Unconventional Designs Take Center Stage at Annual Design X Fashion Show

Philadelphia University Fashion Design students pushed creative boundaries with clever designs at the Design X fashion runway show this semester.

Presented by the student organization Fashion Industries Association, Design X features experimental designs constructed from innovative materials not typically used for clothing. This year’s favorites included fashions made from melted ginger ale bottles, magazine pages, pool noodles and hemp

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“Herb Magee has been an extraordinary coach and mentor to all his players over the years and he has inspired us with his dedication, commitment and, ultimately, great success during his 40 years of coaching,” said President James P. Gallagher, Ph.D. “It is a legacy that anyone would be proud of, and we couldn’t be more thrilled to celebrate this achievement on Philadelphia University’s Herb Magee Court.”

The legendary Coach Magee is known both for his own stellar playing record and his extraordinary streak of 829 wins – and counting – during his 40-year coaching career. All of his wins, both as a player and coach, have been earned at Philadelphia University.

“This milestone is a tremendous achievement for Coach Magee and all those who have been associated with the Philadelphia University program,” said Mike Racy, NCAA vice president for Division II. “College sports help prepare young people for lifelong achievement. Coach Magee has accepted this responsibility and his role as a mentor, teacher and coach with great class since he led his first practice in 1967. The Association would like to extend sincere, heartfelt congratulations for such an honorable accomplishment.”

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**Design X**

“Herb Magee has been an extraordinary coach and mentor to all his players over the years and he has inspired us with his dedication, commitment and, ultimately, great success during his 40 years of coaching,” said Clara Henry, director of the Fashion Design Program. “It requires students to stretch their creative minds and think outside the box.”

The designs featured in the show were made by students in a fashion design problem-solving class, who were challenged to explore the potential of their creativity and embrace cutting-edge design concepts. While some Design X fashions are too outrageous to be commercially viable, they allow the students to show an uninhibited and innovative spirit.
Dear Friends:

As we welcomed a new year and the 2007 spring semester at Philadelphia University, we also greeted an environment transformed by a vibrant Kanbar Campus Center and an Athletic and Recreation Center teeming with historic moments. Our celebration of progress continues.

Philadelphia University’s Men’s Basketball Coach Herb Magee secured his record-breaking 829th win against Wilmington College on Feb. 1. This win solidified Coach Magee as the Division II coach with the most career wins in NCAA history. This historical achievement was captured in Sports Illustrated and on ESPNews, as well as in media outlets nationwide. A graduate of the Class of 1963, Herb has given 40 years of dedicated service to Philadelphia University as a coach and mentor, and we are thrilled to celebrate his achievements.

In addition to Coach Magee’s success, Philadelphia University’s student-athletes have also captured the spotlight. Four Rams basketball players have reached the scoring landmark of 1,000 points, including Nicole Mechell, Alisha Ferguson, Meg Abele, and Christian Burns. Alisha Ferguson also became only the third Lady Ram to secure both 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. Representatives from all of Philadelphia University’s athletic teams were also saluted when 67 student-athletes were named to the Student-Athlete Academic Honor Roll after finishing the fall semester with a GPA of 3.5 or better.

Likewise, the faculty continue to distinguish themselves inside and outside the classroom. Associate Professor of Textile Design, Hitoshi Ujiie, is currently displaying his digital inkjet-printed designs in an exhibit at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in New York. Michael Rackover, associate professor in the Physician Assistant Program, was featured in an excellent article from the American Academy of Physician Assistants regarding his four-month term as a visiting scholar at the National Human Genome Research Institute.

Several students received attention after interdisciplinary teams designed water storage systems that could be used to help reduce run-off and conserve water in our East Falls neighborhood. These Philadelphia University teams,
which included Industrial Design, Landscape Architecture and Conservation Biology students, had less than one week to complete their designs for the hands-on project. Other students recently participated in the Design X fashion show, which featured creative and innovative designs made from unconventional materials, and many are currently preparing for our popular annual Philadelphia University Fashion Show, entitled Haute Fusion, which will be held May 3 at the Academy of Music in Center City Philadelphia.

Our students are also competing in a Project Runway-type television show airing Monday mornings on The 10! Show on the local NBC10 television station. This eight-week competition reality series tests contestants with challenges that dictate trips to the local hardware store, the home and garden supply and more. At the conclusion of each challenge, contestants stage a runway show on campus to highlight their creative fashions. The 10! Show hosts Bill Henley and Lori Wilson head a panel of judges, including Fashion Program Director Clara Henry, as well as celebrity guest judges, to eliminate one contestant from each competition.

