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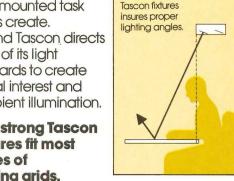
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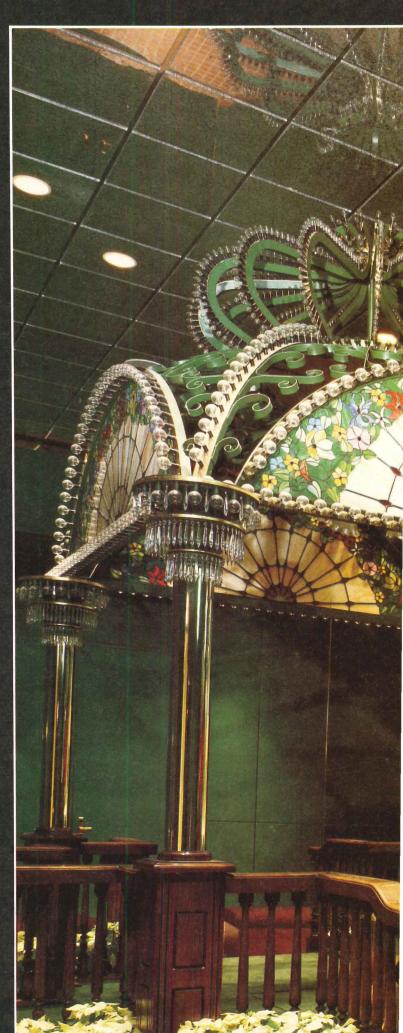
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The influence of Mies was strongly felt through the 1960s among Chicago architects because of his teaching at IIT and his own practice there. His was never the only influence in Chicago, but in the past ten years the directions have multiplied, as evidenced by the portfolio of recent buildings by a new generation of designers.

80 Firm profile: Hammond, Beeby & Babka

The principals in this firm of architects worked with large Chicago offices early in their careers. Their current work is representative of what is happening now in architectural design by Chicago firms. Shown are an office building, a public library, an observatory, and two houses.

94 Late entries

Fifty-eight years after the first competition to design the Chicago Tribune Tower, a second competition was held. An exhibit of these "late entries," some of which are shown here, opened in Chicago in late May and will travel to other cities as well. By Stuart Cohen, based on his introduction to the catalog for the exhibition.

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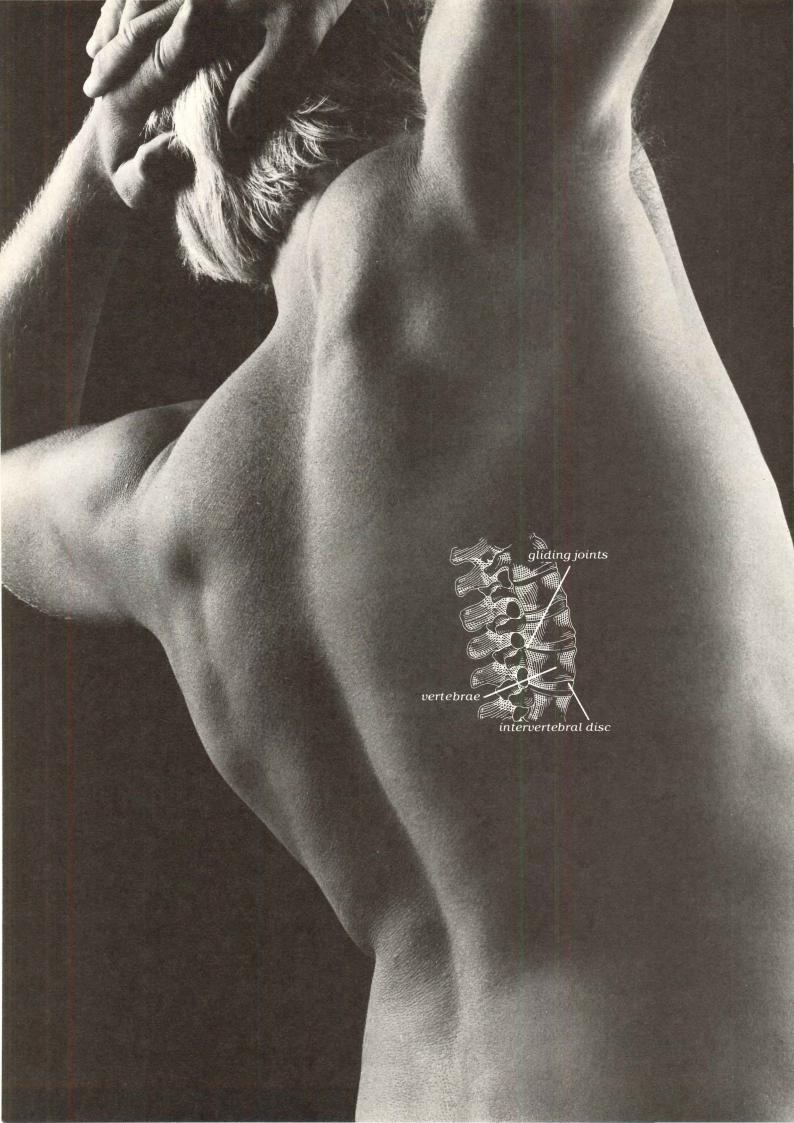








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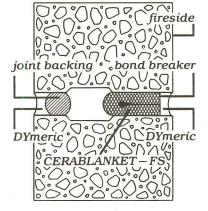
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A time to choose

Preparations for the 28th annual P/A Awards competition are meant to assure fair consideration for significant accomplishment design, architectural planning, or research. The validity of the jury's selections depends, however, on representing submissions the broadest range of current U.S. and Canadian work. For a list of jurors, rules, and entry forms, see pages 15-16.

This month, P/A proudly accepted a medal from the American Institute of Architects for its sponsorship of the annual P/A Awards program. The competition was cited on the accompanying certificate as "a catalyst for the best in American design. A lively contest and a platform for testing the ideas of designers young and old.

Before going to Cincinnati to accept this honor, we prepared the invitation for the 28th annual P/A Awards competition, entries for which must be on their way by Sept. 1. As we do every year, we had to assemble a jury and make some adjustments in the rules,

based on our latest experience.

We never take the administration of this awards program lightly, since it belongs in a sense to the whole profession, not just this magazine. This year, however, we approached it with exceptional care and humil-

You are probably aware—as we surely are—that the results of this past year's program stirred up more than the usual controversy (P/A Editorial, March 1980, p. 7). Many seem to have viewed the outcome as mutual promotion among a small circle of designers. Though neither P/A nor the jury intended anything like that, the indignant reactions were chastening reminders that the awards program could become clubby and isolated from some of the profession's main concerns. A narrowing range of jury selection could lead to a more limited range of entries,

and so on, in a tightening spiral.

In an effort to guard against such a sequence of events, we discussed the matter of . jury selection this time with more diverse representatives of the profession than we have usually consulted. Some suggested that we reinforce the authority of the program by inviting a jury composed entirely of elderslong-recognized leaders who were veterans of earlier P/A juries. Others suggested, instead, that we assert our solidarity with avant-garde design positions by, for instance, inviting a jury of this year's winners. Like most of the people we spoke with, we could accept only a more moderate and—we hope-judicious course. We want neither to reserve next year's prizes for those who follow the dominant philosophy of this year's, nor to close out any creative efforts by reconstituting a jury from the past. We simply want to make it clear that the judging process is not in the hands of any faction with predictable preferences.

For the architectural design team of our jury we have invited back one veteran, Romaldo Giurgola, who served on the P/A jury back in 1968. Our juries have often included one previous juror, and it could be argued that they always should. Another design juror, Richard Stein, is widely known for

his expertise in the area of energy-conscious design. They will be complemented by two other architects-Robert Frasca and George Hartman-who have been frequently honored for their work and whom we know to be sensitive to today's varied design issues.

For the crucial tasks of selecting entries in planning and research, we have invited two professionals universally recognized in their fields—Edmund Bacon in planning and Ralpl Knowles in design research—each comple mented by a respected younger colleague—Galen Cranz in research and Jacque Brownson, whose career in planning at state level follows earlier recognition as project ar chitect for Chicago's Civic Center, among other landmarks.

What is most important is that all of these people are known to be judicious and articu late in situations comparable to the P/A jury (Design expertise is not enough.) We can be confident, moreover, that members of al three teams will be able to contribute substan tially to the consideration of work in categories other than their own.

In reviewing the rules this year, we added safeguards to ensure that all entries represen real commissions. In a competition among practicing professionals, we cannot tolerate doubts as to the legitimacy of the commis

Thus, we at P/A have already made some governing choices—on ground rules and or jurors. And the prospective jurors—who de serve our deepest thanks—have chosen to

In the end, these jurors will choose perhap a couple of dozen winners out of hundreds o submissions. The odds are formidable, bu the stature of the prizes depends ultimatel on the quality and diversity of submissions.

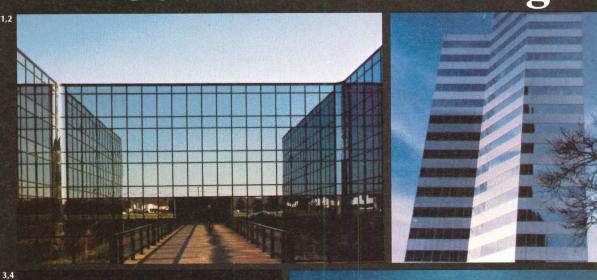
It may be worthwhile reminding potentia entrants that all submissions will be seen b the P/A editors, as well as the jurors. Though only the jury can give awards, the editor regularly follow up on other work that seem promising for editorial coverage. This year we are looking for energy-conscious building designs, in particular, which might be subject for our series of DOE-sponsored Energ Analyses.

We invite you to review the rules published on pages 15-16 and to consider which of you current work may deserve recognition in the 28th annual P/A Awards program. It's easy to enter. And that choice is yours.

John Maris Difa



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Gehry's goals

In her lead article on Frank O. Gehry (P/A, March 1980) Barbara Goldstein refers to the debate on the primacy of artistic goals versus social goals in architecture. The key word here, of course, is primacy, which infers that both are goals, but that one or the other (depending on the philosophy of the particular architect) is of prime consideration. Unfortunately, many of those architects who look on their work as "architecture as art" disdain for the most part any social objectives. With them it is not a question of "primacy" but rather, "to the exclusion of" any other consideration.

Unfortunately, those proponents of the new movements in architecture that go by many names seem to have forgotten that architecture is not a pure art form to be manipulated as the architect sees fit, but that is is a social craft with a responsibility to the society and to the environment. (Visual pollution is as devastating to the quality of the environment as air and water pollution.) An artist's sole responsibility is to him/ herself to reflect the society in his work, whereas an architect's responsibilities are many. He not only must be true to himself, but he must be responsible to the needs of his client and to the two levels of "users," that is, those who will use the building, and those who will experience the building by virtue of its becoming a permanent fixture in the visual environment.

I have known Frank Gehry for 30 years, I have worked with him, and consider him a friend. I have great respect for his talents. I say this because I want it clear that I am not specifically singling him out for criticism, but your profile on Gehry makes it necessary for me to answer Barbara Goldstein and the others who set so-called artistic goals against

social goals in architecture. Frank Gehry says he is an artist, and

by my definition he is an artist. Whether what he does is good art or bad art is another question not the subject of this

letter. It is art, and that is good enough for me.

But is it architecture, and if it is, is it good architecture? Gehry says he wants to "turn people on to architecture" but I am afraid that his work is having the opposite effect. Architectural design is a process of solving a particular set of problems, and it is from the solution of these problems that the aesthetic is derived. "The Fundamental Principles of Architecture" as set forth by Vitruvius almost 2000 years ago are still valid regardless of the changes in technology and style; and symmetry and proportion and balance are still the elements of

good design.

Years ago one of my mentors reminded me that architecture is a series of compromises. An artist must not compromise if he is to maintain his/her artistic integrity, but an architect, by the very nature of the social implications in his/her work must be prepared to compromise in order to closely approximate the ultimate demands of the many forces influencing the solution, such as the client, the public, the government agencies, the environment, the lenders, and on and on. In the final analysis, a work of architecture must be judged by how it solved the problems as well as the aesthetic solution.

Fortunately there are many architects (most of us, in fact) who adhere to the basic principle of good design and problem solving, and who do create some exciting architecture. What is unfortunate is that these architects are not as articulate nor do they get the same media coverage as those whose work is noticed more for its shock value than for its ar-

chitectural value.

The most serious negative effect of the work of these architectural neologomaniacs, who rely on verbiage in place of true creativity, is the confusion they create among the architectural students who now find themselves without the firm base of time-honored principles and are faced with an architecture based on the whimsy of the individual.

Gehry's work in particular reminds me of a similar controversy that occurred in the late 1930s over women's fashions, when the designers were relying on rhetoric to convince the public of the validity of the new design. To illustrate the attitude of the public, a New Yorker cartoon showed a mother trying to get her son to eat spinach by telling him that it was kale, to which the child retorted, "I say it's spinach and the hell with it." Frank, I say it is chain-link fencing, and the hell with it.

Sidney H. Brisker Architect AIA Los Angeles, Ca

P/A's position

There are, I guess, a few enduring verities in the architect's world. While the Record goes on giving us the mainstream (as it does so well), P/A seems likely to continue finding its mission among the fresh and the trendy—those sometimes inventive, sometimes exasperating projects that have dotted its pages for a decade. It seems equally safe to say that among its readers there will be those to continue, at some volume, complaining about it.

None of this ought to surprise anybody, but somehow it does—as recent issues, letters and conversations attest. I doubt you think your more ardent critics Philistines on the face of it. It's more likely you suppose they've mislaid their sense of humor. (It may well be the have, and not without reason. After all trying to do high-quality work, stay sol vent and get the kids through school in these trying times can be a pretty sober ing experience.) But come clean, P/A Don't you sometimes try to stand in their shoes-and when you do, don' you wonder just a bit what side you're on, or whether you sometimes look a lit tle (what shall I say) peripheral? Why not invite Messrs. Gatje, Gwathmey et a to be next year's awards jury-or pol your readers?

