European planning issues. Second-year MCRP student Karl Smith-Davids says that Vega "was basically the guru of Madrid."

The group also heard planner Andreas Faludi speak about the European Spatial Development Plan and high speed rail in



Left: A group picture in Madrid.

Right: A University of Pennsylvania student and Kayah Royal (MCRP '05) tour the Madrid train station damaged by the March 11, 2004 bombings.

Europe.

"He made us realize that they've been dealing with population constraints," says Second-year MCRP student Makayah (Kayah) Royal, "and have planned for more compact cities with increased connectivity for years."

Overall, the students felt the conference was a success. "We gained a more holistic and spatial view of supercity analysis from the exchange with the University of Pennsylvania students and the European practitioners," says Royal.

The conference was officially titled *Supercities: Transforming Megalopolis International Planning Charrette*. City and Regional Planning attendants included: Jason Barringer, Carolina Blengini, Elizatbeth Keysar, Karen Leone de Nie, Jared Lombard, Lee Lyman, Kayah Royal, Julie McQueen, Eric Sundquist, Karl Smith-Davids and Leigh Valletti. Faculty and staff from Georgia Tech included Dr. Cheryl Contant, Dr. Catherine Ross and Dr. Mine Hashas.

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- George K. Krauth II (MCP '00) is Real Estate Manager at the Hutton Company, a firm in Chattanooga, T.N. Krauth is responsible for business development. In addition, he conducts market analysis, site location and site acquisition for new projects nationwide. He recently earned a certificate in building construction from the College of Architecture in 2004. Krauth was previously Senior Planner for the City of Chattanooga.
- Freddie C. Fuller II (MS Engineering/MCP '96) announces the formation of his new public transportation consulting firm, PT Consulting LLC, located in Burke, VA. PT Consulting LLC has been formed to provide consulting services to public transportation providers.
- Mike DiGeronimo (MCP '99) continues work with LRK in Princeton, NJ, doing a variety of urban design, site planning, design guidelines, and conceptual architecture work. Mike is acting as a town architect for a few New Urban communities, assisting in the design of buildings and public spaces and coordinating the implementation among developers, municipal officials, builders and architects.
- Carrie Riordan (MCP '01) appeared on ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Wedding Edition*, which featured her April wedding to Kyle Garlett. Continued on page 7 →

APA Award for Excellence



The American Planning Association has recognized a City and Regional Planning alum's firm for excellence in planning. Rodney L. Arroyo, (MCP '82) is Vice President of Birchler/Arroyo Associates, Inc.

The firm received the American Planning Association's Small Town and Rural Planning Division's Award for Planning Excellence. The award was given for the firm's work for the "Bridgewater Township and Manchester Township Wireless Facilities Master Plan" — in the state of Michigan. Arroyo, served as Project Manager. Rebecca D. Bessey, AICP served as Project Planner.

The Plan is guided by the goals of preserving the rural character of two townships in Michigan, while providing for wireless coverage for residents, businesses, and travelers in the area in accordance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) was used to help map locations for potential cell towers. The planners involved in the project decided to encourage that new towers be placed near existing ones.

Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. is based in Lathrup

The Bridgewater Township & Manchester Township Wireless Facilities Master Plan

The Plan includes several approaches to minimizing the impact of future wireless facility development.

Village, Michigan. They received the APA award in December of 2004.

CRP Alum Travels to Africa

By: Lew Lubka, MCP '60

In March I completed a six-week journey (safari is a Swahili word for journey - but common usage has made it mean a trip to see animals in the wild - which I didn't go to see). My youngest son Jack, 21, has a three-six month internship with the UN World Food Program in Swaziland. To give him a feel for southern Africa we started out in Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland, then went to Maputo, Mozambique, then to Lusaka, Zambia, then to Harare, Zimbabwe.

We spent a lot of time there as I have former students who hosted us. Then on to Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. There he hitched a ride with some bush pilots to Windhoek, Namibia and I went on to Cape Town, South Africa, where we reconnected. In March I then went back to the snow and ice of Fargo, ND, but I put my head on my own pillow in my own bed. I'm still a consultant on wind energy and have too many other irons in the fire.

New Book, REGION AROUSED, by Frank Osgood

The Georgia Tech graduate focuses on planning issues in the Los Angeles region

Frank Osgood (MCP '60) recently published *REGION AROUSED*, on Regional Planning for Los Angeles. This book is in response to a concern that our metropolitan regions are failing to provide the livability needed.

This means meeting such important issues as traffic congestion, affordable housing, clean air for our growing families, along with quality education and well-paying jobs.

Osgood, in his well-documented book, challenges all regions to accomplish more through outlining political and other forces that infuse public actions. Filled with passion for making the region more livable, actions taken from the state legislature to citizen forums in individual cities, neighborhoods and sub-regions are recounted.

The main characters—regional council-person, newspaper journalist, citizen activist, lobbyist—outline their involvement affecting both their public and private lives in the process. The book emphasizes that most issues covered must be collectively implemented for the regionalization process to be effective.

Osgood's efforts throughout the book encourage citizens to think more regionally so problems unsolvable locally are faced and resolved regionally. He stresses that planners think regionally.

Follow this link for more information about the book:

<http://www.planetizen.com/announce/item.php?id=840>



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Georgia Tech's campus continues to grow. These stories highlight some of the most recent projects.

