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Carroll Campus
Des Moines Area Community College

A thirties-era tile-roofed American Legion bathhouse will become the focal point of the Des Moines Area Community College Carroll campus. Lussard/Dikis Associates, Ltd. will soon complete design for the 2,400 square foot structure's adaptive re-use as administrative offices and campus bookstore. A new 17,600 square foot building will be linked to the administrative center, providing a learning lab/library, classrooms, and labs for building trades and powermechanics. The area between existing and new buildings is to be developed as a student courtyard/patio. A Spring, 1985 construction start is anticipated.

The Green Hills Community of Ames

The Green Hills Community of Ames, designed by Hansen Lind Meyer, is a planned area development consisting of a 175-unit condominium complex and four townhouses on 30 acres of rolling Iowa prairie. This unique project results from a collaboration between a private development firm — The Green Hills Company — and the Iowa State University Achievement Fund. Unlike most retirement communities, residents here will purchase their units and so benefit from increasing property value.

At the center of the community is the brick, midrise condominium complex in which owners may select from a number of options for their individual units.

The Waterford

Design of the Waterford is developing at Brooks Borg and Skiles. It is to be a 175,000 square foot apartment building with 5000 square feet of available commercial space. The design was selected last fall in a competition sponsored by the City of Des Moines, and will be located along the Des Moines River just south of the City Hall Building across the river from the Main Library. The project will be fast tracked and constructed by Neumann Construction Company. Construction is to start this March and is scheduled to be completed by June of 1986.
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That Windham Hill Records has made a mark on the American music scene is affirmed by a consistently admiring and sometimes incredulous string of reviews on the editorial pages of everything from GQ, Rolling Stone, Billboard, and BAM to the Wall Street Journal. Evolving from a $300 investment in 1976, the California based recording company has now exploded into a $14 million dollar a year business.

While the success of its founder, 34 year old William Ackerman, and the relatively small group of artists he culled from listening to thousands of demo tapes is easy enough to chronicle, the music itself defies neat categorization. Not jazz, classical, folk or rock, Windham Hill's singular sound represents the first demographic crossover music of the 80's. It is marked by at once innovative and refreshing free form instrumental music stripped of unnecessary musical clutter. What's left is lean and elegant. A pensive hybrid of jazz and classical with strong emotional content.

Ackerman acknowledges its meditative aspect, "Ours is an intensely profound music that speaks to our audience with remarkable intimacy from the composer-musician to them. The theme of our label is a return to the natural, stable elements of life, not an examination of twentieth century tensions. I like to see our music not as an escape, but as a place to go for a while in order to return to the fight."

But more impressive, perhaps, than all the economic success or the music itself, is the way Windham Hill has been able to achieve success on its own terms. Ackerman's absolute, unswerving quest for quality and intense personal support of the talent he has assembled has prompted his studio to be held up as an audiophile beacon for the entire recording industry. "If you set yourself up as being the best, if you treat everything you do with pride, people will want to be associated with it." While that should be both quietly refreshing and a challenge to those who spend their lives creating for others, Rolling Stone asks a final, pragmatic question, "If these guys can make a profit on quality, what's stopping the conglomerates?"  ■ Kirk Von Blunck
"Things are not always what they seem," could not be a more apt description of the expansion to the Mid-Continent Tower in Tulsa, Oklahoma. For what first appears simply a very sensitive restoration of a remarkable Tudor Gothic structure is, in fact, a stunning exhibition of technical, structural and architectural virtuosity.

Initial investigation into expansion of the 16-story headquarters building, clad in terra cotta and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, revealed the building could not safely support additional floors. In response, HTB Architects designed a massive structural frame that rises sixteen stories from an adjacent 80 x 100 foot parking lot before turning to cantilever 40 feet above the existing 63-year old building. An ingenious system of trusses, each weighing over 230 tons, supports the resulting 20-story overhang and ensures the two buildings remain structurally independent.

Mid-Continent Tower's existing facade was duplicated by a California terra cotta manufacturer who, in association with the architects and contractor, developed an efficient and economical method of applying larger prefabricated panels. Steel-framed panels composed of fiberglass reinforced concrete were assembled, hoisted into place and welded to the structural framework in sections up to 8 x 16 feet. Consolidation of the over 90,000 handmade and machine extruded terra cotta elements contributed to significantly reduced costs and shortened construction time by nearly a full year.
The new addition features a two-story arched entrance colonnade at street level, while a faceted recess of Tudor arched windows visually links the new tower with the original design. The tower itself steps back 15 feet at the 16th floor (top floor of the original structure) making an exhilarating outdoor terrace overlooking the Oklahoma Plains. This set back at once provides visual relief to the building mass and cleverly conceals the cantilever structural design. A double band of terra cotta pinnacles and a copper clad peaked roof housing new mechanical systems interrupt a skyline previously dominated by stoic, contemporary architecture.

