

Bill Dupont lectures at San Antonio Conservation Society



Finca Vigia
photo by Javier Diaz (above)
Paul Edmondson (below)



On Wednesday January 23, the **San Antonio Conservation Society** held their monthly, general meeting at the **Steve's Homestead Museum's River House** in King William. The society president **Marcie Ince** and the Society welcomed **William A. Dupont** as a distinguished lecturer and guest, to speak about his work with the **National Trust** and professorship at UTSA.

Bill Dupont is the San Antonio Conservation Society Endowed Professor in the College of Architecture. He served as the chief architect for the National Trust for Historic Preservation for eleven years, and has worked on such buildings as Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House, and Louis Kahn's Fisher House. He is currently collaborating with the National Trust to help restore Ernest Hemingway's house, Finca Vigia in Havana, Cuba.

The San Antonio Conservation Society has been work-



Farnsworth House
photo by Carol Highsmith



Fisher House



Robie House

ing to promote conservation and preservation incentives in San Antonio for more than eighty years. The Society is one of the oldest and most active preservation societies in the nation, founded in 1924. They have served as the basis and model for many preservation organizations over the years. The organization was actively involved in the creation and preservation of the San Antonio River Walk, and is currently working toward designating our Missions as a National Historic Site. The society has been responsible for saving most of the historic attractions within the city, which now make San Antonio one of the top tourist destinations in Texas.

College of Architecture is now offering a **Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation** under Bill Dupont's leadership. This 15 credits certificate program is open to graduate students of any discipline at UTSA. Prospective applicants from outside of UTSA can also be enrolled as special graduate students to pursue the certificate.