Eight undergraduate students from Tulane University's Urbanbuild program will join the ranks of the next top models in fall 2008, when the Sundance Channel airs Architecture School. The six-part documentary follows the group as it spends 14 weeks designing and building a house for a low-income family in New Orleans.

Walls of Water

For 2008's Expo Zaragoza in Spain, students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology developed the digital technology that defines a pavilion enclosed by waterfalls. Pipes installed at the rooftop will be fitted with closely spaced valves that can be programmed to display images on the liquid curtains—or shut off a portion of them when someone passes through to the exhibition area and café inside. Carlo Ratti Associati designed the 4,000-square-foot structure, which will stand right in front of a new bridge by Zaha Hadid Architects.

When it opens June 14 at Expo Zaragoza in Spain, a pavilion designed by Carlo Ratti Associati with help from Massachusetts Institute of Technology master's students will feature a water-covered roof and water walls.

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