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Charles Hoyt's thoughtful overview [ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, January 1988, page 27] of "Build Boston," the New England design profession's annual convention and tradeshow, was a comprehensive summary of a complex event.

"Build Boston" is an industry event analogous to any building project—numerous professions make up the project team. The multidisciplinary team works on a building and Charles Hoyt incisively identified how it works every year for "Build Boston."

The Boston Society of Architects hopes to share its "Build Boston" model with other states and welcomes inquiries on the convention, the tradeshow component, and the industrywide collaboration. Richard Fitzgerald Executive Director Boston Society of Architects

While I very much enjoyed Steven Holt's review of Carlo Scarpa: The Complete Works and Carlo Scarpa: Theory, Design, Projects [RECORD, October 1987, page 87], and the depth of the understanding of Scarpa's work and influence, I find it curious that someone as involved with the history of design and architectural ideas as Mr. Holt should use a term of recent and specific coinage without defining its context or providing attribution.

Mr. Holt and I were present last October at the Form I program at the IDC/NY when Ralph Caplan, during his keynote talk, related a conversation in which I had observed that in the repudiation of Modernist functionalism, generations of designers and architects who had never acknowledged the emotional content of design were going to have to learn to deal with it remedially and learn what I called "emotional ergonomics." Ralph replied that it was "such an attractive concept that no one should talk about it because

pretty soon it will become a 'thing.' There will be courses in emotional ergonomics, and there are going to be emotional ergonomists ... and after all, ergonomics is supposed to include all the emotions. It is like our tendency to take the nourishment out of bread, and then enrich it by putting some of the vitamins back. It's too late to see it as part of what every designer ought to think about as a matter of course."

Therefore, while Scarpa's synthesis of form and emotive content is certainly a meaningful and highly developed expression, it seems to me denigrating to Scarpa for Mr. Holt to call him a "pioneer of emotional ergonomics" when, in fact, Scarpa had the depth and understanding to work in a far older and richer tradition from which the "emotional enrichment" was never removed. **Richard Penney** The Richard Penney Group New York City

I was intrigued by your presentation of Frank Gehry's Fishdance Restaurant [RECORD, January 1988, pages 80-87] and think it would be of great interest to us mere practitioners who face our run-of-the-mill clients to know more of the architect-client relation in such unusual projects as this.

How do these jobs originate? What is the dialogue between architect and owner? What happened at first presentation? What are the fees (the greatest mystery of all)? I'm curious about all human-interest aspects of the building process. Fred L. Liebmann, AIA New York City

Correction

Pages 38 and 40 in our February issue were inadvertently switched by our printer. The article is reprinted on pages 36, 37, and 38 of this issue.

March 15 through April 15

Italian Tile Environment, an exhibit of new uses for ceramic tile, designed by John Saladino; at the Italian Tile Center, 499 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.

March 17

NRCA Roofing Systems Conference, for architects, engineers, specifiers, and other construction professionals, sponsored by the National Roofing Contractors Association; in Miami. For information: NRCA, One O'Hare Centre, 6250 River Rd., Rosemont, Ill. 60018 (312/318-6722).

March 22-25

CAE India '88, international conference and exhibition on computer-aided architecture and engineering, as well as other computer activities; in New Delhi. For information: Tara S. Ganguli, Director, Technology and Research Associates, 5, Lindsay St., Calcutta 700087, India (033/29-9420).

March 24-27

Preserving Wright's Heritage, a symposium and festival sponsored by Domino's Pizza, Inc., in cooperation with the University of Michigan; at Domino's Farms and the University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. For information: University of Michigan Extension Service, Conference & Institutes (313/764-5305). March 24 through August 31 A retrospective exhibit of the building projects of James W. Rouse, including his plans for "festival marketplaces" and urban redevelopment in Baltimore and Boston; at the National Building Museum, Washington, D. C. March 29

The Site as a Determinant of Form, a lecture given by Werner Seligmann, sponsored by Yale University; at the Yale Art Gallery Lecture hall, New Haven, Conn. For information: Yale University School of Architecture (203/432-2289). ARCHITECTURAL RECORD (Combined with AMERICAN ARCHITECT, and WESTERN ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER) (ISSN0008-658X) March 1988, Vol. 176, No. 3. Title® reg. in US. Patent Office, copyright © 1988 by McGraw-Hill, Ine. All rights reserved. Indexed in Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, Art Index, Applied Science and Technology Index, Engineering Index, The Architectural Index and the Architectural Periodicals Index.

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As people file into the movie house, hardly anyone notices the new building next door. Many architects believe it's the state's finest example of beaux arts and art deco design. But the crowd is talking more about the star of this new film. Some fellow named Chaplin.



Stanley salesman Bill Baines. (He's also the pilot in the ad at right.)

was begun in 1984.

cleaning

It's now 1987. And the building no one noticed in 1928 is getting an awful lot of attention.

It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, and a renovation project

A few months ago, the large bronzeplated front doors were taken down to be cleaned. Paul Lichtefeld, owner of the building, and Pat Fry, his Project Manager, noticed the old hinges were damaged and corroded. "We tried stripping and

And them, but that didn't help," said Fry. "Then I went through catalog after catalog, but couldn't find anything that resembled them," he added. Finally Fry took the hinges to a local

Finally, Fry took the hinges to a local hardware distributor.

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The interior is just as lavish.

The corridor to the elevator has a terrazzo floor and marble wainscoting, plus art deco chandeliers hanging from a coffered ceiling adorned with roses.

> Fry admitted it wasn't easy restoring the 30,000 square feet of office space to its original splendor. But he agreed that having Baines as part of his supporting cast helped the project receive rave reviews.

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The \$1.25-billion cuts are less deep than first feared; original plans called for slicing \$1.7 billion. Nevertheless, Postmaster General Preston R. Tisch, who has announced he will resign in the near future, says: "Our plan to build or modernize badly needed postal facilities throughout the country will be virtually wiped out."

Tisch says the service will cancel 50 percent of the projects scheduled for fiscal years 1988 and 1989, overall, and 75 percent of those which would have gone forward in 1988. "The net effect of this will be that new-facility construction projects not already under contract will be eliminated," Tisch adds.

An agency spokeswoman says the basic rule is that the current stage of projects for which contracts have been awarded will be completed. Suspensions of construction not currently under contract can be expected to affect large and small projects alike. Major projects that will continue include two in California—Los Angeles (photo of Albert C. Martin Associates' \$150-million project shown above) and San Bernardino—and one in Austin, Texas.

Peter Hoffmann, World News, Washington, D. C.

Now that California is holding its own architectural-registration examination (RECORD, June 1987. page 39), the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, in cooperation with the Nevada state board, will offer the national exam used by other states in various California locations. The national exam is required by NCARB to certify architects for practice nationwide. The first such exam will occur in June for which applications must be in by March 15. For information: contact the NCARB at 1735 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006 (202/783-6500).

Public agencies to demand proprietary systems?

Even for renovation, it's location, location



An ultimate in established locations, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., was the scene of the conversion to 13 condominiums by architects Rossetti/Associates of the Horace Dodge house.

Purchasing an existing building for renovation remains a smart investment. That was the message of a recent seminar in Chicago sponsored by the National Association of Realtors and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Of particular interest was the subject of matching the renovation to the location. Architect William MacRostie, president of Heritage Consulting in Washington, D. C., speaking on transition in resurgent neighborhoods, noted that during the initial pioneer stage, risk is high and finding financing difficult, but property can be

very cheap and the profit potential thus strong. Making sure that a structure's architecture has worthwhile characteristics is essential to help convince tenants to live or work in a building in a neighborhood that is not itself an enticement. During the second stage, other rehabilitation projects are under way and property prices have risen, reducing profit potential. But this period usually appeals to the most investors because financing is available and neighborhood stability has reduced the risks. Jeff Trewhitt, World News Chicago

A seminal thrust by corporations and public agencies to demand that their consultants work on computer systems compatible with their own has recently picked up momentum. Some consultants have seen the only holdup as the clients' decisions on which system to use. Now, while the Post Office Department may prefer AutoCAD. the Army Corps of Engineers is going with Intergraph, says consultant Eric Teicholz, whose company, Graphic Systems, Inc., served as consultants to the Corps. "The systems don't talk to each other particularly well," he adds. Nonetheless, the two agencies may be demanding that architects and engineers produce their work on compatible systems or even the same systems as their own as early as this year. If all this turns out to be the case, "the implications for the design professionals could be broad and very far-reaching." says Teicholz. C. K. H.

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The provisions added for the benefit of the subcontractors and suppliers have been measured and limited by other provisions considering the interests of the architect.

most rules, there are practical exceptions: the 1987 edition of A201 recognizes that for good reasons (possibly to protect the public safety or the owner's interest in the project) the architect may give specific instructions concerning these matters in the contract documents (under Subparagraph 3.3.1) or in response to shop drawings (under Subparagraph 4.2.7). If, for instance, winter conditions are anticipated, the architect may instruct the contractor, through the specifications, that brick walls shall not be constructed without weather protection when the temperature falls below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Defense counsel for an architect might say, "Why change this? We can defend against contractor's claims better without that exception." The first thing to understand is that there is no liability if the architect does not act on construction means, methods, or techniques by giving specific instructions or other actions. Second, if the architect does get involved in these matters pursuant to Subparagraph 3.3.1 or 4.2.7, then the architect can rely upon the exceptions stated in those provisions to legitimize any exercise of power over construction means, methods, and techniques. In the real world this happens more frequently than defense attorneys realize. If, by action, the architect gets involved in these matters, the disclaimer in Subparagraph 4.2.3 offers no protection, with or without the exceptions provided. The new language in Subparagraphs 3.3.1 and 4.2.7 honestly handles this issue, and will assist the architect in defusing any contractor's objections to specific instructions on how to correct or perform the work.

The definition of the capitalized term "Work" was of particular concern when the Documents Committee began revising A201. In the previous edition, the lowercase "work" was used to refer to a number of items not a part of the capitalized "Work," including temporary facilities, shoring, and the work of separate contractors. The distinction was not generally recognized by the public, however, nor did any appellate court cases take note of it, even in passing. A few theorists pointed out the connection between the definition of capitalized "Work" and Subparagraph 4.2.2, which says the architect will observe the "Work" to determine if it conforms with the contract documents. They feared that the new definition would make the architect responsible for inspecting the contractor's temporary facilities, shoring, etc. This concern was not persuasive, however, and the definition of "Work" was modified after extensive debate over a considerable period of time among the members of the Documents Committee. The committee clarified the distinction by broadening the definition of capitalized "Work," by substituting the undefined term "construction" for lowercase "work," and by adding the phrase "when completed" to the architect's responsibility for observing the "Work." The new A201 language simply tries to clarify the reality of the marketplace, not change it. The net effect of the new definition is a more straightforward document.

Why was the term "construction change directive" added to the document? The A201 document represents an attempt to match actual industry practices with a legal description allocating responsibilities for those practices. The term "change order" was first used in A201 in 1966 when some consistency of usage began emerging from the industry. The definition of that term was further refined in the latest edition of A201, and a new term, "construction change directive" was introduced. The latter is intended for use in situations where the parties do not fully agree about adjustments in time or cost, but agree to go ahead with the change. The intent is to distinguish clearly between changes that have been agreed to in detail and those for which the cost or time must still be decided.

