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Introduction
An Introduction
By Ed Zotti

Ed Zotti writes regularly on architecture and planning for the Chicago Reader, and also contributes to Inland Architect and Planning. The following is his response to the photo essay Chicago—The Way It Was—And Is as well as his view of Chicago architecture today.
The Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (CCAIA) has chosen to publish in this year's awards book a photo essay entitled "Chicago: The Way It Was-And Is," which was first exhibited at the ArchiCenter nearly three years ago. The photos, which were assembled by architect Ben Weese, are before-and-after shots of departed Chicago landmarks and the buildings or non-buildings that replaced them. The comparison is seldom to the advantage of the latter. Adler and Sullivan's Stock Exchange was replaced by a nondescript high-rise, the Garrick Theater Building by a parking garage, and so on. The loss of Chicago's priceless architectural heritage is a story that has been told before, but it bears repeating. For many years Chicago took a perverse pride in obliterating its past. The ceaseless process of destruction and re-creation was seen as a sort of elemental force, springing inevitably from the city's economic dynamism. Nowadays, of course, we frequently regard that process as evidence of simple rapacity. Our darker view can be explained in part by the fact that three generations ago new buildings were generally grander in every way than those they replaced, whereas today they are merely bigger, grandness having gone out of fashion.

It would be comforting to believe that the destructive impulse has been tempered in this supposedly more enlightened era, but recent history suggests otherwise. There is every reason to believe that Thomas Klutznick, for instance, was serious in his vow to destroy the Chicago Theatre had the city not been able to cobble together a last-minute plan to save it. Still, the fact that it was saved, and is now being restored, is proof that the balance of power has shifted at least a little in favor of the advocates of preservation.
Indeed, it is a pity that the Stock Exchange and the Garrick Theater Building did not survive a little longer, or they too might have been rescued. The restoration and adaptive re-use of old buildings has become common of late—so much so that the CCAIA has added new awards for such projects in this year’s competition.

In part this trend reflects a growing regard for the past, but it is also a result of enlightened public policy. The single most powerful impetus for preservation has been the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, which created tax breaks for the restoration of historic properties. This remarkable piece of legislation, ironically passed during the administration of a conservative Republican president, has saved more vintage architecture than all the previous efforts of the preservationists put together. The tax reformers now seem determined to reduce the credits, with what rehab boosters predict will be baleful results.

Architects everywhere have applauded the nation’s new-found interest in historic preservation. But they cannot help but view the phenomenon with mixed emotions. They recognize more acutely than anyone the extent to which public support for such efforts is motivated by widespread disenchantment with the direction architecture has taken since World War II. There are few areas in which Americans have so completely abandoned their once unshakable faith in progress as the built environment. Prevailing opinion has swung around so sharply on this question that many, perhaps most, people automatically assume nowadays that any new structure will be worse than the one it replaces. This assumption extends to builders and even, one suspects, to architects. At the Institute for Urban Design conference in Chicago last October I asked one of the panelists, a developer who had done a good deal of work in Lincoln Park, whether he thought it would ever be possible to return to the architectural richness of years gone by. Without hesitation he said no. It was simply too expensive.

The thought that architecture must forevermore be a pale shadow of what it once was is profoundly depressing, and I think it has had a corrosive effect on the profession over the last 20 years. Rising costs have become a convenient excuse for unadventurous work when the real cause often is a failure of imagination.

I am not convinced that a rich and evocative architecture is beyond our grasp. True, we cannot duplicate the monuments of the past, the cost of handcrafted ornament being what it is. But the fact is that the rococo excesses of pre-1925 architecture are a bit much for modern tastes anyway. Through the adroit use of modern technology coupled with a little ingenuity, it is possible to produce buildings with subtlety and grace, while sacrificing none of the power inherent in the modernist celebration of structure, first seen in Chicago a hundred years ago.
We find examples all around us, many of them in this year's competition. A case in point is the Conrad Sulzer Regional Library by Hammond Beeby and Babka. This magnificent structure, which has been praised by architects and the public alike, is a convincing riposte to those who believe that we must resign ourselves to an architecture of scarcity.

The exterior colors are a bit somber for my taste, and the entrance is not emphasized sufficiently. But the interior, with its masterful melding of modern and traditional forms and its assured use of color, ornament, and construction detailing, is a remarkable achievement. One hopes that the work on the city's new central library will be of such quality.

Another exemplary new project is still under construction, and I suppose I am setting myself up to be disappointed by discussing it prematurely. Still, it seems like such a wonderful piece of work even in its half-finished state that I cannot resist mentioning it. It's a speculative office building at 225 West Washington designed by Skidmore Owings & Merrill. The structure employs a colorful combination of red granite and precast concrete that has been extensively sculpted and shaped. The result is an exuberantly articulated facade that is a major departure from the minimalism that has been typical of downtown high-rises up till now.
Skidmore until fairly recently has been noted chiefly for the conservatism of its designs, but with this project, it seems to me, it leaps into the forefront. I'm told the partner-in-charge is Adrian Smith. If 225 is typical of what can be expected from him and his confreres, SOM is in for some interesting times.

It would be foolish to make optimistic predictions on the basis of such limited evidence. But I would like to think we are now seeing the emergence of a new...well, not a new style exactly, but perhaps a new architectural consensus. In a very pragmatic, empirical way, it seems to me, architects are searching for ways to design buildings that have some of the emotional resonance we associate with the great structures of the past, and yet are practical in today's economic environment.

It is a search that proceeds from the heart as much as the head. It is refreshingly free of the ideological concerns that proved to be such a dead end in modernism, and by and large it has also steered clear of the even more inscrutable preoccupations of the post-modernists. (There are exceptions, to be sure. One entry this year was accompanied by the following imponderable disquisition: *The program has been bisected into two large general classifications: (1) a daytime (transparent) zone and (2) a nocturnal (opaque) zone. These two elements are juxtaposed (thesis-antithesis) without apparent resolution. Thus, the concept here is to, without bias, present the case for an unresolved dialectic. What this means is that most of the windows in the house face the back. But I digress.*)

Though the post-modernist critic Charles Jencks is still making the rounds of the lecture circuit, few have taken seriously his call for an obscurantist system of *double coding*, in which architectural symbols would be devised in such a way that they would convey one meaning to the masses and another, usually ironic, to the cognoscenti. On the contrary, in recent years we have seen a remarkable convergence of opinion on the part of the professional and lay audiences on many architectural questions. I am charmed to hear a building like 333 West Wacker being praised by critics on the one hand and eight-year-olds on the other for roughly the same reasons and often in roughly the same terms. (Cynics, admittedly, will wonder what else I expected.)

