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## The cutlery of progress

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"Architects at the cutting edge" was the title of a lecture series held last fall at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. As "wrap-up" speaker for the series, I undertook to put the works and thoughts of seven chosen speakers (chart, right) into some kind of perspective.

The "cutting edge" referred to was, obviously, the cutting edge of architectural design-not technology or methodology or social activism. The handy metaphor, on reflection, raises questions: what is the direction of cut or the motive force, and what is being cleft? One purpose of the chart I drew up for the Smithsonian audience-reproduced here in condensed form-was to show the irregularity of this cutting edge. It is no samurai blade, but rather like one of those multipurpose power tools found in a modern do-ityourself department.

The one thing these architects have in common, as they slice and drill at various angles, is that all are attacking the same body of tradition: the orthodox Modern Movement. One of the references for those attending this series was an article by Ada Louise Huxtable entitled "The Gospel according to Giedion and Gropius is under Attack" (The New York Times, June 27, 1976).

The "characteristics" on this chart include some that Robert Stern identifies with "Post-Modernism" (the ones next to his name), some representing the orthodoxy under attack, and others of particular concern to me. The names include the speakers in that series, plus contemporaries who could as well have been substituted. In assigning characteristics, I have relied on my perception of predominant qualities-discounting, for instance, the powerful irony of Gwathmey/Siegel's Whig Hall at Princeton (June 1973 P/A). I may have pushed a bit to demonstrate diversity; no two sets of characteristics quite match.

Some important issues just weren't manageable in this format: the matter of architecture as symbol, for instance, or the tendency toward holistic vs. open-ended form. Unmentioned on this chart (but covered in the lecture) are the numerous heroes and gurus-at home and abroad-who have influenced these people-and the many avant-garde architects with little built work to show.

There may, moreover, be more important cutting edges outside this arena of design-in user participation (Dec. 1976 P/A), for instance, or in light structures (p. 64).

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Contemporaries include: the other four members of the New York Five (besides Gwathmey / Seigel); Werner Seligmann, who should properly be the sixth in that group; Turnbull's former partners, Lyndon and Moore; Myers of Toronto, whose work shows affinities with that of others here, and comparable sophistication: Pelli and Lumsden as leaders of a larger group of Los Angeles "high tech" designers or 'Silvers'' (Oct. 1976 P/A)

Characteristics: response to context-or "contextualism"-means here derivation of form from the idiosyncracies of place, client, etc.; allusion could be divided, as suggested parenthetically, to make important distinctions among sources; experiential form here means form conceived in terms of the sequence of user experience, and can be combined with ideal form, conceived in terms of an overriding order (an intended envelope, a modular grid, etc.); expression of structure and expression of function refer to the conventional principles of the Modern Movement; expression of occupancy refers to intended variability in architectural qualities depending on occupant actions, as in Diamond & Myers University of Alberta Housing (Feb. 1974 P/A); experimentation with perception refers to evidence of intent to alter the way users perceive architectural form.

John Maris Difa

Letters from readers

# Views

#### **Rotunda reconsidered**

In response to your recent article on the Rotunda, University of Virginia (Nov. 76, P/A), I am disappointed with your very narrow, single-minded critique. Although many obvious technical inaccuracies have been discussed, Mr. Knight fails to cover the project completely, leaving out, for example, an assessment of scale and pro-

portion in detail (which in some areas were insensitively handled), any comment about the quality of "Mr. Jefferson's" spaces and interior form which have just now re-emerged after 80 years, or an assessment of this building's importance as the terminus to the "Lawn" as seen from the inside out. In short, Mr. Knight, who must be an engineer, is so hung up about some minor difficulties that he has given us no insight into the emotional and visual experience of the building as a whole. I was not personally involved with this project and have little knowledge of the difficulties, but in spite of some disappointments I would like to be counted as one architect basically happy with the results, especially considering its previous state. Samuel S. Cleveland Architect Charlottesville, Va.

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[Carleton Knight is an art historian by education and the Editor of the National Trust's *Preservation News*. Within constraints imposed by P/A, he chose to concentrate on shortcomings in detail, which do not represent Jefferson fairly and make an evaluation of his design as a whole problematic.—Editors.]

#### **Remodeling reverberations**

I just wanted to extend my congratulations to you for such a well-timed issue of *Progressive Architecture*. The November issue dealing with revitalization hit a familiar note with those of us still in school. It is an increasingly common topic and I appreciated the thoroughly readable coverage.

Also, coincidentally, I met a new resident of Corning, New York, the very same day I finished reading the article dealing with the same city. The Market St. revamping was her major reason for moving there!

- Keep up the good work.
- D. Wayne Speight, student

College of Architecture

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Please accept my thanks for the inclusion of the Villard House project in your November issue devoted to restoration and remodeling.

Starting with the superb cover design which expresses my own feelings, at many junctures in this patient process, the material in your remarkably timely November issue covers the gamut of the preservation efforts which are now sweeping the country. Not only a treat for the eye, it is also a gourmet guide, confirmed by a Thanksgiving weekend visit to the ICA in Boston, whose Hermitage restaurant is as impressive as the new interior.

Progressive Architecture magazine has constantly been a source of innovative reporting which serves a catalyst to the practicing architect for whom neither the pressures of time, expense of travel, or personal contacts could provide the scope of information and inspiration to be derived from new projects springing up all over the country. The recognition of the important role of the intelligent, and imaginative, client is also not to be underestimated in restoration and remodeling endeavors.

The problem of surplus church property [such as the Villard Houses] is of ever increasing concern to both the religious institutions as owners, and the historic preservation community who seek to retain these landmarks. The acknowledgement of these efforts by the Archbishopric of New York is singular in the New York area, where many other denominations have sought to dismiss the landmark issue on constitutional grounds.

I hope that your magazine continues to be the vital and innovative source of information, and I look forward to participation in those efforts. *William C. Shopsin, AIA Architect* 

New York, N.Y.

This is to thank you for your November issue on themes related to historic preservation and new design approaches to old buildings. In particular, I applaud Rodolfo Machado's essay on theoretical aspects of adaptive restoration techniques. His handling of the formal issues involved in the [continued on page 12]

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juxtaposition of forms and intentions in such projects is a useful contribution in this as yet muddled area of discussion. Perhaps there are additional examples of "remodeling" projects which would have made his arguments stronger, for certainly this is not a new concern in architecture. Very few of our great architectural monuments from the past remain in the state in which they were constructed, and this is the source of the great richness of architectural history which, rather than appearing in a succession of neat, pure examples, appears as a lavering of forms added to, overlapping, and reintegrated with the original configuration. Mr. Machado's perspective is a welcome change from the usual "purist" approach which often defines what is important in terms of what is currently of interest to the definers.

My only quibble is with his arbitrary use of the term "remodeling" which really offers no significant improvement over other terms currently in use. "Remodeling" implies a reshaping of existing material without an awareness of the meanings of existing forms or the necessary sensitivity of the possibilities for engendering new meanings. Mr. Machado is correct in finding other available terms superficial, but the one he suggests is no less so. Those of us who are working professionally in preservation-related design struggle with the welter of terms currently in use in a constant attempt to make sense out of a chaotic vocabulary. I am tempted to suggest that the process the author describes is simply architecture, that is, the continuity of architectural history as it advances into the present on its way to the future. In this sense, "architecture" is not the solution of isolated building problems once

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The current confused vocabulary in the preservation field reflects a variety of conflicting interests and intentions. Most of the discussion in this area has been entirely programmatic with its concern for function and finance. Of course, these concerns are important, especially when many developers are yet to be convinced of the advantages to saving and reusing old buildings. But if genuine respect for the qualities of the existing environment is to develop among design professionals, it must be based not only on the feasibility of such projects, but on their credibility and meaning within a broad cultural context. I hope that Mr. Machado's discussion will contribute to the growing awareness of these issues, for, as he says at the close of his essay, the greatest benefit of studying new ways of approaching "old" architecture is the promise of a new respect for the possibilities of "new" architecture.

It is ironic that in the same issue as Mr. Machado's fine article you include other items which demonstrate the current confusion in attitudes. The restoration of the Rotunda at the University of Virginia, while resulting in some memorable spaces and fine craftsmanship, negates the idea of an historic building as an entity which changes in time. Your reviewer's assessment of the project is entirely correct. Critics have rightly detected an inconsistency of approach which sets details and concept at odds.

Also ironic are the LOF and PPG advertisements (pp. 20-21 and 109, respectively). Both of these ads try to sell an approach which obliterates the character of the building in the first case and denudes it in the second. The El Paso building in the PPG ad, at least, was genuinely distinguished in design as the "before" photo shows. This is the wrong way to treat old buildings and it is the responsibility of designers and architectural journalists to tell the public about it. We must develop consistent attitudes toward historic structures which neither romanticize them (as at the Rotunda) nor destroy their integrity by inappropriate contemporary treatments. It is not enough to save an old building from demolition only to destroy its value by uninformed or insensitive "restoration" or "renovation."

What is needed is a consistent theoretical framework for engaging in and evaluating architectural activity which attempts to intervene in the historic contexts of the environment, as all architecture ultimately does. This is simply to say that we need a theory of architecture which takes *time* seriously. Mr. Machado obviously has his work cut out for him! Thanks again for the provocative issue. *Steven W. Semes Washington, D.C.* 

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The gap between knowledge and documentation had to be closed.

And building designers and others had to be provided with a way to easily use the new proof.

Not easy tasks. But critical ones in an era when the energy performance of buildings is a matter of the highest priority.

For thousands of years people have known that buildings with masonry walls were more easily kept warm in winter and remained cooler in the summer. The reason was obvious: masonry walls both stored and slowed down the passage of heat, making interior climates more stable. A simple, observable fact. But no longer sufficient.

Designers and owners needed to know *how much better* masonry conserved energy than did competitive materials and systems. And they needed a simple way to calculate the differential.

Only then could masonry's superior thermal performance be reliably taken into account in meeting energy conservation goals and requirements. Only then could heating-cooling equipment be more accurately sized to save money on both initial and operating costs.

Disdaining "claims" without documentation, the masonry industry began a broad research project to quantify the relationship of the mass or weight of masonry walls to the transmission of energy. The masonry industry engaged a highly qualified firm of consulting engineers (Hankins & Anderson, Inc.) to conduct the study. Ten different walls ranging in weight or mass from four pounds (19.5kg/m<sup>2</sup>) to 116 pounds (567.5kg/m<sup>2</sup>) per square foot were specified for analysis in 10 widely varying climatic conditions. And in eight solar orientations.

Researchers used a special computer program built around the "response factor" method adopted by the National Bureau of Standards Load Program along with other computer programs. They analyzed U.S. Weather Bureau data and considered the effects of many variables, including the weight of walls, on thermal performance.

Results of the computer analysis showed:

- Traditional "U" value measurements of the thermal performance of walls are inadequate. They are based on the incorrect assumption that energy transmission occurs in a "steady state". Contrarily, the process is dynamic and varies greatly in relation to many factors, one being the weight of walls.
- Steady-state "U" value measurements therefore may often result in the oversizing of heating equipment for buildings with masonry walls (and the undersizing of such equipment for buildings with lightweight walls).
- The difference between steady-state and dynamic measurements can be accounted for by the use of a *correction factor*—the "M" factor in making heat gain and loss calculations.

The consulting engineers' report and data consisted of 460,800 numbers on 1,200 pages of computer print-out. Important as this proof of the superior thermal performance of masonry walls was, it was not enough.

The task of developing a tool for the easy use of the findings remained. Masonry industry engineers began



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The graph shows that in all cases, masonry walls perform better than lighter weight walls with the same "U" value rating. The heavier the wall, the greater the differential.

Results of the masonry industry study and the "M" factor graph have been submitted to the Conference of American Building Officials (CABO). And CABO has agreed that the effect of mass should be considered in making heat gain/loss calculations.

The "M" factor study findings are contained in a new Masonry Industry Committee publication, *Mass, Masonry, Energy.* With the findings are graphs and charts, and an explanation of how to use them. An all-in-one booklet everything you need to know in order to take advantage of the superior thermal performance of masonry walls.

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**Progressive Architecture** 

# News report



'As We Were, As We Are' installation at de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco.

# San Francisco's two major exhibits

One result of Bicentennial introspection on the West Coast is that architectural awareness is beginning to compete with body awareness in the public quest for identity. Two major San Francisco museum shows surely will assist this trend.

"A View of California Architecture: 1960–1976," closing Feb. 6 at the San Francisco Museum of Art, at one time might have been classed as a regional show, but it is more national in scope as a glance at its contents proves.

Produced by David Gebhard, director of the Art Galleries, University of California at Santa Barbara, and museum curator Susan King, the show reaches energetically beyond the mainstream to include works like the Bob Hope residence in Palm Springs by John Lautner and the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu by Langdon & Wilson. In fact, the message is that mainstream Modern is no more. And even when the current was running strong, as Gebhard points out in a brilliant catalog essay, California was in the intellectual wake of the Modern trend.

Placing "delight" ahead of "firmness" in the traditional triad of values, California has opposed other parts of the country where delight has been an "embarrassment." "High and at times grumpy seriousness, with all its implied intellectual elitism and pretense, is a constant threat to current architecture in California," writes Gebhard.

Confronted by 160 photo panels and 45 models of work by 22 architects, the visitor has an opportunity to deter-



Bob Hope residence, Palm Springs, by John Lautner in 'A View of California Architecture' exhibit.



Tri-plex Los Angeles condominium by Charles Moore from 'A View of California Architecture.'

mine whether or not he agrees with Gebhard. The installation, by Daniel Solomon, provides a cubicle each for the work of seven pace-setting architects: Joseph Esherick, Frank O. Gehry, John Lautner, Cesar Pelli, Daniel Solomon, Charles Moore, and William Turnbull.

The other exhibition, "As We Were, As We Are," which closed Jan. 30 at the de Young Memorial Museum, is a generously scaled cultural review in four parts. Two parts deal exclusively with buildings: "A Gift to the Street" photographs by Carol Olwell and text by Judith Waldhorn—is a contemporary inventory of the city's Victorian houses.

"Houses of Our Own"—photographs by Morley Bear and text by Sally Woodbridge—treats the more introspective side of the area's residential design from 1890 to the present.

Counter-balancing the two, a third section, curated by photographer Ira Nowinsky, presents a selection from the Gabriel Moulin Studio's 70-yearold archive of city life documenting San Francisco's history since the earthquake. Meanwhile the inhabitants are tracked as styles change and they go about the daily round. This fourth section is a multi-media presentation by Paul Crowley.