Who gets to terminate contracts and when?

As noted at the outset, the 1976 edition of A201 has held up well under court interpretation. A new federal bankruptcy law, however, caused a minor adjustment even before the revision process began in 1981. Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code gives substantial power to the court-appointed administrator (known as the "Trustee"), who may choose to continue with a private contract even if that contract allows for termination by the owner in the event the contractor is declared bankrupt.

In 1981, the Institute published AIA Document A512, Additions to Guide for Supplementary Conditions, which recommended deletion by supplement of the portion of the 1976 edition of A201 relating to bankruptcy and insolvency. This change was incorporated into the 1987 edition of A210 because of the strong possibility of an owner (or architect) assuming that the "automatic" clause under the 1976 provision was conclusive and foolproof. Language was retained in Subparagraph 14.2.1 allowing termination in the event of the contractor's persistent and repeated refusal or failure to supply enough workers or materials or failure to make payment. As a practical matter, the latter provision provides the owner with sufficient protection

in the event of the contractor's bankruptcy.

The net effect of these evolutionary changes in the new edition of A201 is to make the document more elastic, so that it mirrors the numerous possibilities encountered in today's dynamic construction environment. Elements of the document have been redefined or reorganized to make it easier to use. The essential features of the document, proven over time, have been retained.

Is the new edition perfect? Of course not-it is a general document and, as such, will always require modification by supplement in each particular situation. It is also a consensus document, reflecting numerous necessary compromises in which none of the parties got all of what they wanted. It is, however, a carefully thought-out and balanced document that is reasonably fair to all parties. Like the 1976 and previous editions, A201/1987 is a benchmark against which the parties can measure their respective risks on a particular project. Can it be improved? Of course-that is why we make criticism part of the process. We believe in the long run such criticism will lead to a better document for us all.

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control for the entire building is by mechanical confinement: Areas immediately affected are exhausted while adjacent ones are pressurized.

How can creative approaches to codes make types of projects feasible that were not even envisioned when most codes were written? That was the topic explored by participants in a recent conference in Boston sponsored by the AIA Building Performance and Regulations Committee with cooperation from the Building Officials and Code Administrators International and the National Fire Protection Association.

Among the broader issues discussed were how to represent architects' views in the making of codes and the extent to which codes and safety issues should be taught in schools. Keynote speaker Bernard Spring said: "We must be eternally vigilant to keep the bridge open between the two groups [of architects and code administrators] considering their fundamental differences in thinking." He acknowledged that architects do have a problem in that, while thinking in humanistic terms, "problemsolving tends to get shunted aside." The question of what constitutes over-regulation came up often, along with a discussion of the effects of underregulation. The former can come from seeing what happens with the latter, said one official.

A large-scale mixed-use project over a highway and railroad required pioneering solutions

Copley Place in Boston [RECORD, August, 1986, pages 114-123] by The Architects Collaborative. The Stubbins Associates and others, was the largest mixeduse project in the country at the time of its completion in 1984. Combining apartments, a hotel, offices, theaters, a shopping mall, and department stores (as well as separate ownerships and high- and low-rise construction). it was also a building type not covered by the local codes. And BOCA's fire code was still under development back in 1978, when the Copley design was started.

A free flow of space between the mall, department stores, and hotel lobby was a marketing necessity, but required vast spaces without visible fire separations. A central atrium was to bring light and views to offices and shops on its perimeter, although the only regulations for such vertical spaces applied to monumental stairs. Each of the many uses was regarded as a separate building type by the code with its own individual requirements for construction, exiting, and fire safety. And there were exacting regulations for rights-of-way over the highway and railroad.

The architects opted to build the entire project to meet those code requirements that were most stringent. By isolating the office building with sprinklerprotected glass walls around the atrium, the architects were able to treat the latter as a separate structure with simple exit requirements. Exits from other spaces were not so easy. "There were discussions with officials over the distance from the main entrance when there were many," said code consultant Herbert Eisenberg. Because some lower-floor areas were isolated by rights-of-way, exit corridors had to go up before they went down to bridge them. Indeed the battles fought on this project may well have created the new willingness by Boston officials to try to accommodate innovation and search for safety equivalencies where no precedents exist. The design of the smoke-control system (diagram above) for which no regulations were applicable, required intensive cooperation and flexibility by designers and code administrators.

An adaptive reuse project, infeasible 10 years ago, successfully completed Constitution Office Park is a huge office/research-laboratory building and separate parking

garage recently remodeled by architects Huygens DiMella Schaffer & Associates from two sturdy loft structures located in Boston's former Charlestown Navy Yard. The two original buildings, constructed in 1917 and 1944, respectively, are designated landmarks and qualified for preservation tax abatements, although project architect Amir Man noted that, as architecture, "they weren't very nice." And the buildings were in poor shape. Much of the exposed-concrete frames were badly spalled, for example, and had to be repaired and preserved.

Here Article 22 of the Massachusetts code (which governs construction in Boston) was brought into play. Instructive to the many locales that do not have such provisions, it allows adaptive reuse without total compliance to newconstruction standards. Instead it recognizes not waivers or variances but safety equivalencies-a concept made all the more feasible here because the old use was a higher hazard than the new. Because Article 22 allows the selective use of new systems without the scrapping of all old ones, the architects could reuse existing sprinkler pipes and pressurize fire stairs without a pressurization-exhaust system for full floors such as that developed for Copley Place.

The most striking creative results of working with Article 22 are two atriums, cut through the old structures, that not only bring light and spaciousness to the interior but, like those at Copley Place, become smoke exhausts. Without such practical purpose, the architects would have had difficulty justifying the creation of unrentable space.

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Small-paned industrial-sash windows like the originals, a goal of the architects and the landmark preservationists, were facilitated by the codes. Economy would have called for the replacement windows to be big sheets of glass with artificial grid dividers. The fire department determined the latter to be dangerous, and individual panes of glass were used instead (RECORD, January 1988, pages 118-119).

Keeping the the appearance of the existing loft windows in the structure designated to be the garage posed the question of what to do about exhaust fumes and the possibility of smoke. The architects created the necessary openings while maintaining the look of the former windows by substituting, in the place of the old glass, wire mesh in a similar pattern.

Innovation, with all its risks, is here to stay

Architect William Anderson cautioned, "Roller coasters are unsafe. Buildings are unsafe to a lesser degree. The trick is to walk the fine line between innovation and irresponsibility." And Paul Heilstedt of BOCA added, "You can't be an architect today unless you can risk going to court." Clearly the thrust was toward accommodation of new concepts and attitudes. *Charles K. Hoyt*

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Finance: Industrial production will keep the economy growing

By Phillip E. Kidd

A significant transition is under way in the economy. The impetus for maintaining real growth is shifting away from consumer spending toward higher manufacturing and agricultural production and rising exports. A major concern about this transformation is the ability of those sectors to expand sufficiently to sustain an economic advance despite a slowdown in consumer buying. Industrial production climbed at a healthy 5-percent clip in the past year. Manufacturers responded to this improvement in output and sales with larger capital expenditures. As the demand for their goods spreads, their investment outlays are projected to rise even faster than in 1987. It is those anticipated expenditures—with their promise of more jobs, output, and sales on which the prospects for further economic growth rests. Currently, industrial firms are



confronted with some difficult decisions. Initially, they could draw on surpluses of semiskilled and skilled labor, raw materials, and plant capacity to meet increased demand. As the recovery took hold, they directed most of their rising capital budgets to purchases of equipment, which, when integrated into their existing plants, upgraded efficiency, restrained costs, and boosted output. Now they are starting to stretch the capacity of their present structures.

Usually, when utilization rates move solidly into the 82- to 85-percent range, manufacturers begin spending more in building additional space. So far in this expansion, that is not happening.

Clearly, manufacturers are delaying larger outlays for buildings until they are satisified that the dollar will remain cheap and not rebound to hurt their competitiveness, that funds for investment will be available at reasonable costs, and that domestic consumers will not retrench so much that their purchases are curtailed.

Consumers are slowing the growth of their purchases. However, they are expected to buy relatively more American products than in the past several years because the lower dollar has made imported items more expensive. Similarly, U.S. exports are climbing because our goods have become very competitive in foreign markets. These shifts do show up in recent retail and export reports, but both trends will gain even more momentum this year. providing U.S. producers with acceptable year-long demand. Instead of accelerating spending, consumers will concentrate on repaying debt and rebuilding savings. Each of these actions will make more money available for domestic investment, lessening our dependence on foreigners.

Increasing domestic flows of

funds and a slowly improving trade deficit will permit more flexibility in monetary policy. The Federal Reserve will allow supply and demand in the financial markets to shape the movement of interest rates in the second quarter, intervening only as needed to restore confidence in the dollar. As further deterioration in the value of the dollar slows, foreign private investors will gradually return to the U. S. debt markets as purchasers.

The combination of better domestic availability of funds, adequate lending from abroad, and a less constrained monetary policy will limit increases along the yield curve to between 50 and 100 basis points (a basis point is one hundredth of a percent) this spring. Interest rates on high-quality assets will range from 6.25 to 7.25 percent for short-term instruments; from 8.75 to 9.50 percent for seven- to ten-year governments; and from 11.00 to 12.50 percent for mortgages.

In this environment, industrial building will gain moderately. However, construction of housing for sale (because of higher mortgage rates) and retail building (because of mortgage rates and moderating retail sales) will struggle to hold their 1987 pace. Multifamily construction will begin bottoming out. And office building will slide downward under the weight of too many vacant units.

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corners of their respective resorts are but part of the aquatic theme, which includes a three-tiered clamshell fountain that cascades down the front of the Dolphin, and exterior cladding patterned in blue-green waves (Swan) and banana leaves (Dolphin). Graves's office worked with Alan Lapidus, Architects, of New York City, which provided design-development and contract documents for the project. The Lapidus firm (Alan Lapidus is the son of famed Miami Beach hotel architect Morris Lapidus) honed the Graves scheme to move 3,000 employees and thousands of guests with

Disney's vaunted efficiency. The 760-room Swan boasts four restaurants, meeting facilities, and a 25,000-square-foot grand ballroom. Across a tree-shaded bridge, the 26-story, 1,500-room Dolphin will contain seven restaurants, and will be connected to a 165,000-squarefoot convention and meeting facility by a three-story rotunda.

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Library is new campus center at University of Hartford

Whittier, Calif., devastated by an earthquake last October, was the subject of a study conducted by a team of architects and students led by Paul Neel, a professor at California State Polytechnic University. Developed for 26 sites, the team's concepts will be the basis for a 10-year rebuilding plan to be refined by a consultant not yet named.

Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility will benefit from the auction of drawings by such internationally known architects as Franco Purini (Italy), Thom Mayne (U.S.), Arata Isozaki (Japan), Bernard Tschumi (U.S.), and Mario Bellini (Italy). The sale will be held April 14 at the Max Protetch Gallery in New York. Architectural Art: Affirming the Design Relationship will open at New York's American Crafts Museum May 12 to coincide with the AIA National Convention. The show focuses on works executed specifically for new architecture since 1980. Microtecture Corp. and the American Institute of Architecture Students have announced a software grant program to allow schools of architecture to enhance their technological course offerings by increasing opportunities to learn computer-aided design. Further information is available from AIAS: (202/626-7472).