What are the characteristics of the new architectural consensus? Most are already familiar:

- In tall buildings, a return to the traditional base-shaft-capital treatment of the principal elevations. Apart from its formal advantages, this approach allows for a disposition of materials that is both sensible and economical—the expensive stuff goes on the bottom, where it shows, and the cheap stuff goes on top. We see this in the glass-over-stone combination at 333 West Wacker, designed by Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates of New York.
- A return to more complex surfaces, both inside and out. This may be achieved by any number of means, ranging from applied ornament to conventional construction detailing. The new direction is most readily observable in the design of interior spaces,
and indeed the entries in this year’s competition show that the overall quality of such work has risen to a very high level. The trend in exteriors has been slower to develop, no doubt due in part to the expense, but we are now seeing more structural articulation and fine-grain detailing than has been true for a number of years.

• A lush use of color, both inside and out.
• The revival of traditional forms such as arches, colonnades, vaults, and the like to signal openings, entrances, spatial transitions, and so on.
• A growing enthusiasm for traditional materials, such as brick and stone. Sometimes these are used in a strictly historicist way, but often they are combined with glass and metal to produce strikingly original effects.

This is not to say we are going to see the disappearance of minimalist glass boxes any time soon. The relatively low cost of glass curtain wall ensures that it will survive for a long time. But I think minimalist treatments will be increasingly relegated to what developers would call Class B buildings, at least in the downtown market.

Interest in materials like brick and stone has been growing steadily in the last ten years. But a lot of architects continue to have hang-ups about them, as indeed they probably do about many aspects of the new direction architecture is taking. Last year one of the most prominent architects in the city told me that he was able to reconcile himself to the use of stone only by deciding that if it were used in some sort of panel system, as glass and metal are, it thereby became a modern material suitable for use in a building of our time. Unfortunately, employing stone in this way minimizes its expressive possibilities.

I suspect working on restorations and adaptive re-use projects is good therapy for many architects in this respect. It allows them to employ traditional ornament without fear of reproach by their professional peers, and in the process they learn a lot about the technical side of such lost arts as carving and stone setting. The experience is invaluable. For years architecture schools taught their students little or nothing about such things, and my admittedly casual impression is that many of the courses taught now are very superficial.

The result is that even when designers manage to conquer their inhibitions, their
use of stone and the like is often clumsy. I note that in one Near North townhouse development now under construction the architect has faced the ground floor facade with pre-cast concrete color and proportions of the material conspire to make it look like cinder block. In the South Loop we find another series of townhouses which features a decidedly strange combination of stone quoins and stucco.

In other cases, however, the results have been very nice. One example is a loft conversion project in the River North district, 200 West Superior. One might argue that the different elements in this project do not hang together very well when taken as a whole, but I think the stonework, at least, has been handled quite capably. The entire ground floor has been refaced in limestone that has been worked into a well-proportioned and nicely detailed series of arches. It is worth pointing out that although the stonework is much more intricate than we have been accustomed to seeing, all the cutting and finishing was done by machine. The only hand labor involved was the actual setting of the stone on site.

Seymour Goldstein, the architect for both projects, tells me the stone added about two percent to the budget for 200 West Superior, but helped make it possible to raise rents ten percent above average for the area. This sort of payoff is not necessarily replicable in other parts of the city, but it does suggest that spending money on ornamental materials may sometimes be a sound business decision.

Many of this year’s entries used stone and brick, with varying degrees of success. Nagle, Hartray & Associates submitted three, the most successful of which was the rehabilitation of the old John M. Smyth building, now known as 20 North Michigan. The entire ground-floor facade of the building, which had been the victim of an earlier modernization, was refaced in limestone, producing an attractive building very much in harmony with the older masonry structures along the street. Another Nagle, Hartray building, the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Springfield, Illinois, was constructed of brick, using tiers of curved bay windows to create a textured facade that recalled the apartment hotels of the old Chicago school.

The 20 North Michigan building was one of several submissions on Michigan Avenue south of Randolph, which has been undergoing something of a renaissance in recent years. There was also the award-winning rehabilitation of Burnham & Co. ’s Railway Exchange Building, now the headquarters of Santa Fe Southern Pacific...
100 block of South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
The two narrow buildings in the center are 116 South Michigan (left) and 112 South Michigan


Another project on the street was not entered in the competition, but it was probably the most interesting of all. It involved the addition of six stories to 112 South Michigan, formerly the Illinois Athletic Club and now the Charlie Club. At the urging of the city, the developer dropped plans for a grossly inappropriate glass box and substituted a pre-cast concrete facade designed by Swann & Weiskopf, which respects the character not only of the existing building but of the Michigan Avenue streetscape.

Two firms submitted projects that were additions to the University of Chicago campus in Hyde Park—the Kersten Physics Teaching Center by Holabird & Root, and the John Crerar Library by Loeb Schlossman & Hackl. Both used limestone extensively, although in other respects neither project was a new departure. The Kersten Center earned the favor of the jury, partly, one assumes, on the strength of its interior atrium.

Many of the entries this year were notable chiefly for their interior qualities. A pessimist might see in this an indication that architecture has become increasingly inward-looking, but I think it simply reflects the types of projects that were being built in the difficult economic climate of the early 1980s. Of the 17 residential submissions, all but two involved single-family homes. In the commercial category, only seven of 35 projects (eight if you count Murphy/Jahn’s Shand Morahan Plaza in Evanston) were entirely new structures built in conventional downtown environments.

The projects that were built were often located in the suburbs or out in the country, where architecture is more a private art than a public one. Weese Hickey Weese, for instance, received an award for a residence in Sheboygan with delightfully detailed woodwork, and another for the Bradford Exchange in Niles, which looks like something out of Lawrence of Arabia with its dramatic interior tents.

Weese Hickey Weese richly deserves the honors. But its great strength in the past has been the ability to design structures that are not only beautiful also carefully knit into the urban fabric, e.g., its two Near North apartment buildings, Chestnut Place and 100 West Chestnut. This is a talent the
firm has little opportunity to exercise in suburbia, and I look forward to the day when it again is awarded commissions downtown.

Murphy/Jahn received the award it richly deserved for the controversial State of Illinois Center. It says something for the ability of Helmut Jahn that the building succeeds in spite of its well-known defects, which would have caused a less stubborn man to think about taking up another line of work. It appears complaints about the center’s environmental problems will soon join the groundhog, the robin, and the falling of the leaves as a sure sign of the changing seasons.

Jahn is another one whose interiors often turn out better than his exteriors, although he at least has the excuse that his best inside work is often meant for public use, as with the State of Illinois atrium and the O’Hare CTA terminal. We will soon have the opportunity to judge another of his public spaces, namely the passenger concourse in the Northwestern Atrium Center now going up on the grave of the old Chicago & North Western railroad terminal.

As usual, there was a fair sampling of speculative suburban office buildings among the entrants. Considered individually, buildings of this type are seldom distinguished, and with one or two exceptions, things were no different this year. These are buildings meant to be viewed primarily by passing motorists, and the emphasis accordingly is on broad-brush effects. Observers on foot, if there are any, necessarily find the buildings dull when seen up close. That said, I must say that overall design quality in this category has risen, the East-West Tollway corridor, to name probably the best example, has turned out surprisingly well.