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#### **News** report

mates and strangers may thank curator Thomas Garver and his staff for a wellpacked view of it. [Sally Woodbridge]

### Inaugural stand symbolizes change

Symbolizing a change in the style of the Presidency as well as in national needs, this year's inaugural reviewing stand in front of the White House was quite different. As designed by Atlanta. Ga., architects Paul Muldawer and James Patterson, it was smaller, cost less, was solar heated, and will be recycled. But the biggest change was the location. Instead of sitting on the fence in front of the White House, and thereby blocking the view of the mansion, Jimmy Carter's reviewing stand was positioned at a 45 degree angle off to one side.



Solar-heated stand by Muldawer + Patterson.

"This maintained the vista," said Muldawer, "and furthermore showed that the office is more important than the man." He added that the President was able to see both the approaching parade and also the White House.

The \$170,000 structure, built of wood and steel, was designed much like an amphitheater and held 54 persons, with 200 the last time. It can be dismounted easily and most likely will be recycled as a bandstand in Atlanta's Piedmont Park serving the inner city.

A concern for the historical and ecological quality of Lafayette Park across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House prompted the architects to arrange for the bleachers to be erected on the sidewalk and street itself. During the 1973 inauguration there was \$100,000 damage to the park, accord-[continued on page 24]

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ing to the National Park Service. Muldawer and Patterson also arranged for special access and viewing platforms for the convenience of several hundred handicapped persons.

In making plans, the architects held a "concept team charette" on the White House lawn with the National Park Service, U.S. General Services Administration, and the Secret Service. [Carleton Knight III]

# Medical library opens in New Mexico

The new \$3 million Health Sciences Learning Resources Center by Harvey Hoshour/Architect Ltd. of Albuquerque has opened on the north campus of the University of New Mexico. The library, together with two future buildings, will be the focal point for the schools of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy and also will serve as gateway to the campus.



Health sciences center, Albuquerque.

The triangular shape of the four-level building was determined by pedestrian circulation patterns and the desire to provide views of the distant mountain range. Main entry to the building is at the second level fronted by a plaza. The building is cast-in-place concrete with a stucco and steel curtain wall exterior finish. Phase two of the gateway complex will be a student union building, and phase three, the administration building.

# Solar energy systems will soar by 1985

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### In perspective





Baby steps in Brooklyn

For a short time Brooklyn was seeing the growth of a new building type: the day care center. As illustrated by these three examples, buildings are similar in size (three stories), material (brick), and fit in well with the surrounding neighborhood. The modest vernacular style accommodated valuable social functions in both hard-core poverty areas and in moderate-income districts of this borough.

The day care centers resulted from federal legislation funding their operations, with New York City's Child Development Agency formulating architectural and programmatic guidelines. One center in the East New York section of Brooklyn by Potter & Golder Associates of New York was built via a city turnkey program in which the private developers hired their own architects, built the centers, then leased them to the city for 20 years.

Two others, one in Park Slope by Beyer, Blinder, & Belle, of New York and the other in Bushwick by Paul Heyer, also of New York, were funded under the New York State Department of Social Services Youth Facilities Act. This approach was devised to encourage community groups to build and run their own day care centers.

Meanwhile however, the future for day care centers looks rather gloomy, with the lagging state construction program, and the city's drastic budget cut in day care center operations. It will be unfortunate if such good beginnings end up in futility and despair—once more.

The Helen Owen Carey Child Development Center was designed by Beyer, Blinder, Belle as part of a rede-

Beyer Blinder & Belle's Helen Owen Carey Child Development Center (above) with double-height playroom; street elevation (below).



velopment of the Park Slope area of Brooklyn. It not only responds to the needs of working parents in the neighborhood, but also stands as a symbol of its renewal and community pride. The brown jumbo brick cavity-wall structure is organized so that the 11

playrooms for the 190 preschool- and 35 school-age children are on the first and third floor. The second (main) level elevated slightly above street contains community room, offices, library, and other services.

Natural light illuminates spaces;

graphics by Corchia deHarak enliven halls and major areas, although the children's own art work decorates playrooms. A large double-height playcourt provides indoor activity area along with the playroof atop the 22,000-sq-ft structure. The center was sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church and St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church with assistance from the Richmond Foundation.

#### The New Life Child Development

**Center** in Bushwick was designed by Paul Heyer to accommodate 108 preschool- and school-age children. The first and second floors of the 15,500sq-ft brown brick and steel-frame structure are devoted to preschoolers; while the lower floor is turned over to the school age group. The second level overlooks the recessed entrance in mezzanine fashion with a ramp connecting the two, so that easy visual and physical contact may be made between the building's users. A roof play area and a rear garden provide outdoor play space.

Interiors are simple with brown quarry tile in public areas, off-white concrete block walls, round free-standing columns and spots on tracks.





Paul Heyer's New Life Child Development Center (above) showing the street elevation and the lobby.

The East New York Day Care Center for the NAACP was designed by Potter & Golder to house 211 children. The parti of the 28,000-sq-ft brick and steel-frame building is organized so that offices are oriented to the corner entrance at a street intersection. The day care playrooms are arranged around the quieter sides of the site. A large roof deck for the use of preschool-age children, occupies part of the second floor and is partly shaded by the overhang of the third level. On top of the center, a trellised roof garden offers open space.



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Potter & Golder's East New York Day Car Center showing entrance at southeast corner (above); section shows roof deck at northwest corner (below).



Additional natural light is introduced into the interior spaces through a glazed light well over the reception area and skylight over the cylindrical stair core.

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### Idea as Model' seriously impractical

Recent years seem to be noted for more exhibitions of architectural proposals than architecture itself, thanks to economic conditions. The result has been an enriching of the design concept since the burden of having to make an idea verifiably buildable has been removed somewhat. "Idea as Model," a recent architectural model exhibition in New York at the Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies, contained a number of thought-provoking possibilities (probabilities?) by both well-known architects and new talent.

Approximately 20 models appeared in the show, and a high level of both concept and presentation among the [continued on page 32]

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exhibits made the choice of which ones to discuss difficult and arbitrary. Notable for its success as a visual pun is Diana Agrest's "Les Echelles: House for a Musician" proposed for a site overlooking the Mediterranean Sea; the villa ascends the hillside in stepped fashion with terraces at each octave.

Experimenting in the little-explored architecturally speaking—territory of sound, Bernhard Leitner showed how a three-dimensional grid of loudspeakers can transform a neutral space into a specific spatial experience by programmed motions of sound. He presented four such conditions, including a vertical space and a space tube.

"Band-Aid" by William Ellis should have been named "Zipper" because a large zipper connecting the major elements is what Ellis used to depict a façade solution unifying a three-block setting in Minneapolis. The façade, a multi-functional pedestrian way, is to provide a backdrop for free-standing buildings in an open space. The exhibit was funded by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts. A limited edition of 100 mixed media posters for the show by architect Michael Graves also is available. [Ann Carter]

#### Personalities

Bill Lacy has accepted the post of president of the American Academy in Rome leaving his position as director of architectural and environmental arts for the National Endowment.

Beverly Moss Spatt, chairman of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, has been elected to honorary membership in the New York Society of Architects.

Professor Donlyn Lyndon has been named chairman of the Committee on the Visual Arts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

Robert T. Walsh has been named director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston, Mass.

Jonathan King of the University of Michigan has been elected president of the Architectural Research Centers Consortium, Inc.

### Calendar

Through March 13. "Art in Architecture" exhibit, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester, Mich.

Feb. 21–25. "Toward Arcology-Works in Progress" lecture-exhibit focusing on the work of Paolo Soleri, San Francisco World of Plants Show.

Mar. 1. Deadline, Design in Michigan competition, Cranbrook Academy of Art/Museum, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Mar. 14–16. Conference on revitalizing downtowns sponsored by Downtown Research and Development Center, Warwick Hotel, New York City. Apr. 2–3. "Positions in Architecture II" symposium, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence.

Apr. 17–20. Environmental Design Research Association annual conference, Urbana-Champaign, III.

May 23–25. Annual apartment builder/developer conference and exposition, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.

May 27–29. Aspen Energy Forum 1977, Aspen, Colo. [continued on page 37]



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# In progress





2 Fast track renovation—A nine-story tower by Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott is being built above an existing wing which will give Danbury Hospital in Connecticut nearly 400 more beds. The newest addition is a steel frame building with insulated wall panels and mirror glass. It's designed to accommodate a future partial solar energy system. Completion is scheduled for the end of 1977. The concrete three-story wing underneath supporting the tower was designed five years ago by Douglas Orr, deCossy, Winder & Associates of New Haven, Conn. [Continued on page 38]





#### News report: In progress

**3 Bethesda Naval Hospital**—A \$70 million addition to the National Naval Medical Center in Maryland, built in 1942, is underway and will be completed in 1981. Architects Ellerbe of Bloomington, Minn., and Dalton-Dalton-Little-Newport of Cleveland are collaborating on the new 500bed complex which will be separated from the existing building by a court and connecting bridges. The exterior will match the 1942 building; the interior will have outpatient malls to regulate circulation and to separate waiting areas from other hospital functions. The new facility also will serve as a teaching hospital and contain a classroom building.

4 Modular medical clinic—In six months the \$5 million medical center for Fairbanks, Alaska, was ready for use since the entire 32,000-sq-ft facility was constructed of 70 modular sections made by mobile home manufacturers, Boise Cascade Corp. of Boise, Idaho. The units were shipped from Oregon via rail, barge, and truck and arrived complete with cedar siding, extra insulation, carpeting, wallpaper, plumbing, heating, lighting, intercom and fire alarm systems. The project was financed by 22 Fairbanks doctors and dedicated July 4th weekend.

5 Community medical college—Nearing completion in Miami is the Miami-Dade Community College Medical Center Campus, a \$5.7-million, three-story teaching facility a block from the sprawling Jackson Memorial Hospital complex and University of Miami medical buildings. The new school will have two outpatient clinics on the first floor; laboratories and classrooms on the second; and classrooms, offices, nursing laboratory, and student lounge on the third. Architects are Ferendino/Grafton/Spillis/Candela of Miami.

6 Comprehensive health center—Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall of Los Angeles is architect for the East Los Angeles Comprehensive Health Center now under construction. The center will provide two floors of parking and two floors of medical services for the Spanish-American community and will have a colorful glazed tile freize of Aztec pictographs on the exterior. Completion is scheduled for 1979.







Two health facilities by Payette Associates

# A care package

Two new health care facilities designed by the Boston firm of Payette Associates, Inc., while very different in program, site constraints, and design direction, are evidence of the same thorough attention to both parti and detail for which the architects have become known. An odd couple, maybe. What with totally different programs and environments, the two facilities on the following pages have one thing besides authorship in common-an unmistakable sense of design skill and liveliness. In the field of health care, those virtues have been lost, more often than not, in the pure mechanics of juggling all the physical and administrative requirements of a complex building type. But Payette Associates hasn't lost them. In the short time the firm has existed under that name, it has piled up an impressive list of quality health care designs. Not that that's all they do, but their track record in the medical field obviously puts them high on the prospect list for health care clients. The clients for whom the firm has performed its services are, needless to say, much to be complimented. Through their recognition of the design acumen presented by their architects, they have aided in removing the "institutional look" stereotype from health care.



Joslin Clinic floats above ground floor commercial space along Brookline Avenue.

### **Joslin Clinic**



# Joslin Foundation Clinic

While complexity is a well-known attribute in any health care facility program, a diabetes clinic makes unique demands. Especially if, as at Boston's Joslin Diabetes Foundation Clinic, the existing site is a valuable parcel in the Longwood Avenue medical area, with operating commercial establishments. Under Boston ordinances, such business accommodations must be restored to the site under any new building program.

But those constraints were just the beginning. Joslin had previously operated in a building adjacent to the proposed site, working in cooperation with Deaconess Hospital across the street. Because of its wide-spread reputation in diabetes care and research, Joslin was faced with an obvious need to expand. In planning not only for current growth, but for the future as well, Payette Associates had to juggle both the existing building's location and floor-tofloor height, and the position of the future expansion area the opposite end of the block from the existing clinic.

Then there were those demands which stem directly from the nature of a diabetes clinic. More often than not, patients at Joslin are ambulatory, requiring accommodations more like a hotel room than a hospital. The institution's most important function is to teach the diabetic how to deal with his/her condition. Patients live at Joslin for approximately one week, learning their own tolerance limits, and how to stabilize and control symptoms through exercise, diet, and medication. Therefore, in addition to the examination and sleeping areas, major spaces for exercise, lecture, dining, and lounges were required. Two other major aspects of the facility are the large research laboratory—coupled with the other laboratory functions—and the extensive eye treatment unit, since diabetes is a major cause of blindness.

To put all of these requirements into a comprehensible and expandable package, Payette Associates began with an analysis of circulation and the relationship of existing, new, and future facilities. In order to best serve all phases, a central point in the block was chosen for lobby and vertical circulation emphasis. Conceived as part of a mid-block circulation link between several major institutions, Joslin's main lobby opens from a central landscaped court. The court, in turn, becomes the primary focus of all main circu-



LEVEL FOUR





LEVEL TWO





Brookline Avenue entrance, at center cutback in the façade (above), is part of a through-block pedestrian circulation link (shown dotted in on site plan). Joslin Road entrance (right) ramps down to courtyard lobby. Lobby floors are hung from elevator tower (upper left in photo below).





lation and lobby/lounge spaces on all floors. Since the elevator core will be called upon to serve both the new facility and future expansion away from the court, the architects proposed that the core be sized, both in width and in height, for future requirements. The resulting core structure rises three additional floors above the new roof level, and cantilevers out over the fourth level lobby. From the cantilever, tension supports drop down to pick up lobby floor loads below.

At grade level, the new facility is all commercial space, except for the court and its lobby. All new construction at this level is enclosed with butt-glazed floor-to-soffit glass no mullions. The resulting effect is that of clear boxes nestled under and between the obviously structural concrete frame. On the lower remodeled level of the original building are the clinic's administration functions. Level two is primarily for examinations, the existing building housing the eye treatment unit exam spaces. The new facility contains two extremely efficient exam units on this level. Each backs up to a common specimen lab; each has at least 16 exam rooms around a central nurse station, with patient access from the public circulation around the court, and with doctors' access from their own office/circulation block on the street side of the building.

Level three is the diabetes treatment unit, with patient rooms, lounge, dining, lecture, and exercise facilities, and seminar/conference spaces. On the fourth level are all the major laboratory areas, medical records, and the medical library. Here, the normal lab functions are carried out and, in a unique combination, so are the clinic's well-known research activities.

Windows on the exposed south and west sides are set deep into the wall. Between the return walls, exterior sunshades of white painted steel control incoming sun. All windows themselves, in fact, are works of minimal art, in carefully detailed wood frames—with hardware that would not look out of place in the Museum of Modern Art. Payette Associates has used wood for major window framing on numerous projects, for its actual and psychological warmth, and for its endurance.