Ove Arup, one of the world's most respected structural designers, died in February. His work made possible many of the innovations of the Modern movement, including Jorn Utzon's Sidney Opera House. Arup's firm, Ove Arup and Partners (RECORD, September 1987, pages 122-133), has worked with James Stirling (Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart), Foster Associates (Hong Kong Bank), and is currently at work with Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown on the extension to the National Gallery in London. Arup was 92.



A desire on the part of the client to centralize library facilities in one building provided the opportunity for Tai Soo Kim Associates to create a true campus center at the somewhat amorphous University of Hartford. Additional space is to be added to the front of the existing library (rear of photo), and colonnaded wings spread from this frontispiece to enclose a new quadrangle. The 100,000square-foot University Center includes a new Museum of American Political Life (to contain the university's widely respected collection of

Sotheby's offers houses, artwork of Le Corbusier

The Maisons Jaoul, designed by Le Corbusier and still occupied by the original clients, have been offered for sale. While André Jaoul, a longtime friend of Le Corbusier, died before construction was completed in 1956, his wife-now 90 years old-and his son, Michel, have meticulously maintained the houses in their original state, including the color scheme, the fixed furnishings designed by the architect, and the floor tiles (some hand-painted by Le Corbusier). Built in the chic Paris suburb of Neuilly, the property comprises two living pavilions, set at right angles to each other.



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Michel Jaoul, a retired industrialist, recalls that it was difficult to obtain a permit for Le Corbusier's primitivist design, and the houses—sculpted boardformed concrete (the celebrated *béton brut*)and exposed structural brick—still have the power to shock. "We are selling the houses only because they are too big for us, now that the children have moved out," says Jaoul, "but we want a buyer who will respect them for the architectural monuments they





are." Jaoul hopes a buyer can be found who will establish an architectural academy in the houses.

The property is being offered by Sotheby's International Realty and went on the market last December concurrently with an auction of 35 art works. Interest in Le Corbusier's art appears to be keen: the total sales were 50 percent higher than Sotheby's estimate; one work, the 1927 "La Guitare et le Mannequin" sold for more th'an \$720,000. The Maisons Jaoul are being offered for approximately \$3.5 million. *Tracy Metz, Amsterdam*

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75 State Street (1) will boast 3,600 square feet of gold leaf on its neo-jazz-modern facade. The 745,000-square-foot tower (designed by Graham Gund Architects and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill) is under construction in Boston.

Stuyvesant High School, whose graduates are said to have earned more Ph.D's than those of any other U. S. secondary school, will be relocated to a new \$80-million facility (2) in Manhattan's Battery Park City. Architects for the 10-story structure are Alexander Cooper + Partners and Gruzen Samton Steinglass, Architects.

The Mind/Brain Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore (3) will provide laboratory and research space for experts in the fields of neuroscience and cognitive and computer science. Design of the 115,000-square-foot facility is by RKTL Associates.

The West Library, a new 350,000 volume brick-andlimestone building at Texas Wesleyan College (4) will allow replacement of an existing structure and anchor a new quadrangle. Architects are Cannady, Jackson & Ryan of Houston.



Justice in Philadelphia

Each apartment will sport a "traditional American porch" at Reading (Pa.) Renaissance, according to architect Der Scutt. This mixed-use project combines a 180-room hotel and a 167-unit condominium with a retail atrium featuring (as at Trump Tower) the architect's signature "water wall." The massing and materials of the retail base have been scaled to match the cornice line of surrounding buildings, while the apartment portion culminates in four temple-like structures intended to be visible for miles. A bronze spire rises from the copper roof of the tower.



Ground has been broken for Philadelphia's controversial \$165million Justice Center. Citizens successfully resisted an earlier scheme that blocked important views to the Second Empire-style City Hall (at the very center of William Penn's town plan) and exceeded zoning bulk regulations. The current design resembles the Evening Bulletin Building, a 1908 terra cotta-clad landmark demolished to make way for the center. Architects are a joint venture of Hellmuth Obata & Kassabaum, Livingston/Rosenwinkel, and Saxon-Capers.

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Exhibit: Wright's "ideas" in Dallas

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Following last year's spate of sensational Wrightiana (biography, auction records, museum addition), the simple premise of the exhibit "Frank Lloyd Wright: In the Realm of Ideas" is welcome indeed. It is intended as a manifestation of the four fundamental principles that for Wright constituted "organic" architecture. The first section of the exhibit, which recently opened at The Dallas Museum of Art, traces "The Destruction of the Box" in projects ranging from Unity Temple to the consummate plasticity of the Guggenheim.

Furniture and decorative objects, original drawings, and blown-up backlit enlargements elucidate Wright's ideas. Captions, however, are confined to Wright's own mystical, often elliptical words, which, in the second section of the exhibition. "The Nature of the Site," only sketchily describe sites or solutions. The third section comprises familiar "Methods and Materials" in unfamiliar work: brick in the relentlessly circular Jester House project (1938); glass-its light "the blessing of the occupants"-in the Beth Sholom Synagogue. Wright's notion of "Building for Democracy" is but minimally presented in the exhibition's

New life (again) for Washington's **Union Station**



fourth section. In the accompanying catalog, Narciso G. Menochal gives a more complete explanation of the literary roots of Wright's conviction that democracy could be conveyed by organicism. The exhibition concludes with a recreated 1,800-square-foot





Usonian Automatic House from a Wright design of 1955. Seen on an open lot in downtown Dallas, a freestanding dwelling begs the question of the supposed sitespecific nature of usonian housing, but the question of whether "organic" architecture can delight is answered affirmatively by this unassuming little structure in its expansiveness, in the complex section of its living/dining area, and in the serviceable linearity of its bed/bath "polliwog." The exhibit will travel to Washington, D. C.; Miami; Chicago: Scottsdale, Ariz.; and San Diego. Sandy Heck

Construction underway on a

replaces the heavily criticized visitor center installed in the barrel-vaulted Beaux Arts

bicentennial. Completed in 1908 to the designs of Daniel Burnham, the terminal is to be restored by Harry Weese & Associates; Benjamin Thompson & Associates is the architect for

redevelopment (left). A garage, new train platforms, and a connection to the D. C. subway are part of the project, which is expected to open in September.

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An illuminated globe 33 floors above grade will signify the higher of the Hartford World Trade Center's twin towers. The 22-story second tower will be capped by a glazed barrel vault. Designed by Hartford architects Russell, Gibson, Von Dohlen, the center will command views of

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Architectural elements derived from traditional Southwestern architecture were used to develop designs for the Meadows School, a private K-through-12 facility in Las Vegas, according to architects Carde Killefer Flammang. The architects reviewed possible configurations

Preservation easements: Help for endangered churches?

in workshops with staff, parents, and children, a process that generated a scheme in which blocks are defined by a hierarchy of lawns and courtyards. A major quadrangle is formed by the administrative wing, gymnasia, the upper school, and arts and music wings (rendering

above). Perpendicular to the main courtyard a smaller quadrangle is surrounded by the middle- and lower-school wings. Broad overhanging porches and covered arcades protect users from the desert sun and visually tie elements of differing scale together. The gymnasia and

Competition calendar

auditorium are sprawling, barnlike forms, while singlestory classroom wings surround smaller, shady courtyards. The \$20-million project will be built in phases, with the \$2.5-million lower and middle schools to be completed in August of this year.

Pollster and sciencefiction author to address AIA

As a source of continued funding for landmarks, the legal device of preservation easements is enjoying rising popularity in the private sector. For the first time, an agreement has been made that will apply this device to a religious structure: Frank Lloyd Wright's famed Unity Temple (1906). The Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI) and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Park have created a preservation easement to "encourage individuals and foundations to contribute to the ongoing restoration efforts with the knowledge that the building will be preserved in perpetuity,' according to Carol Wyant, executive director of LPCI. It is hoped that the agreement will provide a model for cooperation on the sensitive issue of preserving religious properties. Cities such as Boston, Buffalo, and Philadelphia have faced protracted battles over landmark

designation or demolition of important religious structures. While private owners can derive tax benefits from investment in historic elements covered by an easement, a religious body cannot receive such benefits; donors, however can take a charitable deduction for



contributions to covered buildings. With alterations being monitored by the sponsoring preservation entity (in this case LPCI), the easement may widen the source of funds by encouraging donations from those who do not have close ties to a building's religious body.

•AGB Exhibitions Ltd. has announced a competition for the Best Worldwide Interior for projects to be completed during 1988. An overall winner will be announced at the spring 1989 **Interior Design International** Exhibition, to be held in London; trophy awards will also be presented in four categories. Entry forms can be obtained from: Interior Design International Awards Secretariat, AGB Exhibitions Limited, Audit House, Field End Road, Eastcote, Middlesex HA4 9LT England.

• "From Table to Tablescape" is a competition sponsored by Formica Corp. Entrants are asked to design objects no larger than 2 by 2 by 2 ft using properties of the company's 2000X line. Winners will be exhibited at NEOCON in June. The deadline is April 27, 1988. Samples of the product and a competition poster are available by calling (800/524-0159).



"Art and Architecture" is the theme of the 1988 American Institute of Architects Convention, to be held May 15-18 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City (designed by I. M. Pei & Partners). Public-opinion analyst Louis Harris will address the meeting and reveal results of a survey of 200 experts who influence the development of architecture; science-fiction author Isaac Asimov will envision the future that architects have yet to create.

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Books

Architecture Transformed: A History of the Photography of Buildings from 1839 to the Present, by Cervin Robinson and Joel Herschman. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1987, \$50.

Reviewed by Douglas Gantenbein

Architecture and photography are two arts that have shared much in the last 150 years, often paralleling or complementing each other's artistic direction. In a thoughtful, lavishly illustrated study of this relationship, the art historian Joel Herschman and the architectural photographer Cervin Robinson trace the surprisingly significant influence of photography on the development and dissemination of recent architecture.

J. L. M. Daguerre and William Henry Fox Talbot published their techniques for still photography in 1839, and almost at once buildings appeared in the new medium. "Buildings," Herschman explains, "unlike most other subjects, 'sat' patiently for the long exposures required by early emulsions." Early architectural photography was documentary in nature, differing little, stylistically, from contemporary drafting. This changed in the 1880s when new techniques for reproducing photographs in magazines and books allowed photographers inexpensive access to a wider audience.

In the 20th century, photography became more abstract and more self-conscious: F. R. Yerbury, for example, cropped his 1920 image of Erich Mendelsohn's Einstein Tower to focus on the organic curves of its flanks, giving this Expressionist icon the countenance of a giant beached sea creature. By the 1930s architectural photography was a polished and professional

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propagandist for the International Style. Particularly in the United States, it was photography that spread the new theology. Witness a photograph by Ken Hedrich in which the streamlined nose of a car juts into the dynamic perspective of Albert Kahn's Dodge Half-Ton Truck Plant: machine architecture for the machine age. Julius Shulman's famous dusk photograph of Richard Neutra's Kaufmann house indicates the high level of craftsmanship demanded by professional journals in the 1950s, by which time they were the primary outlet for architectural photography.