In a matter of one academic year, we have commemorated the transformation of campus with two new facilities, experienced a record-breaking season for athletics, and enhanced the quality and caliber of both our academic and extra-curricular offerings. We have also surpassed our Philadelphia University campaign fundraising goal and increased our endowment by more than $4 million. The future holds endless possibilities for us, thanks to the incredible dedication and generosity of our students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, and friends. I thank you for your continued support of Philadelphia University and its educational mission.

James P. Gallagher, Ph.D.
President
Philadelphia University Students Design a Better Rain Barrel for Local Community

Rain barrels – which help conserve water and prevent storm water run off – are environmentally sound, but they can also be unsightly. If rain water could be collected in a way that didn’t detract from a home’s beauty, would people be more apt to use them?

That’s precisely the problem that 21 teams of Philadelphia University students faced recently in a fast-paced design competition to design a better water collection system that would work in the East Falls community. The interdisciplinary teams included Industrial Design, Landscape Architecture and Environmental and Conservation Biology students who looked at the mechanical, scientific and aesthetic issues involved in designing a better rain barrel.

The competition, called When it Rains it Stores!, which concluded Jan. 30, was judged by officials from the Environmental Protection Agency, East Falls Development Corp., Pennsylvania Horticulture Society, Philadelphia Water Department and Philadelphia University faculty.

The winning design was a water-storage bench that sits in the garden and does double duty. Other designs included a water-harvesting system that catches and stores rainwater in a collection of colorful vessels – an ambitious and quite beautiful project. Another design included a walkway made of water-absorbent pavers with an underground filtration system to disperse the water throughout a garden. Yet another design used Lego-like stacking interconnected blocks that store water and have a system of vents and spouts to connect to watering cans or hoses. The stacking blocks could be flush against a house or used as landscaping edging.

The winning bench design earned a $750 prize for its team, which included students Robert Jarmon, Nathan Koller, Alexandra Kopanaiko, Benjamin Lindo, Rion Mora and Brian Yoos.

“The activity not only provided students with the practical experience of designing for real clients, it also contributed to solving the problem of excess water that can be harmful to local creeks, rivers and houses,” said Anne Bower, Philadelphia University Assistant Professor of Biology. "The large volume of water in cities", she added, "erodes waterways, floods residential grounds and increases pollutants in drinking water."

The second-place $500 prize went to James Caldwell, Sarah Deater, Tristan Ellsworth, Alexander Franzen, Ryan O’Connor and Erich Spannhake for a modular system that manages trash and recycling bins. The third place prize of $250 was awarded to Eric Holzer, Aodh O’Donnell, Stephen Ricci, Amanda Taylor and Christina Weiss for a surface-based system designed to work above patios and below decks.
Has your student added “ICE” to his or her cell phone?

**ICE stands for “In Case of Emergency.”**

Hospitals and emergency personnel are suggesting that everyone with a cell phone have an ICE number listed. The person listed under ICE may be called in an emergency situation. Your student should be sure that the person listed is someone that they want involved in their care. The ideal person chosen should know something about the student’s medical history. It has also been suggested that similar information be documented and kept with his or her driver’s license or official photo ID.

Karen Dahlquist  
Director, Student Health Services

www.PhilaU.edu/HealthServices
Design Expo 2007

Design Expo 2007, which took place on March 29 and was hosted by the Career Services Center and Internship Program Office, was the largest recruiting event held exclusively for design majors in the history of Philadelphia University. Initiated in 2004, Design Expo brings employers and students together for portfolio reviews that often lead to job interviews and offers. Employers from across the Delaware Valley and New York came to campus to meet junior and senior design majors (fourth and fifth year Architecture students) and to review the work of the talented students preparing to enter the workforce as interns or as full-time employees.

Prior to the event, the Career Services Center invited industry guests to campus to give presentations on how to develop and present an effective portfolio. Employers, representing the seven different design disciplines on campus, offered students specific advice on how to best showcase their work for the audience they are trying to attract. Students took weeks to research the companies that attended the event, but only had 10 minutes with each employer in a portfolio review to capture the employer’s interest. Employers impressed with what they saw, invited students for callback interview/reviews later that day.