Care is evident throughout Joslin, from the window wall, to the paint colors, to the graphics and wood detailing. The interiors sing; no gloomy institution, this. The detailing and



the color selection, consistently more thorough, thoughtful, and of higher quality than normally found anywhere, must have eaten up enormous amounts of the architects' time budget. But the results are obvious, and very handsome. Even the rooftop gravel pattern is designed with neighboring buildings in mind.

Although there are traces in Joslin of the brutalist heritage which has predominated much recent Boston area architecture, it never seems overbearing or forced in the architecture by this firm. The skill with which even some of the formalistic design elements are handled lifts them above the possible label of "arbitrary" which might otherwise be suspected. Diagonal walls funnel or disperse circulation in plan, bring in light and views in section.

As an urban statement, a circulation diagram, a successful integration of complex program with old, new, and future components, or simply an elegant piece of architecture, Joslin Clinic scores very high. It is probably, as Thomas Payette hoped, the firm's best yet. And that says a lot, given the predecessors. [Jim Murphy]

### Data

**Project:** Joslin Diabetes Foundation Clinic, Howard F. Root Wing, Boston, Mass.

Architects: Payette Associates Inc., Boston, Mass.; architect in charge, Thomas M. Payette; project architect, Gary L. Graham; resident architect, Thomas F. O'Neill.

**Program:** provide facilities for the care and education of diabetic patients, including outpatient, inpatient, and research/laboratory areas. First floor of new construction to contain commercial space. Existing clinic building remodeled to fit clinic master plan.

Site: one square block in urban Boston's Longwood Avenue medical area.

Structural system: reinforced concrete pan slab system on a 24" x 24' column bay grid. Elevator lobbies suspended from elevator/stair tower on structural steel tension members.

Mechanical system: high velocity variable volume air conditioning system, with some fan coil units, and with perimeter convection. Major materials: buff concrete, Dryvit soffits, wood window framing, brick paving at public level, carpet and sheet vinyl flooring, paint for most interior wall surfaces. (See Building materials, p. 106.)

**Consultants:** landscape architects, Sasaki Associates; structural engineers, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc.; mechanical engineers, Dellea Engineering, Inc.; graphics, Coco Raynes/Graphics. **Client:** Joslin Diabetes Foundation.

General contractor: Henry E. Wile Corporation. Costs: \$9,456,000; \$70/sq ft (new), \$40/sq ft (renovations). Photography: Nick Wheeler.





Examples of careful detailing abound in Joslin interior spaces. The nurse stations (opposite page) and research labs (left) display the same close attention as the lobby spaces (lower left three photos), the library (right), and lounge areas (below). Glazing on upper levels is all wood framed, while the ground level lobby (left, bottom) and commercial spaces are enclosed with butt-jointed floor-to-ceiling glass. While most of the architects' proposed graphics were done, one nice touch, a neon entrance sign (above) was dropped as "too commercial" by the client. It was a cool and refined identifying element.











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# Houlton Regional Hospital

A new hospital standing in an old potato field in rural Maine has more flash and verve than one is likely to find in many of our urban centers.

Six years ago two small hospitals—which had served the residents of Aroostook County, Maine, for many more years than they really should have—decided to go together to build one new, up-to-date hospital in the town of Houlton. The new Houlton Regional Hospital designed by Payette Associates of Boston has only recently opened its doors, and while it is considered by many to be the "most complex and different looking building around," the reaction to it has nonetheless been quite favorable.

While the building is basically a hard-edged, rambling structure with few openings, its exterior skin has been articulated in a most appealing, almost playful manner. The interior has been made open, fluid, and expansive where possible through the (often ingenious) use of mirrors, glass partitions, and skylights. When you add to this a color palette that would be the envy of any building, it is not difficult to see why people have responded favorably to the complex. Other than the rare instance of a piece of genuinely ugly (but serviceable) furniture, Houlton Regional sparkles in a way that we have not come to expect from hospitals.

In order to design a building that works in a climate where temperatures often sink to -40 F or lower and where huge amounts of snow fall well into May, the architects have elaborately coordinated the window openings with the interior design to give light, views, and fresh air through an exterior wall system designed for minimal exposure. On the exterior wall of each patient room a small, high window and a larger, low one are both carefully placed to reflect light on the lavatory mirror to illuminate the room throughout the day. Elsewhere throughout the building transparent and translucent materials are used to dissolve confined or dark spaces to bring a sense of spaciousness and illumination to what otherwise would have been dark, foreboding, typically institutionlike places. One finds such unexpected delights, for instance, as a skylight over the publically visible pharmacy, curving mirror walls in the lounges, and public telephone booths with glass partitions looking into the medical library.





White and violet-gray banding, seen in the east and west façades (above and below), unify the hospital and dramatize its siting on the barren land.



### **Houlton Regional Hospital**



The exterior walls are the Dryvit System from West Germany, which is constructed with 2 in. of foam board insulation on the outside. After the wall panels were affixed to the steel frame structure, the finish was applied to them in floor-height bands circling the building. But the finish is a synthetic material, and the architects report that since it was not possible to obtain a "natural" color they purposely chose one that was very unnatural—violet gray—to be used with the white. The purpose of the banding, however, is to visually unify the sprawling structure and to dramatize its relationship to the naturally barren landscape, which it does in a surprisingly powerful and direct manner.

At Houlton it is the single patient room that sets the measure for the entire building. The position of the bed almost perpendicular to the far wall of each room makes a fairly narrow room possible, and consequently allows for shorter corridors and smaller structural bays. In addition, it also gives good visibility of the patient's face from the door, and conversely it lets the patient watch activity in the halls.



The patient units consist of 36 beds in two 18-bed subunits that share a nurses' station and support services. In the configuration of the patient floor, each sub-unit makes the leg of an L, and two Ls (72 beds) are set back to back and flipped, with common space between them, to make up the entire third floor. In contrast to the conventional Hshaped plan, each wing at Houlton has an unobstructed view as well as a place, where the sub-units meet, to attach additional patient wings or specialized units, such as the intensive care/coronary care unit here. In addition, the plan easily accommodates itself to flexibility in nursing patterns and patient groupings, since on the second floor the same L-shaped plan is arranged so that five beds in pediatrics and three beds in maternity can "swing" for use by either sub-unit when needed.

In order to achieve and maintain a "sense of pervasive publicness" throughout the building, the architects have tried to break down the contrast one usually finds between the lobby and the behind-the-scenes areas. To this end, the furniture in the public and patient areas is interchangeable, and the spirited use of color, which usually stops at the lobby if it is present in a building of this type at all, is carried throughout the entire building.

In what was once a potato field there now stands an unusual new hospital. While the building was constructed for a "rock-bottom" (for hospitals) \$55/sq ft, Houlton Regional stands as proof that a place of healing can be charged with excitement and vivacity, and that it need not be like the institutionally drab places we have all lived with for much too long. Houlton proves that a hospital, like any other building, can refresh the spirit, and that it doesn't cost any more than just a little imagination. [David Morton]

#### Data

Project: Houlton Regional Hospital, Houlton, Maine.

Architects: Payette Associates Inc., Boston, Mass.; John Wilson, project architect and designer; Young Jo Sul, Steve Kazmierczak, job captains; John Bielecki, field representative.

**Program:** a new regional, general hospital of about 100 beds to replace two separate, outmoded structures.

Site: A former potato field near U.S.1 and I-95; the hospital is tucked into a niche at one end of the site surrounded on three sides by trees; the remaining open field remains open.

Structural system: steel column and girder frame; light gauge steel framing walls.

Mechanical system: hot water boilers and fan coil units; air-cooled condensers and air handling units.

Major materials: steel frame; long-span bar joists and corrugated metal deck for floors and roof; concrete topping on floors; Dryvit and foamboard-insulated wall system; painted gypsum wallboard. (See Building materials, p. 106).

Consultants: Payette Associates, Inc., landscape, interiors; Dellea Engineering Inc., mechanical; Rubin Zallen Assocs., structural; E.D. Rosenfeld Assocs., medical planning; Haley & Aldrich, soils. Client: Houlton Regional Hospital, Craig Beam, administrator. General contractor: Salter Corporation.

Costs: C/M contract amount, \$5,970,000; \$55/sq ft. Photography: Nick Wheeler.









Although windows are kept to a minimum, ample glazing and sometimes mirrors are used in public areas, such as the lounge (facing page top) and cafeteria (top) to enliven and animate interior spaces. Elsewhere throughout the building crisp detailing and a bold color palette are effective in preventing the institutional image typical of hospitals. Daylight is used unconventionally, such as in surgical suite (above). The position of the bed in the single-patient room (facing page) gives superior visibility and allows a narrower-than-normal room, which permits the advantage both of shorter corridors and of smaller structural bays.

# Grand allusions

If the battle of the styles has once again started raging, the house serves as its heraldic emblem. In this "post-modernist" house in Westchester Co. architects Robert Stern and John Hagmann have raised questions regarding the "new" architecture.

Now that the modern movement's position is no longer secure, a renewed contest is being waged to determine the sort of architecture that will assume its hegemony. One of the most sporting and vocal pretenders to the throne. Robert Stern, has been arguing that architecture is (or should be) moving in the direction of "post-modernism." Exemplified by the work of Venturi & Rauch, Charles Moore, Mitchell/Giurgola (and, of course, his firm, now called Robert A. M. Stern Associates), post-modernism's principles that Stern refers to-contextualism, historical allusion, and applied ornament-have now become familiar to the architectural public over the last decade. The question only remains whether these principles, as radical as they have been, constitute an architecture that is truly "post-modernist." And if so, do they posit a clear enough conceptual framework for this architecture's dissemination and reproduction-an intrinsic code for the generation of architectural form.

As Stern talks it and practices it, post-modernism is perceived by him as a *stylistic* shift—as are most changes in architecture. His argument bares the realities of the situation that rankle many. For most architectural revolutions are indeed perceived and understood in terms of "style," a fact Stern has decided to embrace with pragmatic élan. While conceding a point that new building types and technologies indicate more than a different "look," he basically holds the Banister Fletcher-like line in his view of the nature of the beast.

So it is not surprising that what you get, as this one-story house in Westchester reveals, is modernism in drag. The essential character is still the same despite the stylistic trappings. Pitfalls that do occur relate to this camouflage. Contextualism, applied ornament, and historical allusions after all are *attitudes* expressing values. They do not carry their own genetic formulas. They do not tell you how and what to combine; how elements create space, how smallSITE PLAN



scale components cohere at a larger scale.

This one-story house sitting on a hilly wooded site of 140 acres in Westchester County is part of a grouping of three buildings; the other two, flanking a sinuously curving halfmile long drive are the gardener's cottage and a greenhouse. Stern and Hagmann treated the gardener's cottage as one kind of problem: a prototype for a modest single family "suburban" home. The main house is another situation. The owner desired an ample weekend home (5700 sq ft) that would accommodate guests, allow for entertaining, but appear to be small in scale. The architects thus designed the house to be experienced as a series of fragments or episodes. As one approaches the entrance, one cannot perceive it as a single entity, a "hermetically sealed object" that Stern finds constricting in the work of others. Rather the curved low-browed portal, with the rest of the spaces receding down the slope, is all that is visible. Although the house is organized lengthwise along a skylit corridor, the entrance is not placed on axis with that corridor, but deflected off it. Guest rooms, maids' rooms, and the owners' sleeping quarters are treated as zones or suites branching off the corridor so that their size too cannot be readily apprehended. Even the depth inside the public living spaces is diminished by the device of layering spaces in the transverse direction.

A variety of allusions to historical antecedents abound in this richly polychromed and beautifully detailed house. Edwin Lutyens is invoked quite often. The plan, with suites of



Freestanding screen walls are concrete; elsewhere wood framing elements are carefully stacked, as in a balloon frame, to minimize stucco cracks.



Local fieldstone cascades down to pool; above, house is painted light ochre with Tuscan red bands; copper flashing is bent back at edge

rooms connected to the corridor, owes much to the predecessor, as does the deflected circulation from the entrance around the fireplace and into the path of circulation. Clerestory windows, and skylights recall Lutyens, along with certain stunning triumphs of ambiguity, such as the fireplace nook. Here the walls flanking the fireplace have been dematerialized by their concavity and placement under a skylight.

If Lutyens is by now rather *de rigeur* as a reference system in this firm's work, Frank Lloyd Wright is not as expected. (For a comprehensive discussion of Lutyens in comparison with contemporaries Wright and Le Corbusier see Alan Greenberg's analysis in *Perspecta* 11-12.) But like Greenberg, Stern has not missed the Wrightian link to Lutyens. His recall, however, goes little further than the late 1930s and 1940s. Thus the massing of the entrance and the glass block wall immediately reminds one of Johnsons' Wax as do the earthtoned and Tuscan red colors Stern borrowed from the inside of the labs to apply to the stucco on the outside of the house. The west elevation recalls Wright's Usonian houses; fieldstone terraces cascading to the rectangular pool bring Wright's Miller House of 1946 to mind (Stern prefers Lutyen's Nashdom house).

Here, however, one senses an uneasiness in Stern's own combinations. Those lightly curved paper thin planes of concrete and/or stucco on wood frame rising above the massive geometrical fieldstone setbacks seem too abrupt, too dissonant. Neither of the precursors, one suspects, would have carried their outward (or inward) contradictions this far. Stern wanted to emphasize the man-made object

## **Residence, Westchester County**

perched atop the rugged setting: only the podium is truly treated contextually.

Elsewhere the attention to detailing and surface articulation show a sureness of hand one sees in Wright, although the results dramatically differ. Polychrome reveals are incised in thick plaster walls in bedrooms; joints in the bluestone paving widen as one goes from living room to partially covered terrace to open terrace. Four lally columns are bunched in clusters on the terrace, to be linked with vines instead of the (Aaltoesque) thong tie.

As with Lutyens and Wright, the plan assumes a major organizational role in the design solution. Yet unlike a Lutyens plan, this one is not composed of a series of well-defined volumes or rooms. And unlike a Wright plan it is not completely open, surging onward with the fluidity of contin-



Narrow glass blocks laid vertically indicates foyer (above, rear photo below).





Living room is 14 feet high, faces south





Dressing room leads to conservatory.





Study alcove overlooks terrace.



Master bedroom has 13-ft ceiling.

Baths all have skylights.

uous space. Strangely, the plan looks more like a manneristic version of Corbusier's Maison La Roche of 1925. In this case, it almost *appears* as if Stern had taken the curved wall of the gallery at La Roche and used it in its various deformations (reverse curve Corbu) to bound the wing of rectangular living spaces. Synthetic cubism comes to postmodernism in Westchester County. It could even be argued that the enclosing walls turn for inspiration to Corbu's punched out layering of planes to achieve the phenomenal transparency that Colin Rowe and Robert Slutsky have previously expounded (*Perspecta* 8 and 13-14).

