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Meet the Planner: David F. Schulz



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Wed., April 11, 12:00 noon AIA Chicago Sponsor: Planning & Urban Affairs PIA

David F. Schulz, executive director of the Infrastructure Technology Institute at Northwestern University and former budget director for Chicago, will add his insights to the ongoing transportation series. Bring your lunch; beverages are provided. 1 LU/HSW

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Wed., April 11, 5:30 p.m. DeStefano and Partners 445 E. Illinois St., #250 Sponsor: Corporate Architects PIA

John Albright, AIA, a partner at DeStefano and Partners, will discuss the exciting ABN AMRO North America/Hines development in the West Loop. He will detail special owner requirements and tenant amenities along with explaining the development considerations that make this high-tech project work. 1 LU

Existing Condition Documentation



According to the AIA, over half of all construction dollars are spent on renovations and alterations. Existing condition documentation is required for all such projects — predesign drudgery for most firms. Kent Edwards, AIA of Pittsburgh will present Quantapoint, a new laser measuring and documentation system that can generate computer models, CAD drawings, and photo images of existing building conditions. The founders of Quantapoint are all current or former members of the robotics research community at Carnegie Mellon University. Preview Quantapoint at www.quantapoint.com. Bring your lunch; beverages are provided. 1 LU/HSW

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Wed., April 18 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Merchandise Mart (south entrance) Sponsors: International Masonry Institute and the Technical Issues and Young Architects PIAs

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Solomon Cordwell Buenz & Associates

Thurs., April 26, 5:00 p.m. 625 N. Michigan Ave., #800 Sponsor: Housing PIA

Learn about residential work on the boards at Solomon Cordwell Buenz & Associates and tour the firm's office with Michael Messerle. AIA. Light refreshments will be served before the program begins at 6:00 p.m. 1 LU





Fri., June 1 and Sat., June 2 Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza 350 N. Orleans St. Sponsor: AIA Chicago

Brochures for AIA Chicago's fifth annual Professional Development Conference will be mailed this month. On Friday, June 1, sessions in management, design, and technical issues/life safety will be offered. Saturday, June 2 is a day-long session on cost estimating, presented by Michael D. Dell'Isola, senior vice president of Hanscomb Inc. Online registration will be available at www.aiachicago.org.



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Root, Root, Root for the Home Team



Is it baseball season already? Well, then it's not surprising that AIA Chicago has already taken some good swings at

accomplishing several items in our action plan which, in light of member feedback, attempts to strike a balance between local and regional issues. Is it a North Side, South Side, Cubs vs. Sox thing?

Seriously, on the local side, we have assembled task forces to work on both the reform of the Zoning Ordinance and the revision of the Building Code currently under way in Chicago. Similarly, we are making a case for the fairness of consulting contracts with the City as well



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Paul M. Lurie 312.258.5660 plurie@schiffhardin.com www.schiffhardin.com as the efficiency of the building permit process. We have already taken stands on preservation and environmental issues this year and hope to continue to encourage the City to be design-sensitive on both fronts.

On the regional side, we are supporting the Northeast Illinois Planning Commission's efforts to include architects and design professionals in their electronic town hall meetings this month. (Visit www.nipc.cog.il.us/ leadership_workshops.htm for more information.) Later this spring, we will begin distributing Communities by Design, an AIA publication that explains how communities can benefit from good design, utilizing both economic and quality of life perspectives. It's an important publication that will be discussed in more detail next month in a feature article on suburban downtown redevelopment.

Forging relationships with organizations that share our concerns is an important part of understanding the issues and broadening our influence. Getting involved is the key. The more action each of us takes to communicate our concerns to local and regional organizations, the sooner they will hear our message. The strength of AIA Chicago's team depends upon us all.

Thomas Zurowski, AIA President

From left: Dan Coffey, FAIA; Neil Frankel, FAIA; and Gunny Harboe, AIA



Coffey, Frankel Elected to College of Fellows

The AIA has named AIA Chicago members Dan Coffey and Neil Frankel to its prestigious College of Fellows. Out of a membership of more than 66,000, there are fewer than 2,500 AIA members distinguished with the honor of fellowship. It is conferred on architects with at least 10 years of membership in the AIA who have made significant contributions to the profession. Both Coffey and Frankel are being honored for their impact on the aesthetic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession.