At the same time, it should be said that one doesn't have to embrace i all-from the rusting, roofed-mounted Porsches of the past to the pastel follie of the present—to value your view o things. So, keep at it, P/A. Be a little les partisan, perhaps, but keep at it. Some body should. If you don't, who will? Robert S. Brady, AIA

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Photo correction

The photographs for Atelier Interna tional's Babar collection and Cole Busi ness Furniture's 500 Series chairs (Ma 1980, p. 131) were inadvertently trans posed.

Multiple awards list amended

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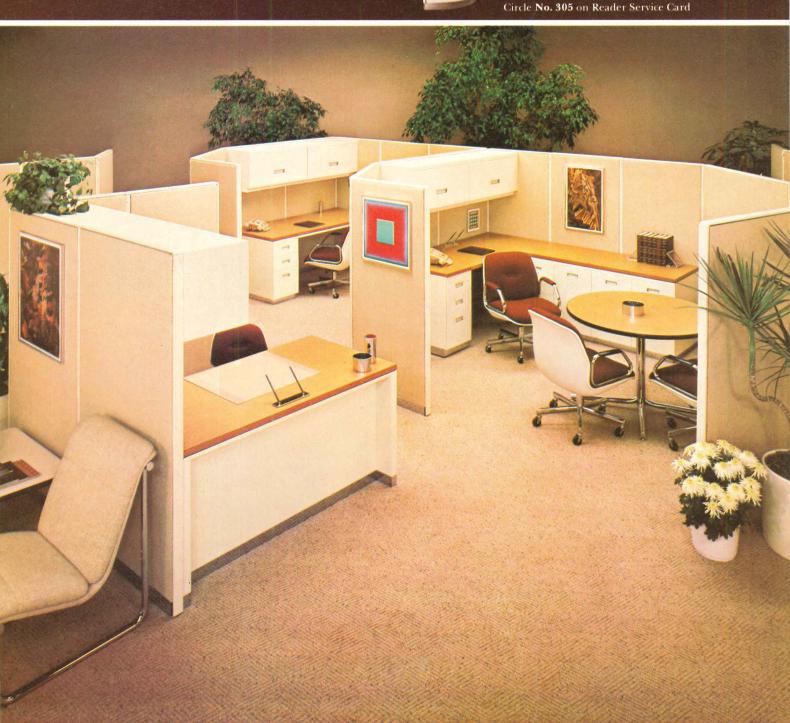
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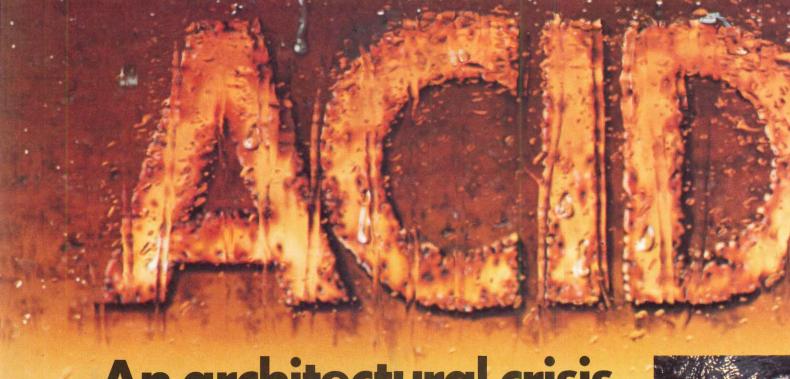
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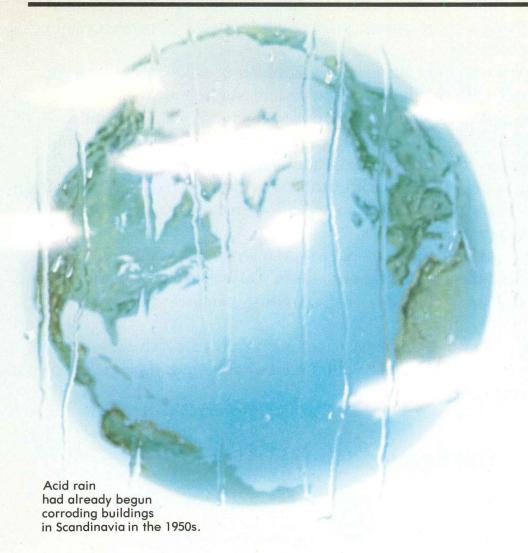
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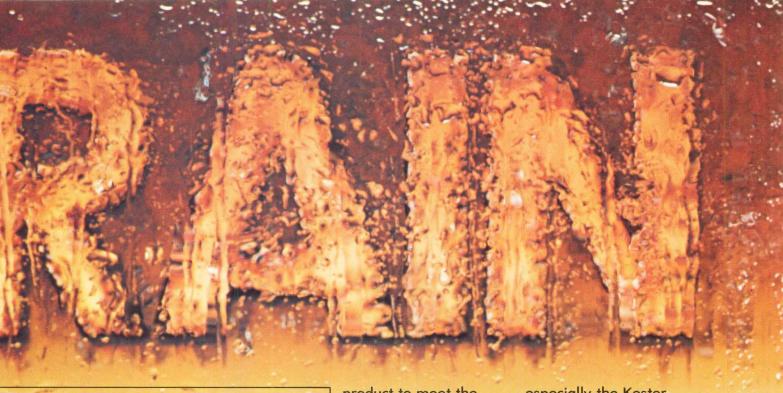


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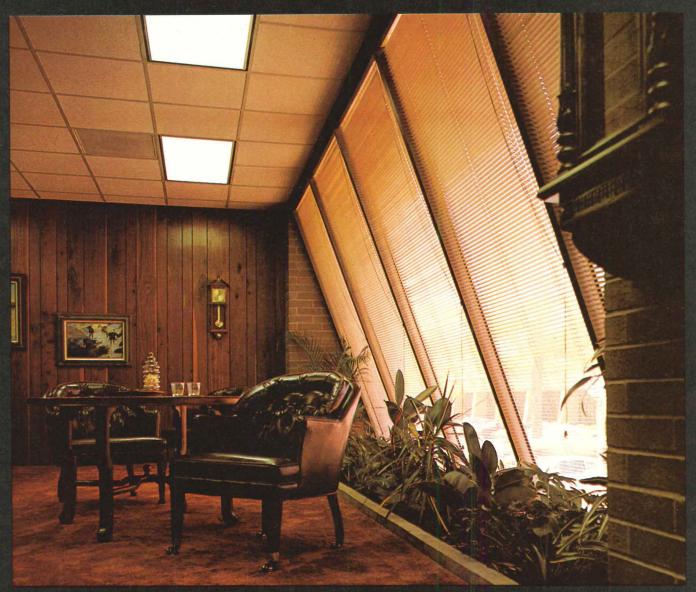
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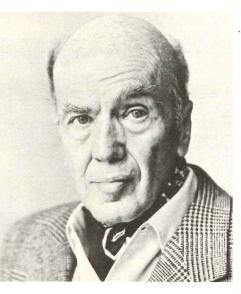
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PA News report

980 Pritzker Prize warded to Luis Barragán





tables at Las Arboledas, designed by Luis arragán.

The international 1980 Pritzker Archiecture Prize has been won by Luis Baragán, Mexico's famed landscape archiect. Jay A. Pritzker, president of the lyatt Foundation which administers and funds the \$100,000 prize, anounced the jury's choice at a press concrence at the Museum of Modern Art New York on May 1. Barragán gained atternational renown in the late 1940s or his design of El Pedregal (The Rocky lace), a residential complex set within ardens carved from volcanic terrain. The designs of the 78-year-old, self-tught architect evoke Mexico's past as tell as its future in what he terms the architecture of emotion."

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The Pritzker Prize grew from a aggestion of the late King Gustavus VI

Adolphus of Sweden that certain areas of human endeavor deserving of recognition had been ignored by Alfred Nobel in his bequest. The Hyatt Foundation identified architecture as such an area, and it is its intention to make the Pritzker Prize an annual award.

Members of the international jury are: J. Carter Brown, director, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Lord Clark of Saltwood (Kenneth Clark), author and historian; Arata Isozaki, architect and critic; J. Irwin Miller, chairman, executive committee, Cummins Engine Co., and architectural patron; Cesar Pelli, architect and dean of the School of Architecture, Yale University; and Philip Johnson, architect and author, and winner of the 1979 Pritzker Prize.

Presentation of the award will be made at a dinner on June 3 at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC.

Energy conservation project, Independence Historical Park

The first stage of a project designed to conserve energy in the buildings and open areas that make up Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia has been completed by the Philadelphia firm of Ueland & Junker. Original estimates indicate a 26 percent energy saving, with the necessary energy-saving improvements paid back in fuel savings in less than five years. This 26 percent figure is 6 percent higher than the study's original goal.

The 35 building complexes and 10 major outdoor areas that make up the park have historic qualities and also contain historic artifacts. Special considerations, therefore, were taken into account in the energy audit. According to the project director, C. Anthony Junker, "One does not work on buildings of such importance as Independence Hall and the Second Bank (of the United States) without a sense of awe and respect. The architecture of these buildings is a national resource. . . . The artifacts they contain—paintings, books, furniture—all require that rigid tem-

perature and humidity control be maintained." Because of such restrictions, each building had to be researched separately to determine its original historic fabric, current physical plant, and present energy-consumption characteristics.

The first group of structures analyzed included the Second Bank, the Merchants Exchange, and the Bishop White House, as well as such modern buildings as the Visitor Center and the Franklin Court Museum. Improvements on six building complexes were recommended and categorized by either "immediate implementation" or "requiring further study." Many of the recommended changes involved alterations in the buildings' environmental systems, especially heating, cooling, humidification, ventilation, and lighting. Insulation, specially designed multiple glazing, and other architectural and landscaping improvements compatible with the buildings' appearances and unharmful to the long-term building life were also suggested. In the case of new buildings, more radical options, such as insulating wall panels, shading devices, and solar

heating systems, were advised.

In addition to Ueland and Junker, other members of the design group include D'Ambly, Inc., engineers; Lawrence G. Spielvogel, Inc., consulting engineer and energy specialist; Clio Group, Inc., architectural historians; and Synterra, Ltd., landscape architects.

Reopening of Kemper Arena

After eight months of reconstruction, the Kemper Arena opened on February 20 with a crowd of nearly 17,000 basketball fans who watched the Kansas City Kings defeat the Seattle Supersonics, 107–105. The victory marked the first event held in the Kansas City arena since the roof collapsed on June 4, 1979 (P/A, July 1979, p. 26) during a devastating storm. At that time, speculation abounded as to the cause of the destruction, and suggestions included tornados, flat roofs, and drainage problems. City officials approached Helmut Jahn of C.F. Murphy Associates, designer of the project, who recommended a neutral consultant. California engineering con-



The reconstructed Kemper Arena.

sultant James L. Stratta was then engaged to supervise the reconstruction (P/A, Nov. 1979, p. 24).

The major design change was the replacement of the bolt system, used originally to hold the roof to the three massive trestles, with a steel bar unit. The bars were tested for 600,000 lb of stress considered to be "400,000 lb more than would be generated if the roof were covered by several feet of snow," according to Stratta. In addition, the roof was peaked 30 in. to allow better water runoff, and the drainage system was redesigned.

A unique addition is the installation of \$200,000 electronic system which supplies advance warnings of any weaknesses that may develop in the structure during ordinary wear and tear over time. Forty sensors, mounted on the roof structural members, collect data in a method similar to that of a seismo-

graph.

Total cost of repairs and improvements to the arena was nearly \$6 million, and city officials estimated that revenue losses over the eight-month period of reconstruction totaled \$1.1 million.

The award-winning facility is the Kansas City home of cultural as well as sporting events. Twelve major concerts have already been booked, and local promoters are confident that the city will once again be able to attract top name acts now that the Kemper Arena is back in service.

First annual Monterey Conference

About 400 architects attended the California 101 Design Conference held from March 27 to 30 in Monterey and sponsored by the California Council of the AIA. (The number 101 referred, not to the well-known freeway route, but to the number of participants presenting their work or ideas.) Although this was billed as the first California design conference, there was a similar, smaller scale event last year in Newport Beach that was popular enough to power this one.

In general, it was the kind of mildly chauvinistic affair that California inspires. There are, after all, more architects here than anywhere else, resulting in a lot of energy and curiosity about what is going on. There is also a wellfounded suspicion that some design efforts in California are not taken as seriously in the Eastern centers and by the Eastern-based media as they might be.

The conference opened Thursday evening with a brief but exhilarating slide show that reviewed, in rapid-fire order, all the work that would be presented in the two full days of sessions that followed. Next came a panel moderated by Richard Saul Wurman, now at CalPoly/Pomona and composed of Bob Marquis of Marquis Associates in San Francisco, Mildred Schmertz, Architectural Record, and Reyner Banham, now at U.C. Santa Cruz. In expressing their views about the state of the art, panel members mostly touched on familiar themes. There was a lot of grousing about how architecture had turned into words and pictures, and poor old Modernism was once again trounced by all except Reyner Banham, who praised Modernism in California for being "pioneering without tears, polemic, or social verbiage," as though the movement had been laundered somewhere along the Great Divide. The evening closed with an opulent multimedia tribute to Herbert Bayer.

Friday featured morning and afternoon sessions in which so-called teams were given 7 to 15 minutes-alas, the time limit was not always observed—to present their work. The selection of presenters was done at the level of the component organizations of the CCAIA. The word "team" was misleading because the members were not harnessed to any common point of view nor were they evenly matched. People just starting out were sometimes followed or preceded by those who had been in practice for years. But, in this reporter's opinion, these inequities or discontinuities of practice made it all real. Any attempt to grade or rank people would merely have presented other problems. As it was, this supermarket shopping event was flawed only by the impossibility of seeing and hearing everything, and by the minimal provision for audience feedback. Since the six concurrent sessions were held in rather small rooms and only repeated once, no matter how agile one was, one couldn't attend them all. Even a published, adhered-to schedule would have helped somewhat. Perhaps in the future it might be possible to stage the whole event in a large arena. The performers might have stalls and be obligated to present their work at stated times. Or in true carnival tradition, presentations might be continuous for all to see as they pleased.