A few of the suburban buildings were more ambitious than the others, notably 1717 Deerfield Road by Hammond Beeby and Babka. Though the building has the horizontal profile typical of suburban buildings, it uses brick with what appear to be stone lintels and sills to create a facade that is almost incongruously city-like in character. The square geometry of the ceiling in the building’s atrium reminded me a little of the ceiling in Frank Lloyd Wright’s Unity Temple.

There are some small things I could complain about regarding this year’s entries, I guess. Every decade has its architectural cliches, and the 1980’s are no exception. I counted at least six long galleries with peaked glass roofs, for example. There was also a fair sampling of windows divided into large squarish panes, often with garishly painted frames; cartoon-like two-dimensional surfaces that seemed intended primarily to give the impression that the building was made of polystyrene; and mirrored glass to beat the band.

But these are the sort of quibbles that looking at 800 slides in an afternoon will often inspire. The fact is that some remarkable work is being done these days. In my giddier moments I even think we may be entering a golden age. If so, I think it will dawn here first. There is no question that Chicago continues to be a leading center, arguably the leading center, of contemporary American architecture. It is an exciting time to be living and working in this extraordinary city.
Chicago:
The Way It Was
—And Is
The Greek philosopher Heraclitus wrote that “all is flux.” This photo essay looks at the city and finds that buildings share that transient quality. The photographs here do more than compare the buildings we have lost to the ones which have taken their places. They force us to confront the exact space of the demolished structure with what has taken that space, raising issues of mass, volume, scale and character that usually escape us. The photographs also reveal how quickly we forget buildings when they are gone. The essay does not intend to make a case for preservation for preservation’s sake. It may, however, sharpen our image of what changes.

This series of paired photos represents views of Chicago street-scapes and buildings—“before and after” views taken over the last twenty years. The later shot in each pair of photos is taken from the very same location as the earlier one, and where possible, with a similar lens. This pairing of images allows the viewer to assess the impact of change at a given place in the city. In some instances the future of a building is unknown, and the absence of a paired shot underscores this uncertainty. In the face of these changes, we wonder if our architects, planners and decision-makers are seeking that high level of architectural distinctiveness which is the mark of a great city or if change itself has become the mark of the American metropolis.

"Chicago: The Way It Was—And Is”

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Georgian Court Building
Photo: Kaufman and Fabry, Courtesy, Chicago Historical Society

Vacant Lot, LaSalle at Eugenie
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Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.

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Deerfield, Illinois
Architect:
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

3 Executive Place
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118 South Clinton Street
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Architect:
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5 Jewelry Store
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Architect:
Christopher H. Rudolph, AIA Architect

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Architect:
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Architect:
Nagle Hartray & Associates

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Lohan Associates

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Architect:
Murphy/Jahn

10 Amoco Entry Plaza
Chicago, Illinois
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11 One Pierce Place at Hamilton Lakes
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Murphy/Jahn

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Nagle, Hartray & Associates

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Architect:
Holabird & Root

24 Ramada Renaissance Hotel
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Architect:
Nagle Hartray & Associates

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Architect:
Loeb Schlossman and Hackl

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Architect:
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32 Sears Tower Revitalization Project
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Architect:
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

33 Evelyn Chapel
Illinois Wesleyan University
Bloomington, Illinois
Architect:
Weese Hickey Weese

34 Southeast Multi-Purpose Center
1767 East 79th Street
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Architect:
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35 240 East Ontario
240 East Ontario
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
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36 Metromedia Telecommunications, Inc.
Schaumburg, Illinois
Architect:
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Architect:
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Winnetka, Illinois
Architect:
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The University of Chicago
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Schiller Park, Illinois
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Aurora, Illinois
Architect:
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Tampa, Florida
Architect:
Braun/Skiba, Ltd.

42 Shutack House
Oak Brook, Illinois
Architect:
Hammond Beeby and Babka, Inc.

43 211 East Ohio
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
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44 Golf/River Professional Building
1455 Golf Road
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Architect:
Levin & Urick Architects

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Ravinia Park
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Architect:
Lubotsky Metter Worthington & Law, Ltd.

48 111 Barclay Boulevard
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Architect:
Loebl Schlossman and Hackl

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701 Fourth Avenue South
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Architect:
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Galena, Illinois
Architect:
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Distinguished Building Award Winners
State of Illinois Center
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Murphy/Jahn

Client:
Capital Development Board

Contractor:
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James Steinkamp

Jury Comments
"The Pantheon of Chicago...The building makes a strong, powerful, and important statement...It is a Chicago building because Chicago is a frontier for architecture...It breaks new ground...Chicago is the city for architectural risk-taking."
The building contains 1,193,000 square feet; 1,000,000 square feet house state agencies, and 150,000 square feet are reserved for commercial use. The floors of the building range from 76,882 to 47,741 square feet.

The building is a statement of the importance and dignity of state government. This language emphasizes an appropriate scale and urban monumentality for a government building. The truncated glass cylinder projects above the building mass, creates a top and makes a clearly identifiable statement on the skyline of the city. There is an appropriate symbolic reference to the centrality of government and to the prototype of domed government buildings throughout the history of the building arts. The new element in the building is the reading of the central space from the outside. This element of openness is continued along the curved facade by the five story atriums which follow the setbacks.
Kersten Physics Training Center
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Holabird & Root

Client:
The University of Chicago

Contractor:
Gilbane Building Company

Photographer:
Hedrich-Blessing, Nick Merrick
Howard Kaplan, Diane Trevarrow

Jury Comments
“This is a meticulously
detailed, very well
thought out, and
complete piece of
architecture...It is finely
detailed...Extremely
well done.”
The Kersten Physics Teaching Center completes the University's Science Quadrangle, begun in the 1960's. Facing the street is a formal limestone facade, which is sympathetic to adjacent, older buildings. Facing the quadrangle are classrooms, and a glass-walled circulation spine. A series of setbacks provides open terraces for experiments and an outdoor scientific gallery.

The corridor contains a cascading staircase connecting all building levels and a pedestrian bridge. This spine is the primary place of interaction in the building and will improve student/faculty access and interaction between education and research.
Santa Fe Center
former, Railway Exchange Building
Chicago, Illinois

Architect: Frye Gillan Molinaro, Architects, Ltd.

Client: Santa Fe Land

Contractor: Pepper Construction Company

Photographer: Santa Fe

Jury Comments
“A masterly completion of the original project...
A sensitive, restrained restoration...Nice treatment of retail space...”
The renovation and restoration work at the 17 story Railway Exchange Building was to the standards of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Designed by Daniel Burnham, and built in 1903, the exterior terra cotta has been replaced or restored. Bronze storefront windows were installed at street level.

