PORTFOLIO OF SOUTH AFRICAN DESIGNERS

A selection of senior design students' work from the University of Pretoria

Hannes van Eeden - editorial design











Susan Shaw - book design

Hilton Tennant - book design







Yolande Bleker - editorial design





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Susan Shaw - self-promotion (top & right)
- corporate identity (bottom)



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The four year degree course in Information Design at the University of Pretoria reflects an integrated approach to recognising the requirements of the professional field without compromising expectations for a general higher education and individual creative development. This multidimensional orientation coupled to the density of the curriculum hopes to deliver self-directed and skilled designers who have an insight into the complexities of professional practice and who are sensitive to the subtleties and unique challenges facing design in South Africa.

The course may be viewed on two levels. The junior level (first and second year) aims to foster the development of primary design skills, visual understanding and the comprehension of sub-disciplines in design practice. The senior level (third and fourth year) prepares students specifically for entry into the broad, but fairly shallow, South African market. Projects therefore cover a range of professional areas and include corporate identity, advertising and promotions design, editorial design, packaging, illustration, information design, photography and exhibition design. The professional programme is complemented by an interdisciplinary academic programme carrying cultural, technological and marketing focuses.

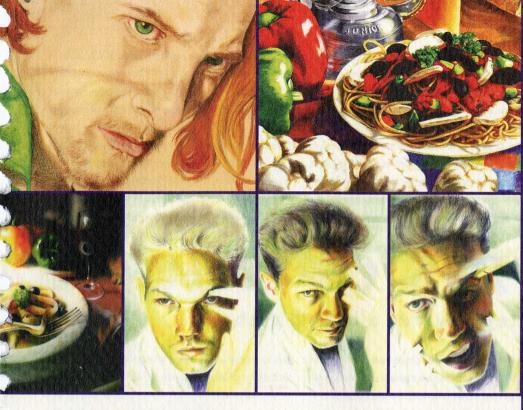
















Above clockwise from left: **Desmond Eales** - self-portrait, **Susan Shaw** - food rendering, **Hilton Tennant** - self-portraits and food rendering.

Left: **Hilton Tennant** - internet pages



Susan Shaw - corporate identity



Stephan Brits,
Theresa Niemandt
Deon Kretzschmar
& Rainier Swarts
- visual identity



Top: Johan Saaiman - internet page
Right: Rick Stone - annual report & internet page

The curriculum structure for the professional programme provides a framework which allows for a flexible accommdation of course content and teaching methodology. Immediate contact with the industry is maintained through the extensive use of design practitioners as project leaders and guest lecturers. Students, working individually or in groups, are required to deal with every aspect of practice including personal interfacing, research, copywriting, production management and business principles.

The work presented in this portfolio is a selection from some of the projects completed by senior students during the first semester of 1997. It showcases the talent available to the design industry. Excellent interpretative skills and conceptualisation, good copywriting, sensitive typography, strong use of technology and an intelligent employment of traditional drawing and illustration techniques and media find expression in the examples shown.



Bottom: Olivier Schildt - drawing