The work itself showed about equal strength in the now-traditional currents of Modernism and the new waves of contemporary, if not Post-Modernist, ideas. There is a healthy and reassuring diversity of practice. Actually, more explanation of the process of practice

would have assisted our understanding of the products in many cases, although some of the presenters were quite can did about why they work the way the

Saturday's In-Depth—whatever that means—presentations were so dis rupted by media problems that it is hard to assess their contribution. Program matically, the four presentations were intended to show the range of practic in the state in a detailed way with Jon Jerde, Craig Hodgetts, Anthony Lums den, and Donn Logan presenting fo their respective firms. Although these were indeed four different kinds o practice, there was disagreement ove how representative or informative o useful the sessions were. The fact that the speakers spent a lot of time fighting the slide projector dissolve units cer tainly vitiated the program.

The feedback the CCAIA has had about the conference indicated a strong feeling that the speakers should hav addressed an issue or theme. A com mendable idea, but, as one commen tator pointed out, architects are not eas ily steered. The notion that busy peopl will take time to search their souls and come up with an organized point of view directed to a particular theme i a bit absurd, or at least out of char acter, especially considering the self supporting conference structure that required even presenters to pay admis sion, lodging, and travel costs. Mor likely they will reach for the current carousel of slides and go from there.

All this is minor carping. Moseveryone agreed that the conference was a success, and a good time was had by all. In all fairness, the Monterey De sign Conferences of the future migh serve no better purpose than to do fo design what the Monterey Jazz Festiva does for jazz: take it seriously but mak it enjoyable. [Sally Woodbridge]

Report from London

"We have been slowly destroying ou cities," said Richard Rogers this year during a lecture he gave at the Roya Institute of British Architects.

In saying this, he was lamenting not s much the destruction of buildings, th replacement of the old by the new, bu the gradual loss of the idea of the city He was not the first to have said this, but coming from one of the leading arch tectural innovators in this country, it was significant.

It is not only the quality of architec ture that draws tourists in the thousand to the pockets of historical London, th 18th-Century city of Bath, or to th medieval city of York, but their humas scale and richness, their secret places.

It is therefore encouraging to find fragment of city newly created in Lon don's central West End near Leiceste Square. Called Hobhouse Court, it is [News report continued on page 32]

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Suffolk Street entrance and courtyard of Hobhouse Court, London.



scheme by Casson Conder & Partners which successfully fuses restoration with new building. It is remarkable because it is a good illustration of an emergent, more modest approach to the problem of designing for the centers of cities. That is to say, it reveals a regard for context, combining respect for what exists with invention.

The scheme is a small oasis of tranquility in an area which was once for foreigners the quintessence of London and which has now largely lost the charm it had. Piccadilly Circus has bea traffic junction. Leicester Square, at its best never very appealing, is more than ever a seedy wasteland of porn, pinball arcades, and squalid bazaars which exerts an irresistible attraction for marauding bands Saturday-night football fans. In a futile attempt to make the square more attractive to people other than the resident winos, it has been pedestrianized, and the diverted traffic now roars south down the Haymarket to Trafalgar Square.

Hobhouse Court is a secret place and has to be sought out. Its western edge is formed by Suffolk Street with its grand stuccoed houses—last remnants south of Oxford Circus of John Nash's Via Triumphalis which ran from Carlton House to Regents Park. On the eastern side is Whitcomb Street whose buildings are, in contrast, more domestic in character and fairly typical of London's 19th-Century commercial premises.

What was once a solid block running between these two streets has been hollowed out to make an interior courtyard reached from Suffolk Street by passing beneath a handsome Nash portico. Paved with York stone and granite sets, and planted with trees, the courtyard has a secluded collegiate quality and is the unifying element that pulls the separate ingredients of the scheme together.

The site is owned by one of London's major landowners, the Commissioners for the Crown Estate. By 1971 many of the houses were in a poor condition. They were leased out then, as they are now, as small shops, offices, and art galleries. The center of the site was filled with a hotchpotch of back extensions, and a long and inconvenient flight of stone stairs led from Suffolk Street to the art galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists at the southern end of Whitcomb Street. Lease renewals were due to begin in 1974, and the commissioners asked Casson Conder to carry out a planning study before preparing a design. The final scheme is therefore the result of careful and lengthy investigation. It includes the renovation of Nos. 6-14 Suffolk Street and four buildings on Whitcomb Street, and the insertion of three new ones.

The Suffolk Street houses were subject to listed building control. They were built between 1820 and 1830 and follow the characteristic form of early 19th-Century London houses having four stories and a basement. While Nash was responsible for the layout and general supervision, other architects also were involved in the design, so that there is a fine mixture of classical detailing.

No. 6 is by Edward Cresy and has a "big arched central window flanked by Ionic columns and a smaller window above flanked by pilasters—a curiously disjointed composition of Italian High Renaissance," notes historian Nikolaus Pevsner (The Buildings of England: London Volume 1). Next door is the formal entrance to the courtyard marked by Nash's giant portico with four columns and a Roman Doric pediment. Nash also designed Nos. 8-11 while the remaining three were done by Lewis Wyatt.

Only the three Wyatt houses, one with a splendid Regency drawing room (now a conference room), were considered important enough to retain completely. The remainder were linked together in pairs so that by breaking through party walls, horizontal sets of four rooms rather than two were provided at each level. This gave better office space with the minimum disturbance of the fabric.

Restoration can prove a delicate busi-

ness requiring particular architectura skills. In this case, timber battens and joists had to be taken out and replaced with masonry. Original plasterwork wa restored or duplicated, fireplaces were designed around the old grates, and ironmongery and light fittings faithfull reproduced.

On the Whitcomb Street side, the ar chitects were forced to reconsider their decision to take down the building which, at the time of their preliminary report, they had felt were in too bad : state to repair. To their momentary irri tation, a campaign launched by London's Evening Standard succeeded in getting the underground wine vault "listed," which made building above them virtually impossible. The outcome was that all the buildings except two a the northern end of the street have been renovated to provide space for shops or the lower floors, with offices and gal leries above. The current trend toward open loft space, which is flexible and car be let by the square foot and divided by demountable partitions, prevails here Ingeniously, a steel cradle replacing internal structural walls was used a scaffolding during construction and then left as the loadbearing frameworl for new concrete floors.

These modest buildings do conceadelights not uncommon in this part of the world. As well as the warren of wind vaults under the site with their fine brickwork, there is a succession of sky-ligalleries on the top floors. These, simplipainted white with a series of graceful cast-iron skylights, are intended to

house art collections.

They are reached by a new lift and stair tower built at the southern end of the courtyard and forming a bridge between the two sides of the scheme. Clack in lead, it stands a little uneasily as a punctuation mark, emphasizing rather than softening the joints. Climbing up the stairs behind the galleries affords a view of Reginald Blomfield's evocative Parisian roofscape next door.

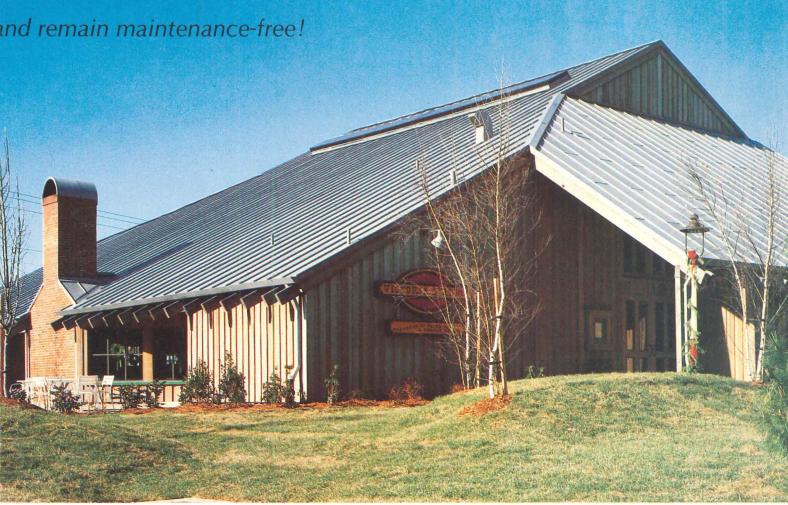
The building replacing that demolished on Whitcomb Street is in brick with slate mansard roof and dorme windows. Although somewhat over shadowed by its historic neighbors, it is unobtrusive and maintains the scale, a does the other new building constructed in a similar manner on the site of an old stable block. This consists of two-story

offices and a caretaker's flat.

The grouping of the buildings her creates spaces that are intimate, with long views across the courtyard. The removal of the back extensions and subsequent knitting together of the brickwork with salvaged secondhand bricks has given the court façades a texture that is rich and pleasing. The stitches, so to speak, are there to be appreciated. [Penny Maguire]

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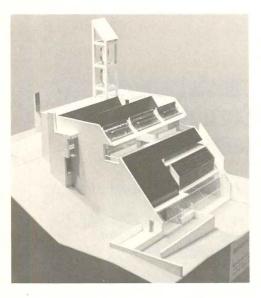
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Passive technologies are used also. The concrete-block building with internal concrete walls and slabs provides a thermal mass sufficient to minimize temperature swing. Four inches of insu-

lation underlie a white stucco skin, a thin, but well-insulated exterior treatment for the internal mass. Light and ventilation come from openings on the southern face; northern exposure is minimal. A greenhouse on the southern façade adds to the passive aspects. More symbolic than efficient, a double Darrieus windmill tower provides a visual focus for the design that is appropriate to the center's purpose.

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In progress



Four Leaf Towers, Houston, Tx. Architects: Albert C. Martin Associates, Los Angeles and Houston, managing and coordinating; Cesar Pelli & Associates, New Haven, design. These two 40-story condominiums will constitute Houston's largest high-rise residential condominium development and the city's tallest buildings outside the downtown area. The \$100-million project will have 400 units with parking for 700 cars on one subterranean level. Landscaping will surround the two towers, four tennis courts, and a swimming pool. Sale of the condominiums will begin in the summer of 1981, and occupancy is scheduled for the spring of 1982.



Bus Maintenance Facility, Houston, Tx. Architects: Bernard Johnson, Houston. This \$27million bus maintenance complex features two semicircular buildings connected to a bus parking canopy by elevated pedestrian catwalks. Three concentric activity areasbus stalls on the perimeter, repair shops at the core, and parts storage in betweenmake up the facility, which will serve as a major element in the city's move toward a modern, efficient transit system. The 250,000-sq-ft complex is entirely airconditioned, and window walls, bright colors, and high ceilings add to the structure's spaciousness. The project is being designed and built under a "fast track" schedule, with construction starting on the sitework and utilities while building plans are being concluded. Completion is expected by late 1981.

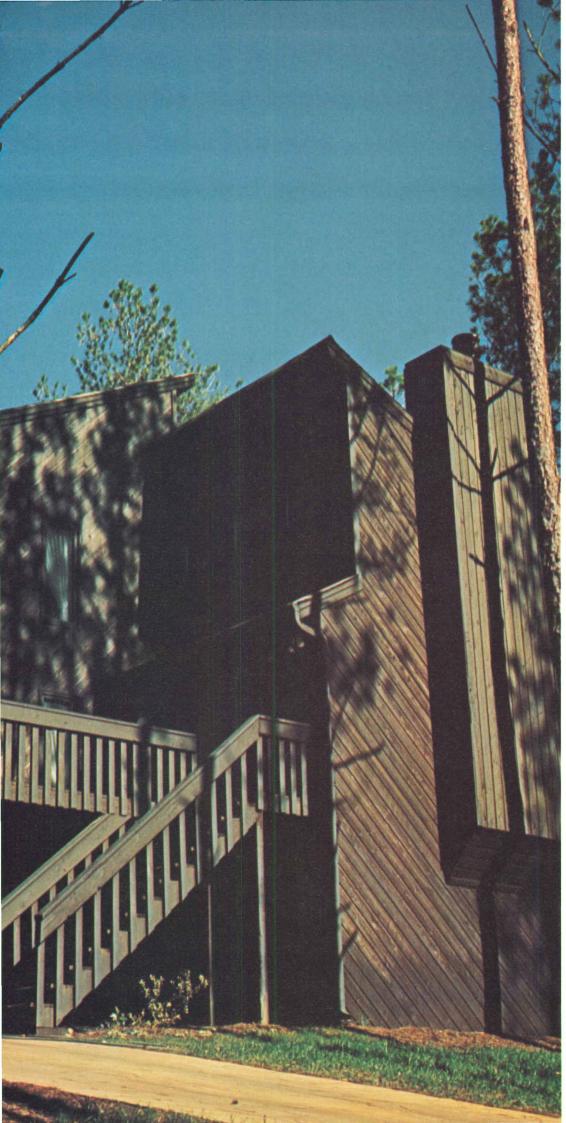


One Post Office Square, Boston, Ma. Arch tects: Jung/Brannen Associates, Boston, Piet Belluschi, consultant. This office tower-hot complex in the center of the financial distri will include the construction of a 39-stor 750,000-sq-ft office tower and the conve sion of the landmark 1922 Federal Reserv Bank building into a 300-room hotel. The exterior of the tower on the first three leve will be predominantly glass, with a malobby three stories high on Pearl and Mi Streets. On the hotel side, the lobby extend for six stories and becomes the top of the hotel atrium, which is the exterior link b tween the two structures. As a nine-stor hotel, the former bank building, an examp of early Italian Renaissance architecture, w retain such details as intricately carved ce ings, a marble staircase and fireplaces, an N.C. Wyeth wall murals. The \$65-million facility is scheduled to open in mid-1981.



Office Building, Westport, Ct. Architect Zane Yost & Associates, Bridgeport, Ct. The 30,000-sq-ft office building incorporate passive solar methods for heating and cooling. Offices open onto an atrium, and open able exterior and interior windows permatural ventilation. Wall construction is mesonry for thermal lag. Task/ambient lighting will be used. A mirrored-glass spandrel the roof reduces the apparent height of the building on the east façade, which abuts residential district. Completion of the \$\\$million building is scheduled for the end the year.