## **Eclecticism unbounded**

Not that Stern would shrink from being linked with this triad of Lutyens, Wright, and Corbu, even if the third party is associated heavily with the other camp of "third-generation modernists" (née the Whites). There is a major difference between Stern and the three architects mentioned above. However, it has not so much to do with Stern's unabashed eclecticism, not so much with his manner of assemblage, not so much with his choice of applied ornament. The real difference lies in the treatment of architectural space. Lutyens with his connecting but discrete closed spaces, Wright in his horizontally interlocking planes, Corbu through his cubistic volumes spatially defined with free-standing objects—the fireplace, the shelves, the ramps and stairs—all achieve a three-dimensional dynamic unity. Lutyens and Corbu may retain that sense of enclosed volume to get it, Wright, the dense mass—two important ingredients of architectural space that Norberg-Schulze points to. (Despite Wright's open plan, the insideoutside relationship, he relates horizontal and vertical axes to the static massive core, such as a fireplace.)

Except for changing the ceiling height, and introducing often unseen natural light sources, Stern doesn't deal with the vertical dimension. Perhaps this is what has troubled the jurors in the 23rd annual P/A Awards about the house's elevations. (Jan. 1976, p. 65). And in real life the elevations are less resolute than the plan: not as tidy as the superficially similar Brandt House by Venturi & Rauch (Aug. 1976, p. 50). Although the elevations signify the changes in plan, the curved bounding walls are still collaged onto the interior spaces. Concrete screen walls, one to mark the portal, one to frame the south view and shield the living room from the sun, emphasize the point. Where they merge with enclosing walls the whole becomes a little loose, a little shaggy, even if Stern prefers to call it open-ended. The curve is to Stern what the cube is to other architects. But

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the cube has a three-dimensional reference, the curve twodimensional. Its greatest success is still in terms of plan.

On the interior one doesn't experience the spaces as volumetric enclosures, but rather as settings. The "stage set" aspect in fact is reinforced by the carefully selected Art Deco-ish furnishings, the intricate detailing of doors, cabinetry, walls, the choice of hot and heavy pastel colors. In this *non*hermetically sealed object, one feels these places or settings have been arranged carefully on a stage, where the boundaries are provided by stage flats, scrim, and proscenium arches.

Perhaps therein lies the clue: the architect's own experience of his architecture. It is through the eyes of a participant in a theatrical event. Each user/actor has his assigned role, his designated place of movement on the stage. Guests entering the front door move from glass brick walled alcove to the living room, dining room, fireplace nook, or terrace without ever being aware of the rest of the house. Host and hostess make their entrance stage left from their master bedroom wing. Servants tiptoe noiselessly out of their quarters to open doors, hang coats, retreat to their rooms or to kitchen, all invisibly. There is a strong fantasy aspect to this setting of course: as if life is taken from films, and similarly, architecture is a three-dimensional construct perceived within a two-dimensional framework.

It does have style. And Stern is a consummate stylist. His kind of art requires a sure hand, a great deal of attention to detail, an extensive knowledge of art history, and a deft flair for combinations. (It also helps to have the proper budget for nice materials, exquisite craftsmanship, and the staff to execute the painstaking detailing.) But this kind of art has its limitations—perhaps the reason Stern is at his most spectacular in small, constricted, already-given spaces of the bathroom, townhouse, or carriage house. This kind of eclecticism, lacking the internal code that prescribes its own consistencies could easily come apart without strong parameters or constraints, physical, economical, or otherwise. This house for all its intelligence, its sureness, its savoir vivre, lacks that inner core determinacy. [Suzanne Stephens]

Gardener's cottage, south elevation





- 6 Maids' rooms
- 7 Master bedroom
- 8 Conservatory 9 Sunporch
- 10 Bedroom
- FLOOR PLAN GARDENER'S COTTAGE



Curved doubled-glazed wall of bedroom faces onto cable suspended slats of trellis, which will soon be covered by clematis.





Insulated flat roof is formed from ¼ in. tempered and ¼ in. laminated glass (photo above, isometric detail, left) to light conservatory (below).



#### Data

Project: residence and outbuildings, Westchester County, N.Y.
Architects: Robert A.M. Stern and John S. Hagmann, New York, N.Y.
(firm name since changed to Robert A.M. Stern Associates); Daniel L.
Colbert, associate in charge of building design; Jeremy Lang, associate in charge of site development; Robert Buford, Joan Won Yee Chan, and
Ronne Fisher, senior assistants; Gregory Gall, Toby Levy, Edmund
Stoecklein, and Clifford M. Thatcher-Renshaw, senior assistants.
Site: 140 acres of wooded hillside in Westchester County.
Program: 5700-sq-ft residence with two guest bedrooms, master bedroom, maids' quarters on ground floor with high ceilings, ample natural light, modest scale. A gardener's cottage with three bedrooms and a greehouse/utility shed were also requested.

Structural system: stucco on wood balloon-frame structure; screen walls reinforced concrete.

Major materials: stucco, wood, concrete, local stone podium and landscape walls, bluestone floor and terrace paving. (See Bldg matris, p. 106). Mechanical system: forced hot air with humidification; three oil-fueled furnaces for three separate zones supplemented by electric cable units. A/C forced air from air handlers at furnaces with remote chillers. Consultants: Peter Rolland & Associates, landscape design; George

Langer, mechanical engineer; Robert Silman Associates, structural; Carroll Cline, lighting design.

General Contractor: Franco Brothers. Client and cost: withheld. Photography: Edmund Stoecklein.

# A light language

In the search for an architectural expression which merges art and science to create a dialogue, a group of architects, Chrysalis, creates skillful structures.

Chrysalis, self-described by Joseph Valerio in the Aug. 1972 issue of P/A (p. 87) as "a group of resources applied to solve particular problems," is alive and well. They are doing what they call "unbelievable architecture." Chrysalis' Valerio and Kent Hubbell point out that, in the United States, the entertainment industry dominates the arts. "If architecture is to be a significant art form," they feel, "it must participate meaningfully in the lives of everyone. Architects must engage a broadly based audience for their work by presenting a product which surprises, which is significantly different, which is unbelievable when viewed in the context of day-to-day experience."

To develop that audience, the group also believes in maintaining the contrast between the building and its environment. "Architecture, as a language, should be designed so that a significant difference exists between its terms; through these differences, the language becomes meaningful to the user. In architecture, the differences that exist between buildings are essential and expected by the user." In addition, an architecture without the ability to change stylistically loses the feeling of expectation.

Much, although not all, of Chrysalis' work has been in the medium of membrane structures. The strong geometries generating their designs, they feel, give clues to relationships and images not physically seen but capable of being sensed. There is an impact beyond the physical limits. The group wishes to be eclectic, in the broad sense of casually drawing images and forms from other sources for use in building. By so doing, it is their intention to create a hybrid art form which is "richer and more complex than the traditional imagery found in the history of architecture."

## Why membrane structures?

In answer to questions about the feasibility of membranes when compared with "standard" materials, Chrysalis tends to answer in both philosophical and technical terms. "The rich set of forms which membrane structures generate becomes useful as a tool for injecting symbolic elements into









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the meaning of a space."

Their comparisons center around three points: 1) in conventional construction, doubly curved forms are achieved only after a fight with the basic material characteristics, whereas these forms are the rule with membranes; 2) perception of a membrane structure's mass and volume is unique—great apparent mass and actual volume are possible; and 3) there is a direct correlation between form and structure, so that any design decision has immediate structural consequences and vice versa. "A unique interdependence exists between symbolism and technology."

Valerio and Hubbell believe that both art and science should be served simultaneously in architecture. Because form and structure are so tightly merged in membrane construction, they are confident that this medium will not easily suffer the separation of expression and technology prevalent in most other materials. But what hard facts do they offer on the subject of viability?

## Some pragmatics

When membranes were first introduced for space enclosure, they were touted as extremely efficient in terms of cost/sq ft, weight, and energy input. They still are, and accurately, although some new fabrics narrow the gap with traditional materials on all three counts. But early skins had other problems/advantages. As P/A pointed out in 1972, some proponents of membrane structures wanted recyclable coverings for temporary functions, and some early materials accommodated that group—by decomposing. To the other camp, that tendency was disconcerting. Those who wanted the weight/cost advantages but also more longevity were forced to come up with new products to satisfy not only their desires, but the demands of code officials.

Materials have come a long way since then, and some now may be classified as incombustible, with the ability to be bonded for at least the life of a conventional roof. Problems of heat, cold, and sound transfer are usually handled at some expense in terms of translucency, and some additional dollars. But the total cost is still better than competitive, and the picture improves with the increase in volume enclosed.

Another important consideration in today's market environment is conservation, both of resources and of energy











Chrysalis' design work includes intensive model study with clips (left) to take up excesses in skin panel mockups. From these early exercises the architects proceed to the detailed pattern drawings for individual parts of the structure, such as the side door for the Three Rivers Arts Festival enclosure (opposite page, top). Line sketch (this page, far left) illustrates parti for structures at Dixie Mall entrances (below).





Two main entrances of the existing Dixie Square Mall in Harvey, III. were difficult to identify from parking lots. Chrysalis installed two new barrel-vaulted membrane structures over those walkways (left, and top, above), as well as new signage, a tent structure to define an events area (above), and a new arch-supported skylight membrane (below) above a newly planted area.





### **Chrysalis East**

to manufacture the material. Membrane structures, Chrysalis points out, extend advantages to project production, delivery, and installation operations. Valerio and Hubbell quote manufacture, delivery, and installation energy costs at 15,000 btu/lb for steel, 150,000 btu/lb for aluminum, and 40,000 btu/lb for plastics. Multiplying the weight of material required for a structure in each by the btu/lb figure, the energy resource savings of the lighter membrane become clear, they contend.

But Chrysalis does not stop at postulating. Its members thoroughly understand the technology they advocate, to the point that they go beyond the theory and into the manufacture of their structures. Admittedly, most of their work has been small-scaled when compared with some of Frei







Milwaukee's lakefront Summerfest, a two-week festival each July, stages theatrical and musical events among other things. The largest attraction is the daily concert, attracting an audience of 20,000 and requiring a main stage and backstage facilities. A semi-portable structure appeared appropriate, since the site could change in the future. The weatherproof superstructure remains in position year-round, with vinyl-coated nylon fabric membranes removed and stored. The upper main tent covers an area of 40'x80', the backstage structure covers a 30'x68' area.













In their academic roles as faculty members at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Joseph Valerio), Cornell University and the University of Michigan (Kent Hubbell), the two Chrysalis members have directed architecture students in the design and fabrication of the structures shown above and at the left. The University of Michigan School of Music performance pavilion (top, left), and the Cornell Spring Arts Festival theater (above), and the headquarters for the Lakefront Festival of the Arts, Milwaukee Art Center are three examples of what are intended to be paradigms of the entire building process.

Some of Chrysalis' projects take the form of research studies. One study, undertaken for the Physical Control Laboratory of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture was for the purpose of examining new methods of applying pest control materials to crops in the field. With the assistance of Prof. Richard Black of the Cornell University College of Agriculture, a Chrysalis team made a proposal for a pneumatic tractor-mounted boom (left, bottom two drawings) with spans of over 75 feet. Special nozzles and the boom design would effectively deposit materials directly on the plants with a minimum of overspray and waste. Still another study, for the Educational Facilities Laboratories, called for a thorough three-level examination of thermal properties of membrane structures. Basic variables which control operating costs, such as conductivity, infiltration, etc., were studied, as were the results of laboratory thermal resistance tests on a wide range of materials, and a spectrum of possible membrane innovations. Further research efforts have recently taken Chrysalis into the area of acoustical properties of thin films and membranes. The studies indicate that they are efficient acoustic reflectors at frequencies above 1000 Hz; as a result, they may be used to clarify, brighten, and direct sound for musical performances. Membranes can also help to alter the acoustics in existing interior spaces.



A traveling exhibition for Alcoa (above) makes use of a fiberglass arch rod which springs into position when the membrane is attached to the two accompanying trucks, and one truck is moved away from the other. Project (top, right) for Milwaukee's Summerfest, would shelter an area of 4000 sq ft under a prestressed net of steel cables with plywood skin sections, at a greater economy than most other structural systems. For the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), Chrysalis designed a structure (right) for the institution's year-round horticultural studies. Enclosing 6000 sq ft, the membrane can be taken down in summer, and is equipped with a second skin (shown rolled in center photo, right) for insulating the structure in the winter months.

Two competition entries (opposite page) for a childrens' park (model, top) and an addition to the Minnesota State Capitol (drawings, bottom) extend principles Chrysalis has been working with. The park, a submission to the competition entitled "A Playground for All Children," was designed as an "outdoor room" with tents, berms, and level changes. A major requirement of the program by the sponsor, the New York City Dept. of City Planning, was that the playground allow children with disabilities access and an equal opportunity to participate in activities along with the able-bodied. Design of the playground is by Chrysalis' Kent Hubbell, in association with Jeff Hannigan, David Prendergast, and Allan Lindenfeld. In their submission to the national competition for a 400,000-sq-ft State Capitol addition in Minnesota, Chrysalis put the program elements-legislative hearing rooms, state Historical Society museum, and parking under the existing Capitol lawn-along an axis parallel to the front of the Capitol. The space is defined by an undulating concrete shell, an "umbrella" for very different functional areas. The proposal was developed by Joseph Valerio with Kahler, Slater, and Fitzhugh Scott, Inc.







Otto's, with Davis, Brody, and David Geiger's (P/A, Aug. 1972, pp. 79–84), or with CRS and David Geiger's (P/A, May 1976, pp 94–99). But the group is doing a body of work which is thoroughly consistent with their philosophy, and which is technically thorough and skillful as well. Since the range of their projects also reflects their goal of an increased complexity in architecture, the individual works shown on these pages each carry their own descriptive captions. It is to be hoped that the skills shown in these examples will have the opportunity to be applied to projects of even larger scale, and in differing materials. Chrysalis has thus far achieved one of the most difficult of its intentions the blending of art and technology. [Jim Murphy]

# Other spatial realms

For the New York firm of Gwathmey Siegel Architects the process of designing interiors has revealed design opportunities often missed in designing buildings.

As practicing architects, Gwathmey Siegel Architects is a firm perhaps best known for a series of rather expensive single-family houses, some of which have been published in the pages of P/A and others of which have appeared in the book "Five Architects." For many young architects beginning their own practices, houses—as a building type are often the only projects they have, and making the transition to larger work is difficult, not so much for lack of ability as for lack of experience.