Robinson cites the wider use of color as the essential force in architectural photography since 1970. He argues, however, that the stringent technical demands of color often made the medium more snare than servant and laments that "Photographers' energies applied to this

procedure could at best only result in pictures that looked unremarkable." The photographs in Architecture Transformed underscore this point. Even though advertisers and the viewing public expect color, the crisp, detached air of superior black and white reproduction still reveals more of a structure's essential composition, texture. and mass. On the other hand. today's highly coloristic architecture is not always amenable to reproduction in black and white. It is perhaps not entirely accidental that the emergence of a new palette in architecture parallels the emerging dominance of color reproduction, but the authors do not fully grapple with this issue, nor do they do much more than tip their hat to the power of photojournalism to spread an otherwise isolated vision. Pietro Belluschi, for example, was a virtual unknown working the backwater of Portland, Oregon,

when his Northwest-style houses and aluminum-skinned Commonwealth Building became widely known through publication in the late 1940s. Ten years later he was dean of architecture at M. I. T.

Nevertheless, Architecture Transformed is an illuminating account of the viewer and the viewed. Architecture and photography owe their symbiosis not only to mutual needs, but also to the psychic similarities of the two professions. With a simple shift of terms, Robinson could easily be writing of architects when he observes: "The task of an ambitious architectural photographer ... continues to be to our day: To produce a print of sufficient physical quality that one's work is taken seriously, to get ahead of the pack of one's fellow photographers by some esthetic act, and to remain in the public eye thereafter with a recognizable, individual style."



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Observations continued

Books



Kohn Pedersen Fox: Buildings and Projects 1976-1986, edited by Sonia R. Chao and Trevor D. Abramson, introduction by Paul Goldberger. New York: Rizzoli, 1987, \$45.

Kevin Roche, edited by Francesco Dal Co. New York: Rizzoli, 1986, \$45.

Helmut Jahn, by Nory Miller. New York: Rizzoli, 1986, \$45.

Robert A. M. Stern: Buildings and Projects 1981-1985, edited by Luis F. Rueda, introduction by Robert A. M. Stern. New York: Rizzoli, 1986, \$45.

Philip Johnson/John Burgee: Architecture 1979-1985, introduction by Carleton Knight III. New York: Rizzoli, 1986, \$45.

Reviewed by Scott Gutterman

Architectural monographs are being published in greater number than ever, thanks in part to the rapidly growing audience for architecture and design. The monographs that are finding their way into better bookstores and onto better coffee tables are not the solemn, weighty tomes of an earlier time; these books are splashier and more colorful, with fewer manifestos and more photographs of finished work.

The architects represented by these five volumes have surely evolved individual, often innovative styles, but the monographs also deal with the high-profile personalities of these architects and their success at capturing large-scale plum commissions.

Paul Goldberger's introduction to the work of Kohn Pedersen Fox places the firm's financial success on equal ground with its artistic ideals. He even credits the firm with having "restored to American architecture a sense

Scott Gutterman is a freelance writer in New York City. that there is a meaningful and healthy center, a point of intersection between creative and innovative design and major commercial work." KPF has expanded dramatically in the last 10 years and, according to Goldberger, achieved a status that no firm has held since Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in the '50s, that of "maker of forms that historians will use as markers for their time."

Such a claim is double-edged. On the one hand, KPF's brand of commercial Postmodernism has become acceptable among corporate clients in much the same way that SOM's prismatic glass boxes came to represent the quintessential postwar office building. On the other hand, the relative sameness—even anonymity—of many of the buildings produced by both firms would seem to ensure that history may not recall the work of either with absolute clarity.

The image of KPF that emerges from this volume is of a highly responsive firm, one that seeks to accommodate largescale programs with solutions that reinforce the urban fabric. A spirited discussion between the partners and two interviewers concludes the book, focusing equally on intentions, process, and execution. The welldocumented development of KPF's trademark windows, for example, is particularly instructive.

The monograph spanning the comparatively long career of Kevin Roche benefits considerably from the presence of Francesco Dal Co as editorcommentator-interviewer. Dal Co proves a feisty and insightful critic, and his occasional open disagreements with Roche help enliven the book and refine our understanding of the architect's own positions. When Dal Co admits a preference for the sleek, abstract United Nations Tower over the classically inspired column-derived form of

the more recent Morgan Bank, Roche responds sharply, saying, "There is no indigenous form to the high-rise building It literally can be almost anything These are marketplace buildings; they are not demonstrative for any other purpose. What controls their form does not derive from any function." The statement perfectly summarizes Roche's unabashed program-driven approach, a highly individual response to each project that was fostered by his mentor. Eero Saarinen. (Roche and John Dinkeloo took over Saarinen's office upon his sudden death in 1961.) The portrait of Roche that emerges is of a fiercely committed, inventive individual, whose designs temper the sometimes brutal honesty of Modernism with an understanding of human needs.

Nory Miller's introduction to the work of Helmut Jahn characterizes the German-born architect as a wunderkind. Indeed, at the age of 48, he is the youngest member of this group and has certainly pulled in a number of major commissions, particularly in his adopted home, Chicago. The monograph tends to stress the architect's takecharge method, closely charting Jahn's 20-year rise at venerable C. F. Murphy Associates, and the shrewd tactics he used in assuming financial and artistic control of what is now called Murphy/Jahn.

But Miller's excellent essay also puts Jahn's design philosphy into proper perspective, tracing its roots in, and eventual break from, Miesian ideology. She notes Jahn's frequent use of a minimalist catchphrase— "There's a square, a triangle,

and a circle, that's all God gave us"—and then describes how he often assembles geometric shapes literally, not as abstractions of form.

The bold use of color that has become a Jahn trademark is

traced to the work of Norman Foster, but it is seen as just as much a product of his particular brand of flamboyant iconoclasm. Design sketches, executed with "a fat Mont Blanc pen filled with brown ink," show that Jahn's wide stylistic palette is tempered by an understanding of the engineering realities of large commercial buildings.

Rizzoli's second monograph on Robert Stern depicts an approach to architecture that contrasts sharply with that of Helmut Jahn. Declaring his frame of reference to be H. H. Richardson's New England and Raymond Hood's New York, Stern, in his introduction, speaks of the desire to create a new/old architecture that transcends a particular moment in time, and calls this approach "Modern Traditionalism." He notes, "... I try to create order out of the chaotic present by entering into a dialogue with the past, with tradition. The depth of that dialogue is, I believe, the essence of architecture and, in fact, of all culture." The short, dense introduction is the closest any of the monographs comes to a manifesto, albeit a somewhat defensive one. Stern displays an intense distrust of runaway technology, declaring "...innovation that is based not on an improvement of what exists but on the radical imposition of something new for its own sake is a form of totalitarianism." Stern's approach is generously represented by a wide range of projects, mostly residential and many essentially Neoclassical in nature; yet styles as disparate as Italianate and Shingle Style are contained in a single project. His new/old order is based on the artful deployment of architectonic elementscolumns, turrets, gables, pergolas, and porticoes-while his forays into carpet and tableware design draw heavily on Art Deco motifs. Perhaps



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Arlington Heights, IL 60004 (312) 577-6400 Continued from page 77 because he has not done very large projects, Stern's occasional urban projects offer a welcome sense of traditional human even domestic—scale.

Philip Johnson's recent work is exhibited in grand style. The monograph, designed by Massimo Vignelli, offers doublepage, full-bleed photographs and renderings appropriate to the gigantic scope of the architect's projects. But square-footage is not the only thing in abundance here. As the late Carleton Knight dutifully noted in his introduction, "Johnson's outgoing personality and Burgee's business sense have brought the firm \$2.5 billion in current work That figure alone makes them significant. . . . " And as Knight wisely pointed out, the firm's influence transcends any particular mode of design. Johnson is a presence in architecture, and has been for over 50 years. His forays into big commercial projects and his interest in reviving certain architectural styles of the past have helped to shape the industry as a whole. Knight's laudatory approach has played into Johnson's natural exuberance: this is clearly a celebratory monograph. Whether or not all of these buildings deserve celebration seems beside the point. The buildings on display here-ranging wildly in style, if not scope—are, like the architect himself, presences to be reckoned with. They are Postmodern in the brashest sense and Johnson delights in the controversy they create.

At this point in his career, Johnson's primary allegiance seems to be to developers. The firm, said Knight, "would be hard-pressed to turn down anything Gerald Hines offers, since he helped bring them the office building prominence they now have." Johnson and Burgee have undertaken no federal government work because, as Burgee explains, "There's no strong person who says, 'Yes, I like that; we'll build it.' " By making large-scale construction with powerful developers its first priority, the firm has left a built legacy for the early 1980s that seems particularly appropriate to its time.

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Our editorial fanfare this month hails Part I of a two-part profile on one of Europe's most controversial architectural firms, the Office for Metropolitan Architecture, based in London, Rotterdam, and Athens (pages 94-107). Since its formation in 1975, under the leadership of architects Rem Koolhaas and Elia Zenghelis, OMA has won international recognition with provocative, visionary proposals for cities in America and abroad. To illustrate the impressive scope of the firm's theoretical work, our article in this issue offers a portfolio of recent projects (including the Parisian villa shown below). Part II, next month, will present the Netherlands Dance Theater, OMA's first major building actually built. Dominant themes in both articles are the revitalization of Modernism as an expressive formal language and a continuous enrichment of the contemporary city.

The latter goal, if not the former, is shared by the ambitious urban project from which we extracted a detail for our cover: Rowes Wharf, in Boston, designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (pages 86-93). Ironically, perhaps, given SOM's longstanding reknown as a champion of classic Modernism, this monumental mixed-use development epitomizes the creative reinterpretation of an earlier Classical esthetic. As our article demonstrates, however, the retrospective move signals a thoughtful reappraisal of the place of history in a city's growth, rather than a heedless jump onto the Postmodern bandwagon.

Speaking of bandwagons, figurative and literal, we refer the reader to pages 108-109, wherein we show how traditional small-town American architecture can march to the beat of a different drummer. And, for our finale, a Building Types Study on firehouses (pages 110-125): a parade of variations on another old favorite.



Harboring tradition



With the redevelopment of Rowes Wharf, Boston has taken a giant step toward reversing the urban-planning mistakes of the 1950s and '60s. A major highway-relocation project will complete the task.

Although the Boston of history books continues to flourish in the gas-lit brick alleys of Beacon Hill and the stately brownstone rows of Back Bay, parts of the city of Bulfinch and Richardson have yielded over the past quarter-century to a brand of anonymous commercial architecture that seems alien to this urban dowager's narrow streets and irregular blocks. Still, if there is anything positive about the recent building boom downtown, it is the ongoing rediscovery of Boston Harbor, which is emerging from a long decline that actually began back in the mid-19th century with the ascendancy of New York City as the East Coast's preeminent commercial-shipping port.

During the 1960s, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) began acquiring abandoned wharves and other underutilized property on or near the waterfront as part of its overall downtown urban-renewal program. In 1979, the BRA established the Harbor Planning Task Force to undertake a major study of the waterfront and investigate "the harbor's potential as a source of economic growth and recreation." A report on that study's findings-"Boston Harbor: Challenges and Opportunities for the 1980s"-was the first official document to outline potential new uses for all 100 miles of the city's shoreline. Though by no means the only study to advocate the incorporation of public functions into harbor-development proposals, the 1979 report did mark a turning point between the '60s philosophy of waterfront redevelopment (which had led to the construction of isolated luxury-housing projects that in effect reinforced the separation between the city and its harbor) and the current trend toward integrating private development with public amenity.

