Thom Marne, FAIA, is the founder of the award-winning firm MORPHOSIS located in Los Angeles and New York City. Marne's distinguished honors include the Pritzker Prize (2005) and the AJA GOLD MEDAL (2013). He was appointed to the President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities in 2009, and was honored with the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles Gold Medal in 2008. With MORPHOSIS, Thom Marne has been the recipient of 25 Progressive Architecture Awards, over 100 American Institute of Architects Awards and numerous other design recognitions.

During the afternoon of March 16, The CAP will host a CELEBRATION OF LIFE in honor of Charles M. Sappenfield, the college’s first dean. Additional details will be forthcoming on the CAP website at bsu.edu/cap.

CELEBRATE THE 50th

ALL CAP Symposium

On April 9 and 10 we will host an all CAP Symposium where students, alumni, faculty and staff can present their work or ideas and gain feedback or spark collaboration. We will offer continuing education credits. If you would like to participate in the symposium by presenting your work, during a workshop, holding a panel discussion or otherwise, please contact Loret Pence at (765) 285-5879 or lpence@bsu.edu with your idea.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER

The evening of April 9 we plan to celebrate this year’s Alumni Award recipients. To be held at the Ball State University Alumni Center, cocktails begin at 6 pm with dinner starting at 7. Dinner is $27 per person and reservations are required.

BEAUX ARTS BALL

The Ball State University Alumni Center, 12 of that in our very own building. Helen said that it was time for a change. Her initiatives include supervising the operations of the CRC and building troubleshooting.

Jackson Temperley joined the Architecture Library last fall as the new Architecture Library Coordinator. Jackie had been working in Bracken Library in the Business Support Services office. She manages the daily operations of the Architecture Library, supervises the student assistants, and helps maintain library collections. She is the primary contact person for course reserves, whether they are print items going on reserve in the library, or e-reserves that will be available online.

The Department of Urban Planning received its formal letter of accreditation this year. The Planning Accreditation Board has accredited the Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development and Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree programs through December 2017.

It is our 50th Anniversary.

It is time to celebrate!

Late in the spring semester of this academic year The CAP Family will be commemorating its 50th Anniversary. Yes, we are celebrating 50 years of existence as a distinctive community of learners in the constellation of colleges that make Ball State University. Our festivities begin with the publication of this special issue of reCAP and the deployment of celebratory banners in the south facade and in the main atrium of our building as we welcome the arrival of our students for the fall semester. The start of the spring semester will be marked by the deployment of an ALL CAP EXHIBIT of creative work, and on April 9 and 10 we will be celebrating our all CAP Family Reunion, our ALL CAP SYMPOSIUM, a 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER, and a BEAUX ARTS BALL.

During this year we will certainly be looking back into the last five decades and we will celebrate the many people and events that have contributed to our current success. A central element in our ALL CAP SYMPOSIUM will be the release of a commemorative publication addressing our first 50 years of illustrious trajectory. We are sure that in addition to exploring the past, the event will project our imagination into the future. We hope that our ALL CAP SYMPOSIUM will serve as an all-inclusive visioning exercise to be remembered as a moment of sensemaking and a point of inflection on our future trajectory.

In a visioning exercise it is common to ask participants to imagine a newspaper in the future that shows headlines related to what is happening to our organization today. As a jumping off a visioning mindset, this issue of reCAP offers you a myriad of headlines as they may appear in a newspaper of the year 2040 (assuming the continuing existence of newspapers at that time). The content is factual cut out you read between the lines you may find a number of “imagination actuators” that we aspire to trigger.

We hope that you enjoy this issue of reCAP and plan to actively participate in this year’s celebrations. We will be sending you further information throughout the year making sure that The CAP Family remains fully engaged, as a happy family should.

As I always say, this is a great time to be at The CAP.

Guillermo Dean
THE CAP continues to deliver at the top of its game

The 50th anniversary celebration of The College of Architecture and Planning in 2015 marked its renaissance, and its influence far and beyond.

During its first 50 years, The CAP was able to extend in the education of future professionals in architecture, landscape architecture, design planning, urban design, and historic preservation. Its distinctive nature, as a school where design is considered a societal act, continues to be embedded in its DNA.

The faculty and students of The CAP continue to provide a level of social engagement that other schools can only dream of, and their alumni are well known not only for their evident talent as designers but also for the scale and quality of pro-bono work that they deliver. In 2015, following the publication of the book entitled, DESIGN AS A SOCIAL ACT, many other institutions have endorsed The CAP’s claim as a highly sophisticated energy-efficient campus.

Many generations of students have been able to establish not only awareness and understanding of sustainability issues, but also that students can still learn to do so with the same passion on every day that they share something extremely valuable; The CAP Factor, a significant force in making a better future for all.

The students, faculty, staff, and alumni of The CAP are frequently asked to share their CAP Family. It is not certain when the identity was fully acknowledged, but it is clear that it existed.

The CAP is a true community of learners that transcends the length of the business day and the few years that the student spent at the college. The CAP never powers down and a CAP student never actually leaves. As The CAP is always on and the door is always open for faculty and students.

Since 2007, every year The CAP has put aside two days in which formal schedules are altered in order to bring the family together to share their current learning. Every fall semester, the CAP Alumni Symposium brings alumni back into its lecture halls, and in the spring semesters the CAP Faculty & Student Symposium draws the same faculty and students who share the same interest and the many insights they have previously shared with colleagues in conferences around the world.

The CAP has always prioritized student mobility. Beyond their home base in Muncie, Indiana, students of The CAP have travelled the world in order to hunt for new learning opportunities. Programs such as Polywork/Tour, CAPAsia, CAPArts in Architecture, CAPLatin, and many other faculty-led trips are signature events in the lives of CAP alumni.

Field Trip Week also continues to take CAP students to a wide variety of destinations beyond the state of Indiana. In 2014, just before the 50th Anniversary, The CAP received several philanthropic contributions that made possible and other travel opportunities accessible for students in need.

The CAP is a true community that provided more sustainable environment.