For Charles Gwathmey and Robert Siegel, the economic recession of the last several years has not only brought them bigger architectural commissions than the firm has ever had, at a time when many of the larger and betterknown firms were laying off employees, but has also brought them numerous interior commissions and the opportunity to deal with another whole dimension of the design process. On the surface, the recently completed interiors shown on these pages differ remarkably from the pure white geometries of intersecting planes which characterize their houses. But while the end results may appear dissimilar, some of the underlying concepts which give their spaces form are totally consistent with their thinking about architecture. Other realities of interiors projects permit a different realm of design possibilities to emerge, some that cannot be realized in architecture.

When dealing with architecture, a building's formal conception and its façade often receive the most thought and energy, while the interiors, functional in many ways, are often pushed or pulled to suit the other purpose. In the design of just interior spaces, the pragmatics of the program become of greater importance in generating a solution as there is no high-style façade to hide behind. These spaces must solve very concrete functional problems at the same time that they must satisfy the aesthetic demands of making a visual statement.

One of the prime differences between architecture and interiors is that the context of site and decisions of orientation, which give form and coherence to good buildings, are not factors in the design of most interior spaces. Instead, the limits of the existing container imposes its own set of constraints on the space and these, along with the client's program, form the context from which the design solution emerges. Although the possibilities of site and orientation are eliminated, what is possible in dealing with interior spaces is the interplay of new forms against the existing enclosure. In the process of juxtaposition, another consideration emerges; that of transition between the two. By the very nature of designing a whole building, this richness of layering, of connections and transitions, does not exist. As Gwathmey says, "You just don't think about making this kind of thing when you do a building, but it becomes crucial when dealing with the insertion of the new into the old."

Circulation is, for Gwathmey Siegel, one of the most important structuring devices for the organization of interior spaces and the articulation of its functional aspects. In many ways, their concept of circulation is not unlike a concept of street; it is a separate experience in itself at the same time that it leads one through or by the various other activities. Most obviously, the literal nature of this concept can be seen in the Bower & Gardner offices where the route of passage from the entrance to the partners' offices leads a visitor past glass block interior windows of a conference room and law library, or in the sequence of entry to Shezan Restaurant where the passage steps down several times and reveals a different space opening off to the left each time. When the circulation is not used in such a literal sense, it becomes instead an implicit ordering device for the sequence of activities which take place.

The implication of circulation as street suggests that the interior can conceptually be viewed like an arrangement of buildings on a landscape, a spatial notion which is reinforced by the manner in which the architects organize clusters of space and through the use of such connotive elements as interior windows or glass block walls. The clustering of space and the organizing of activities in this type of concept functions as an element of scale transition between the overall container and the collection of single objects placed within it. A grid of lights hung from the ceiling in the U.S. Steakhouse functions in this manner as do four columns in the large dining room at Shezan.



Another concept employed by the architects to mediate the scale transition from container to object is the notion of cabinet as both wall and object. The ambiguity is intentional. Read as wall, it is seen as part of the container; read as object, it is seen as floating in the space. Either way, it is the ambiguity itself that is the transition device that bridges both scales simultaneously.

#### Illusions

Still other of their conceptual approaches toward architecture come to bear on the design of interior spaces. "Inside space," explains Gwathmey, "is planar, a slice rather than a volume, and one of the things we attempt to do is create the illusion of space as volume within this slice."

One effort toward this end is the use of reflective polished aluminum ceilings which dissolve the ceiling plane by rendering it as an abstract image of the ambience and activity of the space below. Where it is employed in both Poster Originals and Shezan, the illusion is successful. In the first instance because the images of some 300 posters, are multiplied to the extent that it is no longer a question of

The photo (left) of Vidal Sassoon, Chicago, shows the ambiguities present in the reading of the various wall and ceiling planes through the use of reflective, translucent, and clear materials. The effect creates a certain richness in the experience of the various realities.

one competing with another to be seen, but of a total ambience within which to look at posters. In the second instance, the illusion of space succeeds because the whole restaurant is in a basement, without any reference to the street or to daylight, and therefore the strength of the space lies in how well it can create its own internal ambience.

Light, too, becomes a major design element in interior spaces. When reference to the outside does exist, as it does in some of these projects, the relationship is fixed and, while it cannot be controlled by the architects, the perimeter can be used as a reference point as in the Bower & Gardner offices, with the major circulation space along the Madison Ave. side of the building. When such reference is not possible, as in Shezan, then the lighting is totally within the control of the architect and the creation of an internal ambience is much dependent on the quality of the artificial lighting. At Shezan, perhaps more than any other project, the choice of lighting types and their placement within the space contributes significantly to the success of the restaurant as in internal environment. Light is also used by Gwathmey Siegel in combination with the translucency of glass block to create the illusion of spatial realms beyond, much in the same manner as the Baroque architects created the domains of heaven in the 60-ft diameter of an octagonal dome. It is the suggestion of something beyond, without the hint of the reality that permits the imagination to stir beyond the literal physical imagery or enclosure.

It becomes clear, then, that the differences between these environments and the ivory snow purity of their house architecture is the difference between making illusion and making literal space, but it is not so clearly the difference between architecture and interiors. While in some ways the constraints of working within an existing enclosure are many, the opportunities that can be made of these often result in a far richer sensual experience for the people in it than most architecture has shown itself to be capable of doing today. The literal quality of architectural space is, in some ways, reductive in its resolutions as one tends not to pose more problems than already exist to be solved. The illusions of interior volume, on the other hand, deal with an ambiguity that can be very rich. When well done, an interior can give us some sense of what architecture might aspire to become. [Sharon Lee Ryder]

# **Poster Originals**

FLOOR PLAN Legend 4 Permanent American 7 Files/storage/work display 8 Framed poster display 1 Entry collection gallery 5 Framing table 2 Foreign poster books 9 Office

6

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3 Sloped display 6 Control desk

SECTION

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- 10 Toilet



Poster Originals, a gallery on Madison Ave. in New York City, deals only with posters as art and accommodates a collection of 300 American posters hung on the walls and 450 European posters displayed in large, vinyl-paged books. In addition to functioning as a gallery space, the 1200 sq ft also includes office space, storage, and frame facilities. The linear space is laid out so that nothing overlaps and draws attention away from other things. The European posters are encountered first, set in a mirrored niche on sloping shelves. Along one of the long walls leading to the rear of the space, the American posters are hung, side by side, one above the other. The wall, slightly canted out at the bottom, keeps people a sufficient distance away from the posters and the linearity of the space assures that the viewer moves along taking in one thing at a time. The walls are painted in white, the floor covered in gray carpet, providing as neutral a background as possible for the display of the objects. Here, as in several other of the recently completed spaces, the ceiling is a polished aluminum panel. The abstracted images, reflected in its surface, not only lend a sense of verticality to the otherwise long narrow space but also the multiplicity of images creates a texture against which the real posters are seen.

## Data

Architects: Gwathmey Siegel Architects. Major materials: gypsum board, paint, carpet, polished aluminum ceiling panels. Contractor: All Building Construction Corp. Cost: \$20 sq ft.



All photographs: Norman McGrath



From the front (below) looking toward the framing section (above).



Frames on display (above).



Other spatial realms

# Vidal Sassoon



A series of hair salons for Vidal Sassoon, although in different spaces in different cities, were designed with a consistent palette of materials and colors to establish a unifying image for the chain. Salons range in size from 3500 to 4500 sq ft and accommodate anywhere from 30 to 50 stations with the capability of 1500 to 2000 customers per week. The New York and Chicago salons are large, the Costa Mesa store is one of the smaller ones.

The program was virtually the same for all spaces, with a mix of 75 percent female and 25 percent male. Whatever the individual layout of each space, two basic organizing concepts were employed in all of them. The first was to maintain both the ceiling plane and floor plane as strong, monolithic surfaces. The second was to unify what had traditionally been all the separate, individual cutting stations by grouping them and designing mirrored surfaces and storage containers as continuous elements for each group.

The men's area is not distinguished in any way, except location, from the women's cutting stations; neither is particularly masculine or feminine. With a palette of brown, white, and silver, the space is fairly neutral, taking on the characteristics and color of the objects within it.





Legend 1 Mall 2 Entry

3 Reception
4 Display
5 Waiting
6 Coats
7 Dressing
8 Toilets
9 Washing
10 Cutting (women)

11 Drying

12 Tricology 13 Dispensary 14 Staff room 15 Storage 16 Cutting (men)

19 Service

17 Manager's office 18 Laundry



### Data

Job captain: Tsun Kin Tam. Consultants: Thomas Polise, mechanical. Major materials: vinyl wall covering, quarry tile flooring, polished aluminum ceilings. Contractor: All Building Construction Corp. Cost: \$50 sq ft.

The three salons shown on these two pages, Chicago (left), New York (right and below, left), and Costa Mesa, California (below, right) all use the same materials to maintain a consistent look, although each, because of differences in the spaces and layouts, can be identified.













### Other spatial realms

# Shezan



But the space does not succeed in convincing the viewer by aggressively assaulting the eye with a barrage of visual sensations. In fact, it succeeds in the opposite way. It is calm, quiet, and subtle—a blending of materials, colors, and lighting that creates an ambience which is more than the sum of the ingredients.

The existing structure of irregularly sized and spaced columns played a major role in organizing the interior of the restaurant. Three separate areas were designed, including a bar, a dining space, and a small dining area to be used for small parties, for overflow crowds from the bar, or simply as part of the regular dining space. The se-





Small dining area (above), large dining area (below), and bar (below, left)



#### Other spatial realms





## Street entrance

quence of entry from the street leads one down a flight of stairs and around a rather tight turn to an area containing the coatroom and restrooms. At this point, the circulation into the restaurant is pulled over to the perimeter wall and one proceeds down several stairs and along a linear

"promenade" off which the three spaces open; the bar first, the small dining space second, and finally the large dining space at the rear.

Several of the large columns define the edge of the linear circulation, four in a square define an inner space in the large dining room, and the remaining odd-sized and unaligned columns are neatly enclosed in the two walls which divide the three spaces and which are also used for service storage. The translucent glass block walls, which visually separate the spaces, also transmit light and movement, a suggestion of things beyond without a literalness that limits the imagination.

Other materials and surfaces are used to the same ends. The rear wall of the large dining room is mirrored at a height that does not reflect the image of the viewer, but multiplies, instead, the activity and ambience of the room. The perforated aluminum ceiling panels act in the same manner, dissolving that dimension of the room completely so that one is not aware of the bounds of the space.

The success of the restaurant, of course, will depend largely on the quality of its cuisine and, to this end, as long as the interior "works," it will contribute to this success. But at Shezan, that line is not very clear. The quality of the interior is such an integral part of the experience of the place that it can also take a great deal of credit for the success of the restaurant.

### Data

Job captain: David Murphy. Consultants: Thomas Polise, mechanical; Harry Skolodz, kitchen consúltant. Major materials: acoustical carpet on walls, marble floors, polished aluminum ceiling. Contractor: All Building Construction Corp. Cost: \$75 sq ft.

Circulation (above and below)



Glass mirror reflecting entrance


### Bower & Gardner

One of the first things said about the Bower & Gardner law offices by the architects was the fact that they had convinced all of the partners to locate their private offices along the window wall on the side street of the building and leave the Madison Ave. side free for the view. The purpose here was to establish a reference point to the outside for people getting off the elevator or those working in the interior spaces. "In fact," says Siegel, "by the time you walk the length of the passage to the windows, turn the corner, walk past the glass-walled conference room and turn another corner to reach the partners' offices, you feel like you are going to visit the King of England.'

It makes for an interesting sort of hierarchy, one that is not very typical of any office, and certainly not typical for most law offices. But there is a clearly established order in the working portion of the offices, once past the generosity of the entry. The partners' offices are laid out in the existing bay sizes of the building and, as a consequence, vary some in size. The interior wall running parallel to the street is glazed at the top so that daylight penetrates into the space beyond. This space is given over to two activities-circulation and secretarial-and is somewhat differentiated by a row of columns which run down the middle of the space. On the other side of the circulation space are offices for the junior members, each of whom works directly with one of the senior partners. The remaining portions of the interior space comprise a lunch room, library, three conference spaces, and other support facilities.

A second objective, which the architects feel they were successful in achieving, was keeping the clutter of legal files in check. By decentralizing the file storage, each secretary is responsible for a partner's files, and by making it next to impossible for the secretary to work (through lack of space) if the file drawer is open, the architects assured that they would almost always be closed.

Again, in these offices, the organization of the spaces and the materials used stem from similar conceptual ideas found in other Gwathmey Siegel interiors. The circulation is seen as a street off which various activities are located. The large conference room, although really an interior space, isn't perceived as one because the glass block wall transmits light and movement from the passage, and the use of these interior windows, both here and in the library, strengthen the notion of the circulation as street. Here, too, as in other offices designed by the firm (P/A June 1955, p. 68) the elevator lobby is incorporated into the reception area to give an even more generous sense of openness as one enters the offices. All in all, it is probably the least interesting visually of the recently completed interiors done by the firm. But then, it is by far the most pragmatic of all





Corridor along Madison Avenue

#### Legend

- 1 Elevators/lobby 2 Reception
- 2 Reception
- 3 Conference room 4 Library
- 5 Partner's office
- 6 Partner's secretary
- 7 Accounting
- 8 Secretaries
- 9 Computer
- 10 Storage
- 11 Associate's office
- 12 Lunch room
- 13 Executive shower 14 Copier
- 15 Coat room
- 16 Telephone equipment
- 17 File storage

Glass block enclosed conference area



Corridor with secretarial areas on right (below)



#### Other spatial realms

the programs and, compared with the other extremes of office design ranging from pretentious to banal, it sits firmly in the middle, not making an issue of itself while supporting the activities that must be carried on.

#### Data

Job captain: Peter Szilagyi. Major materials: Gypsum board, vinyl wall coverings, carpet, acoustical tile ceilings. Contractor: Rudin Management. Cost: \$22 sq ft.



The U.S. Steakhouse is the latest successor of the space once occupied by La Fonda del Sol and is precisely what both the name and its graphic logo, by designer George Lois, suggest. The restaurant was intended to provide two types of food service; fast food and drink at the bar and more formal service in the large dining room, as well as in a small private room.

The restaurant is entered from both the street and the lobby of the office building, so that two control points had to be established. A coatroom/cabinet defines the front foyer space and separates the circulation from the bar space located on the street side by the glass windows. At the lobby entry, a free-standing service station separates the entry space from the dining area behind it.