The BRA was clearly addressing this ideological shift in 1982 when it organized an architect/developer competition for the renewal of Rowe's and Foster's wharves, a pair of dilapidated 18th-century piers at the foot of Broad Street that had become little more than a parking lot and ferry landing for South Shore commuter boats. Working with the Boston Society of Architects, the BRA drew up a set of guidelines for the five-acre site meant to ensure that the 665,000-square-foot project-later dubbed. simply, Rowes Wharf-would relate in character and scale to the adjacent Financial District, and somehow draw Bostonians to the waterfront, past the elevated Fitzgerald Expressway separating the parcel from downtown. The most important of these mandates involved usage (a mix of commercial, residential, retail, and maritime functions), massing (a 165-foot height limit along Atlantic Avenue, stepping down to two stories at the water's edge), vistas (a 50-foot-wide corridor allowing views of the harbor down Broad Street), and pedestrian access (30-foot-wide easements leading to the water along the property's northern and southern boundaries). The guidelines urged architects to "respect the masonry character of the nearby downtown," but stopped short of dictating more specific design criteria.

In tapping the Chicago office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and The Beacon Companies over seven other architect/developer teams, the BRA acknowledged "the amount and quality of [the winning submission's] public accesses and open space," calling the premiated proposal "a significant example of the integration of public and private uses within a single development scheme." In metropolitan terms, SOM has produced an urban paradox that incorporates both the grand symbolic gesture of a great civic building *and* the intimate scale of a residential side street. Stylistically, too, Rowes Wharf is an architectural oxymoron, Rowes Wharf Boston, Massachusetts Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Architects

which (and this is especially appropriate for Boston) seems almost radical in the conservatism of its imagery and the refinement of its precast-concrete detail. The project owes much of its success to SOM's relentless adherence to well-established logic. In order to reinforce a building wall along Atlantic Avenue, for example, the architects designed Rowes Wharf to follow the curve of the street, and they set back 16-story residential and commercial towers behind a seven-story datum line that corresponds with two adjacent older office buildings to the south (opposite). Where they could have left the requisite Broad Street view corridor an unarticulated open slot, the architects instead turned the passage into a monumental urban set piece—an 80-foot-high coffered arch that rises dizzyingly through a series of rings to a public observatory, housed in a copper-clad domed rotunda.

The sources of Rowes Wharf's architectural expression are frankly classical, ranging from the widely emulated Roman triumphal arch and Renaissance dome on pendentives to specific local progenitors like Bulfinch's Tontine Crescent, Faneuil Hall, and the Massachusetts State House. Then, too, SOM was obviously aware of Boston's red-brick and granite vernacular buildings, especially in its design of Rowes Wharf's waterside flank, where three "finger piers" housing offices, condominiums, and part of the 230-room Boston Harbor Hotel allude to the city's 19th-century maritime storehouses. Together with the domed octagon of a new ferry terminal, these stepped structures form a welcoming water plaza for strollers and passengers alighting from commuter ferries and recently inaugurated shuttle boats serving Logan Airport (page 88).

It is here, along the harbor, that Rowes Wharf departs from other recent waterfront projects like Battery Park City, in Manhattan, and Washington Harbour, in Georgetown, both of which meet the water with pleasant, but comparatively aloof riverfront esplanades. The Boston complex, by contrast, literally embraces the harbor, its own brick-paved promenade meandering through a 50-slip marina. (This walkway will eventually hook up with an existing promenade extending north to the New England Aquarium, Long Wharf, and Waterfront Park.) Artificially created diversions by the harbor's edge are blessedly few, and what there is—a small handful of as-yet unopened shops and restaurants—never upstages such real-world sensations as the call of gulls and the scent of marine fuel. Those bent on buying fishermen's sweaters, ships-in-a-bottle, and other nautical paraphernalia can try Quincy Market, just five blocks away.

For all its virtues, however, Rowes Wharf is not what it might be. The quality of the project's interiors varies wildly, running the gamut from handsome red-and-green marble commercial lobbies to predictably luxe, but downright lugubrious hotel restaurants and lounges. The much-heralded public observatory, moreover, is a stinting, gypboard belvedere that smacks of the kind of thin Postmodernism the architects so assiduously avoided elsewhere (page 93). Finally, despite SOM's efforts to adhere to the spirit of the BRA's guidelines and make the project truly of Boston. Rowes Wharf will remain physically cut off from the city until the Commonwealth of Massachusetts proceeds with ambitious plans to replace the intrusive Fitzgerald Expressway with an underground highway. Only with the completion of this 10-year, \$3-billion mega-proposal will Rowes Wharf reach its potential as an inviting visual mediator between city and harbor, and a spiritual link between Boston past and present. Paul M. Sachner

"Our task at Rowes Wharf," says Adrian Smith, SOM's partner-in-charge of design, "was to produce a monumental structure that reads strongly from afar, yet is not an overpowering presence when viewed up close." With its 80foot-high arch and 500-foot-wide water frontage, Rowes Wharf easily holds its own when seen from across Boston Inner Harbor, even in the company of such lofty neighbors as I. M. Pei's 1970 Harbor Towers (right in top photo) and Burgee/ Johnson's just-completed International Place (tall building left in photo). For ferry commuters passing between Rowes Wharf and a 19th-century office building at 400 Atlantic Avenue, however, the architects reduced the building's apparent mass by specifying a varied material palette of water-struck red brick, acid-washed precast concrete, and granite, and by setting human-scaled wood storefronts between fluted pilasters (opposite). A new ferry terminal, originally intended to be housed in a tempietto-like copper-roofed pavilion along the water (bottom), will actually be located in retail space in Rowes Wharf's south finger pier.









Rowes Wharf's most distinctive element—a dramatic arch that affords glimpses of the harbor from Broad Street (top)-was not part of SOM's competitionwinning scheme, but was added later when the architects recognized that the original open space betweeen the project's north and south officebuilding wings lacked, in Adrian Smith's words, "a proper sense of containment." Rather than design a simple barrel vault, however, SOM opted for a more memorable volumetric device—a richly ornamented 3 1/2-story-high lantern, ringed by offices and crowned by a domed skylight (bottom), that terminates in a circular public observatory (opposite). Rowes Wharf's traditional masonry finishesmolded-brick window surrounds, coffered precast intrados, and granite plinths and spandrel panels-belie the project's structural-steel framing system and its innovative method of construction. Owing to the site's proximity to Boston Harbor, the builder employed the up-and-down method, a little-used technique that involves simultaneous basement excavation with the erection of a steel superstructure. (The walls of a conventional basement dug so close to the harbor would have been unable to counterbalance the uplift of high tide without the weight of the steel superstructure.) As an added benefit, the technique saved the developer six months in construction time.





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Rowes Wharf Boston, Massachusetts **Owner:** The Beacon Companies Architect and engineer: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill-Adrian D. Smith, design partner; James R. DeStefano, project partner; Robert A. Hutchins, project partner; Hal Iyengar and D. Stanton Korista, partners (structural engineering); Parambir Gujral and Ray J. Clark, partners (mechanical engineering); Joseph A. Gonzalez, studio head; G. Joseph Reibel, senior architect and studio head; John Kelsey, project manager; Richard Smits, senior technical coordinator: Hank Skonieczny. technical coordinator; Peter Van Vecten, senior architect; Dennis DeCapri, John Eifler, Lyn Eisenhauer, Will Fugo, Richard Garcia, Julie Gross, Bill Haynes, David Hertzfeldt, Steve Hubbard, Jeff Jarvis, Mike Kuenstle, Lee Ledbetter, Sandy McLeod, Frank Michealski, Dale Olsen, Donna Palicka, Dan Rectenwald, Jean Reibel. Ruth Slobin. Indulis Smidgens, Chris Thomas, Scott Thomas, project team **Consultants:**

Haley & Aldrich (geotechnical); Childs Engineering Corp. (special marine and civil engineering); Jules Fisher & Paul Marantz, Inc. (lighting); Cavanaugh/Tocci Associates, Inc. (acoustics); Frank Nicholson, Inc. (hotel interiors) General contractors: Beacon/O'Donnell (overall coordination and above-grade construction); Perini Corp. (subgrade construction)



Modern romance

Back in 1975, when most architects were fantasizing about columns, architraves, and keystones, a rebellious gang of four had a Modern dream. Architects Rem Koolhaas and Elia Zenghelis, and their wives, painters Madelon Vriesendorp and Zoe Zenghelis, envisioned a great metropolis of fragmented towers devoted to pleasurable pursuits, and so opened the Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA). Three years later, their ideas for "a culture of congestion" were formally presented in a book written by Koolhaas entitled Delirious New York. The postscript to this ironic history, subtitled "a retroactive manifesto for Manhattan," consisted of OMA's own designs. The series of

allegories about contemporary Gotham, inspired by the architects' teaching stints in the U.S., included such projects as the Welfare Palace Hotel, an entertainment center for Roosevelt Island with a dance floor resembling Théodore Géricault's Raft of the Medusa. Colorfully rendered by Vriesendorp and Zoe Zenghelis (no analytical ink-on-mylar for them), OMA's confident, and often comic, visions injected a note of levity into the factious, Whites-vs.-Grays-vs.-Silvers architectural debate of the mid-1970s. Meanwhile, audiences at Koolhaas's New York lectures laughingly remarked, "Those Europeans can't be serious about building their schemes."

Over the past decade, however, the Office for Metropolitan Architecture has proved just how serious its "delirium" is.

In 1980, the pair of husband-and-wife teams returned to Europe, "to step out of the jet-lag lecture circuit, and go underground to build," explains Koolhaas. He and Zenghelis opened offices in their respective native cities of Rotterdam and Athens, and began independently pursuing their own commissions. Both continued to teach at the Architectural Association (where they had originally met), which provided a London base for collaboration on entries to major European building competitions. While OMA's efforts over the past five years have yielded an ambitious portfolio of competition entries, exhibition installations, building designs, and master plans, few of these projects have been or will ever be constructed. And yet, despite a succession of competition nearwins and project postponements, OMA has remained a staunch advocate of Modernism. Insists Koolhaas: "Recent attacks on Modern architecture have described it as lifeless, empty, puritanical. It has always been our conviction that Modernism is a hedonistic movement; that its abstraction, rigor, and severity are in fact plots to create the most provocative settings for the experiment that is modern life.'