Proportionally correct, energy efficient metal windows replaced the original wooden sashes.

In the ground floor lobby, Burnham's original designs were incorporated into the restoration. The elevator cabs were duplicated from original drawings. The building light court was topped with a skylight and all of the interior court windows were removed to create a single space.
Bradford Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Weese Hickey Weese

Client:
The Bradford Exchange, Ltd.

Contractor:
Schillmoeller & Krofl

Photographer:
Howard Kaplan

Jury Comments
"An example of expressionistic architecture residing in Chicago...Very intriguing sculptural quality to the interior. It would be a wonderful place to work."
An addition was required to a growing collector plate business, more than doubling the office space.

A new bi-level expansion was wedged between the existing office—re-modeled eight years earlier—and a storage building. The glass and mirror facade connects the varied heights of the adjacent buildings and follows the ceiling line of the new office space behind. The ceiling is an undulating translucent fiberglass tensile structure. Its 15 different forms overlap, unifying the space, creating grand and intimate spaces punctuated by tent poles and cable tie-downs. Low partitions float on both levels, creating work spaces re-arranged continuously for an ever-changing business.

An interior garden divides the new office space and continues the amenity from the existing building. Cable-suspended bridges span the garden with views to garden dining and meeting areas.
Juvenile Protective Association
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Tigerman Fugman McCurry

Client:
Juvenile Protective Association

Contractor:
John Teschky, Inc.

Photographer:
Hedrich-Blessing

Jury Comments
"It is a modest project with a modest budget, yet it has a lot of presence about it... It looks like a comforting, reassuring place to be... The project demonstrates maturity, control, refinement and restraint."
The project's function is to house both headquarters and advisory services for this not-for-profit, privately funded agency which provides counseling to families that abuse or neglect their children.

Constructed on a 50"x140" city lot, on a mixed use commercial thoroughfare, this little building's intention is to downplay its institutionality, while creating an environment that is both conducive to counseling, and inviting to neighborhood families. It was to be built and furnished well within strict budget limitations.

Because the extensive program dictated a lot line, store front building solution for the site, internal, skylit atria were developed about which counseling offices—detailed like small houses with French doors and muntinized windows—could open such that the combination of natural light and a courtyard setting might replace views to the outer world. The outdoor village metaphor is reinforced by a gazebo in the lobby which serves as a play area for children.
Door County Vacation House
Door County, Wisconsin

Architect:
Hammond Beeby and Babka, Inc.

Client:
Name Withheld

Contractor:
Hugh Mulliken

Photographer:
Howard Kaplan

Jury Comments
"Informal, almost chaotic organization that resolves itself on the lakeside... A very pleasant building with unexpected interest and excitement... Spaces are layered in an interesting way."
This three story house was planned as a year-round retreat for a family of four. It is set a few steps from the water's edge on a site dominated by tall pines, birches and rock outcroppings.

The entry side of the building, an irregular grouping of gables and small openings, expresses the service spaces and bedrooms of the house while minimizing heat loss to the northwest.

At the lake side a broad symmetry is revealed with the living areas centered about a monumental sitting stair and wrapped by continuous double-hung glass facing the major views.

Materials on the exterior reflect the local vernacular in the use of vertical battens called out in bright barn paint with siding boards left to weather.

Similarly, at the interior, panelized vertical board wainscoting, batten doors with wrought iron trim, carpenter-built cabinetry and pine flooring all were employed in deference to the rural context.

The master bedroom tops the home. With wall-height glazed doors, it opens out through a covered sleeping porch to the tree tops and the lake's horizon.
Conrad Sulzer Regional Library
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Hammond Beeby and Babka, Inc.

Client:
City of Chicago, Chicago Public Library

Photographer:
The Arkansas Office, Timothy Hursley
Hedrich-Blessing, Jim Hedrich

Jury Comments
"Impressive...truly a powerful civic building...The strong exterior has an urban, Chicago look about it...
It has a humane quality that relates to the neighborhood...A well planned library, there is a sense of entry, and a sense of control, but it has scale and differentiation between the children's and other areas."

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This is one of two 65,000 square foot libraries for the Chicago Public Library, which houses auditoriums, an audio-visual department, a major children's library, as well as a collection expected to total 250,000 volumes.

The library's design addresses its prominent site on a busy urban street across from a large park at the center of Ravenswood, a dense, originally German Chicago neighborhood where civic pride is strong. The building presents the civic expression of classicism while its construction employs Chicago's rich tradition of rational modern technology.
Single Family Residence
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Architect:
Weese Hickey Weese

Client:
Name Withheld

Photographer:
Howard Kaplan

Jury Comments
"There is a clarity of intent...The project is mature and straightforward...
A consistent textured treatment of wood detailing...a clear focus on the hearth...So right for Sheboygan...a quite appropriate regional quality."
This is a year-round house in a vacation setting. The site is a series of delicate dunes covered with woods of white pine on the west shore of Lake Michigan. The family of four asked for open, light-filled spaces with strong orientation to the lake.

Entrance is from the informal drive court into a gallery which also gives access to the lake. From the gallery, a stair leads to second floor bedrooms; backing up to it is an inglenook entered from the living room. The living areas extend to the north and all face the lake. They are open to each other, yet defined by low partitions and separate roof volumes at axes. Sun enters through ridge skylights and filters through wood cross ties. Continuous wood trim crosses openings and forms open screens to further define the spaces. Within the asymmetry of plan and form are careful and tight symmetries of location and detail.
Stanley Korshak at the Crescent
Dallas, Texas

Architect:
Himmel/Bonner Architects

Client:
Crescent Retail Venture, Inc.

Contractor:
Constructor & Associates

Photographer:
R. Greg Hursley
Richard Payne

Jury Comments
"There is a sense of drama about this project that speaks of its retail function... It appears to have a high level of craftsmanship and detailing."
Stanley Korshak at The Crescent is a 37,000 square foot exclusive retail store on three levels lining both sides of the central entrance arcade of an office/hotel/retail development in Dallas. The rusticated bays of the arcade are contrasted by the faceted steel and glass facade, punctuated by crystalline display cases. The multi-story arcade focuses on an irregularly shaped staircase, made of pre-cast terrazzo treads, which is enclosed by a backlit cylinder of sandblasted glass. The interior expands upon the concept, using individual details of steel and glass to give each of the boutiques a distinctive identity.
TRW World Headquarters
Lyndhurst, Ohio

Architect:
Lohan Associates

Client:
TRW, Inc.

Contractor:
Gilbane Building Company

Photographer:
Hedrich-Blessing, Nick Merrick

Jury Comments
"The project is proof that the modern movement is not dead, and that it adapts well to the atrium formula...Extremely well-detailed and thought through...It takes maximum advantage of site amenities."
The headquarters building’s design objectives specified a structure that would enhance the natural flow of the heavily wooded site. The design philosophy celebrates man’s humanity within his technological world.