The major organizing element of the entire space is the bar itself which on one side stores and dispenses liquor to those seated at stools and tables while, on the other side, it becomes a series of banquettes for the formal dining area. Al-













though it reaches from floor to ceiling, it touches neither wall so the space moves freely around it. It is another of the ambiguous pieces of large scale "furniture" which functions both as wall and as object. As if to deliberately reinforce its object qualities, designer Lois gave us a mom and apple pie reminder of what steak represents to the American mouth in his red, white, and blue graphics on the bar.

Being a ground-floor space in a fairly new office building, the ceiling height was so generous that, for a restaurant, the space was anything but intimate. Given the realities of budget restrictions, it was not possible to change the ceiling height. Instead, by hanging a grid of lights several feet from the ceiling plane, another lower plane was established visually. In many ways, perhaps, this was a better solution: what was created was an illusion instead of a hard reality; the space is both vast and somewhat intimate at the same time.

Even though the space does do some things well and although it is a totally different type of eating establishment from Shezan, one cannot help making comparisons. In this regard it must be said that if one must eat steak, it would certainly be nicer to do so in a place like Shezan.

#### Data

Job captain: Gustav Rosenlof. Major materials: gypsum board, wood, mirror,

stained oak floors, acoustical tile ceiling. Contractor: All Building Construction Corp. Cost: \$30 sq ft.

Graphics by George Lois (left and right) are the only colors used in the U.S. Steakhouse. Both the bar and dining areas have a natural oak floor and banquettes, mirror strips, gray walls and white lighting fixtures.





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**Technics: Specifications clinic** 

## Specifications and drawings have equal billing

Josephine H. Drummond

Specifications no longer take priority over drawings. In order to minimize discrepancies between the two, the writer suggests strict adherence to rules of what information goes on drawings, what goes in specs.

Discrepancies between drawings and specifications are one of the most difficult occurrences to explain to clients, because clients view the architect as one person, whether he literally be one person or a firm of 200. Unaware of the tremendous complexity of a set of contract documents, clients cannot understand why the architect says something in one place and something else somewhere else. To them it just does not make sense.

The catchall concept that specifications take precedence over drawings has been eliminated in the new AIA Document A-201, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, Thirteenth Edition, dated August 1976. These new General Conditions provide equal weight to each of the several contract documents. The AIA proposes that inconsistencies or omissions will be brought to the architect's attention, and that the contractor is not required to absorb the cost of such discrepancies. This development should serve to remind us of the importance of coordination of our documents, and of taking every precaution to minimize discrepancies and omissions. One way to reduce the likelihood of mistakes is to observe strictly the basic rule of what goes on drawings and what belongs in the specs. As soon as the rule is relaxed for expediency, simplicity, or to meet deadlines, the chances of error increase.

To refresh our memories, the drawings illustrate the extent, size, shape, and generic types of materials, and the relationship between materials. The specifications describe the quality, method of construction, and installation, as well as contractual and administrative requirements. The terms used on drawings to describe materials should be identical to the generic description used in the specs, and the more general the terms can be, the less is the chance of error.

Author: Josephine H. Drummond, CSI is Specifications Writer/Construction Administrator, Gruen Associates, Los Angeles, Calif. For example, sheet metal gauges should go one place only, preferably the specs where material options will be handled which affect the gauges. Drawings should show "metal flashing" and the specs define the meaning of metal flashing. In this way, the chance of discrepancy is eliminated, the draftsman concerns himself with the shape and arrangement of the flashing, and need not be involved with what it is made of or how heavy it is.

Contradictions are most likely to arise when nontypical conditions exist. Suppose on a given project that all interior hollow metal doors are to be 18 gauge, except for two that are oversized; all exterior are to be 16 gauge and galvanized, except one that is oversized; and one door is in a protected location and does not need galvanizing. If we try to describe the above conditions in specs, the results will be a confused jumble. It would be much better to put the gauges of the special doors on the drawings, together with a note "no galvanizing" by the one door. Specs can then say "all interior doors shall be 18 gauge steel, all exterior doors shall be 16 gauge and galvanized, except as otherwise noted." There is no chance for inconsistency, and if the drawings are carefully noted, there is no error either.

Blanket clauses can be used on the specs, and while these can be helpful, they can also be otherwise. A sentence, such as "partitions shall be constructed of %-inchthick gypsum wallboard, except as otherwise specifically indicated" may guard against thin drywall, but it may also cause an error if a fire-rated wall requiring two layers of wallboard was not so noted.

The effectiveness of blanket clauses can be negated by the use of the phrase "except as otherwise indicated." The specifications say "all sheet metal shall be stainless steel, except as otherwise indicated." Drawings show, by means of a decal copied from somewhere else, a galvanized steel coping. If th conflict is not detected in checking or bidding, the resolution during construction will be difficult. Blanket clauses serve a good purpose, but they should be carefully checked against the project conditions.

Trade names on drawings are a major source of difficulty. If substitutions of manufacturers occur and are approved, the drawing notes are meaningless. Even without substitutions for the specific item named on the drawings, the concept of equivalents for other products becomes unclear. The most carefully written requirements for approvals of equivalent products can be negated by a conflict in trade-names between drawings and specifications.

Building Departments frequently require basic structural specification information to be on the drawings. This is a prime target for error. One person should either write both the general notes and the specs or should ascertain that they both say the same thing.

Inconsistencies in terminology create many problems. If a project has, for instance, operable walls, folding doors, and movable partitions, it is essential that descriptions be consistent.

Omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies are all best avoided by careful adherence to the basic rule. If this is firmly established as office policy, most of these problems will not occur. To eliminate the others, the project schedule should be set up to allow time for a systematic review of the drawings and specs, preferably by a person who has not been involved with their production. **Technics: metal roofing** 

## A birds-eye view

Design a roof right and it won't leak or blow away. Add aesthetics and it is a valued ornament. These twin goals of utility and beauty are reached by many paths. Here's a broad look at the metals used for roofing.

If metal roofs gave only long-lasting protection from the elements, as they have for centuries, that would be reason enough for architectural interest. But there's more to be said about them.

Their attractive natural colors, some of which—like copper's—age so gracefully, along with the palette of durable coatings developed by technology to dress them, the variety of panel profiles and seam patterns, and the ease with which they can usually be contoured, offer rich opportunities for creating visual drama.

Ancient lead roofs are still in service; for example, the 1400-year-old roof on Hagia Sofia. A 200-year-old terne roof is still in service over Yale University's Faculty Club. Copper, too, has a long and honorable history. Now, in addition to these long-available materials, architects may choose from a long list, made up of both simple metals and alloys and of composites, in which the surface metal contributes protection and good looks, and the substrate economy, strength, or lightness. In a similar way, paints and organic coatings enlarge the available color spectrum and also provide protection.

It's good to know that available options give architects almost unlimited aesthetic freedom. Nevertheless, long years of trouble-free service must be a primary concern when designing a roof. Although some types of roofing material may seem nearly indestructible (none is), or at least give promise of lasting as long as the buildings they cover, their performance is tied closely to proper design and maintenance and respectful attention to their suitability for particular environments. It has been stated that ordinary metal may deteriorate three times as fast when used for roofing as when used for walls. The angle of solar radiation and the bombardment by rain and hail put greater stresses on the material. Further, where water can accumulate on the roof, corrosive chemical compounds from dust and other atmospheric contaminants may be damaging. Therefore the architect is probably wise, after consultation with the sup-



State Capitol, Phoenix

pliers of the metal roofing and protective coating materials, to carefully spell out his requirements in performance specifications.

Although each metal has its own corrosion characteristics, there are certain problems common to all. When two dissimilar metals are in direct contact and moisture is present there is danger of serious galvanic corrosion. If the design calls for using dissimilar metals this way, their contact surfaces should be insulated from each other with bituminous paint or a similar material. Some metals are corroded by the alkalis in mortar and concrete, and they too must be protected. Care should be taken in all cases to specify fasteners that are compatible with the roofing metal. When it is not advisable to nail or screw through the metal, cleats should be used for attachment; these are made of the same material as the roofing metal.

A sometimes overlooked problem is the effect of wet insulation on metal roofing. This may be the result of poor storage of insulation on the site or from a leaky roof. Some insulation is treated with calcium chloride as a fire retardant. This can leach out and be deposited on the underside of the roofing panel, since the vapor barrier prevents the moisture's escape into the building. As the chlorides become concentrated over a period of time, they attack the metal; paradoxically, this may be especially harmful to metals protected by very resistive films if pinholes are present.

The forms in which metal roofing material are available include sheet (plain, ribbed, corrugated), roll, tile, shingle, sandwich panel, and membrane roll with metal sheathing. Surfaces may be plain or textured, dull or shiny, and coated or uncoated, with coating applied in the field or preapplied in the factory. Panels and other roofing components are usually joined by mechanical seams or by soldering or welding. Many materials come with the panel edges preformed in the factory or fabricating shop. The edges are meshed on the roof, mechanically locked by crimping, if necessary, with or without sealant or gasketing, and capped if a batten seam is called for. The seams in softer metals are usually formed by the roofers themselves.

In the thicknesses that architectural roofing metals are usually used, they are easy to work, cut, and form, therefore lend themselves to difficult as well as standard contours. So we see them not only on conventional flat, gable,



Robin Hood Dell West, Philadelphia

Copper dome of re-roofed Arizona Capitol is protected by clear, waterproof PVC film. Box seams impart heavy shadow lines and hide wiring for festoon lighting installation. Remainder of roof is unclad copper, which will patinate to velvety brown. Architects: Gerald A. Boyle & Associates.

Two ways of making visual music: At the Dell, terne-coated stainless sheets lend themselves to dramatic shape of the shed. Fastened to plywood substrate with cleats, they provide unbroken, weatherproof, trouble-free surface, which will weather to terne gray. Roof of Filene open-air pavilion has 1200 sheets of aluminum, prefinished in sand-colored enamel, laid over slanting, wooden deck sections. Batten roof system diverts rain runoff. Architects for both projects: MacFayden and Devido.

In church and community center (right), copper solar panels double as roof for daycare school/Sunday school. Architect: Jeffrey K. Abrams.

Soaring lines of batten seams suggest function of airport passenger terminal building. Roof, 25-gauge galvanized coated with bronze-color fluoropolymer, must resist rigors of Duluth weather: —150F temperature range, seaport winds, salt air. Architect: Architectural Resources, Inc.

The 121 pyramids on 4½-acre roof of Sports Palace echo nearby Aztec pyramids. Copper's workability made them easy to form, says architect Felix Candela. Roof was cleaned, then lacquered to protect brilliance.

Municipal Airport, Duluth



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#### **Technics: Metal roofing**

gambrel, shed, hipped, and mansard roofs, but also on unusual, free-form roofs. They may be applied over solid decking or laid, with proper regard to mechanical properties and strength requirements, over bare skeletal elements (with insulation applied to the underside, if required). The gauges that are used depend on the strength and rigidity of the individual metals and the distances between supports. Lighter metals may permit lighter roof framing, which in turn may permit the architect a wider range of roofing configurations and other design freedoms.

The following samplings of roofing metal characteristics are based on material in *Architectural Sheet Metal*, published by the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association, and on information from manufacturers, fabricators, and trade associations.

#### Lead

Lead on exposed roof surfaces develops a soft gray patina over the years. It is extremely workable and conforms to the surfaces on which it is applied. It has great resistance to atmospheric corrosion and does not stain adjacent surfaces, but it does react with uncured concrete and mortar if not protected by a bituminous or similar coating. Because of its low tensile strength (4100 psi), roughness and projections on underlying surfaces must be eliminated. Design must make allowances for its high thermal expansion rate. Seams are made by soldering or fusion.

Lead sheet is generally specified in pounds per square foot. This is easily converted to inch fractions, since 1 lb/sq ft is equivalent to  $\frac{1}{64}$ "; thus 4 lb lead is  $\frac{1}{16}$ " thick. Architectural lead is available in rolls up to 8' wide by 20' long. It may be painted.

Specification reference: Federal Spec. QQ-L-201f.

#### Copper

Copper is one of the roofing metals that forms a weathered coating which resists corrosion, eliminating the need for painting. (It also is not corroded by masonry, concrete, or stucco when flashed or embedded in these materials.)

The bright red-gold natural color of copper gradually oxidizes to brown shades (statuary finishes) and finally to blue-green and gray-green shades (patinas) when exposed to weather. It normally takes five to ten years to reach the green stage, but it may never happen in very dry climates. If desired, the weathering may be stabilized at brown by periodically wiping the metal with a protective coat of linseed, crude, or paraffin oil. The runoff of rain and snow from oxidized copper may stain adjacent light surfaces.

Ductile and malleable, copper is among the easiest of roofing metals to form into special contours in the shop or field. It is also among the easiest to solder, assuring waterproof seams at transitions from one plane to another. Being malleable, it also makes easy the formation of dry-lock mechanical seams, such as standing and batten seams.

Roofing copper is normally available in sheet 36" wide by 96" or 120" long, but when applied in long sheets the surface may show waviness. Thickness is usually expressed in ounces per square foot; thus 16-oz copper, which weighs 20 oz/sq ft, is .0216" thick. The most frequently used copper roofing sheet is Type 110 cold rolled. It is less malleable than soft copper (which is used for very intricate contours) but is much stronger, and therefore much less prone to buckling or ''oil canning'' due to expansion and contraction.

Among the newer developments are: "Tough 12," a high-strength 12-oz sheet, which matches the performance of cold-rolled 16-oz copper but weighs 25 percent less; a laminated roofing system consisting of 8-oz copper bonded to 4'x8' plywood panels, plus copper battens; and sheet with a lamination of clear film, which protects the metal's natural color. Copper panels are also doing double duty as both roof elements and solar collector panels in sun-heated building systems.

Specification references: ASTM B370, ASTM B152.

#### Terne

This is the material old-time "tin roofs" were made of. It saw its heyday as a premium roofing material in the 18th and 19th Centuries, and now has come back in recent years, because of the availability of seamless terne in 50-ft rolls. It is a copper steel, coated on both sides with an alloy of 80 percent lead and 20 percent tin. The lead confers several benefits. It makes the terne very receptive to paint, giving the architect the whole color spectrum to choose from. It smears over cuts and scratches, thus tends to seal the base steel. It makes the material very easy to solder.

Terne roof should be painted. With proper painting and maintenance, its life expectancy may be measured in hundreds of years. It should be primed on both sides before installation and painted soon thereafter; a paint with at least 40 percent linseed oil is recommended for tenacity.

Terne is one of the lightest roofing metals, it is strong about 45,000 psi—and has a low coefficient of expansion, so requires relatively few expansion seams. It is malleable, so conforms easily to a wide range of shapes and forms, including the batten and standing seams which add visual interest to a roof.

Contact with aluminum, copper, or acidic materials should be avoided, and the roof should be designed so that surfaces drain freely. Nails should not be driven through the material.