Technology Square: Innovation and Design

Tech Square Houses the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development (CQGRD), affiliated with the City & Regional Planning Program

By: Stephen Conschafter, MCRP '06

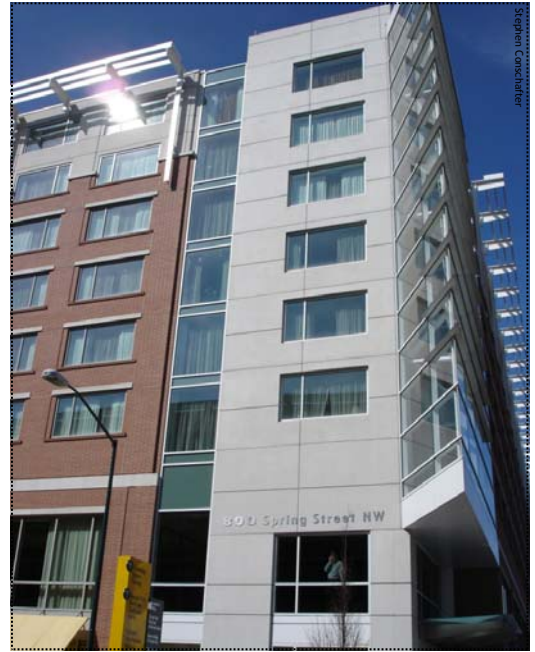
Perhaps the most striking addition to Georgia Tech in decades, Technology Square reconnects the Institute with Atlanta. For years, the I-75/85 "connector" marked a dividing line between Midtown and Georgia Tech's campus. That all changed in the fall of 2003 when Tech Square opened.

The project was built into the grid of Midtown's streets, so it doesn't disrupt the existing traffic flow. Further complementing its urban environment, the buildings of Tech Square contain a mix of uses.

The project contains offices, a hotel, restaurants, institutional uses, Georgia Tech's Barnes and Noble bookstore and a fitness center. The 600,000 square-foot complex has a \$180 million price tag. It presents a successful model of urban, infill development and an alternative to suburban sprawl.

Tech Square is also home to Georgia Tech's Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development (CQGRD). City and Regional Planning Professor and Harry West Chair, Dr. Catherine Ross, serves as Director for the Center.

The City and Regional Planning Program also interacts with the Economic Development Institute (EDI), which is also housed in the Economic Development building at Tech Square.



Tech Square is Home to the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center—across from the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development.

Last year Tech Square garnered the Urban Land Institute (ULI) 2004 Award for Excellence. Tech Square was one of 10 winners of the award. Other notable winners include Frank Gehry's Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.

As mentioned in the February issue of *Urban Connections*, Tech Square's link to the rest of campus will be strengthened by a re-design of the 5th Street Bridge.

Follow these links for more information:

www.gatech.edu/technology-square/

www.coa.gatech.edu/cqgrd/



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Alum Featured on ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Wedding Edition"

Carrie Riordan (MCP '01) appeared alongside her husband, Kyle Gartlett on ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Wedding Edition*.

Carrie met Kyle when she was training for a charity run for the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society in 2002. Kyle has survived four episodes of cancer, and is now waiting for a heart transplant. The April, 2005 wedding ceremony took place in Duarte, CA where Kyle receives treatment. The theme of the

wedding was "Christmas in New York" and included a re-created New York City skyline and decorated storefronts.

Special guest appearances were made by Olympic ice skating champion Kristi Yamaguchi, Kansas City Chiefs' Tony Gonzalez, choreographer Cris Judd and a performance by Liza Minnelli. The show premiered on ABC Monday, May 9.



K. Lynn Berry



Stephen Conschaffer

"Bike Pooling" to Georgia Tech

MCRP students K. Lynn Berry and Byron Rushing arrive at the Architecture Building on a tandem bicycle. The two decided to "bike pool" to school on April 6th. K. Lynn says tandem biking provided a bit less flexibility and maneuverability for cycling in an urban environment, but she says they had a great time competing with the cars for speed and lane space! "The best part of the experience for me," says K. Lynn, "[was] hearing Byron honk his horn -- ring the bike bell -- for me outside my kitchen window!"

2005 CRP Open House Draws a Big Crowd

This year's City and Regional Planning Open House was a huge success! Over 40 prospective students attended the April 8th event. The Open House gave them the opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, students and alumni of the program.

The Open House kicked off around 9 a.m. Friday at the Student Success Center near Tech Tower. Prospective students were treated to breakfast while Program Director Dr. Cheryl K. Contant spoke about the program.

Attendees then listened to faculty talk about their interests and current projects. Alyssa Phaneuf spoke about the Student Planning Association.

After the breakfast, the prospective students broke up into groups to take campus tours - including a tour of the Civil Engineering program at Tech, which offers a dual degree with the City and Regional Planning



MCRP students Chirayu Bhatt, Jeff Williams and Sean Brady talk about their award-winning project for the ULI Urban Design Competition.

program. This was followed by a tour of the Center for Geographic Information Systems.

Students then met back at the Architecture building for lunch and a lecture by Vice President of Atlantic Station Design & Development, Brian Leary (MCP '98).

The group then walked to the Center for



Prospective students mingle just before the 2005 City and Regional Planning Open House gets underway.

Quality Growth and Regional Development at Technology Square. Here they had the chance to learn about the various specializations offered in the program.

The prospective students wrapped up the day with a visit to Gordon Biersch, a local brewery.