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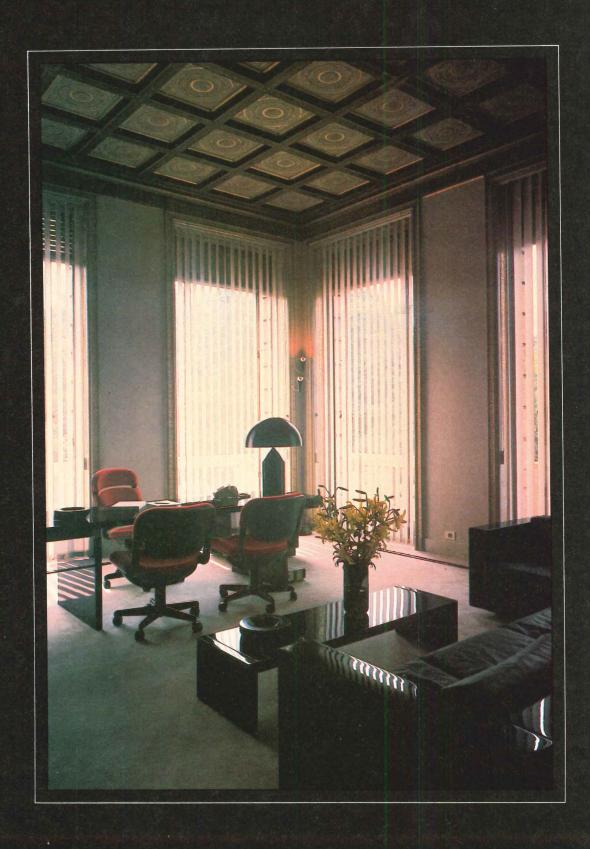
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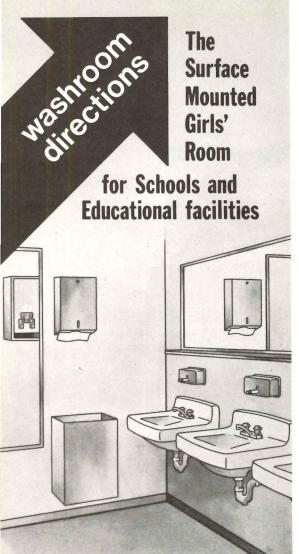
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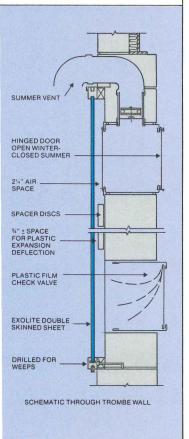
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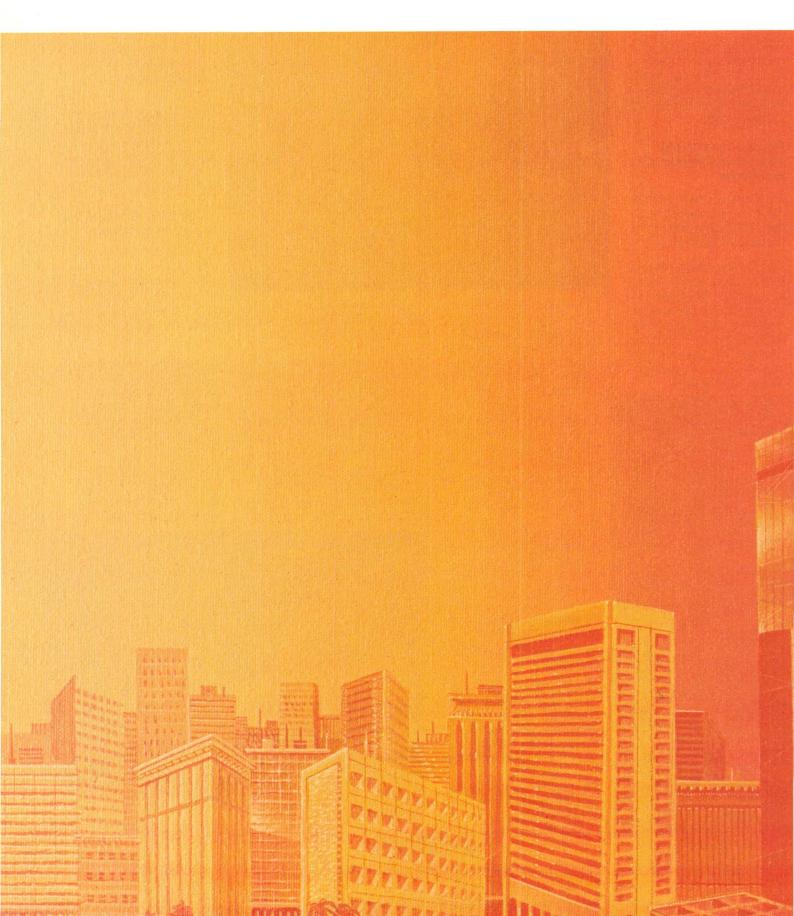


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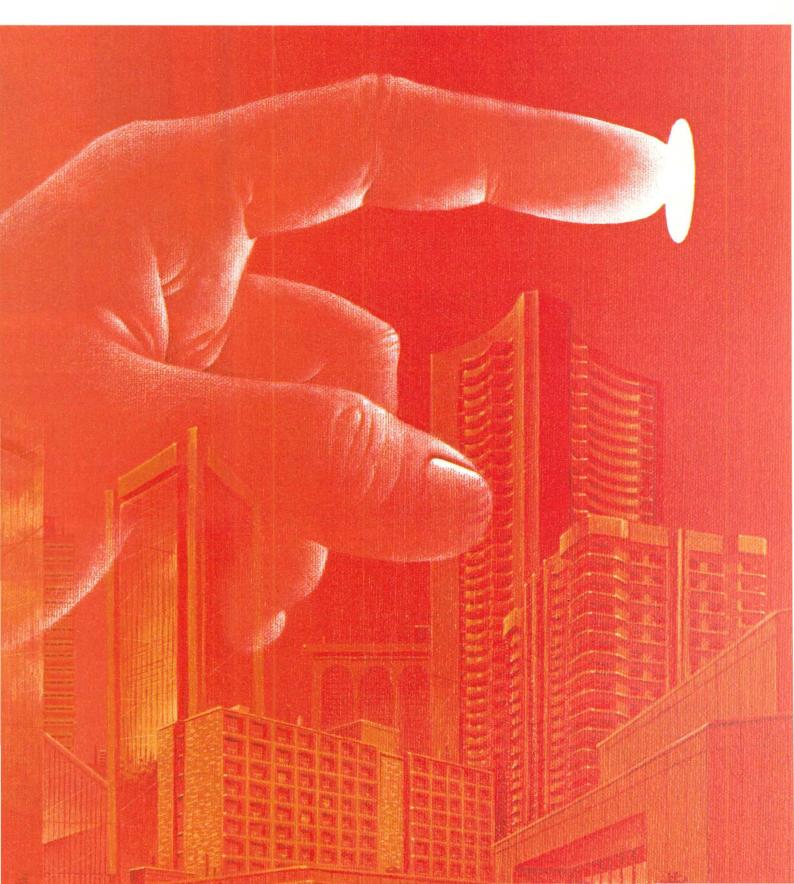
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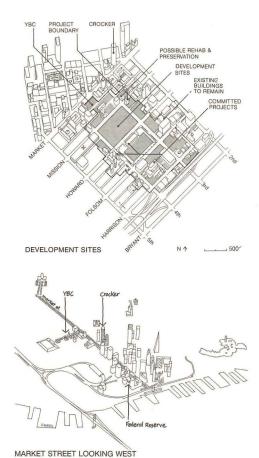
MANHATTANIZATION/Manhattanization Last fall, San Francisco voters again failed to pass an anti-highrise initiative and thereby stop the Manhattanization process, so christened in 1971 when the first set of height-limiting initiatives was on the ballot. After nearly ten years of unchecked development had confirmed environmentalists' worst fears about Manhattanization, the new initiative received a favorable prognosis. It was assisted by endorsement from the development-minded mayor and by the failure of architect Arthur Gensler's opposition group, San Francisco Forward, to garner strong financial support or reveal a strong consensus.

The proposed height limit would have reduced the present maximum of 700 ft to 260 ft-about 20 stories-and given bonuses for the preservation of registered landmark buildings and the creation of new housing. Although the pro-highrise sector drew a picture of the post-initiative city studded with "short, squat buildings," this was about as far as the discussion of architectural quality got. The initiative itself spoke to environmental issues stating that increasing air, water, and noise pollution, traffic and parking problems, and demand on public services, already weakened by increasing costs and declining city tax revenues, create a "dark,

windy and uninviting downtown. . . . "
The question of what developers would do after (as they saw it) downtown was locked up, was answered by Patrick Mahoney who said, "damn little," implying a mass exodus to L.A. and Seattle. The question of what architects would do might be said to have been answered—even for all time—by Philip Johnson after testifying in August before the Planning Commission in favor of his new 48-story contribution to downtown. "We are very high-class whores," he said with a grin, "and we believe in doing what the society of our times tells us to do." In truth, the extent to which San Francisco has become a seller's market makes it more likely that development would have changed form rather than stopped. And as for the involvement of the architectural community, with the exception of the local SOM office, most city architects have been unable to take advantage of the highrise trade. Short, squat buildings might have provided more opportunity for medium-sized firms.

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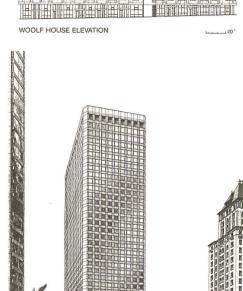
Now there is another image of Manhattan that San Francisco has been proud to share. It has to do with urbanity, not scale, and is embedded in a dense con-



Crocker Bank by SOM (right). Federal Reserve Bank by SOM (opposite).

text that provides the off-beat and the unexpected. The contribution of architectural quality to this context is not easy to evaluate. The standard products of developer bonuses—plazas and observation decks—are usually sterile and stereotypical features. Still, the popularity of one blandly familiar place over another that reveals imagination and skill may have more to do with what the people are wearing and doing there than with the setting. Putting this puzzle aside, there are a few projects in Downtown San Francisco that promise to continue the good Manhattanization process.

First, construction has started on the new SOM-designed Crocker Bank headquarters complex that will occupy most of the block touching Market at the intersection of Post and Montgomery. The southwest corner of the site is now cleared for the 38-story office tower, a steel tube structure clad in a nondirectional pattern of alternating polished and flamed carnelian granite. Metallic window-washing buttons, 2½ in. in diameter and projecting 2 in. from the grid serve as a graphic device to enliven the surface and give a subtle indication of the sun path. Overall, the tower has a well-mannered, buttoned-down corporate expression. Upon its completion in spring of 1982, Crocker will vacate the existing tower at Post and Montgomery for the new premises. Then the old tower will be taken down to its base, leaving the opulent, 1920-21 banking hall topped by a half-acre roof garden. Opening up this corner will permit



views of the dense cityscape and show off to maximum advantage the cha teauesque office building of 1927 at 11 Sutter, designed by the New York firm of Schultze & Weaver. Lick Place, a pr vate, mid-block alley owned by the bank will be enclosed by a three-story, block long shopping galleria with a cor tinuous, barrel-vaulted, glazed roo Though relatively small, this jewel-lik corridor will be an urbane link betwee the Union Square retail area and th financial district. The whole project wi enrich the historic context of the area i

a most responsible way.

About five blocks down Market to ward the Bay, the new Federal Reserv Bank, also designed by SOM, will fill th gap in a row of significant Beaux-Art style buildings: the 1916 Souther Pacific Building by Bliss & Faville to th east, and to the west, the 1921 Matso Building, also by Bliss & Faville, and th 1925 PG & E Building by Bakewell & Brown. The SOM team, headed by E.C Bassett-who also directed the design of the Crocker complex—made every e fort to respect the older structures b continuing their cornice height an stepping the 195-ft bank building bac in tiers of two stories each so that the ornate and colonnaded Neoclassic top would not be hidden. The color schem established by gray-rose granite, po ished on the façade and flamed on th side elevations, and bronze-tinted rib





on windows harmonizes well with he bank's older neighbors. The selfffacing character of the bank contrasts with that of the monumental, freestandng arcade of jointed, chamfered, and aceted concrete surfaced in the archiect's favorite mix, called Civic Center Vhite. In spirit, the design recalls the ork of the French Romantic Classicists uch as Ledoux. What the effect will be of an authoritarian presence on this usinesslike end of Market is anybody's cuess at this point. The bank lobby will ouse an exhibit on fiscal history deigned by Ray Eames that will invite nore public participation in this generlly aloof institution.

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Moving back up Market, we pick up the hread of the MANHATTANIZATION story pon reaching the venerable urban re-lewal wasteland of Yerba Buena Cen-er. Here between Third and Fourth treets is the still-boarded-up gate hrough which, if the post-World War II conomic powers and plotters had had heir way, would have flowed the deelopment needed to enlarge the adninistrative and service functions of the volving nerve center of the Pacific Basin. The lodestone of this gerrynandered 86-acre redevelopment area outh of Market was a three-block, 25cre parcel called the Central Blocks. In he late 1960s, a design team headed by Kenzo Tange, with local architects Gerald McCue and John Bolles and andscape architect Lawrence Halprin, repared for these blocks a much-

heralded plan for a master developer scheme of interlocking convention facilities with office and hotel structures. Although the plan had the kind of architectural imageability that the agency, under the entrepreneurial hand of the late Justin Herman, put great store by, it sank slowly in the quagmire of endless lawsuits that attended, principally, the struggle of the area's displaced citizens to get good housing. Chester Hartman's invaluable account of this struggle in Yerba Buena, Land Grab and Community Resistance in San Francisco lays bare the redevelopment process in a way that can only be hinted at here by quoting Herman's unvarnished opinion voiced in 1970: "This land is too valuable to permit poor people to park on it." And so absolutely nothing parked on the three precious central blocks for over a decade, and the area north of Market got double Manhattanization.

Last year the design by HOK and T.Y. Lin for the underground convention center, named after murdered Mayor George Moscone, finally got underway. The structuralist interior is the result of the renowned engineer's first opportunity to do something on the scale of Nervi's most famous projects. Ironically, social justice triumphed first, with the completion of about a halfdozen replacement housing projects. The latest and best of these, at Howard and Fourth Streets, is Woolf House, designed by Robert Herman & Associates for the Tenants and Owners Development Corp., the nonprofit housing sponsor created to build housing for the area's displaced elderly residents. Woolf House has 112 apartments of which 104 units are one-bedroom and eight are studios. Apartments are rotated 45 degrees to the street for proper orienta-tion and to make the best use of bay windows and balconies in relation to interiors and a lateral view of the street. Although the creditable design is firmly in the tradition of the city's baywindowed buildings, it answers the expressed wish of the tenants for a modern, dignified, and secure building devoid of sentimental trappings.