Coffey is the founder of Daniel P. Coffey and Associates. His local projects include the restoration of the Chicago and Palace theaters, DePaul Center, the new subway station design on State Street (now being implemented at the Chicago Avenue station); and the redesign of the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a member of the Chicago Central Area Committee, Steppenwolf Theater Company Board, and the Chicago International Film Festival Board. Adrian Smith, FAIA, principal of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, sponsored Coffey's nomination.

For the last half of his career, Frankel has focused on the practice of interior architecture. Before founding Frankel + Coleman, he led the interior architecture practices of three global firms, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Perkins & Will, and Swanke Hayden Connell Architects. Frankel is considered an important pioneer in expanding the architect's role by emphasizing the relationship between environment and the client's core business. He currently teaches at the University of Wisconsin School of Architecture and Urban Planning. His nomination was supported by Edward Friedrichs, FAIA, president of Gensler.

Harboe Receives Young Architect Award from AIA

On February 23, the AIA announced that Gunny Harboe, AIA, former president of AIA Chicago, had been named one of five Young Architect Award winners for 2001. The AIA defines a "young architect" as one who has been practicing for 10 years or less, regardless of age. Harboe is a project manager at McClier, where he oversees the firm's historic preservation projects, including the Reliance Building/Hotel Burnham and the Carson Pirie Scott department store. He is active in the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois and is a founding member of DOCOMOMO/US. In 1999, the *Chicago Tribune* named Harboe a "Chicagoan of the Year."

Driehaus Community Design Awards Announced

All three winners of the seventh annual Driehaus Foundation Award for Architectural Excellence in Community Design were AIA Chicago members. Site Group Design was honored with first place for the Ping Tom Memorial Park; second place went to Landon Bone Architects for the Roseland Ridge Apartments, a 40-unit affordable housing development (see photo on page 10); and third place went to the Little Village Family Resource Center by Ross Barney + Jankowski Inc.

Bungalows to be Renovated as Models for City-Wide Initiative

The Greater Southwest Development Corp. (GSWDC), the Department of Housing, and the Department of Environment are working together to purchase three bungalows on the southwest side, according to Ellen Bailey

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Ping Tom Memorial Park by Site Group Design.

Dickson, AIA who serves as the Chapter's liaison to the Historic Chicago Bungalow Initiative.

AIA Chicago's Board has agreed to sponsor a design charrette for the properties, while the Environment PIA is helping the Department of Environment develop energy-efficient specifications for the initiative.

Mayor Daley Introduces New Energy Code

On March 7, Mayor Daley introduced into City Council new energy efficiency standards intended to lower utility costs and improve quality of life for Chicagoans.

The proposed ordinance establishes minimum regulations for the flexible design of newly constructed buildings and buildings that change their use, such as loft conversions.

Modeled after the International Energy Conservation Code, the new code would increase energy efficiency by 10 to 20 percent without radically departing from current construction practices, according to the City.

The code would permit designers to verify compliance using either prescriptive or performance evaluations and has a section on simplified methodology for small residential buildings. A federal grant will fund development of an educational program to train design professionals in the use of this code.

Helen Kessler, AIA and AIA Chicago's Environment PIA were instrumental in helping the City develop its standards.

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Roseland Ridge Apartments by Landon Bone Architects was awarded a Community Design Award by the Driehaus Foundation. (See story, page 8)

Park District Fieldhouses in Line for Rehab

On March 5, the Chicago Park District announced a \$10 million initiative to renovate 48 fieldhouses in neighborhood parks. The work will address major systems in the buildings, including lighting and heating and ventilation. Other improvements will include tuckpointing, replacing windows, and masonry, door, and gutter repairs.