The sheer technical feat evidenced by HTB solution cannot be overlooked. More significant, however, is the architect's success in integrating a major addition to an historic structure, creating a new building in which both old and new are well served.

Kirk Von Blunck
"I like that flagpole right in the middle." That, along with simplicity of plan and original use of materials, led the 1984 Central States Regional Design Awards jury to declare that this was the "best of the office buildings" submitted. This new corporate headquarters for Mast Advertising and Publishing of Overland Park, Kansas, was designed by PBNA Architects, Inc., of Kansas City, Missouri.

The project was designed to "convey strong corporate identity" and to "take a prominent place in an emerging skyline". Both the massing and materials of the building strive for a feeling of stability and permanence. A stout granite base, a repetitive midsection of curtain wall, granite, and precast panels and a contrasting light and airy top floor with an overhanging roof give the building a classical tripartite design. The jury found overtones of Dutch architecture of the 1930's but were impressed by an originality that defies classifying the design with any current style or movement.

While designed to meet the specific program needs of the Owner and a tenant, the building functions much as a speculative office building by accepting change and continual internal modification.

In concept the building consists of two blocks of offices connected by a vertical circulation core.
The core area is recessed behind the main facades, yielding more premium corner offices. At entry level the core serves as a reception area and control point. On typical floors a conference room and common library are within the core. The top floor contains tenant offices on one side, reception at the core, and executive offices surrounding a courtyard with a rolling skylight on the other side.

Planning of the site involved locating the building and 400 terraced parking spaces on a 9.4 acre site containing walnut, oak and Kentucky coffee trees from a former farmstead.

Much of the favorable reaction to the project is a result of the rich and varied use of materials and details to give "visual interest". There is a "complexity and contradiction" of which Venturi might be proud. Included are Stonewall granite at the base and for horizontal banding, precast spandrel panels with granite aggregate, special aluminum curtainwall with green solex glass, and our ubiquitous friend, glass block.

The jury praised the building for its extraordinarily simple plan, expressing an originality not built on cliche, an overall visual interest in the building without being busy through the interplay of texture, materials and form, as well as the sensitivity used in siting the project while protecting the existing plantings. — J. Mark Schmidt
Keene Residence
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Being contextual and still satisfying the contemporary needs of a family of six is a certain challenge. It is the success of meeting this challenge which sets the Keene Residence apart from so many of the residences being designed today.

This vacation house, designed to sleep twelve guests (in addition to the Keene family requirements) fits quite nicely in the historic district of Crested Butte, Colorado. The 45 degree gable roofs relate strongly to the existing skyline building profiles of this old mining town. The architects even went so far as to specify unfinished metal roofing to complete the relationship to the original tin roofs. The exterior is untreated cedar shingles, with eaves, soffits, and windows painted white, again echoing the town's historic context.

Where the house begins to depart from further, literal duplication of the existing vernacular is in the expression of the fenestration and the stepping back of the roof form. The recall of the "punched" window affect, expressed in earlier Crested Butte homes, is clear, but the organization of glass openings seems to have been created more from a
desire to frame mountain views or collect the sun's heat rather than mime existing window patterns. Also, the stepped roof starts low at the street, keeping the scale down, and then rises to the high south facade, allowing greater exposure to the sun.

The living room is combined with the dining and kitchen to form the main living area of the house. The organization is lineal with an exposed wood truss running parallel to the ridge of the roof. "Tree trunk" columns support the truss in a few locations and are a featured design element. A long, galley-like hall parallels the truss at the upper level, giving access to the bunk rooms and sleeping quarters. Skylights provide light to most interior spaces. A small front porch overlooks the meadow to the north and a dining deck with a sauna views the adjacent stream and town to the south.

The house incorporates passive solar heat via a return air system high within the south bedroom ceiling, which is used as a heat sink. Heat which has risen from the kitchen, dining, and entire living area is also collected in the upper hallway ceiling. This air is recirculated through an electric furnace, which augments the wood stove in the living room.