As for the ill-fated Central Blocks, the Redevelopment Agency has just put out a request for proposals for a mix of hotel, retail-entertainment, office, and residential development on the block touching Market and a package of retail-entertainment, amusement, and cultural development on the other two blocks, one of which is the roof of the convention center. The SOM Urban Design team headed by John Kriken, with Tom Aidala and former Planning Director Alan Jacobs as consultants, has worked with the agency to devise appropriate alternatives to the failed 1973 plan. Four strategies were drawn, two of which are dominated by an urban theme park favored by city officials. The other plans incorporate more varied uses including, in Plan C, up to 400 units of market-rate housing. The team favored division of the project area into a flexible, efficient pattern of development parcels organized around an open, landscaped spine of discrete small squares connected by a pedestrian pathway. Two landmark buildings, St. Patrick's Church and Willis Polk's Jessie Street Substation (P/A, Jan. 1978, p. 89), are the historical anchors; their slightly offset spatial relationship has been used to orchestrate a set of intimate vistas along the pedestrian pathway.

The overall strategy of using fixed and variable components in the Central Blocks makes it possible at least to mitigate if not avoid the dreaded possibility of lagging, gap-toothed development that plagues many a redevelopment project. The discordant note in the agency's present offering is the apparent commitment to a theme park when the city's clearest need is for housing. Since the recently completed Pier 39 theme park near Fisherman's Wharf is not doing so well in that well-known tourist area, it is hard to understand the thinking behind a theme park proposed for the city's well-known skid row. One hope is that the present package simply represents political inertia born of previous agreements. If it is unsuccessful, the next offering could carry out the SOM team's recommendation that the mix of use emerge through the interaction of public priorities and the market place. Then the city might get more of that enviable kind of Manhattanization it so richly deserves. [Sally Woodbridge] [News report continued on page 59]



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Office Tower, New York, NY. Architects: Eli Attia & Associates, New York. About to rise on the 55,000-sq-ft site of the recently razed Architects' Building at 101 Park Ave., this 50story office will radically alter an area of Midtown Manhattan that has remained relatively sedate. Located on the second block south of the landmark Grand Central Terminal, the building will break sharply with the medium-rise, street-line façades that characterize this stretch of the avenue. The architect, who was previously associated with Johnson/Burgee, has taken modest steps to reconcile the angular geometry of this structure with the prevailing rectangular pattern, but the prismatic forms of the tower, to be clad in gray heat-absorbing glass, command attention from virtually any vantage point.

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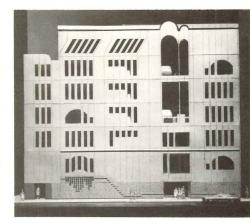


Baltimore's Inner Harbor, with two pavilions designed by Benjamin Thompson & Asso-

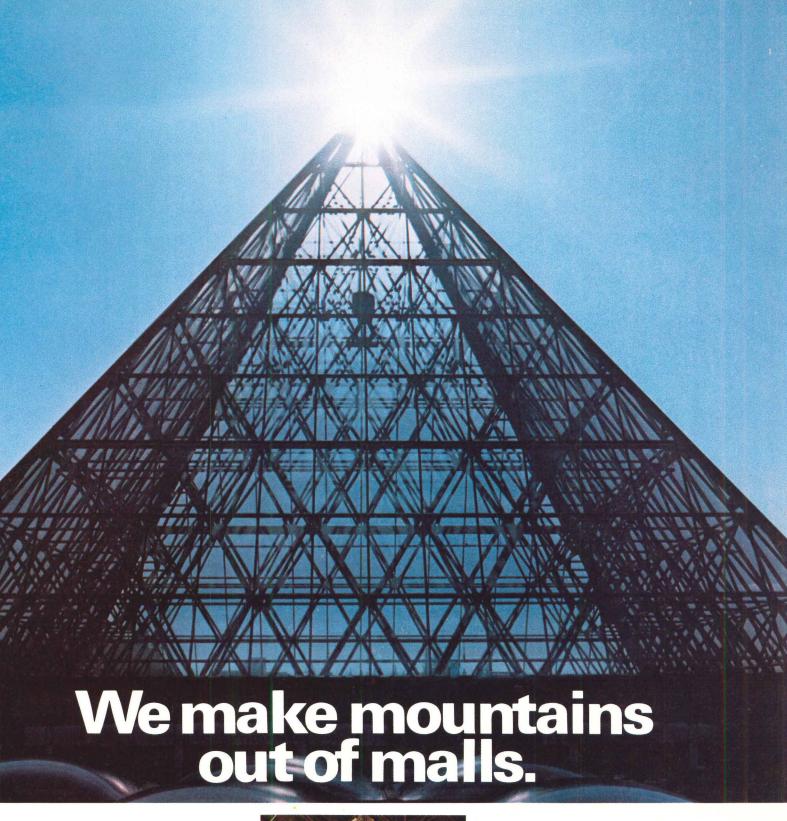
Harborplace, Baltimore, Md. Architects: Benjamin Thompson & Associates, Cambridge, Ma. Consisting of two glass-enclosed pavilions overlooking Baltimore's Inner Harbor, this project is part of a larger one to revitalize this area of the city. The Pratt St. Pavilion and the Light St. Pavilion occupy a site that has a combined land area of 3.12 acres. Total leasable space is 142,000 sq ft, and approximately 120 local and owner-operated businesses, including restaurants, food markets, and specialty shops, are expected to locate in the two pavilions. The \$18-million project was developed by The Rouse Co., which is responsible for the successful Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston. Construction began in January 1979, and the official opening is scheduled for July 1980.

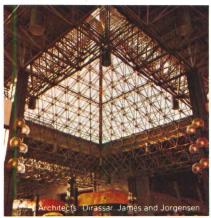


The Harley Hotel, New York, NY. Architects Emery Roth & Sons, New York. This 38-story addition to the New York skyline is conven iently located in the United Nations area or East 42nd St. The glass tower containing 793 rooms will have a brick and bronze exterior with bronze glass separated by spandrels o bronze aluminum. Plans include a lobby level restaurant, a cocktail lounge, and landscaped, open-air plaza on 41st St. Inte rior design is by Tom Lee, Ltd., who is also creating the interiors of Helmsley's Palace a 455 Madison Ave. A two-level underground garage will provide parking for 219 cars The hotel is expected to open in Octobe and will become the flagship hotel for group of Harley hotels and motels around the country owned and managed b Helmsley.



Morris and Ida Newman Educationa Center, New York, NY. Architects: Conklin & Rossant Architects, New York. The 460-48 students in the upper grades (7-12) of th Ramaz School-a long-established Jewis day school-will be housed in a seven-stor structure on the Upper East Side of Manha tan. Designed to mediate between town houses on one side and an apartment bloc on the other, the façade of the building wi emphasize openings of residential scale Punctured out of a façade of pewter-colore aluminum panels (above granite base), som [In progress continued on page 52]





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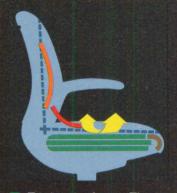
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Shaare Tova Synagogue, Kew Gardens, NY. Architects: Richard Foster Associates, Greenwich, Ct. Located on a busy avenue in the Borough of Queens, New York City, this 28,000-sq-ft synagogue and social center will serve an orthodox Jewish congregation, most members of which trace their roots to Iran. A colonnaded forecourt provides an important gathering place sheltered from the busy street and related to Middle Eastern traditions. In the sanctuary, an inner enclosure of columns, arches, and domes will recall the heritage of the congregation and contribute to the carefully conceived use of lightnatural and artificial, direct and indirect. The nonstructural, symbolic nature of these elements is played upon by leaving voids where one would expect solids-recalling the real columns of the forecourt, for instance, in cut-out silhouette. Construction is scheduled to get underway this spring.



Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, Grand Rapids, Mi. Architects: Marvin De-Winter Associates, Grand Rapids. Scheduled for completion early this winter, the museum is located on a long, narrow site bordering the Grand River. The two-story building is a right isosceles triangle, the hypotenuse of which faces the river. The two-story-high glass wall is 300 ft long and is recessed under an overhang to protect exhibits from damage-

ing rays of the sun. From the exterior, the mirrored wall reflects the river and the buildings across it; from the inside, visitors are afforded a view of the river. The two other sides of the building are constructed of thick concrete to block out the noises of the freeway behind the museum. A large pool, featuring electronically controlled water sculptures, will be constructed between the river and the building. The museum will be dedicated officially on July 4, 1981.



Communications Center, Seoul, Korea. Architects: Becket International, Santa Monica, Ca. This \$50-million center, which will include newspaper, television, and radio operations, will be constructed for Joongang Daily News and Tong-Yang Broadcasting Corp., a subsidiary of the Samsung Group. It will also provide magazine- and bookpublishing facilities, a computer center, a 700-seat theater, an auditorium, and exhibition space. The 65,000-sq-m building, with a 21-story office tower surrounded by a lowrise block base, will be located in a redevelopment area adjoining a business district, and is being designed for maximum integration into the area. Construction is scheduled to start in September 1981, and completion is set for September 1984.



Pershing Square Redevelopment Project, Kansas City, Mo. Architects: Harry Weese & Associates, Chicago. A \$500-million project designed to rejuvenate the blighted midtown area adjoining Washington Park and including Union Station is presently underway. Expected to take nearly 25 years to complete, the 56.7-acre area will include new office buildings, retail businesses, high-rise apartments, condominiums, and hotels. The

Pershing Square Redevelopment Corp., joint venture combining Trizec Corp. Calgary, Canada, and the Kansas City Teminal Railway Co., is the sponsor of the project. Construction has already begun of One Pershing Square, a 165,000-sq-ft office building providing additional needed office space in the downtown area. Central to the entire project is the multistory Internal Resenue Service regional center to be located of a 12-acre site. The four-building complete providing 1,366,700 sq ft, will bring more than 6400 IRS employees to the area.

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June 10-Aug. 27. "Resorts of the Catskills," Cooper-Hewitt Museum New York.

June 28–July 27. "Buildings Reborn New Uses, Old Places," Oglebay Inst tute, Wheeling, WV.

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June 29-Sept. 2. "Alvar Aalto Arch tectural Exhibit," Mt. Angel Abbey, Benedictine Monastery 17 miles north east of Salem, Or.

Meetings and expositions

June 11–13. NEOCON XII, Merchandis Mart, Chicago.

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June 15-20. International Design Corference in Aspen. Contact: IDCA, c/The Bank of Aspen, P.O. Box "O," Aspen, Co 81611.

June 16-18. Construction Specification Institute Convention, Anaheim, Ca.

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Berkeley, Ca. Contact: Center for Planning and Development Research, University of California, Wurster Hall, Room 373, Berkeley, Ca 94720.

July 17-20. Annual meeting and conference of the League of Historic American Theatres, Goodspeed Opera House of East Haddam, Ct. Contact: League of Historic American Theatres, Box A, East Haddam, Ct 06423.

Aug. 7-9. International Disabled Expo, O'Hare Expo Center, Rosemont, Il. Contact: Dennis Quirk, International Disabled Expo, 330 S. Wells St., Chicago

Aug. 17-21. Viable Energy and Living Alternatives for the New Decade, College of Santa Fe. Contact: Armand G. Winfield, P.O. Box 1296, Santa Fe, NM

Sept. 2-4. International Design Conference, Nova Scotia Technical College, Halifax, N.S. Contact: Prof. Ching-Yu Chang, Faculty of Architecture, Nova Scotia Technical College, P.O. Box 1000, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2X4.

Sept. 24-27. Second International Conference on Urban Design, Harvard University, sponsored by the Institute for Urban Design, Cambridge, Ma. Contact: Ann Ferebee, Institute for Urban Design, SUNY at Purchase, Pur-

chase, NY 10577.

Oct. 15–17. Producers' Council Convention, Marco Beach Hotel, Marco Island,

Fl. Contact: D. Seline, Producers' Council, 1717 Mass. Ave., Rm. 3601, Washington, DC 20036.

Nov. 18–20. International Energy Management & Facilities Improvement Show, Merchandise Mart, Chicago. Contact: Expo Management, Inc., Suite 1048, The Apparel Center, Chicago

Workshops

July 23-30. Women's School of Planning & Architecture, Hood College, Frederick, Md. Contact: WSPA, 2105 Erdman Ave., Baltimore, Md 21218. **July 28–Aug. 7.** Principles of Construction Specifications Writing, University of Wisconsin at Madison. Contact: Philip M. Bennett, Department of Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Extension, 432 No. Lake St., Madison, Wi 53706.

Competition deadlines

Sept. 1. For participation fees. Competition for Students of Architecture sponsored by Union International des Architectes. Write: Organizing Committee of the XIVth UIA Congress, S.A.R.P., Foksal 2, B.P. 6, Warsaw, Poland.

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Oct. 15. Helios Tension Products has announced a new architectural competition for design of a tension membrar covering for an outdoor theater. Th competition is open to all registered U. architects. Write Helios Tension Products, Inc., 1602 Tacoma Way, Redwood City, Ca 94063.

Personalities

David S. Hatcher, 1978-79 professor the year in the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Washingto University, St. Louis, will head the A chitectural Engineering Department California Polytechnic State Universit San Luis Obispo, Ca.

Lord Richard Llewelyn-Davies, Br ish architect and planner, becomes the first architect to be invited to take u residence as the Principal's visitor for the 1980 fall semester at the Institute of A vanced Studies in Princeton, NJ.

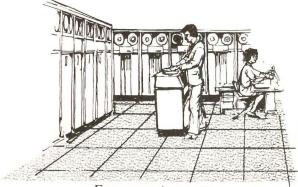
Calvin G. Rand, president of the Niagara Institute in Canada, has been appointed president of the America Academy in Rome.

Shepheard, University Pennsylvania professor of architectus and environmental design, was recent knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in re

ognition of his "services to architecture **Hugh Stubbins,** architect of Car bridge, Ma, has received the Thom Jefferson Memorial Foundation Med in Architecture at the University of Vi ginia, Charlottesville.