Jurors Selected for 2001 Design Excellence Awards

Firms have been asked to submit an intent to enter for the upcoming Design Excellence Awards by April 5, with submissions due May 22 for the Interior Architecture Award and June 11 for the Distinguished Building Award. This year's Distinguished Building entries will be judged by Craig Hodgetts, AIA of Hodgetts & Fung Design Associates in Culver City, Calif.; Rafael Pelli, AIA of Cesar Pelli & Associates in New York; and Jane Weinzapfel, FAIA of Leers Weinzapfel Associates in Boston. The Interior Architecture Award will be selected by Nila Leiserowitz, Assoc. AIA of Gensler's Los Angeles office; Lewis Goetz, AIA of Group Goetz Architects in Washington, D.C.; and Victor Saroki, FAIA of Victor Saroki & Associates in Birmingham, Mich. For more information on the competition, contact Joan Pomaranc at 312/670-7770 or pomarancj@aiachicago.org.

Call for Delegates to AIA National Convention

AlA members who will be attending the AlA convention in Denver, May 17 through 19, may serve as AlA Chicago delegates. Delegate responsibilities include attending a short, preconvention meeting at AlA Chicago on Tuesday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m. and convention business sessions on May 19 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Delegates are also required to vote in the national elections on May 17 or May 18.

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Thinking Big for Small Schools



Last September, the Chicago Public Schools, together with an impressive list of co-sponsors, announced "Big Shoulders, Small Schools," a design competition for two new, \$20 million schools on the north and south sides of the city. At 100,000 square feet, each school is to be comprised of three small schools-within-a-school, accommodating 800 pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students. In addition to emphasizing small-schools philosophies, the competition criteria stressed universal and green design, innovation, and feasibility.

Architects were selected in two ways, by invitation and by an anonymous open call that drew 115 submissions; 38 were from Illinois. There are two shortlists, one for a site in the Irving Park neighborhood and one for Roseland, comprised of four architects each.

The finalists, who each received a \$15,000 stipend, presented their conceptual designs at public forums this winter that were hosted by members of the two communities, educators, small-school design experts, and universal and green design consultants. Each firm had a month to retool their design based on the concerns and comments voiced at these open meetings.

Submissions can be seen on the Web at www.chicagodesigncomp.org. Mayor Daley will announce the winners on April 11 at the Chicago Cultural Center. AIA Chicago members are invited to attend the evening ceremony and reception; respond to Zoe Mikva at 312/641-5570.

Ross Barney + Jankowski's school zigs and zags and crosses over Cornelia Avenue, the street that splits the site. "We think the school needs to be contiguous." said Carol Ross Barney, FAIA.

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By Rosemarie Buchanan



mall learning communities can negate society's negative influences," according to Mike Klonsky, an educator and member of the University of

Illinois at Chicago's Small Schools Workshop. "School size impacts poor and minority children the greatest. Rich kids are more likely to [learn] in smaller environments. Here, 88 percent of our students are black and brown. That's who goes to Chicago Public Schools."

While current research suggests a maximum of 500 students for high schools and 350 for kindergarten through eighth-grade schools, two new grade schools planned for Chicago must accommodate more than twice that recommendation. To ameliorate this, the "Big Shoulders, Small Schools" program stipulates that each school be divided into smaller schools-within-a-school.

Many of the competing architects have incorporated four mini-schools, while others have created three. The challenge? To articulate distinctly separate school identities while retaining a cohesive whole for each site. The benefits? Reduced school violence, stronger bonds between students and teachers and teachers and parents, a heightened eagerness to learn, and higher test scores.

Klonsky said that the small school concept hinges on classroom design. During a February forum, he criticized architects' conceptual drawings for focusing on massing and envelope instead. Yet a deductive design process was required to shoehorn 800 anticipated students into a small-school plan; architects first needed to conceptualize the relationship between mini-schools and the whole.

"How are the classrooms designed to facilitate reading?" he rhetorically asked. "What about classroom safety, the No. 1 issue on parents' minds? We are now living in the post-[Columbine] era. Small schools are an antidote to school violence."

Klonsky and other small-school proponents denounced surveillance as an antidote, saying it's a mere palliative for an endemic problem, and children will only live up to the low expectations. Instead, the small-school atmosphere inherently deters violence by establishing a sense of community. "Schools are about learning, not about warehousing kids safely," added Cole Genn of NewYork's Center for Educational Innovation.

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After hearing comments from their second community meeting, architects segregated pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms from the rest of the grades, or built a new mini-school for those young students. They also consolidated gyms, health centers and auditoriums, which will serve double duty as community resources. Jack L. Gordon Architects' scheme places these common functions on the first floor while adding art, music and science rooms directly above them on a second floor. A crossaxial ramp tethers the pre-kindergarten through kindergarten wing, and three, mini first- through eighth-grade schools.