The building’s four wings radiate from a magnificent central atrium, stepping down in a series of terraces that visually reduce apparent size, and integrate the structure within its environment. The recessed building walls create an interacting play of surfaces and voids, illuminated by contrasting bronze colors that reflect the ever-changing light of nature. In this sense, the building is alive, as is the nature that surrounds it.
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Interior Architecture
Award Submissions
The Chicago Chapter, American Institute of Architects Interior Architecture Awards were initiated in 1980. The purpose of the program is to promote professional and public awareness of recent, outstanding interior architecture.

Projects eligible in 1986 were completed and constructed during the period between January 1, 1983 and March 1, 1986. The projects can be located anywhere in the world, but must have been designed in a Chicago office.
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1 Basement Renovation  
First Congregational Church of Christ  
25 East Benton Avenue  
Naperville, Illinois  
Architect:  
M + RSA Architects

2 Regional Transportation Authority Offices  
One North Dearborn  
Chicago, Illinois  
Architect:  
Nagle, Hartray & Associates

3 Quark Lounge  
Clock Tower Inn  
Rockford, Illinois  
Architect:  
Atwood Architects

4 Bell & Howell Company  
5215 Old Orchard Road  
Skokie, Illinois  
Architect:  
I S D Incorporated

5 A.E.I. Offices  
Best Western Clock Tower Inn  
Rockford, Illinois  
Architect:  
Atwood Architects

6 Science Education Center  
The Museum of Science & Industry  
Chicago, Illinois  
Architect:  
O’Donnell Wicklund Pigozzi Architects, Inc.

7 Davis, Graham & Stubbs  
Republic Tower  
Denver, Colorado  
Architect:  
I S D Incorporated

8 DuPont  
The Merchandise Mart  
Chicago, Illinois  
Architect:  
Eva Maddox Associates, Inc.

9 Six Flags Corporation  
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Architect:  
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10 Brooks Building Lobby Renovation  
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Architect:  
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11 Cramer-Krasselt
225 North Michigan Avenue
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Architect:
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12 National Futures Association – Chicago
200 West Madison
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Space/Management Programs, Inc.

13 Hoekstra Residence
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Architect:
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14 The Austin Company Offices
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Chicago, Illinois
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15 Lee Scott Stevens
One Magnificent Mile
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
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16 Marketplace for the Arts
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
A. Epstein and Sons, Inc.

17 Hyatt Regency O'Hare
Conference Center
Rosemont, Illinois
Architect:
O'Donnell, Wicklund, Pigozzi Architects, Inc.

18 Metromedia Telecommunications
Schaumburg, Illinois
Architect:
Eckenhoff Saunders Architects, Inc.

19 JPS Offices
Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois
Architect:
Eckenhoff Saunders Architects, Inc.

20 ESA Offices
122 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Eckenhoff Saunders Architects, Inc.
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21 Burditt, Bowles & Radzius, Ltd.
333 Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
The Landahl Group Inc.

22 IBM Midwest Region
Real Estate and Construction Division Offices
One IBM Plaza
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Gelick Foran Associates Ltd.

26 First Options of Chicago
440 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Space/Management Programs, Inc.

27 Twenty North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Nagle, Hartray & Associates

23 DeVry Administration Offices
Evanston, Illinois
Architect:
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24 Chiasso
13 East Chestnut Street
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Florian-Wierzbowski

25 Stanley Korshak at The Crescent
Dallas, Texas
Architect:
Himmel/Bonner Architects

28 Pepper Companies, Inc., Headquarters
643 North Orleans
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Loebl Schlossman and Hackl

29 Kirkland & Ellis Law Offices
Washington, D.C.
Architect:
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

30 Private Residence
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Himmel/Bonner Architects
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31 Gerald D. Hines Offices
   Transco Tower
   Houston, Texas
   Architect:
   Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

32 Suite 9400
   233 South Wacker Drive
   Chicago, Illinois
   Architect:
   Harry Weese & Associates

33 Corroon & Black of Illinois, Inc.
   135 South LaSalle Street
   Chicago, Illinois
   Architect:
   Loebl Schlossman and Hackl

34 JANIS
   200 West Superior
   Chicago, Illinois
   Architect:
   Stuart Cohen & Anders Nereim Architects

35 Cupola
   35 East Wacker Drive
   Chicago, Illinois
   Architect:
   Murphy/Jahn

36 The Sturm Communications Group, Inc.
   737 North Michigan Avenue
   Chicago, Illinois
   Architect:
   Paul B. Berger & Associates

37 Herman Miller Showroom
   The Merchandise Mart
   Chicago, Illinois
   Architect:
   Tigerman Fugman McCurry

38 Stanley Korshak
   Chicago, Illinois
   Architect:
   Himmel/Bonner Architects

39 Law Offices
   140 South Dearborn
   Chicago, Illinois
   Architect:
   Bauhs and Dring
40 Charles Gates Dawes' House
Evanston, Illinois
Architect:
Raymond J. Green & Associates
Architects Inc.

41 Juvenile Protective Association
1707 North Halsted
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Tigerman Fugman McCurry

42 Sears Tower Revitalization Project
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

43 Raymond J. Green & Associates' Offices
828 Custer Avenue
Evanston, Illinois
Architect:
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44 Givanni's Italian Cafe
Iowa City, Iowa
Architect:
Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.

45 Catholic Order of Foresters
Corporate Headquarters Facility
Naperville, Illinois
Architect:
Holabird & Root

46 240 East Ontario
240 East Ontario
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Loebl Schlossman and Hackl

47 Clybourn Loft
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.

48 CLOWN
Woodfield Shopping Mall
Schaumburg, Illinois
Architect:
Tigerman Fugman McCurry

49 Men's Clothier at The Crescent
Dallas, Texas
Architect:
Himmel/Bonner Architects
50 Bradford Exchange
9333 North Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Weese Hickey Weese

51 Rubloff Inc., Corporate Headquarters
111 West Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Jack Train Associates, Inc.

52 International Business Machines
Building 114
Rochester, Minnesota
Architect:
Lester B. Knight & Associates, Inc.

53 Dancing Pavilions
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.

54 Ingalls Family Care Center
Matteson, Illinois
Architect:
Perkins & Will

55 Interior Renovation
Chicago Title & Trust
111 West Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Jack Train Associates, Inc.