Echoing the Modernist mantra "form follows function," OMA exploits programmatic requirements as a formal device by arranging the functions of a building as a series of juxtaposed, geometric elements. Koolhaas's early career as a scriptwriter undoubtedly influenced this storyboard-collage method, but OMA credits Russian Suprematism and the International Style as its main sources of inspiration in attempting to balance idealized abstraction and material sensuousness. "I'm not just interested in the harmless, early phase of Modernism, but in its aggressive

note in the firm's projects. Koolhaas's admiration for both high and low Modernism is exemplified in OMA's "La Casa Palestra." an interpretative reconstruction of Mies van der Rohe's Barcelona Pavilion as a body builder's home, displayed at the 1986 Milan Triennale (left and opposite). Having

bent the prototype's overlapping, glass and marble planes into a curved, wedgeshaped interior, the architects promoted the visceral aspects of the Modern icon, equipping it with exercise machines, a piped-in soundtrack, laser projections, and a video "history" of the Pavilion after the 1929 exhibition. OMA's faith in Modernism also extends to the urban scale, as evidenced by numerous competition entries and urban redevelopment schemes. The firm contends that the current practice of small-scale contextualism is not a realistic solution for our cities, maintaining that architects must come to terms with the "tower in the park" and other features of postwar planning in order to effectively influence future

urban growth. OMA's proposal for Bijlmermeer, a 1960s housing development in Amsterdam, attempts to do just that, with new infill to increase the density and pedestrian scale of the monolithic blocks. Other OMA projects, such as competition entries for La Villette in Paris and Melun Sénart, a French new town, propose parks and streets as primary organizational tools, rather than as secondary, residual spaces between buildings.

side during the 1950s and '60s, when it became an acceptable,

whose book Learning from Las Vegas he admires, the Dutch

architect is fascinated by popular architecture, particularly the

almost vernacular style," Koolhaas explains. Like Robert Venturi,

vulgarity of commercial buildings. This interest is reflected in the

the 1950s-inspired, curvaceous forms that often strike a humorous

improvisational quality of OMA's disjointed compositions and by

In arguing a convincing case for Modernism, OMA has exerted an important influence on a younger generation of architects searching for models of bold contemporaneity. Two OMA alumnae, Zaha Hadid and Arquitectonica principal Laurinda Spear, have elaborated the scenographic vocabulary of their former teachers into a richer, more colorful language-going so far as to eclipse, some would say, OMA's pivotal role in the current re-evaluation of Modernism. With the recent opening of the Netherlands Dance Theater (see next month's issue), however, OMA's polemical stance has finally been put to the test of real construction, and the long-awaited translation of its visions into built form validates years of academic experimentation. Unlike those they have inspired, OMA's members assert that their resuscitation of Modern ideals boldly addresses the contemporary city as it exists. "The architects of fragmentary Modernism pretend that there can never be an integration with things as they are," argues Koolhaas, metaphorically distinguishing his younger followers from OMA: "They are like observers looking at the fire from the outside. We're in an asbestos suit headed straight into the flames." Deborah K. Dietsch



Under the direction of partners Rem Koolhaas and Elia Zenghelis, The Office for Metropolitan Architecture continues to develop its Modernist idiom in an era of Postmodern historicism.



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The Hague Town Hall and Library

New town of Melun Sénart





As a sequel to *Delirious New* York, Rem Koolhaas's soon-tobe-released book, *The Contemporary City*, will examine the architecture of urban sprawl in such places as Atlanta, Paris, Saō Paolo, and Osaka. "It's a kind of *Learning from Las Vegas*, but more judgmental," says the author.

Koolhaas asserts that such decentralized cities will become the standard of the future and thus deserve the attention of architects: "You have to do more than just turn your back on these places and despair." OMA has already begun studying ways of designing new urban types, and its ill-fated 1987 competition entry for Melun Sénart, a new town southeast of Paris, exemplifies the firm's unorthodox attitude toward planning such developments. Unlike the other new towns outside Paris, the OMA design does not center around a vast complex of housing and commercial buildings, but on a network of open spaces. "The built is uncontrollable. It is subjected to a maelstrom of political, financial, and cultural forces," explains Koolhaas. "The voids between buildings, however, are a subject for which architectural absolutes are still



convincing. Our scheme is as much a discourse on what *shouldn't* happen, as on what could happen."

The architects complemented Melun Sénart's forested landscape along the Seine with an irregular pattern of open spaces that corresponds to the topography of the site. Resembling a Chinese character in plan (indicated in light green on site plan at left), this network of bands consists of various types of parks (industrial, recreational, and maritime), including the preservation of existing farmland, and streets (boulevards, highways, and

commercial strips). The residual area around the open spaces (indicated in light blue on site plan)—"the archipelagos within the voids," as Koolhaas refers to the urban patchwork—are intended to be built up gradually as independent entities, according to the evolving needs of the new town. OMA views the relationship between these settlements and the predetermined public areas as potentially the most challenging part of the scheme. The boundaries between the two spaces will be bridged by such amenities as amusement parks and sports arenas (above).

Project team:

Office for Metropolitan Architecture—Rem Koolhaas, Xaveer de Geyter, Yves Brunier, Mike Guyer; Atelier du Folie Mércourt—Yves Bories, Françoise Debuyst, Patrick Chavanne

Parc de La Villette



Hans Werleman, Chiel van der Stelt

Billed as seeking "an urban park for the 21st century," the competition for La Villette, a 75-acre industrial site in northwestern Paris, was held in 1982. OMA was initially included as one of nine first-prize winners, although the Franco-Swiss architect Bernard Tschumi ultimately won with a design entitled "Park of Follies." Like Tschumi, the OMA architects proposed an unconventional arrangement of programmatic elements, but without a large open space-an omission that reportedly prevented the scheme from being premiated.

"OMA rose to the maniacal detail of the over-inflated program . . . by proposing a method, rather than an image," wrote jury member Françoise Choay in a critique of the firm's scheme. This method consisted of subdividing the park's activities into parallel bands, oriented eastwest across the site to incorporate existing buildings such as the Museum of Science. Over this grid, which treats nature as just another function to be accommodated (opposite), small-scale elements such as kiosks, playgrounds, and picnic areas were irregularly distributed as "confetti," and connected by a circulation system of intersecting boulevards, promenades, and plazas (above). As Koolhaas characterizes his plan for the Parc de La Villette, "The layering is not unlike the experience of a high-rise, with its floors all capable of supporting different programmatic events, yet all contributing to a summation that is more than the accumulation of parts."

Project team:

Rem Koolhaas, Elia Zenghelis, Kees Christiaanse, Stefano de Martino, Ruurd Roorda, Ron Steiner, Alex Wall; Jan Voorberg, Michel Corajoud (landscape)




Checkpoint Charlie

fascinated Rem Koolhaas. While still a student at London's Architectural Association in 1970, he examined the architectural implications of the Berlin Wall-a project that furthered his obsession with linear barriers and connections. In 1980, OMA seized the opportunity to design housing for Berlin by entering a competition sponsored by the International Bauaustellung (IBA) for two sites in the city's western section. A project for Lutzowstrasse by Elia Zenghelis and a project for Kochstrasse-Friedrichstrasse by Koolhaas

rejected IBA's preference for 18th-century-inspired perimeter blocks in favor of Modern, freestanding slabs; neither scheme convinced the jury to award a commission to OMA.

As a consolation prize, however, IBA gave OMA the chance to construct a building on a small site adjacent to the Berlin Wall along Friedrichstrasse. In addition to providing residential units, the architects were required to incorporate ground-floor facilities for Checkpoint Charlie, the Allies' border control at the Wall. OMA has relegated the checkpoint to pavilions at the



base of the block and superimposed housing above in three types of units served by separate circulation systems. At the rear of the building, a gate opens onto a row of terrace houses with gardens (right); duplex units in the middle are accessible via a "street in the air" suspended over the checkpoint. Under the canopy roof, designed to evoke an airplane wing, penthouses share an outdoor corridor and deck.

Though Koolhaas and Zenghelis admit to mixed feelings in designing a building next to the Berlin Wall—"a zone of ultimate horror," they call it—both are optimistic that East and West will eventually be reunited. "One day when the checkpoint pavilions are no longer needed and the ground floor has been converted into a supermarket," predicts Koolhaas, "the cantilever of the roof will remain as a memory of the Wall."

Project team:

Office for Metropolitan Architecture—Elia Zenghelis, Rem Koolhaas, Matthias Sauerbruch, Alex Wall; Polonyi and Fink (engineers)







Clark Bandstand Oberlin, Ohio Julian S. Smith, Architect

One of the more curious competition-winning projects of recent years [RECORD, August 1985, page 67] is now ready for its first full season of musical offerings. The new pavilion in Tappan Square, a 13-acre green owned by Oberlin College yet open to the public, replaces a 19th-century bandstand burned down in 1907 (photo below). Nostalgic Victoriana would have been the obvious chord to strike for a generic design, but architect Julian Smith (Oberlin '69) set out to compose a more distinctive symbolic harmony. While his timber-framed gazebo does recall a classic bandstand type, the incongruous motifs of a pagodalike canopy, sandstone "wheels," and a ramp jutting out like a stylized wagon pole evoke more enigmatic provenance: Smith modeled his scheme, in part, on Hindu festival carts he had seen in India while teaching on an Oberlin fellowshipvehicles which also brought to mind American parade floats. This imagery at once honors the college's long-term encouragement of U.S.-Asian understanding and acknowledges what the architect (who now practices in Ottawa) calls "the transient, often spontaneous nature of many outdoor musical/ cultural events." For visual stability, Smith sunk his wheels in the lawn, echoing a half-buried Claes Oldenburg sculpture on campus; the ramp for the handicapped embodies lessons learned from a disabled classmate. The bandstand's hybrid character also accords with the diversity of its architectural neighbors (which include Cass Gilbert's 1917 Allen Memorial Art Museum-added onto by Robert Venturi in 1977and Minoru Yamasaki's 1964 Oberlin College Conservatory of Music) and reflects multipurpose use by town and gown alike. Appropriately, building funds (\$250,000) were donated by an Oberlin alumnus and local resident, Arthur H. Clark, whose construction firm served as contractor. D. B.







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NORTH ELEVATION







The facility also houses offices for the batallion chief on a mezzanine level (gray on plans above). The intermediate floor is reflected on the north facade (top drawing). The angles of the two floors are stressed by a steel-clad quasi-tower (opposite). The white-tile interior of the apparatus room is relieved by fire-engine-red panels for firemen's-pole closets and other doors (section and plans above).

Firehouse for Engine Company 233, Ladder Company 176 Brooklyn, New York **Owner:** The City of New York Department of General Services, Division of Public Structures, Bureau of Building Design—Thomas Tsue, project architect Architect: Eisenman Robertson Architects—Peter Eisenman, design partner; Arthur Baker,

senior architect; Ross Woolley, project architect; David Winslow, Mark Wamble, assistants

Engineers: John Altieri (mechanical/ electrical); Robert Silman (structural)

General contractor: Bedell Associates



Canton Fire Station No. 3 Canton, Mississippi Mockbee-Coker-Howarth-Architects

Variation on a prefab

As a stimulus for his exuberant approach to design, Samuel Mockbee starts any new commission by making a series of "inspirational" sketches evoking some of the imagery of the proposed building's intent. For this little firehouse, his images depict a "hands-on" situation (sketch left center), with the hand becoming a helmeted fireman holding a fireaxe, and looming over a background grid of buildings. Abstracted in the final design, these elements translate into a small "helmet-topped" tower denoting the main entrance for the station, a flanking flagpole, and a painted metal trellis as a connecting back-up.

Such simple allusions have made a perky design out of a lowbudget, fast-track job. The town of Canton, Mississippi, urgently needing a new firehouse for an area often cut off from existing fire stations by freight-train traffic, specifically requested that a pre-engineered metal building system be used for speed and economy. Mockbee found that straightforward use of an aluminum-clad prefab structure provided clear spans easily adapted to the program requirements, while its humble form and scale seemed quite compatible with neighboring whitewashed, "shotgun" houses. The addition of the small entrance tower gives the building a special identity, and forms a visual counterpoint to an existing water tower (elevation drawing opposite).