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Finalists

South Side Site

Mack Scogin, Merrill Elam Architects (invited) Atlanta

Smith-Miller + Hawkinson Architects (invited) New York

Marble*Fairbanks Architects New York

Ground Design Studio Ann Arbor

North Side Site

Ross Barney + Jankowski Inc. (invited) Chicago

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Jack L. Gordon Architects New York

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Jurors

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Lance Jay Brown, AIA City University of New York

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Mack Scogin, Merrill Elam Architects plans to enfold each of their schools-within-a-school on the South Side with transparent materials. "It's a metaphorical statement about the delicacy of education," said Merrill Elam, AIA.

Universal Design

The competition also mandates universal design which goes beyond ADA compliance. "Universal design is for all people of all sizes. Any component can be used by anyone, regardless of age, size or disability," said David Hanson of Chicago's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. Hanson recommended privacy panels instead of doors for bathroom entries and gradual grade changes instead of ramps. "The built environment is largely built for someone young, fit, male and adult."

Hanson added that accessible isn't always universal. "Don't use ramps as a means of access, but as a means of egress, and separate elevators." Hanson's critiques prompted most teams to tighten their designs' footprints with more efficient plans for circulation. Mack Scogin, Merrill Elam Architects elected to stick with their proposed two-story design that includes a rather challenging ramp. Hanson agreed the ramp could be seen as an opportunity to exercise for both able-bodied children and disabled students who can traverse it while acting as a goal for students who now cannot. Merrill Elam, AIA said the second story helps to articulate the individual schools' identities on their Roselawn site. Elam's firm plans to enfold each mini-school with transparent materials.

"It's a metaphorical statement about the delicacy of education," she said. "Rather than being defensive, it needs to be nurtured and cared for. We understand that that's probably naive on one level, and yet on another, it's not naive at all."

Green Architecture

Only 68 feet wide, Ross Barney + Jankowski's thunderbolt-like design captures daylight readily to address green design. A pyramid, an oval, and an Scurve connect the four mini-schools and provide distinct transitions between them. A vegetative roof adds playground space and mitigates the effects of urban heat islands.

Ross Barney + Jankowski designed for the Irving Park neighborhood site, which is split by Cornelia Avenue. Carol Ross Barney, FAIA said her firm took advantage of its pre-selected status by testing site assumptions. "Since we couldn't get thrown out, we thought we'd ask the question: Should we make this a continuous site? We think the school needs to be contiguous," Ross Barney said. Her design ignores Cornelia's interruption.

Smith-Miller + Hawkinson's onestory, pretzel-like design for the Roseland site incorporates three separate minischools, which ring classrooms around a central courtyard and are joined by a common space she refers to as an agora, or marketplace. Covered by a metal, skylit roof that cantilevers to provide shelter for bus drop-off and the entrance, the design's sawtooth roofline mimics the gabled roofs of nearby residences. The roof's teeth incorporate clerestory windows for daylight. Every two classrooms share a small greenhouse. Hawkinson's parking spaces weave around spared cottonwood trees within an unpaved lot that abuts the site's hectic northeast corner at Wentworth Avenue and 103rd Street.

Lubrano Ciavarra Architects' plan also addresses its site's varying conditions. Like a fist with three projecting knuckles and a thumb as four schools-within-a-school, Lea Ciavarra says her firm's entry projects a smaller scale where it faces residences along Irving Park's Whipple Street. Yet its elevation along the opposite, industrial side of the site on Sacramento Avenue is protectively wrapped in what she refers to as the 'umbrella.' The building's primary entrance is designated for this façade, however, which contradicts the umbrella's defensiveness.

Writer Rosemarie Buchanan is a former marketing and business development manager at Anshen + Allen Architects in San Francisco and Jacobs Sverdrup in St. Louis. She earned a master's degree in environmental design from Yale University.

Hawkinson to Speak

Chicago Women in Architecture are hosting a lecture by Laurie Hawkinson of Smith-Miller + Hawkinson on Tuesday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The event is free, but space is limited. Call 312/397-4010.