56 Mama Mia! Pasta
30 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Banks/Eakin Architects

57 Donenfeld Apartment
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

58 Franklin Square
900 North Franklin Street
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.
59 McDonald Products
The Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
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60 Spaulding & Company
959 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
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61 State of Illinois
Department of Revenue
Springfield, Illinois
Architect:
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62 McDougal Littell & Co.
One American Plaza
Evanston, Illinois
Architect:
Chicago Associates
Planners & Architects

63 Twelfth Floor Renovation
The Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Vickrey/Ovresat/Awsumb
Associates Incorporated

64 Matthew Hoffman Jewelry
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Himmel/Bonner Architects

65 Relocation of a Financial Organization
Chicago, Illinois
Architect:
Perkins & Will

66 AT&T Communications Planning Center
Itasca, Illinois
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67 Boller Coates Spadaro
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Grace Place Episcopal Community Center
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Booth/Hansen & Associates

Owner:
Grace Episcopal Church

Contractor:
W.B. Olson

Photographer:
Howard Kaplan

Jury Comments
"Symbolic imagery is extremely powerful... beautiful, uplifting and straightforward, recall of old meeting hall... terrific plan for a church in a loft space."
The scheme for the second floor sanctuary of Grace Episcopal Church involves the insertion of a pristine plaster elliptical wall in the original rectilinear loft enclosure of heavy timber and raw brick. The wall is pierced by pointed openings to allow light from the large windows beyond to filter into the sanctuary. The focus of the space is the circular altar platform over which rises a double-height heavy-timber column. A triangular section of the floor above has been removed, and a skylight sheds light onto the altar below.

The church is located in a three story community center known as Grace Place at 637 South Dearborn Street in the South Loop area of downtown Chicago. The first floor of the center holds the community room and church offices. The third floor is reserved for future expansion.
**Lincoln Park Residence**
*Chicago, Illinois*

**Architect:**
Marvin Ullman/Architects AIA, Ltd.

**Owner:**
Name Withheld

**Contractor:**
Schultz & Blackmore

**Photographer:**
Wayne Cable

*Jury Comments*
"Plan has big ideas in a small scale...strong architectural elements...super stairs, definitely a quality interior project."
Program
To renovate a very dark four story greystone house for a family of four and to create one rental apartment.

Solution
Punctuate all four floors by a central stairwell lit by skylights, thus allowing ample natural light, with the stair acting as a form in space rather than a definer of space.

At the garden level is a one bedroom apartment with a separate entrance off the street. A children's playroom facing the rear yard is also located at this level.

On the first floor are the main living quarters, including an informal seating area off the kitchen overlooking the back yard and the children's playroom below.

The adult living quarters are on the second floor and include a study overlooking the back yard and seating area below.

The children's quarters and a guest room are on the third floor.
Donald D. Powell Apartment
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Powell/Kleinschmidt Inc.

Owner:
Donald D. Powell

Contractor:
H.B. Barnard

Photographer:
Hedrich Blessing, Jon Miller

Jury Comments
"Classic approach... design is appropriately Miesian in a Mies building... furniture shows quality."
Project Goal
To design a residence in a Mies van der Rohe Chicago lakefront building that would re-capture the structure's original design intent. All walls were removed and a new residence laid out with: up-dated kitchen and bath, new lighting, travertine floors to create a continuous plane. A floating t-shaped teak storage unit separates three main living spaces: formal entertainment, reading/study/entertainment, and dining. The main portion of the apartment, based on a modular 5' x3' grid, incorporates many Miesian trademarks. The furniture, all designed in the Miesian spirit, is used as centerpieces in all the living areas.
Interior Architecture Award
Citation of Merit

“A Day in the Country: Impressionism and the French Landscape”
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Florian-Wierzbowski

Owner:
The Art Institute of Chicago

Contractor:
The Art Institute of Chicago

Photographer:
M. Elizabeth Ernst

Jury Comments
“Plan is refreshing and well thought out...
Spatially, it is reminiscent of a little farmhouse with its many rooms...vistas allow appropriate focusing on paintings.”
A principle underlying the design of the 20,000 square foot Chicago installation of *A Day in the Country* was that the viewing of paintings did not preclude a powerful architectural setting. Organized by subject, the theme of each section is underscored by colossal abstracted spaces and forms, which create a context for the paintings without tying them to the present or the past, or imposing on close range viewing of paintings.

The spaces of the exhibit – interpenetrating, but defined – also solved pragmatic requirements: the views opened between spaces, reduced bottlenecks in circulation and provided high visibility for security purposes.
Private Banking
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Hancock & Hancock, Inc.

Owner:
Harris Bank

Contractor:
H.B. Barnard

Millwork:
Continental Millwork

Photographer:
Hedrich Blessing, Nick Merrick

Jury Comments
"Clearly has the feeling of a bank...conservative, quality materials, rich dark wood palette...good plan...nice organization...it works...statement of classic design."
Program
Provide 36 banker stations (six groups); one executive office; four conference rooms; and a reception lobby.

Special Problems
Project area is bisected by a major east-west circulation corridor connecting two adjacent buildings.
The project is located in an older building with a random structural system and limited floor access.

Solution
Locate the reception lobby in the east-west circulation corridor.
A north-south axis, intersecting the lobby organizes the banker groups and terminates with conference rooms.
The banker groups are defined by a column grid and low millwork partitions. Each partition has an accessible base for electrical and CRT service.
Office Renovation
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Lester B. Knight & Associates

Owner:
University of Illinois Alumni Association and Foundation

Contractor:
University of Illinois

Photographer:
Howard Kaplan

Jury Comments
"Stylized interior that is nicely consistent... investigates the idea of motion within space... back lighting... photography has an Alfred Hitchcock quality."
Offices for the Alumni Association, Foundation and Capital Programs share 9,000 square feet in a University of Illinois-owned loft building. Because the departments function independently of one another, the challenge was to maximize the space available to each, while simultaneously generating an image suitable to all.

The departments are organized around a central court or agora consisting of entry, meeting space, and circulation. Stepped rhythms in space are defined by columns housing built-in cabinetry and a gridwork of translucent panels. These panels act as screens which separate functions, yet promote openness, the flow of space, and allow natural light to penetrate into the court. The effect is an illusion of continuous space partitioned by layers of light and color.
Katten, Muchin, Zavis, Pearl, Greenberger & Galler
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
I S D Incorporated

Owner:
Katten, Muchin, Zavis, Pearl, Greenberger & Galler

Contractor:
IAI of Illinois

Photographer:
Hedrich Blessing, Nick Merrick Karant & Associates, Barbara Karant

Jury Comments
"Clean...responsive...direct clear statement of design...well organized."
A modernistic approach was developed to respond to the firm's request to convey the forward-thinking attitude of their firm.

At the main entry to the space, architectural planes are free-standing elements that create the tempo of the architectural concept.

Custom millwork secretarial stations were designed to reflect the planar elements in the space. The elements are further reinforced by the free-standing millwork file cabinets that serve as backdrop to the secretarial stations.

The color and materials used achieve the client's request for a warm and sophisticated ambience. The tones create a crisp envelope for the warm grey birdseye maple secretarial stations and carpet, with vibrant blue accents. The concept of the architecturally freestanding planes creates a flowing space. The spaciousness, along with the subtle colors pull together a sophistication and elegance that is a signature for the firm's stature in the community.
Office of Horwitz Matthews
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.