Half of the new structure accommodates basic living requirements for up to eight firemen, with kitchen, baths, and storage forming a sound barrier between sleeping and lounge areas. The lounge, at the front, adjoins a small office/watch space, and can double as a reception or conference area. These rooms are surfaced with painted drywall panels. The remainder of the building is a big, drive-through bay for two fire trucks. This bay is partially surfaced with white brick (section below), and contains a small repair shop and one wall fitted with racks for helmets and coats.

The building is set well into its block-square plot, allowing ample room for expansion in any direction, plus lawns for athletics and laying out fire hoses to dry. The driveway links two streets, and is widened at the back for parking.

Though modest, this firehouse just goes to show that a little wit, and a great deal of care, can transform the simplest of projects into something worth attention. *H. L. S.*







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Canton Fire Station No. 3 Canton, Mississippi **Owner:** *City of Canton, Mississippi* **Architect:** *Mockbee-Coker-Howarth-Architects* **Engineers:** *James Storey (mechanical);* Windsor Engineering (electrical); Engineers Laboratories (soils); Tyner & Associates (civil) General contractor: King Construction Co.





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The two-story apparatus room, with bays for four fire trucks (bottom), is flanked on the first floor by offices, and backed by a maintenance facility. On a mezzanine above the offices are more private rooms for lounging, dining, and seminars. The top floor









Wellesley Fire Station Headquarters Wellesley, Massachusetts **Owner:** Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts Architect: Schwartz/Silver Architects, Inc. — Warren Schwartz, Robert Silver, partners-in-charge; Paul R. Durand, James McQueen, project managers; Warren Schwartz, Paul R. Durand, Mark Meche, Dion McCarthy, Paul Rovinelli, Phil Beck, design team **Engineers:** Souza, True & Partners (structural); Am-Tech



Engineering (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) Consultant: Joseph R. Henry Associates (landscape) General contractor: Eastern Contractors, Inc.



Susana Torre's scheme of overlapping squares for machines and people is clear in the plans below; the juncture of the two areas is spanned by a dual-access room for coats and helmets, topped by a small gym (photo right). The masonry hose-drying tower, whose dramatic interior is shown opposite, signals the main entrance.

Fire Station Five Tipton Lakes, Columbus, Indiana **Owner:** City of Columbus, Indiana Architects and designers: Susana Torre, The Architectural Studio (now Susana Torre, Raymond Beeler and Associates Inc.), project designer; in association with Wank Adams Slavin Associates, architects and engineers-George Gianakopoulos, partner-incharge; Charles Anderson, Anna Zietsma, Scott Laidlow, Peter Pfau, Linda Gatter, Jo Landefeld, design team; Charles Budd, architect representative in Columbus **Engineers:**

Severud-Szegezdy (structural); Wank Adams Slavin Associates (hvac, electrical, plumbing) Consultant: Jeanne Schlesinger Associates (landscape) General contractor:

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APPARATUS ROOM





66 None of us studied architecture expecting to be defendants in a lawsuit. Most architects are creative peoplethey may or may not be businessmen, although the better they are in business the better it is-but few expected to be defendants in this changing profession. It's something that has affected me personally, and, I expect, the growth of many architectural firms. It's caused me concerns, maybe burned me out, in spite of the fact that we've won every one of our suits.

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Software reviews for architects

By Steven S. Ross

Drafix 1 Plus, Version 2.0

An inexpensive, fast, fullfeatured two-dimensional drafting program that is easy to install and operate. It zooms and pans at an acceptable speed on an IBM XT, and offers good control of plotters and printers. A 3D version (not reviewed in this column) is available, as is an AutoCAD file exchange program.

Equipment required: IBM PC. XT. AT. or PS/2 or compatible: 512K (640K recommended: does not support expanded memory), two floppy drives (hard disk strongly recommended), coprocessor chip recommended, especially for PC or XT, mouse or digitizing tablet. Works with plotters to size C (support of D and E available at extra cost). Vendor: Foresight Resources Corp., 932 Massachusetts Ave., Lawrence, Kan. 66044. (913/841-1121). Price: \$295 for Drafix 1 Plus: \$295 for 3D Modeler (requires

Drafix 1 Plus to run); \$95 for OTTO AutoCAD file exchange program; \$150 for large plotter option; \$150 for expanded architectural symbol library.

The older Drafix Version 1.0 is available for IBM-type computers and the Atari ST for \$195.

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Summary

Manual: Excellent for Drafix itself. The reference manual is well organized and well written. Installation details (down to cable wiring) are in a separate book, a clear tutorial in yet another. Details of separate dot plotting program (necessary to send drawings to a dot-matrix or laser printer, rather than to a plotter) are carried in the back of the main reference manual, rather than in the installation guide. Ease of use: Excellent menu system, with a few quirks. Error-trapping: Excellent, with good on-screen prompts that often ask for confirming commands if the software is told to do something drastic, like erase all details of a drawing.

Add Drafix to the growing list of 256-layer, 2D drafting programs that run smoothly, can be used on relatively inexpensive equipment, and can exchange files with industry-leader AutoCAD. Inexpensive equipment? This one can run off of floppy disks. That's hardly recommended, but nice to have in a pinch if you have to take work home, or want to bring a drawing into the field on a laptop computer.

Compared to the pack, Drafix also has a better-than-average manual, and clean, easy-to-use menu system. It is also remarkably fast. A four-to-one zoom of a complicated floor plan takes just seconds on an AT with coprocessor chip (80287) and EGA card (the photos of the program in action were taken using a monochrome monitor with EGA adaptor). Speed on an XT, also with coprocessor chip and CGA adaptor, was only about a sixth as fast, but was still acceptable. And separate views can be stored on disk and recalled almost at will.

On the down side, its interface with a laser printer is crude. For instance, it did not easily take full advantage of my LaserJet II's 300-dot-per-inch resolution.





Drafix 1 Plus, Version 2.0, shows full drawing of floor

In addition, most printer-asplotter output options (including laser printers using the printer port instead of a serial port) cannot be used from within the program itself. Instead, they are accessed through a separate "dot plotter" program (included).

A few control conventions also require getting used to. When invoking zoom, for instance, the cursor position does not start at the upper left corner of the box that you draw on your art to define the area being included in the zoomed drawing. Instead, the cursor defines the center of the box. Moving your mouse or digitizer to the right or left then sets the box's size.

Using a digitizing tablet with puck? That's the most common input for CAD software these days. But instead of using the top button of the puck to initiate a command (that is, as the plan (top), and zoom-in on upper right quadrant (bottom).

"RETURN" key on the keyboard), Drafix uses the left button. The top button is instead the equivalent of the ESCAPE or UNDO key on a keyboard—the exact opposite of the convention most other CAD programs follow.

Result: You'll waste some time moving backward in menus instead of moving forward, until you get used to the controls. But you won't make any "fatal" mistakes that jeopardize your drawing.

Preparing drawings is easy. It should take no more than a day or two to become reasonably proficient with Drafix. Plotter interfaces are much better than printer controls, too. Users can select any of 16 pen colors, 16 fonts, 32 pointmarkers, 14 crosshatch patterns, and 8 line types. And all can be checked, *Continued on page 137*

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Drafix's tutorial includes front elevation of a house (top) and instructions on how to

along with a line's dimensions, from inside Drafix, by using the menu command CHECK, then ITEM, and moving the cursor to the line at issue. All dimensional and drawing information about the line then appears on the space below the drawing, on screen.

Adding text is also easy. A little editing window, taking up about a sixth of the screen, pops up for you to use. The default font, "Block," is not to my taste. But a roll-down menu allows selection of 15 others.

Some planning is required to handle deletes and moves of large groups of objects—a tableand-chair combo, for instance. The best approach is to put objects that will move together on their own layer, or one range of layers (there are 16 ranges of 16 layers each, for the 256 total).

zoom in on one section, in this case a detail of the door and a window (bottom).

You can also define regions by drawing a rectangle around them, or by specifying only objects of a certain pen color or line type.

One warning: Drawings prepared with the older Version 1.0 can be used directly by Version 2.0. But because no backup is created by Drafix itself, you'll have to handle the chore by copying the file using DOS commands. Once Version 2.0 saves the drawing, it cannot be used by Version 1.0 again.

Facilitrac

Linked programs for two timeconsuming problems in facilities management: key control and health and safety inspections. The software is reasonably flexible, and generates relevant reports with a minimum of inputting.

Equipment required: IBM PC, XT, AT or PS/2 computer or compatible; 512K, hard disk, PC-DOS or MS-DOS versions 3.1 or higher, printer. The number of records the software can track is limited essentially by hard-disk space; 20,000 records take about 10 megabytes.

Vendor: Facilitrac, 64 East Broadway, Suite 230, Tempe, Ariz, 85282. Price: \$490 for Grandmaster key control program, \$234 for **Inspection Master Tracking** System (\$174 if purchased with Grandmaster), \$200 for Personnel Merge (\$95 if purchased with Grandmaster). Demo is \$39 (applied to purchase price). Not tested: Equipment Master (preventive maintenance and work-order generation) and Utility Master (energy tracking and cost analysis).

Summary

Manual: Full manual not seen. Demonstration manual adequate. Ease of use: Good. The software is menu-driven with fair, contextsensitive, help messages. Long reports, covering more than 255 records, must be printed out. But quick scans of up to that size can be scrolled onscreen. With few exceptions, keyboard use is intuitive. Error-trapping: Adequate. It is difficult to fool the program into taking improper data in a given input screen. But the demo installation program gives no warning when files are not installed due to inadequate disk, space.

When reviewing software that, at base, merely makes a routine, unpleasant task somewhat easier, the following criteria are uppermost:

• Versatility. Does the software cover all possible events that could happen?

• Ease of use. Is the software easier to use than an off-theshelf spreadsheet like Lotus 1-2-3, or a standard database program like dBase III? • Price. Is the software priced competitively with off-the-shelf programs and, perhaps, the price of customizing those programs? • Speed. Is the software easy to put data into? To sort through data and print reports?

Facilitrac measures up in all respects, but only just. The program demo, for instance, seemed to install smoothly. But because I was installing it in only 850 kilobytes of disk space when it needed a megabyte, the installation process left out some files. The error wasn't caught until the program was run.

There is a good on-line help system that is context-sensitive. That is, the program displays help that's relevant to the specific task the user is trying to perform. In most places in the program, the help is invoked with the F1 key. But in each of the main menus, there is a separate option labeled "help." The F1 key won't work from a menu.

The ESCAPE key unfailingly moves users backward to the previous screen. But what if you haven't been saving data as you've entered it? The work could be lost. (As is common in data-entry programs, pressing the RETURN or ENTER key after a screen-full has been entered gives you another screen to fill. In general, pressing the "+" key is necessary to save the data on disk.)

It is wonderfully easy to select records to view, by various criteria. Only 255 can be sent to the screen at once that way, however, to be viewed about a dozen at a time. If, by chance, *Continued on page 139*

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Computers: Are they right for the small architectural firm?

Frustrated by trying to separate hype from fact, the author conducted his own research and shares his findings with us.

By Keith Kondrot

Any industry thinking about using a new technology evaluates whether or not it can be applied effectively. The key is in defining "applied effectively." A computer system that is applied effectively is costefficient and generates a profit. It is not one that simply can be useful in handling whatever functions it was bought for. It has to pay for itself.