Finalists Named in Open Call for Public Housing Competition

he Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) on March 12 announced three finalists from the open call to its design competition for a mixed-income housing development in the ABLA neighborhood on the Near West Side.

The finalists are a collaborative comprised of Wheeler Kearns Architects, landscape architect Xavier Vendrell and Roberta Feldman, director of UIC's City Design Center; Chicago-based 3D Design Studio; and Brian Healy Architects of Boston. Armistead Smith & Others of San Diego was named as an alternate.

They join four invited firms — Garafalo Architects of Chicago; buildingstudio in Memphis; Shim-Sutcliffe Architects of Toronto; and Stanley Saitowitz/Natoma Architects of San Francisco.

More than 100 firms from around the world submitted entries to the open call, including architects from Korea, Colombia, Australia and England. Each was asked to provide a 200-word essay describing their housing design philosophy and five images representing their work.

The finalists have been asked to develop designs that accommodate three income levels for a fully integrated community that involves public housing units, affordable housing units and market rate housing. Each of the seven finalists has been given an honorarium of \$20,000 plus travel expenses to prepare a model, schematic design and elevations for the proposed development.

At press time, the finalists were expected to participate in a public housing symposium on March 20 at the University of Illinois where each firm would be given the specific design criteria, including an exact site for the project. The winner will receive an additional \$15,000 plus the chance to enter into an agreement with a developer for full architectural services from design development through construction.

Final submissions will be on display at Harold Washington Public Library beginning June 4. The winner will be announced in August and profiled in an upcoming issue of *Focus*.

The jurors are Stanley Tigerman, FAIA; Deverra Beverly of the ABLA Local Advisory Council; Reed Kroloff, editor-in-chief of Architecture; Ken Rice, former senior vice president of LR Development and current vice president of development for The Shelter Group in Baltimore; Lamarr Reid of Perkins & Will; landscape architect Ted Wolff; Howard Decker, FAIA; Daniel Levin of The Habitat Co.; Katerina Ruedi, director of UIC's School of Architecture; and Randy Jefferson of Frank O. Gehry & Associates.

The competition is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the MacArthur Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust.













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Cross-Sections: A Chapter-by-Chapter Update of the New Building Code

By Mary B. Richardson-Lowry Chicago Building Commissioner

he project to re-write the Chicago Building Code began at the start of the biggest construction boom that Chicago has experienced since the 1920s. In

1957, the last time the code was thoroughly re-written, things must have been a lot easier. This time, the City of Chicago is being assisted by more than 100 design professionals who serve on various technical committees to create a new, more user-friendly code for Chicago. Notwithstanding the unprecedented demand on the time of our private-sector partners, their commitment to this rigorous technical and political process has been unwavering. Mayor Daley and I extend a heartfelt thanks to all of them.

We have made great progress. Our approach has been to complete and adopt the chapters for each technical discipline separately. This allows the design and construction industry time to review, comment on, and be ready to use each new section as it comes along. Changing over to a completely new code, in new formats, all at once would have overwhelmed all, including the industry.

For each discipline, the technical committees have compared the latest, most appropriate national model code or standard, line by line, with the City's current requirements before deciding what would be best for Chicago. It is our intent that each new chapter follow the format of the national model, so that architects or engineers familiar with the model code will know exactly where to look in the Chicago code to see where our requirements differ. We have attempted to be consistent with the model code requirements wherever possible, but recognize that we have some unique conditions in a city as urban and dense -----

and with as much history — as Chicago. After a technical committee completes a code chapter, it is reviewed by the Building Department, then by other affected city departments, and then distributed to the advisory committee for comment. The advisory committee includes representatives from the design professions, real estate and construction communities, and building trades and affordable housing advocates.

It is my belief that this process, appropriately paced, addresses our collective desire for a comprehensive, contemporary Chicago Building Code. Following is a synopsis of the status of each section.

Electrical

The new electrical chapter, based on the National Electric Code, became effective in February 2000 and was amended in January to clarify some issues related to emergency generators and emergency lighting.

Elevators

Effective on March 7, this chapter adopts the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, with certain modifications. The greatest safety enhancement for Chicago with this new code is that Firefighters' Recall will now be initiated by smoke detectors. Conformance to ASME A17 means that, to a much greater extent, standard elevator equipment may be purchased without the need for special modification to meet Chicago's code. The chapter can be found at www.cityofchicago.org/buildings.