Owner:
Tem Horwitz, Curtis Matthews

Contractor:
Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.

Photographer:
Sadin Photo Group, Abby Sadin

Jury Comments
"Innovative...simple vocabulary with the abstract...use of bright colors is successful."
A 3,500 square foot loft space is the setting for the office of an expressive and adventurous developer. Much like a small town, workstations became individual *houses* clustered around a *general store* and *meeting hall*. These *houses* take on personal expression through form and color, creating a playful interior street-scape within the brick and timber enclosure.
CPM, Inc.
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Hague-Richards Associates, Ltd.

Owner:
CPM, Inc.

Contractor:
Ben A. Borenstein & Company

Photographer:
Hedrich Blessing, Nick Merrick

Jury Comments
Everything well done...
good placement of walls,
responsive approach."
In the design of a corporate office which would accurately reflect the personality of CPM, Inc., the designers chose to reject common approaches to loft space in favor of a clear concern for logic, purity and detail. Using neither postmodern ornamentation nor a Memphis-inspired palette, they allowed the building’s structural system to express itself by carefully placing walls and selecting high-quality materials and furnishings.

The designers employed an imposed grid, executed in two shades of gray carpet tile placed on the floor, to reflect beams and girders; all furnishings logically placed within that new interior construction. The pattern of exposed brick, and low-partition walls established a sense of intimacy without architectural elements. Natural colors were selected to accent the exposed wood slats as were common workstations placed at the windows to allow all CPM employees of natural light.
Ringolevio Store
Chicago, Illinois

Architect:
Himmel/Bonner Architects

Owner:
Ringo, Inc.

Contractor:
Ringo, Inc.

Photographer:
David Clifton

Jury Comments
“Plan is artsy and original, like a jigsaw puzzle exploding... sophisticated design... interesting custom store fixtures to effectively display merchandise.”
The problem posed by the client was the design of a custom retail space with a strong identity, appropriate to showcase designer sportswear.

The store is composed of zones, radiating from the central ring. The distinct character of each zone is defined by floor pattern and plastic laminate cases. An industrial scaffolding system is used throughout in various configurations and functions.

Economy and flexibility play important roles in the design of Ringolevio. Fixtures are mobile and adaptable to different conditions, allowing the environment to change from season to season.
Pediatric Unit
St. Joseph, Michigan

Architect: Hansen Lind Meyer
Owner: Mercy Memorial Medical Center
Contractor: McCarthy Construction
Photographer: M. Elizabeth Ernst

Jury Comments
"Very oriented toward children...ambience is delightful...strong in conveying message...sympathetic to children's needs."
The client for this 35-bed pediatric unit wanted a *humane environment*. Designers used appropriate scale, colors, carpet, graphics, and a vocabulary of house forms to create a small community for hospitalized children. Rooms were transformed into houses with multi-colored facades, divided windows, and mailboxes line the corridor, or street. The lighting and materials used in patient rooms reflect a residential setting. A playroom that extends the residential theme is located off the corridor and adjacent to an outdoor rooftop play area overlooking the courtyard. The result is a familiar and welcoming environment that helps sick children feel better.
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Terry Lee
Charles McGrath
Nick Merrick, Hedrich Blessing
Jon Miller, Hedrich Blessing
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Distinguished Service Award
The Chicago Chapter, AIA recognizes services to the architectural community as a whole with the Distinguished Service Award. The award may be given to individuals and to organizations; it may be given for a body of work, or for a specific project.

Chicago Chapter, AIA members may make nominations, supplying information on the type of service, length of service, and specific notable contributions to the architectural community.

The CCAIA Awards Committee considers the merits of all nominations and makes final recommendations to the CCAIA Board of Directors.
The Department of Architecture at the Art Institute of Chicago

The Department of Architecture at the Art Institute of Chicago, established in 1981, is the second architectural department in a major museum in the United States, after the Museum of Modern Art in New York. It is the culmination of a long tradition of architectural emphasis sparked in 1912 by a $50,000 bequest by architect Daniel H. Burnham for an architectural library in The Art Institute.

Since its establishment as a curatorial department staffed by Curator John Zukowsky and Assistant Curator Pauline Saliga, the Department of Architecture has mounted a series of exhibitions ranging from department holdings to recent Chicago work and traveling exhibits from overseas.
Continually adding to its collection of 40,000 drawings, the Department has served as an archivist for the profession, broadened the focus of the architectural community and raised the level of public interest in architecture. The Department’s publication, *Chicago Architects Design*, synthesizes the work of Chicago Architects from 1870 to 1982.

Although the museum had displayed the Chicago AIA’s Distinguished Building Awards since the early 1970’s, the new Department established the policy of exhibiting only drawings and models—objects that are part of the design process—in order to familiarize the public with the creative and dynamic role of the architect in producing an award-winning building.
Young Architect Award
The Young Architect Award is presented annually to individuals between the ages of 25 and 39, who have shown excellence in ability and who have made exceptional contributions to the field of architecture. The award has served as a noteworthy achievement for several young architects during its four-year existence. Recipients from past years have continued to develop and refine their lauded skills to achieve even greater accomplishments and recognition.

It is our hope that this award will continue to serve as a stimulus for increased commitment and enthusiasm in the young architect’s pursuit to advance the quality of architecture produced today.
1 Laurence Booth, AIA
   President, Booth/Hansen & Associates

2 Gerald Horn, FAIA
   Partner, Holabird & Root

3 Adrian Smith, AIA
   Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

   Chairman, Student Awards
   Chicago Chapter AIA Design Committee

4 Paul Claybaker
   Skidmore, Owings & Merrill
Peter Landon, AIA

Peter Landon is a principal with the firm of Weese Hickey Weese. The office encourages independence and free-thinking by its members, allowing Peter to pursue several areas of interest.

He has always had a social commitment, which has been expressed architecturally with several inner-city housing projects. Currently, he is working on a 120-unit in-fill townhouse development in the Humboldt Park area of Chicago, as well as a 17-unit apartment building for the handicapped to be built on 62nd Street on Chicago's South Side.

Along with the low income housing, he has worked on the development of several apartment, townhouse, loft and commercial projects in the city which are designed with a characteristic straightforwardness that, with higher budgets, have allowed very disciplined detailing and high quality, controlled products. In the Chicago Bar Association's 1983 New Voices/New Visions, Peter was awarded the Best of Show for a house rehabilitation. In 1985 the Evelyn Chapel, a project that Peter worked on with Ben Weese, won a Chicago AIA Interior Design Award.