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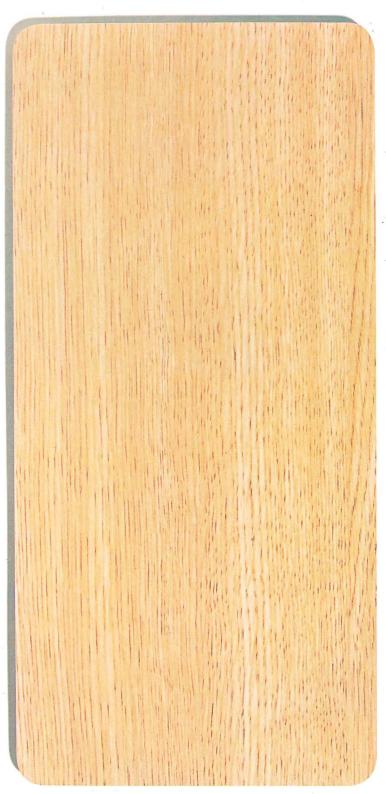
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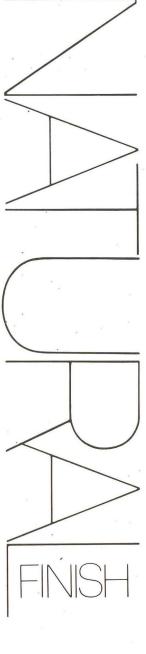
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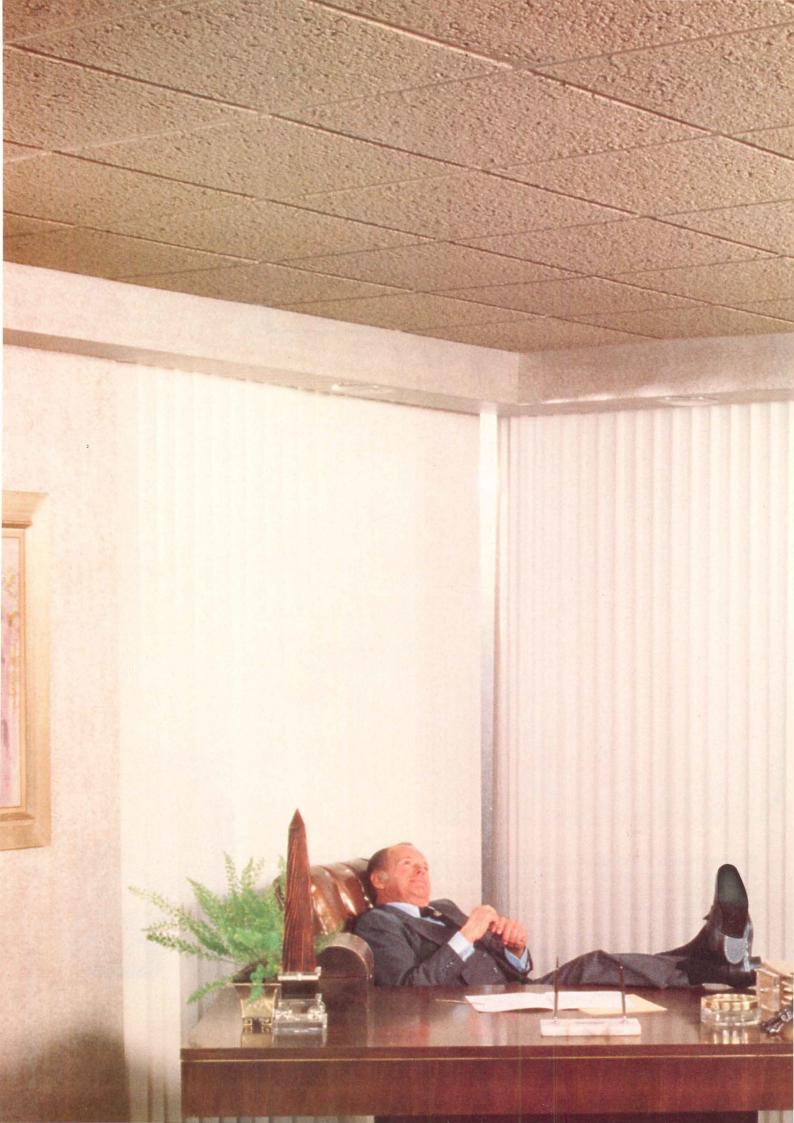


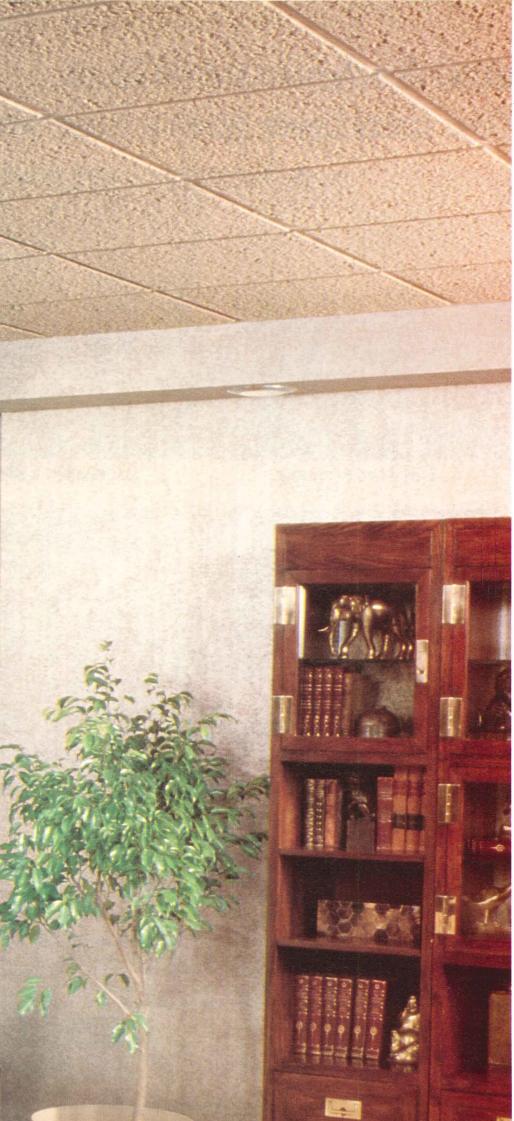


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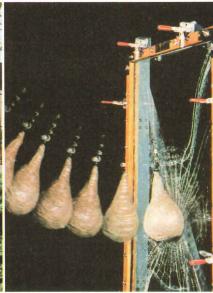
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t the heart of the Ohio State University impus in Columbus, notable for its vast ollection of background architecture, a scent addition to the Main Library offers a lesson in sensitive response to conext. This lesson was recognized by the try for the 22nd annual P/A Awards rogram, which conferred a citation for on architects Lorenz Williams Lively ikens & Partners—now called simply orenz & Williams, Inc.—of Dayton P/A, Jan. 1975, p. 65).

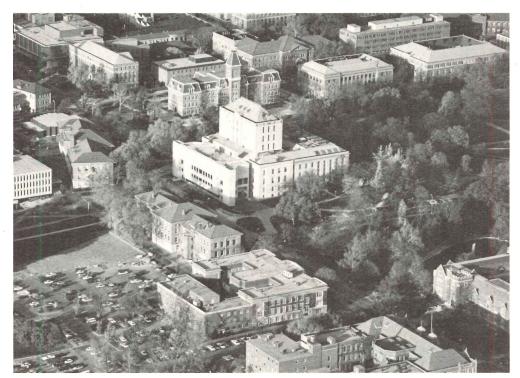
The 40,000-sq-ft addition was the tost visible part of a commission that acluded remodeling of 216,000 sq ft in the massive existing structure. The observe was not only to add capacity to the library (increasing it to 1,430,000 polumes) but to convert the facility as a

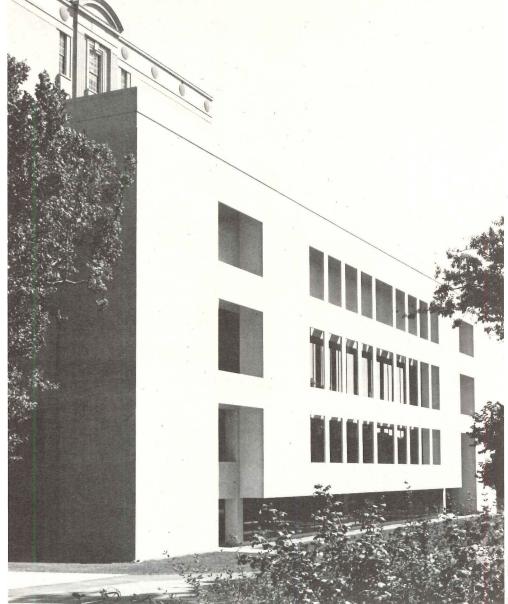
hole to open-stack operation.

Commanding one end of the central reen of this vast campus, the existing ructure clearly deserved respect, if not uite awe. In its 64 years of existence, he original three-story library, with a chly modeled Beaux-Arts façade to-ard the green, had been enveloped in diditions—including a seven-story pokstack block—in the stripped-down classical style associated with Paul Cret. The resulting structure was distinguished by its compactness, symmetry, and unifying color, and by the fine decids of its limestone walls and verdinised copper roofs.

Built in a limited area to the rear of the tall stack block, the addition complements it functionally in various ways, ith mixed study and open stack spaces in ground, first, and second floors, and ouble-decked expansion of the stacks temselves at the top. On the exterior, he addition presents a bold, symmetrical façade delineating the extent of the expanded structure with an expression of finality. Behind this decisive façade, inchored at its ends by windowless stair owers, the building volume is "eaten way" to leave existing windows and exits exposed and to make room, on one







Aerial view from southwest (top) shows addition at west end of library in relation to campus setting. West-facing limestone screen wall (above) shields recessed loading dock (left).

side, for a receiving dock. The visual effect is to clarify the building's organiza-tion and its sequential growth. The diagonal walls introduced, while characteristic of the mid-1970s, also help relate this flat-roofed addition to the prominent hipped roofs of earlier construction adjoining it.

The symmetrical, classically proportioned rear wall is a limestone-clad screen, set out from the actual walls, which are glazed in open-stack areas, blank at the upper-floor stacks. The 6-ft gap between screen and building also accommodates main mechanical risers, which show on the façade as solid verti-cal bands. The screenwall concept is similar to those used by Mitchell/ Giurgola, as in the laboratories at Columbia University (P/A, March 1978, p. 54). Like the Mitchell/Giurgola screens,



Stair in new atrium (above) provides clear ac cess to upper floors. Interiors of addition (be low) are straightforward.



these also serve to some extent as su baffles, but not in a precise way; here t low west sun can penetrate far inside

On the interior of the expanded brary the symmetrical, additive organ zation of the existing building has al been respected and reinforced. Ax corridors run through the three ma floors, from the original entry to t glazed rear wall of the addition. Co tinuity was made possible by placing clear skylight over a courtyard that priviously separated the tall stack blo from older portions. The resulting rium has sunlit reading areas at the fir floor and freestanding stairs rising bridges at upper floor levels. Portions exterior detail remaining in the atriu along with views up along the exteri of the stack tower, maintain a sense the building's architectural identi-Interiors of the addition itself are no and businesslike, but permit gene ous lounge and circulation areas to

developed in older parts of the buildin Completed in 1977, precisely as evisaged in the citation-winning scher of 1974, the addition and remodeli are impressive mainly for their restrain and thoughtful adjustment to the exi ing fabric. This is not only, as the ju observed, "a good formal solution to very complex problem," but as they al said, "an improvement on the massing the original." [JMD]

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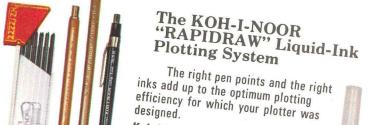
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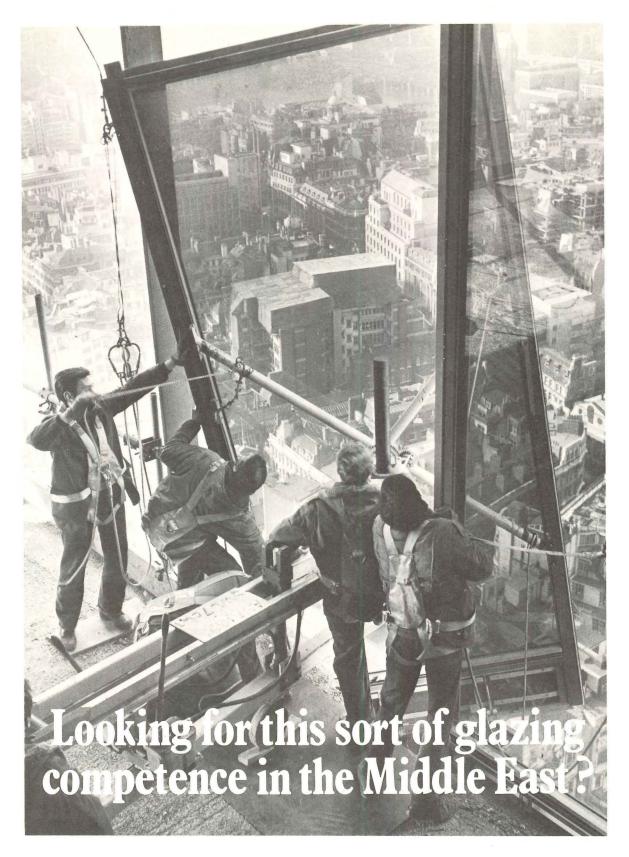




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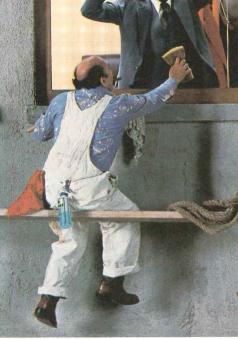
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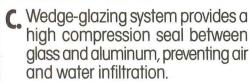




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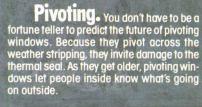
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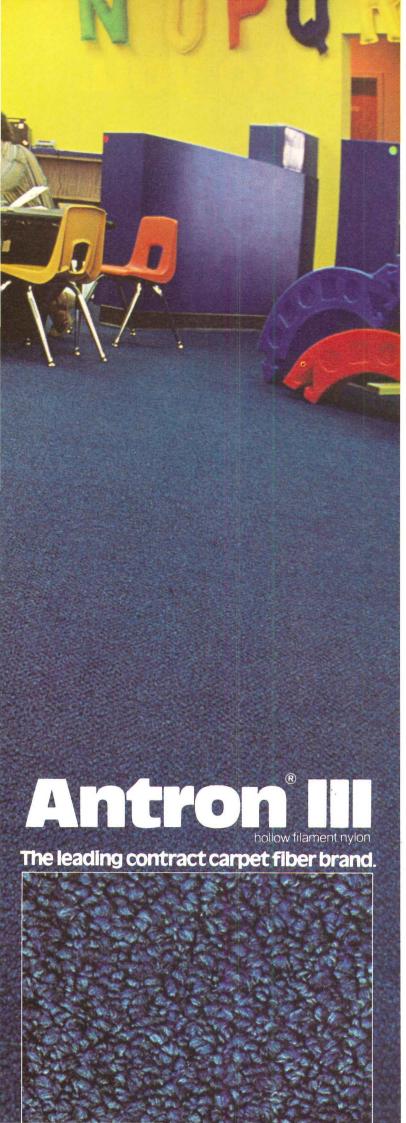
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once dubbed First City of rchitecture, Chicago has pent the past ten years ruggling with its famous ast and arguing about its iture. In the process, a new roup of designers has merged.