Trish Shafer
Director, Career Services Center

www.PhilaU.edu/Career/Students/FourYearCareerPlan.htm
**SPRING SEMESTER 2007**

START Program  
Residence halls open  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Classes begin, 8 a.m.  
Last day to add  
Last day to drop without “W” grade  
Fall “I” to “F” changes  
Mid-term evaluation week  
Spring recess: from 5 p.m.  
Classes resume  
Last day to withdraw from a course  
Good Friday: no classes  
Classes end  
Reading / Review Days: no classes  
Final examinations begin  
Final examinations end  
Residence halls close  
Grades due / available to students  
Commencement

**SUMMER SESSIONS 2007**

Classes begin: first session, 12-week session  
Memorial Day: no classes  
Last day to drop first-session courses  
Spring “I” to “F”  
First session ends  
First session grades due  
Second session begins  
Independence Day: no classes  
Last day to drop 12-week session courses  
Last day to drop second-session courses  
First summer session “I” to “F”  
Second and 12-week sessions end  
Second and 12-week grades due

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Curb-to-Door Summer Storage Now Available for All Students

Moving home just became easier this spring with curb-to-door summer storage for all Philadelphia University students. No longer will items have to be hauled home each spring only to go unused for the summer and hauled back for the next school year.

This program allows students to have their belongings picked up and kept in storage over the summer or delivered home or a combination, if desired. Belongings will be stored in an insured and climate-controlled environment during the summer break. Stored items are then delivered directly to each student’s room the following school year. Pricing is affordable, beginning at just $35 for the entire summer.

These amenities are available in partnership with ValetToday Campus, an organization that specializes in providing concierge and storage services to students living on campus. The company focuses on delivering service excellence, while enhancing the residential life experience and saving time for both students and their parents. ValetToday Campus’s motto is “We do it, so you don’t have to.”

For additional information on this and other ValetToday Campus services or to set up summer storage, visit the ValetToday Campus web site at www.vtcampus.com or call their customer service center at 1.877.U-DO.LIFE.

April Herring
Director, Residence Life
Hodding Carter once said, “There are two lasting bequests we can give our children — one is roots and the other is wings.” This is a very simple statement that describes the job of parenting beautifully.

In some ways, parenting is like gardening. Gardening requires patience and trust in the natural process. When you first plant a seed or a bulb you don’t see any progress for a long time, but that doesn’t mean nothing is growing. The plant is sending roots down into the soil long before the tiny shoots appear. These roots serve two purposes — they give the plant stability and nourishment.

As parents, we provide those same things — by providing for our children’s physical, emotional and psychological needs. We create the framework of stability by providing a home, food and clothing; but, more important, we offer our children a supporting and safe environment that gives them a sense of belonging and security. We nourish them with our words of encouragement and appreciation, our guidance and especially our love, so that they always have a home to return to. These roots give them everything they need in order to fly.

So what about the wings? From the moment your son or daughter was born, you have been preparing them to fly. It started with supporting their head until they could hold it up on their own, holding their hand as they took their first steps, standing at the bus stop and waiting until the bus pulled away on their first day of school and so on. And, you have been doing it in other ways as well, by giving them choices, responsibility and permission to explore, make mistakes and learn for themselves what does and doesn’t work.

So, by the time your children arrive at college, they have everything they need to be successful and take that giant leap into the larger world. Remember the garden — it is important not to interrupt the natural process of growth. A mature garden needs a

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different kind of care and support than one that is just beginning. It still needs the gardener; but, most important, it needs to be allowed to flower and bloom and sometimes surprise us with its radiance and beauty.

A lot is expected of college students. In addition to academics, they need to create a new life for themselves. Most students negotiate this process pretty well. But for some it is harder, especially if there are other significant stressors in their lives. Sometimes, the process can be a little damaging to their wings and they need some extra support. Most of the time reassurance and encouragement from family and friends is the best way to get through the rough patches. However, in some circumstances, additional support might be needed.

That is when talking to a counselor can be helpful. Counseling Services staff are able to assist your sons or daughters with some of the tougher challenges they may be facing at college. Counseling for personal concerns and alcohol or other drug use is available to all day students free of charge and is provided by licensed and certified professionals who understand the special needs of college students. Students may make an appointment by calling 215.951.2868 or come in Monday through Friday during our special Drop-In Hour — 4 to 5 p.m. — for a short session with a counselor.

As a parent, you may be the first person to see the signs that your son or daughter is struggling emotionally or psychologically. If you have concerns, we welcome and encourage you to consult with a member of the Counseling Services staff. You may call 215.951.2868 or email counselingservices@PhilaU.edu. For more information and some helpful links, please visit our web site at www.PhilaU.edu/StudentLife/Counseling.