Plumbing

Modeled after the International Plumbing Code, with revisions to coordi-

nate with the Illinois State Plumbing Code, the chapter was introduced to the City Council in March. Upon approval, it is expected to become effective this summer.

Energy

Chicago is also reviewing the proposed energy code, modeled after the International Energy Conservation Code. (See News Briefs, page 9).

Mechanical

Based on the International Mechanical Code, this chapter is expected to be the next to move toward City Council review.

Structural

This chapter draft is nearly complete, using the International Building Code format but recognizing the unique environment and expertise that exists in Chicago for structural engineering of high-rise buildings.

Building Planning and Life Safety:

The committees writing these chapters — the most architectural parts of the building code — have completed the drafts and are now working closely to make sure that the various parts are well coordinated with each other and that the whole adds up to a straightforward code that protects life safety while recognizing new materials and processes. The sections are also being compared with the latest revisions to the International Building Code, so that our code will conform to that model wherever it is appropriate, in content as well as format.

Accessibility

This section is in progress and will likely be the final chapter advanced for Council approval.

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PEOPLE

The following member firms designed miniature golf holes for the Epilepsy Foundation's Golf Around Chicago fundraiser at Navy Pier: Archideas, Bailey Edward Design, Booth Hansen Associates, Chipman Adams Ltd., DeStefano and Partners, Eckenhoff Saunders Architects, Environ, Lohan Associates, McClier, Morris Architects & Planners, Otis Koglin Wilson, OWP&P, Searl and Associates, Solomon Cordwell Buenz, and VOA Associates.

Molly Baltman has been named executive director of **Archeworks**.

Timothy Blatner, AIA has joined DeStefano and Partners as a senior associate, serving as a technical coordinator. Formerly, he was an architect with DLK Architecture Inc. Marjorie Brownstein, AIA has been promoted to senior associate in the Chicago office of EHDD Architecture.

David Eckmann, AIA has been promoted to associate principal of OWP&P Architects. He heads the structural engineering department of the firm.

On its fifth anniversary, Wright Architects Ltd. has named **Daniel Elkins, AIA** and **Rick Frohne, AIA** associates of the firm.

Gary Lee Partners has moved to 360 W. Superior St.

Paul Hardison, Assoc. AIA has joined WOW Architecture as a project manager.

Robert Hillery, AIA and **Sal Salahuddin, AIA** have joined Lucien Lagrange and Associates as senior architects. **Eric Robinson, Assoc. AIA** has joined the firm as a staff architect.



Lohan Associates recently announced the following promotions, **Michael Heider, AIA** to associate principal, **Randy Chapple, AIA** to senior associate, and **Stephen Cavanaugh, AIA** to associate.

Joseph Libert, AIA has been promoted to senior associate with Hanscomb Inc.

Metropolis Architects and Builders has moved to 905 S. Home Ave. in Oak Park.

On April 18, **Walter Netsch, FAIA** will be presented with the 2001 Excellence in Architecture Award spon-



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sored by the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), Stein Ray & Harris and Hobbs Group/AVA Insurance Agency. The award is given to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the built environment in Chicago. A scholarship will be established at IIT in honor of Netsch.

Perkins & Will has named **Leonard Skiba, AIA** chief operations officer for the firm nationwide. Skiba joined the firm 18 months ago as principal and chief operating officer for the Chicago office. He has more that 20 years of experience and before joining Perkins & Will served as senior vice president of architecture and engineering at McClier.

Searl and Associates has announced the formation of a new division, Interiors Group Searl Blossfeld.

Steven Suski, AIA has been named director of design at Hahn Lougee & Associates.

Laura Young, AIA has been promoted to president of Griskelis + Smith Architects Ltd.

PROJECTS

Cashman Stahler Group has been selected by Community Unit School District #220 to design two new elementary schools in Barrington. The new schools will replace the Roslyn Road School and the Countryside School. A common program is being developed for both of the 63,000-square-foot facilities, while designs will be site specific. Construction is expected to be completed in August 2002. The firm recently completed planning and design work for the recommissioning of New Trier West High School in Northfield. The 275,000-square-foot complex, originally designed in 1964 by the Architects Collaborative and Perkins & Will, is scheduled to reopen in August.