The project has been praised for its ability to fit comfortably into its surroundings "without cloyingly being the same, maintaining its own identity." The interplay between the exterior form and the interior spaces was also noted by the Regional Design jury. The house deserves special recognition, for it has taken clues from the existing vernacular, and while not pretending to be exactly like its neighbors, it nestles in nicely with a distinct cabin-like quality. ■ William Anderson
Boys Town of Missouri provides a residential treatment program for urban delinquent youth in a picturesque, wooded area in the Missouri Ozarks. The setting is intended to provide a marked change of environment that will encourage desired changes of behavior in the boys. The simplicity of this sylvan setting masks the complexity of the design problem presented in this three-part project.

The owner's primary requirement was that each aspect of the project—the renovation of an existing 1920's stone structure as an administration building, the construction of a dining hall and the creation of a pedestrian mall to replace a gravel road running through the site—would reflect and strengthen the warmth, openness and stability that are underlying characteristics of the treatment program for boys with behavior disorders.

The architectural program for the 4200 square foot administration building, then in use for bulk storage, included a reception area, director's office and general offices, a flexible conference room for up to 30 people, a mail room and bathrooms. Since this building would be the first place where children and adults would have contact with Boys Town program and staff, light and warmth were particularly important. To accomplish this, welcoming wood porches were added to the stone building's exterior. Inside, portions of the second floor were removed to create a railed mezzanine, and openings were carefully carved through the numerous interior bearing walls. The result is an interior that is spacious and flooded with natural light. The feeling here, as well as in the new dining hall, is solidly contemporary without sacrificing the vernacular charm evident in the original structure.

The new dining hall required seating for 160 in a space that could be adapted for other large gatherings, as well as a kitchen, lounge and toilet facilities. Openness, in what to many serves as
Architect
Ittner and Bowersox, Inc. Architects
St. Louis, Missouri

Owner
Boys Town of Missouri

Project Architect
Bill Bowersox

General Contractor
Hogan Construction Company

Project Size
Dining Hall - 6000 sq. ft.
Administration - 4200 sq. ft.

Photography
Christopher Lark

Floor Plan of the Dining Hall

South Elevation of the Dining Hall
the heart of this complex, is achieved through the use of long porches, lattice work, a wood and glass curtain wall and a human-scale low profile on the outside, and an interior space open both to the ceiling trusses above and to the massive fireplace at one end. The window wall lets both natural beauty and light stream into the room; the long covered porch shields the windows from the heat of the Missouri sun in summer.

An existing gravel road was replaced by a pedestrian mall, the third part of the Boys Town project. The mall includes outdoor seating areas, blends in with both the wooded setting and the surrounding buildings, and is designed to encourage the orderly flow of large groups of people.

The care used by Ittner and Bowersox to create spaces which reinforce the social program is evident. Both new and renovated buildings are open to light and to nature. Details in all three parts of the project consciously relate to human scale and human needs. The straightforward color scheme of blue, red and white and the use of wood and stone furthers the non-institutional feeling, and makes spaces that are cheerful, warm and inviting to both the ever-changing residents and the Boys Town staff.
American Federal Savings and Loan (see Iowa Architect N/D, 1982) needed to accommodate a new vault and growing customer service functions. The result is a 2,200 sq. ft. addition that reflects the image of the original award-winning structure while requiring minimal reworking of the original.

The building was expanded to the east, creating a new skylit entrance in the extended, symmetric streetfront facade; the panelized plaster box character of the original was incorporated and elaborated upon in the addition. The solution is organized around a high central lobby, which due to adverse existing structural conditions, is supported by independent, exposed steel frames. Similar arches with infill grids of metal plate mark the entrances. Glass block provides natural illumination with required privacy.

The economy of expression used by the architects has resulted in an elegant building without being overbearing or presumptuous. Its careful play of materials, appropriate scale to the street, and skilful use of exterior light and its relationship to the interior spaces are evidence that architectural restraint can still yield high dividends.

Project
American Federal Savings
Ingersoll Branch, Des Moines, Iowa

Architect
Charles Herbert and Associates, Architects
Des Moines, Iowa

Client
American Federal Savings

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Assassi
The Carver-Hawkeye Sports Arena (see Iowa Architect M/J, 1982 or S/O, 1983) has achieved the remarkable feat of making a large-scale, 15,000-seat arena blend harmoniously into its wooded setting on the campus of the University of Iowa. By placing the bulk of the structure underground in the contours of a natural ravine, the architects have retained a human scale on the surface and have reduced the intrusion of what would otherwise be a massive structure on the campus environment. The imaginative steel space-frame roof suspension system has two notable attributes. First, by suspending the roof from the bottom chord of the truss, leaving the primary roof support on the exterior, the volume of the arena is lessened, reducing energy consumption. Second, the lacy quality of the roof structure effectively evokes the natural setting, which, in combination with glass block walls, gives the arena a lightness and attractiveness rare in such large structures.
For Love or Money?