In architecture, this is most important to small firms, which often have trouble justifying effective application of computers on a day-to-day basis. It would be difficult to find one solution for every small architectural firm. So, let's look at the general factors involved in small offices' computer use to determine whether going to computers is the right choice for your small firm—and suggest some ways to aid your decision.

Small firms may indeed have difficulty in justifying costs at the high end of the scale A small firm might be defined as one in which the staff ranges from 1 to 10 people. In the middle of that range — at five people - there might be two architects, three draftsmen, and one secretary. On the whole, the business is on a cash basis, with money going out as fast as it's coming in. The offices are rented and capital investment is minimal at best. Small offices are particularly sensitive to the highs and lows of each business cycle as they affect construction.

Their advantage over large offices is that they generally have very low fixed costs and most of their costs are variable ones, such as a staff and flow of office supplies that fluctuate with the work at hand. Consultants are

Mr. Kondrot is business manager for Iuro and Associates, an architectural firm in Berkeley, Ill., with a current staff of seven professionals. hired only as needed. Accordingly, the break-even point is very low, which allows a profit at a very low level of production (Figure 1, page 143). This also means low losses if business drops off or stops completely.

All this will be changed if a costly computer system is installed. The break-even point is at a much higher level than it was before (Figure 2). Also, the implementation is binding and can cause great financial problems if the system doesn't pay for itself, despite the most careful analysis.

One example of ongoing costs is maintenance costs. Annual servicing alone runs from 5 to 12 percent of the system's purchase price, which could make this cost very high if you have a \$100,000 computer system. The other maintenance cost is that of updating the system to keep a competitive edge. The amount will depend on the technological advances that occur and how much your system has to be improved to meet these changes. Other costs include the investment value of the capital you have tied up and the start-up and staff-training costs that must be prorated over the life of the system.

As you can see from the two graphs on page 143, the traditional small firm without a computer system has a definite advantage when it comes to hard times for the construction economy or a firm's inability to capture an anticipated share of its market. With a computer system it must now produce a lot more billable work just to break even, gaining larger parts of its market in order to obtain the same amount of annual profit it had before implementing an expensive computer system.

The one advantage that can be achieved, if a firm can capture a larger portion of the market, is leverage. This means that after a firm passes its break-even point, for every uniform unit of production it receives an increasing unit of profit. Of course, the leverage doesn't exist if a small firm simply wants to stay small.

Not all computer systems need to be so expensive as to be an economic burden

It depends on the functions and capabilities a small firm is looking for. CAD tends to catch architects' attention most because it is intriguing and versatile. It draws and it's graphic. It can cost as little as \$12,000 for an entry-level system. Approximately \$110,000 will buy a fairly complex system. With an entry-level system, you generally rely more on software than hardware. It is the other way around with more complex systems. In either case, we are talking about a capital expenditure, not a routine office expense.

CAD is set up mainly for buildings in which design elements, such as floor plans and wall sections, repeat. Apartment and office buildings are typical. If your firm doesn't do such designs, you probably won't see improvement in current efficiencies or increased production in a given amount of time. And, unless an entry-level drawing system happens to fit vour firm's specific needs, it should be passed up because of the limitations in what these systems can do.

Other computer systems that do other things with limited or no graphic capabilities can cost far less. For between \$4,000 and \$22,000, you can buy systems that will do structural, mechanical, and civil engineering calculations. At the low end of the scale, you are moving out of a capital expense and getting close to a routine office cost.

For between \$2,400 and \$5,000, you can buy systems that will do financial management and *Continued on page 143*

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Don't be intimidated by computers; think of them as a potential advantage that should be studied carefully before buying.

general office functions. The software for the former must be attuned to the special business needs of small firms by offering cash accounting. General-office software does construction-cost estimating and project control, and offers word processing for everything from letters to specifications. It is capabilities in financial management and general office functions — not CAD — that allow most small firms to say they are automated.

The choice of using computers in a small architectural firm isn't as clear-cut as suppliers lead us to believe The much-touted reason for entering into computer use is that it's the latest in high-tech in the field of architecture. Also, in marketing design services it impresses clients to know that you are automated.

For a large architectural firm with the capital resources, a system is in itself a marketing tool for the firm's services. For a small architectural firm with limited capital resources and a different clientele looking for different capabilities, systems may not be worth the strain and risk.

Don't be intimidated by the hype. Computers should be thought of as a potential advantage that should be studied carefully before buying. The first thing any small architectural firm will have to do is evaluate its needs for automation and justify the costs. If the firm's needs warrant a computer, the next area to evaluate is the way the computer will affect office procedure. You will have to determine what will change with the implementation of the computer system. Realize that start-up costs can be extensive and must include a possible loss in profits while you are getting the system up and running. Costs could even include some poor client relations during initial inefficiencies.

The one thing that shouldn't be a deciding factor is the increased production and efficiency numbers given by the computer industry. These numbers should only get you interested, but not necessarily buying. They are too general to be used to predict what will happen in *your* office.

Another factor that should not go into your decision is the claim that systems can be used in the place of more employees to do increased production. Increased production is not guaranteed. You have to go out and get the increased work to produce. And, if you are not planning to increase your business but to stay where you are, you may find that you do not have the necessary incoming revenue to cover the increased fixed costs.

On the whole, for most small architectural firms, you can say that computers make sense. But the only system that is sure to help is the management system. Computerized office management can do many things. The first is to familiarize the firm and its employees with the use of computers. Then, if a firm and its employees feel comfortable with computers, it can progress up the ladder.

If a high-capacity system makes the most sense, financing will undoubtedly be needed, so consider the options Complex financing is difficult for most people to grasp, including architects who have not been schooled in the subject. The financing capabilities of a small business are, at best, limited. Big firms have much more latitude.

Financing for a small business most often has to be generated from within. At times this comes directly from the owner's pocket. Of course, for the comparatively large capital investments, such as an advanced CAD system, other financing means are needed. One alternative could be going to a bank. Any loan from a bank is, of course, financially binding, no matter if the construction industry is doing well or is in a slump, and adds to the carrying costs already taken on. And a bank making a loan will typically require the applicant to come up with 20 percent of the money needed.

The other form of financing that can be used, instead of a bank loan, is a lease. With a lease, a small firm has many advantages over taking a bank loan. A lease is like a loan, except that the leasing corporation actually owns the equipment. Similarly, with a bank loan, the ownership turns over to the bank if you default. Also, with a lease, your firm gets 100 percent financing because you don't have to come up with any portion of the initial capital investment.

Another advantage of leasing arises from the quick obsolescence of computers in these times of great advances in the electronic industry. With a lease, the corporation that leased the system is responsible for its disposal if you outgrow it. If, on the other hand, the system still fits your firm's needs at the end of the lease, you can purchase the system at a substantially discounted cost.

So, as you can see, there are many considerations, besides fad, to take into account before your small office takes the plunge into computers.



The two graphs above illustrate the much higher level of production that a firm may have to maintain by owning an expensive CAD system rather than relying on traditional drafting methods. The graphs assume, however, that both the rates of increase in revenues and variable costs will remain the same while the fixed costs will go along at a steady, higher level, due to the extra load of CAD carrying costs.

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Two 12-page design catalogs present 1988 product and technical information on a wide range of architectural aluminum products, including Entara and Crystaline entrances, I-Line narrow-sightline framing, the Sealair commercial and monumental window line. Trusswall curtainwalls, and sloped and barrel-vault glazing systems. Color photographs of built projects and glazing details illustrate each product. Kawneer Co., Inc., Norcross, Ga. Circle 414 on reader service card

•Rubber flooring

Stud-, square-, ribbed-, and smooth-surface synthetic-rubber flooring products are described in Pirelli's new full-line architectural catalog. Close-up photos show floor patterns and colors; on-site photography illustrates residential, office, retail, and arena spaces. Jason Industrial Inc., Fairfield, N.J. Circle 415 on reader service card Healthcare wallcoverings Fabric-backed vinvl in warm colors and different textures can supply a home-like feeling to hospitals and institutions. according to a brochure from Essex 54 wallcoverings. Text explains the maintenance benefits of stain-resistant Prefixx finish, standard on 54-in.wide wall products, and an option on coordinating 27-in. designs. DiversiTech General,

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The *Polycast* interlocking trench drain has 0.65 deg of slope cast into the polymer concrete sections that make up the system; the smooth, U-shaped interior forces water flow to the center for moreefficient, self-cleaning drainage. A 4-page brochure describes how the presloped system can replace larger, cast-in-place drains, and shows products for pedestrian, light-vehicle, and heavy-load traffic. Quazite Corp., Houston. *Circle 417 on reader service card*

Air-system design

Intended for those air systems where fan inlet and discharge openings are clearly separated, a design manual provides basic information on system-pressure losses, fan-performance characteristics, actual and laboratory test-system results, and design tolerances. Single copies of the *Air Systems* booklet are available for a \$6 charge. Air Movement and Control Assn., Inc., Arlington Heights, Ill.

Circle 418 on reader service card •Drafting materials

A 92-page catalog presents a full line of drafting products, including films, CAD plotter media, tracing papers, diazo and xerographic media, pens, lettering systems, drafting machines, and inks. *Herculene*, an unabrasive, permanently transparent drafting film, is described. Keuffel & Esser Co., Rockaway, N. J.

Circle 419 on reader service card •Copper sprinkler systems An illustrated brochure explains the cost, maintenance, and installation advantages of copper tube and fittings in fire sprinkler and single-loop fire protection/ heat-pump systems. A chart compares the weight of type M copper tube to schedule-40 steel pipe. Copper Development Assn., Stamford, Conn.

Circle 420 on reader service card •Office design

Law firms and banking institutions want an aura of prestige and responsibility in their working environments, according to two site-specific design brochures available from Steelcase. Photographs illustrate furniture systems designed to meet the image requirements of these organizations, while also providing productive, functional support for high-technology office and communications equipment. Steelcase Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich. Circle 421 on reader service card

Sectional doors

Steel, aluminum, and wood-panel rolling and sectional doors for industrial and commercial applications are shown in an architectural catalog. The *Panoramic*, one of several service-bay doors offered with large glazed vision panels, is suggested for open-air retail and restaurant space; doors of this type may be specified for openings as large as 26-ft wide by 20-ft high. Overhead Door Corp., Dallas.

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Circle 423 on reader service card Architectural doors A 12-page brochure describes a product line ranging from hollow-core residential flush doors to institutional-grade and custom specification doors. Applicable industry performance standards, materials, and construction details are shown for each door. The maker's "life of the installation" warranty coverage is explained. Haley Bros., Inc., Buena Park, Calif. Circle 424 on reader service card Metal ceiling systems An 8-page color catalog presents the Dampa suspended metal ceiling, configured to meet many acoustic, decorative, and mechanical requirements. A selection chart displays all ceiling profiles, including the half-round Rondella 200, vertical baffles, and tiles, matched with sizes, finishes, and surface treatments. Dampa Inc., Scarborough, Ont.

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Fiber wallcoverings

Asian Accents wallpapers include back-dyed designs with string overlays and chenille yarns, flame-stitch patterns, and Southwestern abstract print, all Class A rated. Seabrook Wallcoverings, Inc., Memphis. Circle 321 on reader service card



Bentwood chairs

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