For the decade before Mies died in 1969, there was a peaceful bipolar arrangement in Chicago. On one side was Mies himself, who not only controlled the only architectural school, but was beginning to build large, visible downtown towers. His earliest students had taken over top design positions at several big Chicago firms, notably Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and C.F. Murphy Associates.

In successful but wildcat opposition were architects who tended vaguely to call themselves humanists. Most prominent among them were Harry Weese with his Scandinavian-inspired eclecticism; Walter Netsch (at SOM, but heading a firm within a firm) with his field theory; Bertrand Goldberg mixing thin-shell technology with behavioral modification; and Edward Dart blending rustic and medieval romanticism.

Today, nothing is so clear-cut. Mies's influence has declined unexpectedly quickly. Some of the best IIT designers-Jacques Brownson, Eugene Summers-have left town; SOM's Myron Goldsmith has retired. Some practice on their own with little or no work; others occupy less visible positions in the big-firm establishment. The mainstays of corporate design fall less and less within the Miesian umbrella. C.F. Murphy is now dominated by Helmut Jahn, who, at his most conservative, designs with flashy Moderne, High-Tech detailing and has been recently going far afield into historic revival. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's Chicago office has under construction downtown one high-rise with bay windows and a Portman greenhouse and, in design, a N. Michigan Ave. department store with a Richardsonian arch and perversely missing keystone.

There are many more small firms than Chicago has seen in decades, and the work being produced can legitimately be described as running the gamut of contemporary design. Buttressing the small firms is the addition of another architectural school, the Chicago Circle branch of the University of Illinois.

Fueling the inevitable overturn of generations has been a series of events that have made Chicago one of the liveliest architectural communities in the country.

It began rather by accident in a roundabout manner. A German architect named Oswald Grube, who had spent a year at SOM, wanted to show his colleagues what he had seen. He assembled an exhibit illustrating historian Carl Condit's argument that Mies's work was an outgrowth of the early Chicago School and Frank Lloyd Wright, then went on to show mostly current work of Mies-influenced designers. Eventually the show came to Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art in May, 1976.

Meanwhile, Stanley Tigerman and Stuart Cohen, Chicago architects whose East Coast connections placed them in the front lines of the battle over Modernism, decided that a response to the Grube lineup was in order. Objecting to the implication that Chicago had an architectural manifest destiny to which only Mies and his followers had complimentary tickets, the two created a rival exhibit. With Laurence Booth and Benjamin Weese, they wrote another history of Chicago's architecture, one that included the opposition in the 1960s, Art Deco and historical modes, and little-known stars of Chicago's pre-Mies International Style. The rival exhibit opened that same May in the lobby of a Harry Weese office tower.

By fall, the insurgence was in full swing. The four hooked up with three others to form the Chicago 7, a name consciously appropriated from Abbie Hoffman and friends. They have held theoretical exhibits in local art galleries, added four new members, and sponsored a competition. Bankrolling much of the intellectual revolution has been the Graham Foundation, a charitable organization linked previously in Chicago minds with the IIT team but in fact with a long record of international support for a wide spectrum of opinion. The architecture schools were also centers. The latest effort of the expanded Chicago 7 has been to expand even further into the Chicago Architectural Club, a 45member group that meets at the Graham Foundation to present work and hear outside lecturers.

The most recent activity on the Chicago

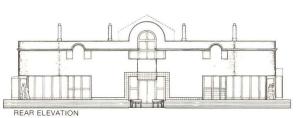
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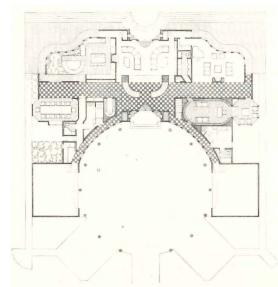


scene, however, has been the launching of a counteroffensive. Last year, Chicago 7 members won all but one of the local AIA's honor awards. Six were given to Tigerman alone by a jury of Los Angelenes. When Gertrude Kerbis became this year's local AIA president, she created a design committee to run the 1980 awards program and appointed SOM's Bruce Graham as its chairman.

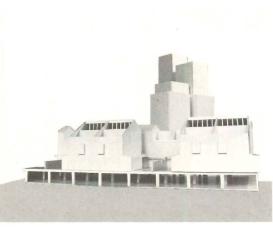
In the March AIA newsletter, the announcement was made as follows:

"If Post-Modern designers have an illusion that architectural design has become a game without rules, easy to play, a game for all ages, impending harsh economic realities will change that to a serious game played 'for keeps.' Chicago's preeminent School of Architecture began in response to the pragmatic needs of its community, its people, and its resources. Our landmark treasures are basically utilitarian, Spartan, and imbued with a puritanical aesthetic. If we are forced to overcome the constraints of dwindling resources, shouldn't we return to our roots in search of a viable, rational, and ultimately economical architectural ethic? The Chicago chapter AIA committee on design . . . will hold its first open committee. . . ."





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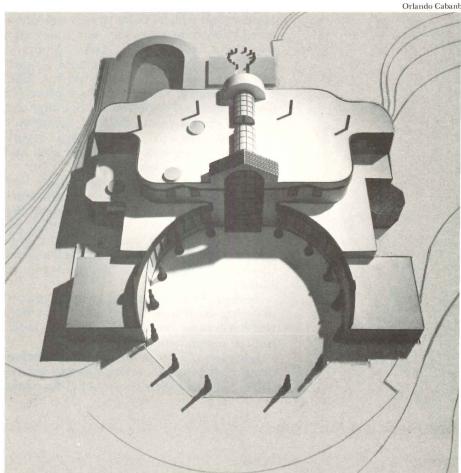


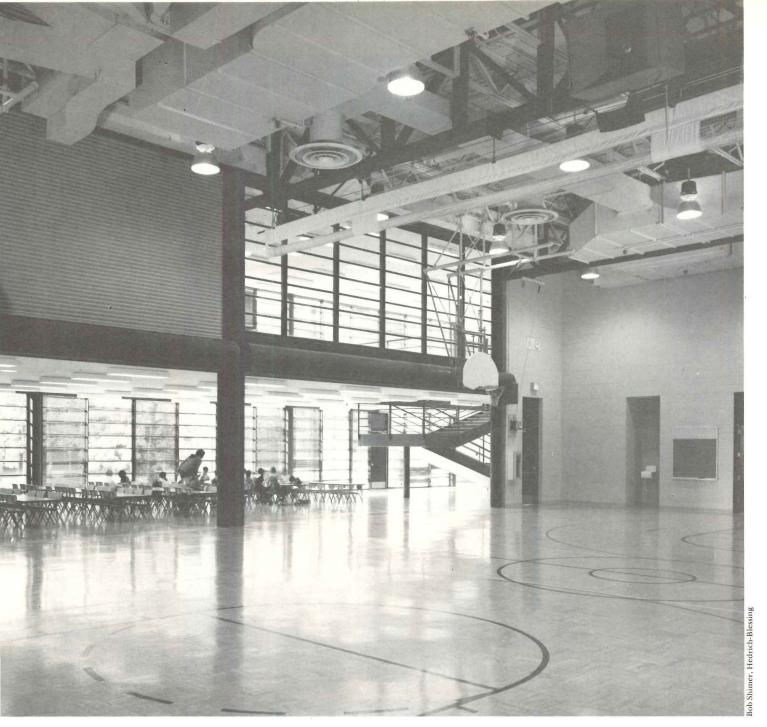
This year, only buildings in the Chicago area will be eligible for the awards program. Two of the four jurors will be Chicagoans (though they will share one vote).

It looks like a resumption of the hostilities of 1976, only this time it is the insurgents who hold the Museum of Contemporary Art (the Tribune Tower competition, see p. 94) and the conservatives who are doing the maneuvering. It is a clear indication that the center has shifted. The polarities are also blurred compared to the 1960s standoff. Jerry Horn of Holabird & Root is a member of both AIA committee and Chicago 7, and the AIA tried to get Jahn as well. And, as mentioned above, the work of even Bruce Graham's firm is showing influences from the very sources (historicism, mannerism) that he, as ideological vigilante, opposes.

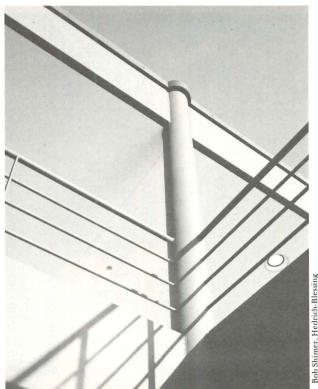
Having long been a symbol, a straw man to outside polemicists, the city today—with its avant-garde, backlash and confused boundaries—is not really very different from the rest of the country. Chicago as a bronzed relic of bygone decades and a more innocent past no longer exists. [Nory Miller]

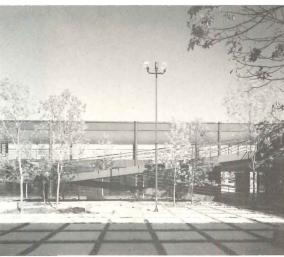
Harry Weese and Stanley Tigerman have been the major local influences on noncorporat Chicago architecture. Tigerman's firm has for years been th example of a viable, small firm, and both have been training ground for those with small firm today. Weese has stood against the Miesian tide for the values of vernacular materials, vaguely social impulses, and nondidacti cally eclectic forms. Recent proj ects include embassy housing in Tokyo (top right; construction begins summer 1980), a 12-acr townhouse and tower complex is stucco with wood shutters, balconies and, at ground level, Japanese gardens. The Union Underwear Building in Bowling Green, Ky (top left, just completed), a metal mansard an ribbon window headquarters in domestic scale with skylighting and wood structure on the interior. Tigerman lies somewhere between a formalist and a sensualist with verbal irony in a supporting role. His Villa Proe (bottom photos) is designed for a northern Chicago suburb.





lies's ranks are astonishingly minished in his adopted city. he finest of the school of Mies ill practicing in Chicago is Arur Takeuchi. He is also acting nairman of architecture at lies's school, the Illinois Instite of Technology, with its connuing influence over Chicago uth. Foremost in his extremely nited oeuvre is the Wendell nith Elementary School (this ige), built in 1974, during icques Brownson's headship of hicago's Public Building ommission. Glazed paneling, a erefully off-center courtyard ith hairpin ramp and Corbuan swing gate, and industrial trage doors on the interior seconing off the multipurpose om are among its salient aracteristics.





Bob Shimer, Hedrich-Blessing



Helmut Jahn, a 40-year-old import from Munich, became the design partner only seven years ago at C.F. Murphy Associates, an established Chicago firm used to big downtown and public commissions. Grid plans, emphatic structure, and sleek skin characterized his work at first. But more recent projects have moved in a variety of directions, often away from "the box." The range has been wide enough to embrace Venturi in one project, Isozaki in another, Kevin Roche Art Deco, and Stanley Tigerman The scale at which these explorations occur has grown from





small libraries to downtown office buildings. At present, in Chicago's Loop alone, one Jahn high-rise is just completed and four more have been commissioned and designed.

The \$100-million State of Illinois Center (a joint venture with Lester B. Knight & Associates) will provide 1 million s ft of state offices and 150,000 s ft of retail on the lowest floors (top, left and right). The 17-sto block holds the corner at the back and presents a stepped-back, arcaded curve to a small plaza. In side, a central skylit rotunda rise within the block to a peaked top intended as a symbolic reference to the Capitol. Construction is to begin in September.

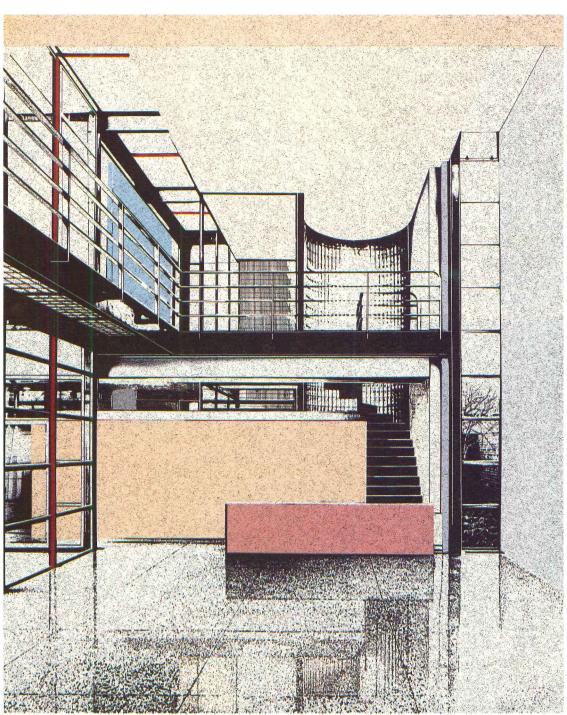
One South Wacker (center and bottom) is 40 stories of spec office space with setbacks on the front. At each setback is a threestory skylit "atrium," leaving U-shaped floor areas. At ground retail faces onto the street and into a multilevel galleria. Gray and silver reflective glass are de ployed decoratively on the façad which is subdivided into base, three-tiered shaft, and frontal capital. Construction is to begin in July. James Goettsch assisted in the design of both projects.