The most frequent reason for Iowa Architects to change jobs is the lack of potential promotion. This is according to a 1984 graduate research study conducted at the Graduate School of Business at Drake University, entitled "An Analysis of Factors Which Influence Mid-Career Job Changes in the Architectural Profession". The results also indicate that the most frequent reason for accepting a new position was the quality of the firm's design.

By gathering empirical evidence on staff turnover in architectural firms, the study identified and examined factors which influence architects' decisions to leave existing employers as well as factors used to select new places of employment.

Using the Iowa Chapter AIA membership as the population, 150 members and associate members were randomly selected to receive mailed questionnaires. A total of 109 questionnaires were returned, representing a very significant response rate of 72.7%.

The respondents were presented a list of factors and asked to evaluate the degree to which each factor influenced their most recent job change on a scale of one to five. Using several common statistical techniques, the resulting data were analyzed for the group as a whole and across a variety of personal characteristics including age, education, size of firm where employed, and marital status.

RESULTS

Of the 109 respondents, 66% made at least one job change in the last ten years, while 4% made 5 or more changes during the same period. About 35% of the respondents indicated that they do not intend to make a career with their present firm.

Presented below are the variables and the average (mean) level of importance that the respondents assigned to each factor on the scale of one to five, five representing very important. These findings suggest that as a group, architects are
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According to a Bureau spokesman, "Most industrial tasks are tied to visual performance. When better lighting is provided, details can be seen more quickly and more accurately. This speeds up performance while reducing the likelihood of errors. The value of increased productivity can easily justify spending more for a better lighting system. The fact is, however, productivity improvements frequently are derived from illumination systems which are less expensive to operate and maintain."

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significantly more motivated by the opportunity for promotion and quality of the firm's design than by other the factors when making a job change.

Previous research into motivation theory reveals that professionals tend to place a greater emphasis on intrinsic job motivations such as job satisfaction, self expression, autonomy, and responsibility. In contrast, non-professionals and employees in occupations requiring lesser skills place a greater emphasis on extrinsic factors such as pay, job security, and social relationships.

The data collected in this study indicate that architects, like other professionals, are motivated by intrinsic factors. This trend is particularly evident in the very high average level of importance placed on "the lack of potential promotion" in response to the question why the respondents left their previous job. Likewise, the high level of importance assigned to "the quality of the firm's design" when accepting employment also substantiates the importance of intrinsic motivators of architects.

In contrast to other professionals however, architects do place a heavy emphasis on pay, an extrinsic factor. This difference may reflect the fact that architects typically earn substantially less than other professionals and therefore pay is by necessity a more important factor. It should be noted that unlike "lack of potential promotion" the rank given to "pay" was not statistically significant at the 95% confidence level and thus may actually have less importance for the study population.

The relative importance of the variables listed above varies somewhat among subgroups of the architectural profession. For example, architects under the age of 31 appear to be motivated more by pay and less by promotional opportunities and design quality than older architects, particularly those over 40. This is consistent with existing research in other careers. It also appears that architects in firms with less than 20 employees seek more responsibility than those in larger firms.

What implications do these findings have for architectural firms? Several conclusions are clear. First, firms experiencing lower levels of employee turnover will be the organizations which provide a clear path of promotion, and the opportunity to expand responsibility and ability. Second, a firm with a good reputation in design will be in a much better position to attract the employees that it wants. Third, pay is the one extrinsic factor that cannot be ignored.

When considering the costs of staff turnover one must include costs of hiring, retraining, project down time, staff adjustments to new personnel, losses of private company information to competitors, and the possible loss of clientele. It is, of course, a value judgement on the part of the employer to weigh the costs of keeping staff satisfied and well motivated against the costs of lowered productivity and staff turnover.