A gardener can never give up the job totally, but the benefits of enjoying a beautiful garden are tremendous. Trust yourself as a parent, know that you have done your best and provided all that your son or daughter needs — strong roots and strong wings.

Cathy Barlow
Director, Counseling Services
**We're Philly's Fittest College!**

A significant highlight to kick off the spring semester was the Philadelphia University's participation in the Philly's Fittest College Challenge, coordinated by Flip Fitness, and sponsored by Dick's Sporting Goods, Life Fitness and PhillyFit magazine.

Members of the University community were invited to register for the month-long competition upon their return to campus in January. The challenge included 100 participants from Drexel University, Temple University, LaSalle University, St. Joseph’s University, and of course, Philadelphia University. At the beginning of the program, students and staff underwent a pre-test that included body weight, body composition and resting heart-rate measurements. Then, the month-long challenge began, with participants completing their regularly scheduled workouts, in addition to two weekly Flip Fitness group-exercise classes. The classes were a huge hit, and the concept is ingenious for the busy lifestyle of today’s college student. The classes provide a total-body workout, including both strength and cardiovascular exercises.

On Feb. 22, all participants were post-tested in the same fitness areas and the compilation of improvements was compared to the other competitors. Philadelphia University was declared the winner of the challenge and has bragging rights as Philly's Fittest College! The winner was announced in the March issue of PhillyFit magazine and the winning Philadelphia University team was featured on the cover. Way to go, PhilaU!

Amanda Lewis
Director, Fitness Center
Instead of heading to a sunny beach or visiting their families, 16 Philadelphia University students and staff members traveled to Greensboro, Ala., for spring break to work on Habitat for Humanity houses and help families devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

From March 10 through 17, the group worked on a home that will house future Habitat for Humanity volunteers, doing carpentry, painting, putting in flooring and working on the grounds.

Several volunteers studying architecture were able to apply their building knowledge and gain valuable real-world experience from the project. This is the seventh year that volunteers from the University spent spring break framing walls, hammering, measuring and installing roofing.

“I feel that we’ve made a significant impact in Greensboro, Ala., by working on a house that will shelter Habitat for Humanity volunteers in the future,” said Lesley Villarose, assistant director of Student Activities and coordinator of Community Service Programs. “I am really glad that I participated in the project,” echoed Fashion Merchandising student volunteer Aisling Cooper ’07. “I feel like the people there really needed me and appreciated all the work that we did.”

Greensboro, a poor rural town of 7,000 residents, is in Katrina-affected Hale County, an area that sustained damage from high hurricane winds.
Disability Services is Here to Help

Philadelphia University provides reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities at no charge, based upon their requests for services. Accommodations include, but are not limited to, extended time for testing, testing in a distraction-reduced environment, textbooks in audio formats, assistive technology and adaptation to physical facilities. Requests for accommodations must be made each semester directly to the coordinator of Disability Services. After meeting with the coordinator, students and professors work together to ensure appropriate accommodations in their courses.

Each year, the Disability Services Office hosts a disability awareness day in conjunction with the University’s Occupational Therapy department. Local high school students with disabilities participate, service dogs visit and Occupational Therapy students showcase assistive devices.

Amy Schwab
Coordinator, Disability Services
Philadelphia University is pleased to announce that the 2007 Fashion Show will be held Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Philadelphia’s acclaimed Academy of Music.

The largest fashion event in the greater Philadelphia region, this year’s Fashion Show, entitled Haute Fusion, is a fusion of high design, featuring professional runway fashions by Fashion students, a one-of-a-kind set constructed by Architecture students and poster and T-shirt designs developed by Graphic Design Communication students.

This year’s show coincides with Philadelphia University’s Runway Challenge 2007 that has begun airing on NBC10’s The 10! Show. Segments from the eight-week series began airing March 2 and highlight 10 PhilaU fashion designers as they compete to become a Philadelphia “fashion icon.” Students participate in various challenges from creating garments using items purchased exclusively from hardware stores to developing cutting-edge maternity wear. The winning design from each challenge will be featured at this year’s Fashion Show.

Don’t miss this year’s event, which projects to attract an audience of over 2,200 industry professionals, celebrities, university supporters and members of the general public. Be there for all the excitement May 3 at the Academy of Music, located at Broad and Locust Streets in Philadelphia, Pa.