The lead-tin coating weight is generally 20 or 40 lb. This refers to the total weight of the alloy on both sides of 112 sheets 20"x28", known as a double base box, and is equivalent to .047 and .092 lb/sq ft of coating.

The material is available in rolls 14", 20", 24" and 28" wide by up to 50' long; in cut sheets 20", 24", and 28" wide by 96" and 120" long, and in 20"x28" and 14"x20" sheets. Applied in large sheets, it may show waviness. Specifications reference: ASTM A308.



#### **Galvanized steel**

Galvanized is economical, easy to work, and easy to join in the shop and field. It is carbon steel with a coating of zinc on both sides, applied by either hot-dipping or electroplating. While the zinc provides long protection, galvanized steel is often pre-painted or painted after weathering, for appearance and additional protection. It may be used in direct contact with concrete and masonry, but must be insulated if used with copper. It requires similar bituminous protection from the acids in redwood and red cedar. It should not be used in severely corrosive environments.

The zinc protects the steel by acting as a physical barrier and as a galvanic sacrifice. Since it is more active electrochemically than iron, it sacrifices itself in favor of the base metal at coating discontinuities such as sheared edges. Eventually the barrier protection fails, because the corrosion products that form on the zinc are soluble in rain and dew, which are slightly acidic; the surface gradually washes away. Therefore, the duration of protection depends both on the initial thickness of the zinc coating and the severity of the environment.

Galvanized is available in various gauges and with different coating thicknesses or weights. The given weight is divided by two to obtain the weight of zinc on each face. G-90 coated sheet (1.25-oz zinc) is used in most architectural applications. Normally available sheet sizes are 36" and 48" wide by 96" and 120" long; it is also available in coil and in corrugated and ribbed panels.

An interesting variation of galvanized is a proprietary product made by rolling asbestos felt on both sides of the coil as it comes out of the molten zinc. As the zinc hardens, the asbestos is metallurgically bonded to the steel core. The coil then receives a rolled-on, 6-mil-thick, hot-melt phenolic resin color coat on each side, and is later formed into various profiles, including rib shapes and corrugated. The coating is claimed to be extremely durable.

Specification references: ASTM A361, ASTM A446, ASTM A525.

#### **Stainless steel**

This silvery, strong, durable material is exceptionally corrosion resistant, requires no surface protection, and is selfcleaning. It is not affected by mortar or concrete, and does not stain adjacent surfaces. It may be soldered, using special flux. Fasteners should be stainless steel.

Type 301 is usually specified for formed sections requiring extra stiffness, such as roofing panels. Type 302 and its lower-carbon variation, Type 304, are the most often specified for roofing, flashing, and other architectural applications in normal urban and industrial atmospheres. Type 316, with molybdenum for greater corrosion resistance, is

It looks like Spanish tile (left), but it's aluminum with baked enamel coating. The material weighs one-fifteenth as much as clay, cuts with tinsnips.

Owner of Millstone, N.J., residence (right) wanted building to have an added-to-over-the-years look, like a farm structure. Ribbed terne roofing accents the individual segments, while the white stucco walls unify design. Architect: John D. Bloodgood.



Pre-formed, ribbed aluminum roofs at Mary Jane Ski Lodge, Winter Park, Colo., shed snow, keep out weather, need little care. Brown fluorocarbon finish blends with surroundings. Architect: Benedict Associates.



Reverse-curved, pre-formed galvanized panel roof of Ft. Yargo Skating Rink (above) in Georgia State park projects runoff away from building. Joplin Minerals Museum has first installation of new, ILZRO-developed large-tile zinc alloy roofing. Architects: Cornwell & McKinney.





#### **Technics: Metal roofing**



Shapes of some of the mechanical seams often used in metal roofing applications. Source: Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contrs. Nat'l Assn.

recommended for corrosive atmospheres.

Stainless steel is normally available in sheets 30", 36", and 48" wide by 96" and 120" long. Applied in large sheets, the surface may show excessive waviness. The thickness is expressed in gauge or decimal (gauge numbers increase with decreasing thickness). U.S.S. Gauge 24 is .025" thick and weighs 1.050 lb/sq ft. For roofing and flashing, stainless is usually specified in the dead-soft, fully annealed state.

Stainless comes in various finishes, from nonreflective matte to mirror.

Specification reference: ASTM A167.

#### Aluminum

This lightweight metal is ductile, malleable, easily worked. Its natural silvery color usually oxidizes to a uniform gray coating that is highly resistant to atmospheric corrosion, but is vulnerable to strong alkalis such as lime.

Aluminum may be prepainted in a wide variety of colors, with acrylic, vinyl, fluorocarbon, or alkyd coatings. Special alloys can be anodized to obtain shades of gray, black, bronze, gold, or amber. The anodic finish offers high corrosion protection, but it is difficult to match shades from piece to piece. Textured surfaces are available.

Aluminum joints cannot be soldered, but may be riveted (use sealant) or welded. Fasteners should be aluminum or stainless steel. Direct contact should be avoided with dissimilar metals or concrete and mortar; if used for throughwall flashing, the aluminum must be coated.

The usual temper and alloy for roofing use is 3003-H14, but other alloys must be used when anodizing is specified. Tempering has a marked effect on aluminum alloy properties, so the temper should be designated with care.

Roofing aluminum comes in sheets 36" and 48" wide by 96" and 120" long, also in ribbed panels, coils, wood-look shingle, and curved tile. When applied in large sheets, the surface may be excessively wavy.

A proprietary, ribbed roof panel system permits prepainted panels 100' long and longer to be locked to each other in a weatherproof mechanical seam over concealed anchor clips. This makes it possible to design long sweeps of pitched roof with no potentially trouble-making topside perforations for fasteners.

Specification reference: ASTM B209.

#### Zinc

Rolled zinc, alloyed with titanium and copper, provides a roofing material that is light, relatively inexpensive, and highly corrosion-resistant. It forms a self-healing, gray matte patina of zinc carbonate, which does not stain or run and which requires no painting. However, it may be painted if other colors are desired.

Today's zinc alloy is a great improvement over the zinc that roofed the Church of St. Barthelmy and the Cathedral of St. Paul, both in Liege, Belgium, in the early 1800s. It became the predominant architectural metal in Europe for the next 150 years, yet never caught on in this country until recently. The new alloy overcomes some of the earlier zinc's shortcomings; it has better creep resistance (no more worry about sagging sheets or roofing steep surfaces) and a lower coefficient of expansion (but still on the high side).

Roofing zinc has excellent forming properties, may be cut and fabricated with simple tools, and is easily soldered. However, surfaces must drain (a pitch of not less than 3" in 12"), underside ventilation must be provided, and the metal must not come in direct contact with acidic woods or with metals other than aluminum or galvanized material.

It comes in several forms: standard sheets 20", 24", and 28" wide by 8', 10', 12', and 14' long, in thicknesses of .020", .027", .032", and .040", and weights from .75 Ib/sq ft to 1.5 lb/sq ft; nonstandard sheet in widths down to 1" and thicknesses between .010" and .250"; and preformed, ribbed panels. The International Lead Zinc Research Organization has developed three new zinc alloy forms for pitched roofs: a pleated strip designed to be stepmounted in horizontal rows parallel to the eaves, a shinglelike system, and a large-tile system.

Specification reference: Federal specification QQ 2100A.

#### Weathering steel

This type of steel may be used to striking effect for roofing, but with care. The rust that forms on it is highly unusual for a ferrous metal: It is a dense and tightly adherent coating, nearly impervious to further atmospheric attack and selfhealing to minor damage. The oxide weathers to a dark purple-brown with a roughish texture over a period of years. Because of the anti-corrosion nature of the coating, the steel requires no painting or other maintenance.

The problem is that until the coating is ripe, some of the rust runs and stains, especially during the early months of exposure, although it may continue indefinitely to a slight extent. The weathering process, which normally takes two or three years, depends on the degree of exposure and the atmospheric environment. The steel weathers more quickly and forms a denser, smoother coating when exposed to rain, sun, and wind than in sheltered areas. Frequent wet/dry cycles favor earlier maturing, as do moderate industrial and marine environments. In arid climates, the weathering is slow. In rural areas, it is somewhere in between and the coating usually has a lighter tone. A tight protective oxide will not form properly in severe industrial atmospheres or marine locations where there is a good deal of salt spray or salt-laden fog. One manufacturer suggests exposure of a sample for at least two years in these difficult environments, if feasible.

The staining problem may be circumvented by gutter and downspout systems, overhangs, drip plates, special flashings, and the like, to divert the rain run-off away from adjacent, vulnerable materials (masonry, glass, walkways). Brown gravel strips or gratings in the path of the run-off water may deemphasize the stain on walkways.

Special precautions must be taken to avoid conditions where moisture collects and will not permit the weathering oxide to form, as in overlapping roof joints, the underside of roof sheets (especially in high-humidity buildings), the interface between girts and purlins and the roof sheet, and nondraining ledges, pockets, and crevices.

#### Lead-coated copper

This is copper that is coated with lead on both sides. It has the surface characteristics of lead-gray color, resistance to corrosion, nonstaining-and handles like copper. Specification reference: ASTM B101, Class A.

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#### **Terne-coated stainless**

This is a Type 304 nickel chrome stainless steel coated with terne alloy. It is normally available only in 28 gauge (.015") with a 40-lb coating. Its tensile strength is very high, about 80,000 psi. The terne coating provides a surface which is easily soldered, and it is anodic to stainless steel-terne will sacrifice itself to protect the base metal.

Surface and working characteristics are similar to terne's, but because of the stainless steel core, it is extremely resistant to corrosion in severe industrial, chemical, and marine environments, is not affected by mortar or concrete, does not stain, and does not require painting or other protective coating. The terne coat weathers to a dark gray when exposed. Fasteners should be stainless steel.

Terne-coated stainless is normally available in sheets 20", 24", 28", and 36" wide by 96" and 120" long.

#### Aluminized steel

Carbon steel sheet is dipped in a bath of molten, commercially pure aluminum, much as zinc is applied in galvanizing. The surface of new aluminized steel is a silvery matte, which weathers to a white, heat-reflective, impervious oxide coat that does not wash off. The weight of the coating is about .80 oz/sq ft.

Armco reports aluminized steel test panels that have

| Rating Key<br>1 — Excellent<br>2 — Good<br>3 — Fair<br>4 — Poor<br>Types of Resins | Film Adhesion | Film Flexibility | Adaptability To Embossing<br>(Formability) | Humidity Resistance | General Corrosion Resistance<br>(Industrial Atmosphere) | Exterior Durability (Pigmented) | Fade Resistance In Color<br>(Properly Pigmented) | Abrasion Resistance | Salt Spray Resistance |   |
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| Polyester  | 1             | 2                | 2  | 1                   | 2   | 2                               | 2  | 2                   | 1                     |   |
| Vinyl  | 2             | 2                | 3  | 1                   | .2  | 3                               | 3  | 2                   | 2                     |   |
| Organosol  | 1             | 1                | 1  | 1                   | 1   | 2                               | 2  | 1                   | 1                     |   |
| Plastisol  | 2             | 1                | 1  | 1                   | 1   | 2                               | 2  | 1                   | 1                     |   |
| Siliconized  |               |                  |  |                     |   |                                 |  |                     |                       |   |
| Acrylic  | 2             | 3                | 4  | 2                   | 2   | 1                               | 1  | 2                   | 2                     |   |
| Polyester  | 2             | 2                | 3  | 1                   | 2   | 1                               | 1  | 2                   | 1                     |   |
| Laminate<br>Polyvinyl  | 1             |                  |  |                     |   |                                 |  |                     |                       |   |
| Chloride Film  | 1             | 1                | 1  | 1                   | 1   | 2                               | 2  | 1                   | 1                     |   |
| Polyvinylidene   |               |                  |  | -                   |   | 4                               | -  | 1                   |                       | - |

Comparative performance of common factory-applied coil coatings. Source: DeSoto, Inc., from a chart by the National Coil Coaters Assn.

Aluminum and galvanized steel may be had with a copper coating that looks and weathers like conventional copper. Coils of the base metal receive an epoxy primer coat, then three baked coats of a water-based acrylic resin containing copper powder. The resulting finish-about .002" thickmay be as high as 80 percent copper.

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been exposed for 35 years with practically no coating weight loss, and claims its aluminized sheet will outlast commercial galvanized steel by better than five to one at a slightly higher first cost.

#### Aluminum/zinc-coated steel

This hybrid is a patented steel roofing sheet coated with an alloy of approximately half aluminum and half zinc. The coating alloy combines the properties of both components and overcomes some of the weaknesses of each. It has the corrosion resistance and heat reflectivity of aluminum coatings and the formability and galvanic edge-protection of zinc coatings. It has better corrosion resistance than galvanized roofing sheet and resists rust staining at cut edges better than aluminum-coated sheet, at a lower cost. It can be formed about as readily as continuously annealed galvanized sheet steel.

Direct contact with lead or copper should be avoided, as should water rundown from copper. Like galvanized sheet, the aluminum/zinc sheet may be stained by moisture during storage, turning gray to black if moisture is trapped between coil laps, sheets, or roll-formed parts. It may be used exposed, or field-painted with paints that are suitable for galvanized steel; several types of pre-treatment are available to improve paint bonding.

The alloy-coated steel is available in sheet widths of up to 48" and thicknesses from .016" to .074". It may be ordered in high-strength grades, up to 80,000-psi yield.

#### Seams and coatings

A well-designed roof has seams that make it weather-proof and it may have an applied coating that prolongs its life. But both of these elements are also used for their visual function—interesting profiles and attractive colors that are an integral part of the design. Space is lacking here to do more than mention their importance and emphasize the need for wise choices.

Fortunately, manufacturers', fabricators' and trade association literature covers these subjects in detail, and suppliers' representatives can also be helpful to the architect. [Henry Lefer]

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[For information about metal roofing products, see literature, p. 98.]

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## **TCS...THE LOGIC OF ITS USE**

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## Products and literature

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A new addition to the system is the Process Table, which is used to coordinate supplies into surgical packs, linen packs, bath packs, etc. for delivery to respective areas in a hospital. It is mobile and has an additional storage capability under the work surface by using standard Co/Struc shelf and drawer components. Other uses include support and storage of heavy, outsize laboratory equipment. Table surfaces are 24"x48" and 36"x72", by 36 in. high, and are made of a high pressure laminate.

Another important component of the system is the Roller Rail. The lockers which carry supplies are transferred from mobile carts to the Roller Rail and pushed along the rail into the sterile area. This ends the need for time-consuming caster disinfecting procedures and helps reduce chances of contamination.

The system works throughout the hospital, from providing improved control in central processing, to infection control in surgery, to medical and linen distribution and meal delivery. Herman Miller, Inc.