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Steelcase Offers New Panel-Mounted Tables

Steelcase has introduced a new series of panel-mounted tables that increase design options and worksurface flexibility in the modern, electronic office. The tables are additions to the company’s 8000 Series line of contemporary, soft-styled tables. They mount directly on open office panels and are compatible with Steelcase Series 9000, Valencia and Movable Walls systems furniture. The tables will be available with either a 1/2" thick top with soft vinyl edge or a 1/4" thick top with a wood bull nose edge.

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Two daily newspapers, two monthly magazines and a cable television network have been awarded citations by The American Institute of Architects for their outstanding coverage of architecture, urban planning and design.

The five media winners are the Christian Science Monitor, the Charlotte Observer, Arizona Highways, the Atlantic, and the Arts and Entertainment Network.

Throughout its 75-year history, the Christian Science Monitor has been committed not only to identifying architectural problems but also to promoting solutions. The Monitor's essays, special sections and articles have been especially thorough in discussing residential design, land use, city planning and special-use buildings. The AIA cites the Monitor as "an inspired advocate of quality affordable housing, enlightened urban design and the marriage of delight to invention in American architecture."

The Charlotte Observer is being honored for providing a community forum on choices open to a rapidly growing city that values both its architectural heritage and its emerging reputation as one of the brightest stars of the new South. The paper recently appointed Richard Maschal as its architecture writer, thus making the Observer one of the few newspapers in the South with an architecture critic.

The AIA cites Arizona Highways for its "eloquent chronicling of a special land and its diverse peoples, which bears witness to the power of the word to give a voice to the wonder of nature." Arizona Highways' June issue, written by architecture critic Larry Cheek, focused on the legacy and innovation of Arizona design and was published as the AIA held its annual convention in Phoenix last May.

The AIA is honoring the Atlantic for its September cover story, "The American House," a comprehensive article on the evolution and future of home-ownership in America. The story also showcases residential design and varied solutions to the challenge of designing pleasing, functional and affordable homes.

The Arts and Entertainment Network is being honored for its 90-minute broadcast in April of "The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright." This documentary, says the AIA's citation, "brought a touch of genius into the homes of millions of Americans and demonstrated that inspired entertainment can be synonymous with art." The documentary was narrated by Wright's granddaughter, actress Ann Baxter, and is considered one of the most comprehensive "electronic" biographies of a major architect.

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When Lighting Levels Drop, So Can Productivity!

The National Lighting Bureau (NLB) has released some data on the effects of lighting on employee productivity. The premise of their work is to show that sometimes the money saved with reduced lighting levels is more than lost by a decrease in employee productivity.

Reducing lighting to save money is often false economy. In a case cited, lighting levels in a Baltimore building were cut in half to save energy. After the cut, employee productivity fell by 28%. Depending on the labor-to-lighting cost ratio existing at the time, they might have lost $194 for every dollar saved.

Lighting modification must be done with care and should always be preceded with a lighting energy survey, recommends the National Lighting Bureau. The organization also warns that in addition to productivity, lighting levels can affect errors, effectiveness of quality control, safety and security.

Cake replica of Atlanta's High Museum of Art

Atlanta's High Museum of Art was the center of attraction during a week's birthday celebration of the first anniversary of the Richard Meier-designed facility. The High Museum has received the national AIA Honor Award, the New York Chapter of the AIA Award, the Atlanta Urban design Commission Award, and Richard Meier was the recipient of the 1984 Pritzker Prize. Actress Sophia Loren was in Atlanta to blow out the single candle atop the cake to kick off the anniversary celebration week.

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Reynolds Memorial Award
Architect Hans Hollein, HFAIA, has become a two-time winner of the international R.S. Reynolds Memorial Award for distinguished architecture using aluminum. The Austrian received the 1984 award for his design of the Municipal Museum Abteiberg Moenchengladbach, a museum of modern art in the Federal Republic of Germany. In 1966, Hollein won for the design of a candle shop in Vienna.

Situated on the crest of the only hill in Moenchengladbach, an historic town of 240,000 people, the museum is surrounded by a residential area that is dominated by medieval and baroque structures. The site topography and urban setting strongly influenced Hollein's modern design.

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Brendan Gill Appointed Secretary to the Jury for the Pritzker Architecture Prize
Brendan Gill, well-known author and Broadway drama critic for the New Yorker magazine, has been appointed Secretary to the Jury for the Pritzker Architecture Prize.

Gill is chairman emeritus of the Landmarks Conservancy of New York, and has also served as chairman of the board of directors of the Institute for Art and Urban Resources, the Victorian Society, the Municipal Art Society, and the Film Society of Lincoln Center.

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