HOH Architects recently submitted 90 percent construction documents to the Chicago Public Schools for a 210,000-square-foot replacement facility for the Simeon Career Academy at 8235 S. Vincennes Ave. The academy includes vocational training shops and classrooms, a 592-seat auditorium, two-story library, and cafeteria.

The Schauer Foundation Arts and Activities Center, a two-story, 70,000-square-foot facility for fine and performing arts designed by **Holabird & Root**, opened in February in Hartford, Wis. The center includes a gallery and 600-seat theater. The architects salvaged materials from the original canning factory to create many of features within the new facility, including the grand staircase, benches, and screen walls for the rest rooms and box office. Holabird & Root also recycled glass to create shelving in the bathrooms and refurbished auditorium seating salvaged from a local hospital and high school.

KNIGHT Advanced Technology, the

architecture/engineering subsidiary of Lester B. Knight & Associates, Inc., has been awarded the \$12 million Technology Commercialization Center project by the Illinois Medical District Commission. The 62,000square-foot facility is planned as a "graduate" laboratory for biotechnology and other technology-based start-up companies that have outgrown an "incubator" laboratory setting. It will be located within the Illinois Medical District, in close proximity to Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The design includes a lab-to-office ratio of two to one; a flexible, modular layout to accommodate tenant growth and turnover; and an energy-efficient building system to reduce tenant utility costs.

The Illinois Capital Development Board has selected **Legat Architects** to design the University Center of Lake County. The project will be Illinois' first permanent multi-university facility. Located on a 14-acre site adjoining the College of Lake County in Grayslake, the cooperative venture between 12 major universities will offer a variety of advanced baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. Legat Architects is partnering with the St. Louis office of HOK to design the \$22-million facility.

Design for a \$300 million terminal façade project at O'Hare by **Murphy/Jahn** is expected to begin later this year. The project includes a steel and glass canopy that will extend 42 feet to cover the sidewalk and most of the roadway in front the departures area.

Construction has begun on the Chicago Architecture Foundation's Chicago Architecture Center in the historic Sante Fe Building at 224 S. Michigan Ave. Designed by **Skidmore, Owings & Merrill**, the facility will feature a brand new interpretive center, a scale model of downtown Chicago, a "wave-wall" illustrating the people and buildings that shaped the city's built environment; a new projects exhibit; and a lecture hall. The Center will open in May.

AWARDS

In March, Autodesk's Authorized Training Center cited **The CADD Training Center**, a service of Consulting for Architects, for continued excellence in instructor-led training.

At the 2001 Commercial Real Estate Awards which benefits the Greater Chicago Food Depository, **Lucien Lagrange, FAIA** was named Architect of the Year and **The Environments Group** took home the Design Firm of the Year award.

The Century Shopping Centre has been named Retail Development of the Year by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties and Project of the Year in the Outstanding Renovation category of *Midwest Construction* magazine's Best of 2000 Awards. A movie palace in the '20s, The Century was converted to a shopping center in the '70s. Last year, **LoebI Schlossman & HackI** completed a renovation that included the addition of new stores, restaurants, and a state-of-the-art theatre complex.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This month at the Graham Foundation, James Nagle, FAIA will present **Houses and Housing** on April 4 and Dan Wheeler, FAIA will discuss **Need/Want, Civil Disobedients, and Other Puzzles** on April 16. Wheeler's discussion begins where panelists at AIA Chicago's lecture on November 11, 2000 — "Where in the World is Chicago?" — left off when they asked whether all good architecture is an act of civil disobedience. Both lectures begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Graham Foundation, 4 W. Burton Place, Chicago. Call 312/787-4071 for information.

The Illinois Institute of Technology will hold the following lectures during April: **[Dis]enchantments: Representing Postwar Los Angeles Suburbia** with Dirk De Meyer of the Ghent Urban Studies Team at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7; **Work in Progress** with Jennifer Bloomer of Jennifer Bloomer/Robert Segrest Architecture in Athens, Ga. at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 16; and **Recent Work** with Ben Wood and Carlos Zapata of Wood + Zapata Architects in Boston at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20. All lectures takes place in Seigel Hall Auditorium. Visit www.archi.iit.edu for more information.