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Process Table



armless

Triangle Chair Series includes arm and armless versions of the chair, in oak and walnut, with upholstered seat and back, cane seat and back, and plywood seat and back. There is also a ganging device which enables the sled-based chairs to be joined together in row alignments. A generously scaled office chair has been designed which incorporates swivel or swivel/tilt bases on casters or glides. It also comes with arms or armless, and in oak or walnut. All wood edges of chairs are machined to ½ in. radius. Polyfoam is used in seat and back of upholstered chairs. Stow/Davis. *Circle 103 on reader service card* 

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**Products and literature** 



Props for preschool play



Lamp

Props for preschool play. A series of stage sets is designed for transactional learning through role play. The Divider Series features two simulated façades-a post office or bank "cage" with an aluminum grille, and an open-window unit that doubles as a store front or puppet stage. Both are surfaced with green-painted hardboard chalkboards. The series also includes a hang-up pegboard panel for posting related notices. All units are framed in natural birch, finished with nontoxic clear lacquer. The dividers are mounted on sturdy hardwood feet and store flat in closets or against walls. Overall sizes of the divider units are 24"x10"x49" and may be purchased either in a set of three or individually. SturdiBuilt, Inc.

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Lamp, of Venetian ¼-in.-thick white opal glass with black or red band, is 22"x7½"x9" and uses one 100w bulb. Lighting Associates, Inc. *Circle 106 on reader service card* 

Ultrasonic control system, called Energy Activation Systems Equipment (EASE), is designed to keep electric power flowing only when it is needed. In operation, EASE can automatically turn off the lights, the television set, or the air conditioning. The system is activated by the movement of a person through a monitored space, and is designed to control fluorescent and incandescent lighting systems. EASE's principle of operation is based on the potential disturbance of a field of inaudible ultrasonic sound waves which fill a monitored area. Motion of a person in the area is detected by the system's



Luminous skylights



Pedestal tables

sensor. This motion causes switching to take place, thereby turning the lights or other devices on instantly. When the area is vacated, the system turns the lights off after an adjustable delay. MRCA, Inc.

Circle 107 on reader service card

Luminous skylights. According to maker, these were developed for use in areas where there is no access to natural light or where the natural skylights are ruled out because of high energy consumption. They are lighted from above by fluorescent strips in the same manner as a standard luminous ceiling. They can be custom designed. Integrated Ceilings Inc. *Circle 108 on reader service card* 

Automatic swimming pool system features an overflow gutter with surge storage capacity and recirculating ductwork all combined in one stainless steel wall. Called "PassWall," it is shop fabricated of heavy gauge polished stainless steel and delivered to the job site in long sections. The hydraulic system is completely contained withinwall. PassWall sections are fabricated of 12-ga polished stainless steel and are backed by Aframe buttresses. Spaced on 5-ft centers around the periphery, they are made of structural steel angles, with all joints welded, supported on a continuous footing. PassWall can be used for pools of any size or shape, requiring only that all wall segments be straight. KDI Paragon Inc. *Circle 109 on reader service card* 

Pedestal tables. Configurations offered are round, square, and rectangles including 66 in. and 71 in. dual pedestal conference styles. All are 29 in. high and can be specified with choice of laminate top colors. Bases are finished in mirror chrome. All-Steel Inc.

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Circle 111 on reader service card

Synthetic stone. Used for veneer construction, it is manufactured in slabs approximately 2'x4' ranging in thickness from ¾ in to 2 in. The product weighs about 7 lbs per sq ft. It comes in six subtle earth colors that will not fade or darken, states maker. Universal Stone.

Circle 112 on reader service card

### Literature

#### Metal roofing

The items below are specifically related to the technics article beginning on p. 88 and are grouped here for the reader's convenience.

Aluminized steel Type 2 for low cost atmospheric corrosion resistance is the subject of this 24-page brochure, which describes why this hot-dip aluminum-coated steel sheet roofing and building product behaves as it does, gives fabricating and finishing details. Armco Steel Corp. *Circle 200 on reader service card* 

Preformed aluminum roofing panels are included in this 24-page color catalog of commercial and industrial building products. In addition to product descriptions, there is material on finishes, fasteners, suggested specifications, and drawings of typical details. Color pages show coated panels and representative installations. Aluminum Company of America. *Circle 201 on reader service card* 

TCS terne-coated stainless steel properties and seam and flashing details for roofing applications are covered in this 8-page specifications manual. A table compares TCS properties with common architectural metals. Follansbee Steel Corp.

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Zip-Rib aluminum roofing and siding is a system in which extremely long pre-formed, precoated, ribbed aluminum roof panels can be mechanically "zipped" together over concealed anchor clips as fast as 50 ft/min. The manufacturer says there is no limit to panel lengthpieces up to 124 ft long have been delivered. Color photos in the 12-page brochure show installations and details. Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Sales, Inc.

Circle 203 on reader service card

Rough Shake. This is the name of the Kaiser low-maintenance aluminum roofing product that looks like wood but actually consists of 5-ft panels of aluminum with a baked-on plastic color coating; four-page brochure. Kaiser Aluminum Building Products.

Circle 204 on reader service card

Steel roofing and siding. Brochure tells how Inryco/Milcor pre-painted galvanized steel roofing and siding systems provide an attractive, durable, sturdy, weathertight cover for buildings. Included is useful information on figuring needed quantities of components and cost estimating, and installation instructions. Inryco, Inc. Circle 205 on reader service card

'Architectural Sheet Metal' is a profusely illustrated 20-page guide to the use of eight common roofing metals. The report on each metal is accompanied by color photos of roofing and

flashing installations. Tables give gauges and weights, compare mechanical and physical properties. Typical seams are illustrated. Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors. Circle 206 on reader service card

Metal roofing products. With Rib-Seal design on pre-formed, pre-painted metal roofing panels, the roof may be installed with fewer fasteners and skin penetrations, reducing the number of potential corrosion trouble spots. Catalog of building products includes the company's corrugated and V-Beam panels (both available with or without Rib-Seal) and high-load-capacity Dyna Span line. Elwin G. Smith Div., Cyclops Corp. Circle 207 on reader service card

#### 'The application of copper and common

sense' is a 76-page illustrated handbook of design principles and installation techniques of sheet copper construction. It covers various styles of roofs, eaves, valleys, mansards, and cornices among other roof features, includes technical data and comparative properties of several other architectural metals. Revere Copper and Brass, Inc.

Circle 208 on reader service card

Aluminum-clad roofing membrane can be rolled out on roof deck and cemented down. It's said to be excellent for steep pitches. Aluminumclad KMM consists of a flexible plastic core sandwiched by layers of bitumen, and with a polyethylene film base and a heavy, embossed aluminum foil surface. Koppers Co. Circle 209 on reader service card

Mayari R weathering steel 32-page brochure illustrates suggested architectural details for avoiding staining problems when this material is used for roofing and other purposes. It includes cleaning, handling, joining, and forming information and technical data. Bethlehem Steel Corp. Circle 210 on reader service card

Zinc-aluminum alloy coated steel for economical and long-lasting roofing systems is described in Galvalume brochure. The manufacturer claims the product combines the best features of galvanized and aluminized steel. Bethlehem Steel Corp.

Circle 211 on reader service card

Microzinc 70 Architectural Sheet Metal brochure shows roofing applications of nonrusting zinc-copper-titanium alloy, includes detail drawings of installation of preformed components of the company's batten seam and standing seam systems, Ball Corp., Metal & Chemical Div. Circle 212 on reader service card

Terne roofing specifications and data manual gives properties, shows installations and seam and flashing details for lead-tin coated copperbearing steel; 8 pages. Follansbee Steel Corp. Circle 213 on reader service card

Raised-seam metal panel system for roofs. Full-page drawings show typical roofing details for company's RS-18 raised-seam galvanized or aluminized panel roof system. Roof Systems Inc. Circle 214 on reader service card [continued on page 102]

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Aluminum commercial roofing and siding products. Illustrations, details, and design data cover the company's several lines of pre-formed panels in a 16-page brochure. The panels are available either unpainted or finished with a fluoropolymer coating. Reynolds Metals Co. Circle 215 on reader service card

Pre-painted galvanized roofing sheet, Color Klad brochure shows the durable colors available on the company's 24-gauge hot-dipped G90 galvanized sheet. The fluoropolymer finish is available in mansard brown, Roman bronze, slate gray, matte black, stone white, burnished copper, terracotta, and azure blue. All colors are available in a matte on textured finish. The sheet is shipped with a protective, strippable plastic film. Vincent Brass & Aluminum Co. Circle 216 on reader service card

Insulated galvanized panel roof system is among the systems shown in 24-page color brochure illustrating the company's products and installations. Varco-Pruden. Circle 217 on reader service card

Fluoropan architectural coating, a factory-applied fluorocarbon resin for aluminum and galvanized steel building products, is designed for long-lasting beauty. This 12-page color brochure shows installations, gives guide specification, DeSoto, Inc.

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'Six Distinctive Metal Roofing Systems' is a 12-page color brochure showing applications and details of the company's precoated galvanized steel and aluminum roofing products. Lines include roof and fascia systems, shingle systems, weathering copper coating, California Mission tile for almost any type of building. Architectural Engineering Products Co. Circle 219 on reader service card

Stainless Steel Design Manual covers suggested practices for roofing, flashing, coping, fascias, gravel stops, and drainage. The 32page manual contains tables of design factors for stainless, comparisons with other architectural materials and illustrations of typical details. AISI American Iron and Steel Institute, Stainless Steel Producers Committee. Circle 220 on reader service card

'Titanalloy "A", The Architect's Metal' is a technical brochure describing the properties of pre-weathered zinc-copper-titanium alloy for roofing and other building applications. Illustrations show installation, seam, and joint details. The material forms a protective coating and need not be painted. It is available in sheet, coil,

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Lead roofing and flashing. Seaming and forming details are described and illustrated in this 16-page guide. The specification page describes this work in detail. Lead Industries Assn. Circle 222 on reader service card

'Your roof, from concept to reality' color brochure shows the side variety of unusual roofing installations and systems the company has engineered and installed. H.H. Robertson Co. Circle 223 on reader service card

'Beautiful durable Galbestos' is the manufacturer's title on 24-page color brochure showing installations and samples of its zinc and asbestos coated steel sheet architectural metal, whose baked polymer color coatings are claimed to have exceptionally good performance in difficult environments. H.H. Robertson Co. Circle 224 on reader service card

#### 'PPG Color Coatings for Architectural Metal'

is an illustrated 12-page guide to the company's fluoropolymer, silicone acrylic, and acrylic enamel factory-applied coatings. PPG Industries.

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#### **Appointments**

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Robert Smith has been named department head, and William Donald Klein architect for the consulting engineering firm of Cullen, Kilby, Carolan & Associates, PC, Dubuque and Bettendorf, Iowa.

David L. Holzheimer has been made a principal of Koster & Associates, Architects, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, Inc., Detroit, has announced the following associates: Roy J. Brockert, Lee Osmialowski, Andrew A. Vazzano, David E. Weida, and John J. Labosky. Johnson, Johnson & Roy Inc., the environmental planning division of SH&G in Ann Arbor, Mich., has made the following appointments: Bradley G. Field, manager of administration; Stephen W. Schar and George Sass, associates; William R. Jarratt, corporate director of architecture.

James J. Rongoe, PE has joined DiSalvo + Cetra, Consulting Engineers, Ridgefield, Conn.

James J. Moynihan has been appointed vice president of Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc., St. Louis.

#### New addresses

Richard M. Shanahan, Architect, 104 N. Church, P.O. Box 1522, Bozeman, Mont. 59715.

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### **Building materials**

Major materials suppliers for buildings that are featured this month, as they were furnished to P/A by the architects.

Houlton Regional Hospital, Houlton, Maine (p. 54). Architects: Payette Associates Inc. Boston, Mass. Reinforced concrete foundation: Dragon Cement. Steel frame, walls, floors, roof: Bethlehem Steel. Exterior wall system: Dryvit Systems. Gypsum wallboard: Gold Bond. Paint: Pratt & Lambert. VAT: Armstrong Cork Co. ATaccessible concelaed spline: Celotex. Built-up roof: Celotex. Aluminum clad windows: Pella. Wood doors: Curtis. Rolling doors: North American Door. Hardware: Schlage, LCN, Stanley. Panic exit: Von Duprin. Kitchen equipment: Hobart, Vulcan, Insinkerator. Elevators: Otis. Lighting fixtures: Moldcast, Lam. Electric distribution: General Electric. Plumbing and sanitary: Kohler. Boilers: Kewanee. Emergency generators: Cummins Diesel. Fan coil units: American Air Filter. Stack: Airtek, Air handling units: American Air Filter. Air cooled condensers: Carrier

Joslin Diabetes Clinic, Boston, Mass. (p. 50).

Architects: Payette Associates Inc., Boston, Mass. Reinforced concrete: Martin Marietta I Concrete forms: Simpson Plywood with high density plastic overlay. Steel: Bethlehem. Ceramic tile: American Olean. Veneer plaster: U.S. Gypsum. Chalkboards: Claridge. Carpet: Bigelow, Gropoint. Sheet vinyl: Armstrong Palestra. Gym floor: Tarkett. Exterior soffit: Dryvit Systems. Concealed spline acoustic ceiling: Conwed Corp. Liquid membrane playdeck: Tremco, Selby-Battersby, Waterproofing: Tremco, Caulking: Vulkem. Weather-stripping: Zero. Rigid insulation: Dow Chemical. Roof deck insulation: Apache Foam Products. Reflective insulation: Owens-Corning. Movable partitions: Modernfold. Toilet partitions: Global Steel Products. Reflective insulated glass, tempered glass: Shatterproof Glass Corp., Detroit Falconer Glass Works. Interior flush doors: Curtis Co. Locksets: Corbin. Door closers: LCN and Rixson Firemark. Hinges. Stanley. Panic hardware: Von Duprin. Exterior paint: Pratt & Lambert. Exterior bleaching oil: Cabots. Interior paint: California Products Corp. Accent colors: Benjamin Moore and Martin Senour. Steel lockers: Republic Steel. Toilet accessories: Bobrick. Cold rooms: Harris Environmental Systems. Public address and nurse call Dukane. Fire and general alarm: Autocall. Electric elevators and dumbwaiter: Payne. Exterior lights: Moldcast. Fluorescent lights: Trilux. Incandescent lighting: Lightcontrol and Lightolier Water closets, tubs, and lavatories: Kohler, Flush valves: Sloan. Drinking fountains: Halsey Taylor. Faucets and fittings: Chicago. Sprinkler heads: Grinnell. Air conditioning system: Carrier. Fan coil units: Trane.



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