Peter is a graduate of Kansas University. He was a co-founder of the Architect's Forum – a design forum for young Chicago architects that met between 1979 and 1983. He was the treasurer of the Chicago Architectural Club between 1985 and 1986. He has also been active on the Chicago AIA Design Committee, where he has been responsible for coordinating the catalog from 1982 through 1986; coordinating The Chicago Award student competition; co-chairing the Design Committee in 1984-1985; and chairing the Committee in 1985-1986. In addition, he has been a visiting critic at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and has given lectures at the Chicago Architecture Foundation as well as for various other organizations.
Robert Fugman, AIA

Robert Fugman has been a partner in the firm of Tigerman Fugman McCurry since 1981, and an associate of Stanley Tigerman and Associates since 1975. During this time, Mr. Fugman has been involved in the design and construction of projects ranging in scale from high-rise apartment buildings to house additions. Several of these projects have won AIA awards.

Prior to his work in Chicago, Mr. Fugman spent two years working as an architect for the Peace Corps in Tunisia, North Africa, and he also worked for several years for a small construction firm in Cannes, France.

Mr. Fugman received his architectural degree from the University of Illinois. He is a registered architect in the State of Illinois, and he is a member of the American Institute of Architects. He has served on juries and lectured in Toronto, Milwaukee and Chicago. Mr. Fugman was a winner of the 1979 Graham Foundation Townhouse Competition and is one of the founding members of the Chicago Architectural Club. His work has been displayed at the Art Institute of Chicago, and in several architectural galleries throughout Chicago. This work has been published in the Art Institute of Chicago's newsletter, The Bulletin, The Chicago Architectural Club Journal, and several other architectural publications. Four of Mr. Fugman's architectural drawings have been selected by the Art Institute of Chicago to be included in their permanent architecture collection. In 1985, Mr. Fugman was the recipient of the Francis J. Plym Traveling Fellowship in Architecture.
Student Awards
The Chicago Chapter, AIA Student Competition recognizes the work of fourth and fifth year architecture students who are in a masters program who have a Bachelor of Architecture degree, or students in a final year of a masters program who do not yet have an architectural degree. The student work is drawn from the five Midwestern schools: the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Illinois at Champaign, the Illinois Institute of Technology, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.
Awards Jury

1 John Feehery, AIA
   Booth/Hansen & Associates

2 Karen Johnson, AIA
   Hammond Beeby and Babka, Inc.

3 Peter Landon, AIA
   Principal, Weese Hickey Weese

4 John Syvertsen, AIA
   Principal, Hammond Beeby and Babka, Inc.

5 Joseph Valerio, AIA
   Principal, A. Epstein and Sons, International

Chairman, Student Awards
Chicago Chapter AIA Design Committee

Frederick Wilson
Associate, Tigerman Fugman McCurry
Jury Statement

The winning project portrayed optimism and energy, which the jury felt was a refreshing change in direction. The summarizing comment for the Benn/Johnck, first place award winner was, “It’s zany, but delightful.” The other finalists all displayed a well-developed skill for site development and a sophisticated manipulation of traditional building forms. In addition, the reconstruction of King Solomon’s Temple added an interesting dimension of fantasy and speculation. The jury considered the range of projects to be excellent and the quality of presentation to be exquisite.
The Palette Shop is an art supply store that is located within a multi-use building that includes other shops, a cafe, and a parking garage above. The store faces east onto a busy commercial street within a two-block zone of specialty shops and boutiques. Efforts to give an image to the shop and to attract customers other than artists is achieved by creative merchandising in display windows fronting the sidewalk. Keeping these windows intact, and re-designing the entrance to draw interest is mandatory. Planning the interior of the store into specific areas for related items, while allowing for fluctuations in inventory meant designing a system of modules that is flexible and easily moved.

Jury Comments
"It's zany, but delightful...most imaginative and refreshing."
Second Place
South Bend Country Club

Luis Baldo
Daniel Keating
Alfredo Marr
Mary O'Toole
University of Notre Dame

The project is a renovation and long-range plan of development for the existing structure and ground.

The Club was built in 1916 and was the vision of architect Noel S. Dunbar. This vision, which was that the main clubhouse would have the ambience of a home in the country sited on a knoll overlooking the Chain-O’-Lakes, has become obscured over the intervening seventy years by a series of ad hoc additions and modifications.

The proposal is to retain the central core of the original building and to re-design the interior, creating a unified space by erecting a major double helix staircase. The theme of the club as a country villa is elaborated in a formal forecourt to the main entrance approached along the main axis in a manner which emphasizes the principal topographic feature of the terrain.

Juror Comments:
"Elegant site plan... can imagine the view walking up the 18th fairway... Meticulous presentation."
Student Award

Finalist
An Orthodox Synagogue
David Bader
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

I have designed a synagogue for a small orthodox congregation that was started three years ago by a dozen families who met regularly in its members' living rooms. Today the congregation worships in a small house which it has outgrown, and is eagerly looking for a larger facility which would better suit its needs. Being a member of the synagogue, I thought my thesis would be an excellent opportunity to design the ideal facility for them, even if the construction of a new synagogue is not within the congregation's means.

The site overlooks Lake Michigan and includes a large bluff with a forty foot drop. The site provides for beautiful views of the lake and a marina below.

Jury Comments
"Details and geometry well worked out... Believable worship space."
The design of the Chilton Community Center involved the resolution of its downtown site location and the ordering of its diverse and complex programmatic components into a cohesive community of form and a simplified circulation pattern.

The education, social, and cultural activities are housed in the urban, classical form fronting on East Main Street, which maintains the existing street edge and provides a symbolic gateway to the downtown business district and historical core of the city.

To prevent conflict of use, a physical separation of the educational, social, and cultural activities and the athletic activities is needed.

Jury Comments
"Well developed project...Looks like a civic building...beautiful presentation."
In reconstructing King Solomon’s Temple there was a need to look at what came before and after the temple. Reconstruction of the original tabernacle and tent, Solomon’s Temple, Ezekiel’s Vision, and Herod’s Temple were necessary to analyze Solomon’s Temple by super-position and displacement of its predecessors and successors.

After the analysis of the three temples and tabernacle, there has been an attempt to relate these religious shrines to the development of the Christian Basilica plan. In a Basilica plan there is a correlation between the sequence of spaces through the building and the contents of the Bible. The Bible is represented pictorially in mosaics which are located on the upper walls of the church. The nave depicts scenes from the Old Testament, the transept scenes from the New Testament, and the apse shows scenes of Christ in heaven. These mosaics show movement in time from the Old Testament to the future.

Jury Comments
“Excellent use of imagination based on a verbal description... beautiful balance of forms.”
Student Awards
Honorable Mentions

Project: Park East Corridor Master Plan
Peter Wing Wah Tham
W. Johnson
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Project: Or Shalom Synagogue
Scott Boer
University of Illinois, Chicago

Project: A Mixed-Use Commercial Development
Jean-Louis Quertinmont
University of Illinois, Champaign

Project: Multi-Family Housing Complex
Jean-Brice Viaud
University of Illinois, Champaign

Project: Microville
Kristina Kotov
University of Illinois, Chicago
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