The Department of Architecture at Judson College continues its annual lecture series with Ralph Johnson, FAIA of Perkins & Will discussing **The Evolution of the Skyscraper** on Thursday, April 12. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, 1151 N. State St. in Elgin. For information, call 847/695-2500 ext. 3350.

On Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m., Samuel Mockbee, FAIA will speak on the **The Architecture of the Warrior River** at the School of the Art Institute auditorium, 280 S. Columbus Dr. The Century Shopping Centre, renovated last year by Loebl, Schlossman & Hackl, has been named Development of the Year by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP).

Millennium Park Perspectives II, an exhibition featuring submissions for the landscape design competition, a model of the peristyle, two models of Frank O. Gehry's music pavilion, and the sculpture by Jaume Plensa, will be on display through May 7 at the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St.

The historic preservation program at the School of the Art Institute will hold two week-long, graduate-level courses detailing the current state of historic preservation planning, design, and technology in Chicago. **State of the Art: Historic Preservation in Chicago** is scheduled for June 25 through June 29 and July 2 through July 7. AIA members will receive continuing education credits. For more information, contact Jennifer Stein at 312/899-5227 or jstein@artic.edu.

VARIOUS MATTERS

The **Metropolitan Planning Council** will hold its annual fundraising luncheon on Tuesday, April 3 at 11:15 a.m. at the Sheraton Chicago Hilton and Towers, 301 E. North Water St. John McCarron, former urban affairs and editorial writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, will be the keynote speaker. McCarron currently serves as MPC's vice president for strategy and communication. Call 312/553-2000 for tickets.

The Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois is presenting **Our Future Landmarks** at 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 19 at the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St., 5th floor meeting room. Admission is free.

The Women's Architectural League is holding its annual **Scholarship Dinner** on Friday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street and Lake Shore Drive. Seven awards will be given to local archi-

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Drawn From the Masters, an exhibition and sale of original drawings by master architects including Mackintosh, Sullivan, Wright and Burnham, opens on Friday, April 27 at ArchiTech, 730 N. Franklin, Suite 200. The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday. For information, call 312/475-1290.

The School of the Art Institute will hold its annual blacktie gala, with honorary chair Victor Skrebneski, on Friday, May 4 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Art Institute (Columbus Drive entrance). 2001: A Fashion Odvssev includes a presentation of garments created by school's fashion design students. Tickets are \$300 per person and can be purchased by calling 312/899-7414. All proceeds benefit the School of the Art Institute.

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Houses and Housing. A discussion with James Nagle, FAIA. 6:00 p.m.; Graham Foundation, 4 W. Burton Place. Information: 312/787-4071.

The Sum of the Parts. Architect Allison Williams, founding partner of Ai Architecture in San Francisco. 6:00 p.m.: UIC. Gallery 1100 of the Architecture and the Arts Laboratories, 845 W. Harrison St.

New Members Breakfast. 7:45 a.m.: AIA Chicago. RSVP by April 9; 312/670-7770.

Meet the Planner: David F. Schulz, Planning & Urban Affairs PIA. 12:00 noon; AIA Chicago. Bring your lunch; beverages are provided. 1 LU/HSW

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Business Meeting. Environment PIA. 5:30 p.m.; AIA Chicago

The Architecture of the Warrior River, A lecture by Samuel Mockbee, FAIA. 6:00 p.m.; The School of the Art Institute Auditorium, 280 S. Columbus Dr.

Hands-on Masonry Training: A Very Short 18 Course. International Masonry Institute and the Technical Issues and Young Architects PIAs. 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Merchandise Mart (south entrance). If you travel to the session on your own, arrive no later than 12:00 p.m. 1.5 LU/HSW

Our Future Landmarks. Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois. 12:00 noon; Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St., 5th floor meeting room. Admission is free; bring a brown bag lunch.

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Scholarship Dinner. Women's Architectural League. 20 Speaker: Ed Uhlir, FAIA. 6:00 p.m.; Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street and Lake Shore Drive. Cost: \$45 per person. Contact Joan Marsalli at 847/696-4138 or theformalcomputer@ameritech.net for tickets. 1 LU

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