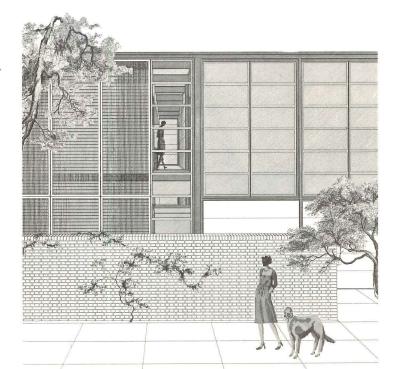


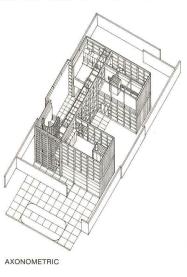


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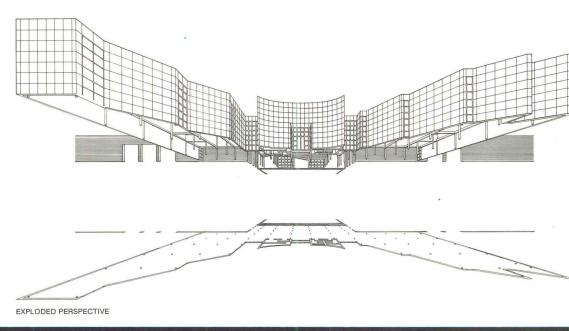
onald Krueck and Keith Olsen re among the few recent IIT raduates to have opened a firm f their own. Having graduated n 1970, the year after Mies died ut a while after he had virtually ft the school, they have both orked at C.F. Murphy and Tammond, Beeby & Babka, orming Krueck & Olsen in 977. This house on Chicago's ear north side is among their rst projects. Three pavilions, ontaining a total of 5000 sq ft, re arranged in a Ŭ-shape to rovide a private garden court as ell as front and back yards. Fridded infill walls, reveals, oating planes, and the use of olor suggest not only Rietveld nd Mies but a more direct conection to de Stijl painting. Inustrial materials are deployed ith a particular eye to texture. ide walls are clad with ribbed netal. The front entry is a screen f steel grating through which is een another, semicylindrical creen of glass block.





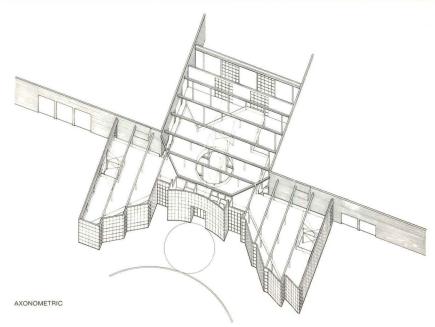


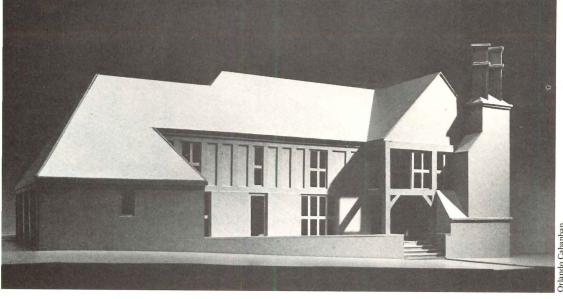
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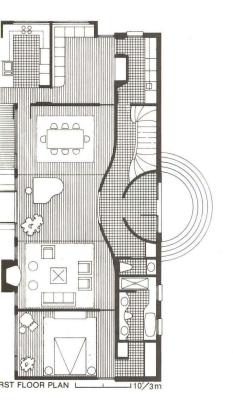


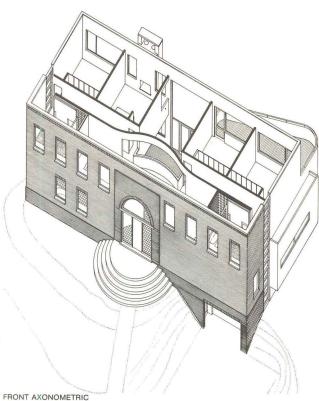
graduates whose early apprenticeship was with Tigerman. Booth's Herman Miller Health Science Division office building, under construction in Grandville, Mi, began as a connection between two brick box factory buildings. While still that, it has developed into a formal entrance with extensive office space. Deeply inset red doors, glazed porcelain skin, and jagged enveloping wings make the gateway visible from the road. Windows are skewed to northern directions to reduce heat intake, and the thin porcelain shell is backed with solid insulation. The circular garden in front is echoed by a skylit rotunda within.



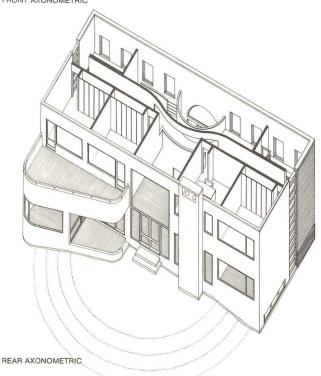


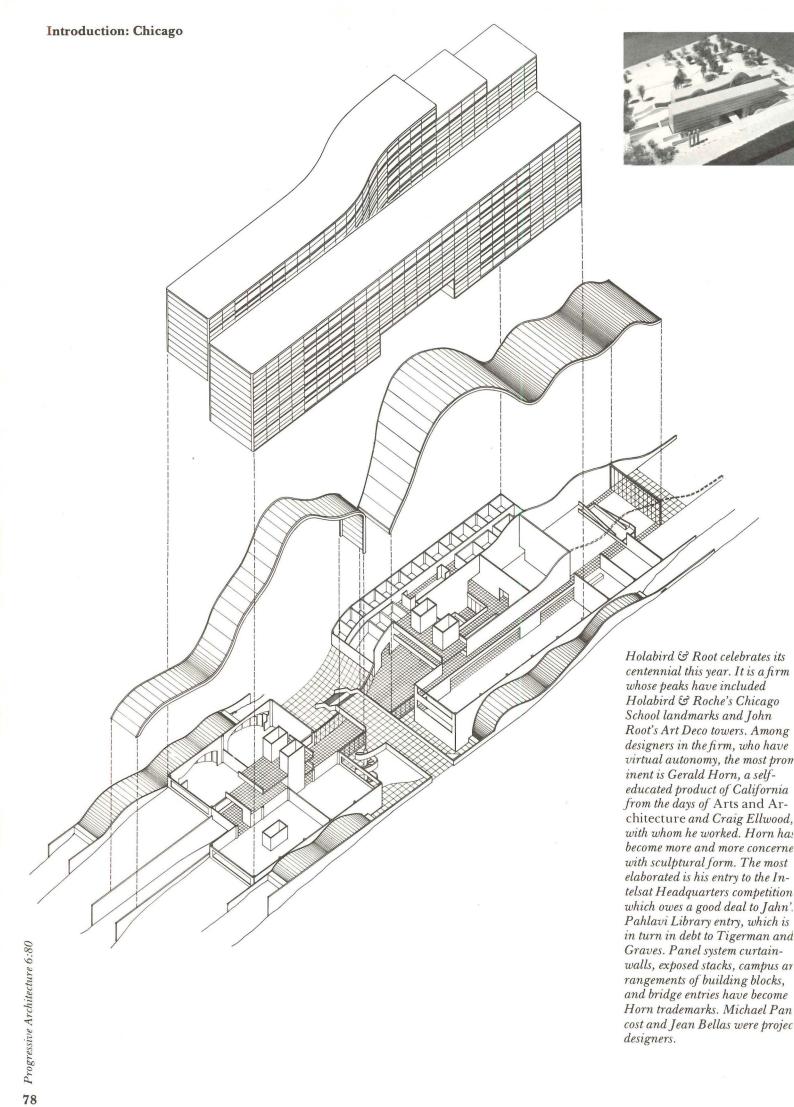
Stuart Cohen, Chicago-born but Cornell-educated, under Colin Rowe, has become, in the half-dozen years since he returned from New York, a vocal intellectual influence. He builds generally in association with the young Sisco/Lubotsky Associates, a Booth & Nagle spin-off (P/A Award-winning project, Jan. 1980, p. 122). "Tudor House" is a speculative venture that Cohen designed outside the office for presale in a Chicago suburb.





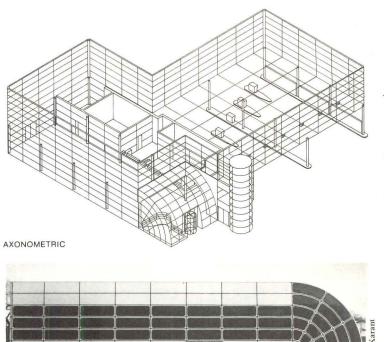
Nagle's work, which like Booth's, has wandered comfortably in and out of historic allusion for years, influenced at first as much by Chicago eclectic Harry Weese as by East Coast advocates, has become—along with his expartner's—far more self-conscious. A house, by Nagle, Hartray & Associates, nearing completion on Chicago's south side, is a structured dichotomy between a "colonial" brick front and stucco "Corbusian" behind. The interior is divided by a curved wall in yellow.







A prominent turn-of-the-century firm, Schmidt, Garden & Erikson had settled in as Chicago's hospital specialists until two years ago when it hired Peter Pran to revitalize its design department. Pran came from Norway in the early 1960s to study and then work with Mies, spent eight years with SOM, took a strong Chicago structuralist position in the 1976 battle of exhibits, but is more recently seen to be identifying himself as a Post-Modernist. The work, as in this facilities center for the Methodist Hospital of Indianapolis, under construction, generally attempts Classical allusions with High-Tech sensibilities. Here, distinctions are made between the machine halfidentified by exposed boiler stacks—and the office and cafeteria half. The two are divided by the arched limestoneand-glass entry.



Newman/Lustig & Associates is a collaboration of Richard Newman, a 40-year-old Chicago practitioner, and 29-year-old Michael Lustig who joined him four years ago. The work is varied. What this bank, recently completed in Skokie, Il, has learned from Meier and the Japanese, other projects have learned from Gwathmey, Venturi or Tigerman. Lustig is an example of a phenomenon not really seen since the Fire, and that is an architect from the East Coast (in this case Syracuse) whose attraction to Chicago is economic. Axonometric indicates future second story.

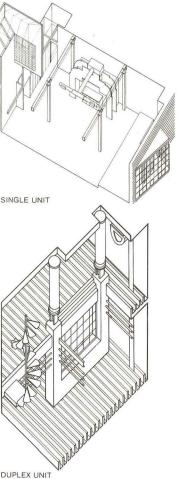




These townhouses in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood by Bauhs & Dring are built on the site of an 1889 Lutheran church, whose congregation had moved away. The bell tower was retained, and four townhouses were built, closely following the Gothic massing of the old church by means of false fronts. Though a controversial project along preservation lines, the development was approved by a longstanding community organization and Chicago's landmark commission, and granted certain variances by the zoning board. Both William Bauhs and William Dring were designers with Harry Weese Associates before starting their own firm five years ago.

An old warhorse, the American Furniture Mart is scheduled for probably the largest conversion project to date. Its two million square feet will be recycled into 500 condominiums, 500,000 sq ft of office space, and 100,000 sq ft of retail. Above its 16 stories, a new terraced structure will add 85 garden penthouses. Joint venture architects are Fitch/Larocca Associates and Fujikawa Conterato Lohan & Associates (FCL). FCL is the continuation of the Office of Mies van der Rohe. Mies's grandson Dirk Lohan is the partner in charge of design for the project.

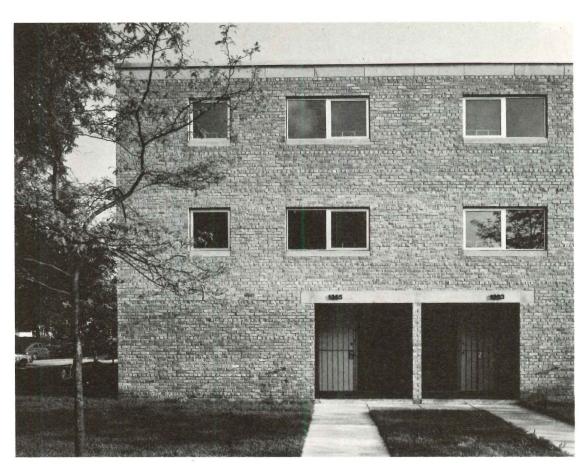


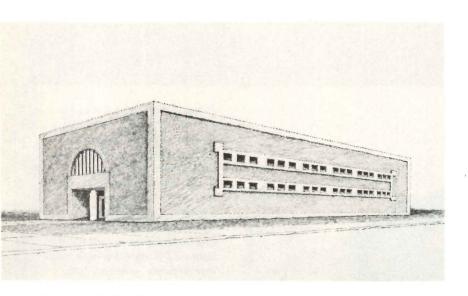




Kenneth Schroeder moved his practice a couple of years ago to Printer's Row, a fringe area south of downtown slowly being transformed into Chicago's SoHo. The Mergenthaler is his first conversion there, from linotype to 21 dwelling units with retail at ground. Both one-level and duplex units are provided. Space is left open, loft-style, with core elements—kitchen, bath, dressing area—designed as large pieces of furniture, painted in Gravesian pastels. On the exterior, angled bay windows were added on the south, and the shell of an old sandwich grill is being recycled into a landscaped "urban ruin."

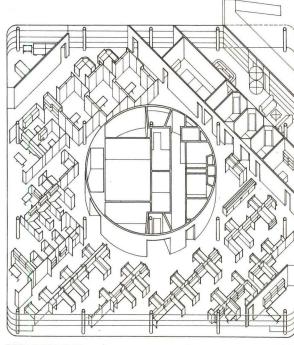
David Hovey is a 35-year-old IIT graduate who has worked for both Arthur Takeuchi and Helmut Jahn but left standard architectural practice to open his own firm. Called Optima, Inc., it is a vehicle to develop, design, construct, and market housing. In two years, four projects have been started ranging from six to sixteen units each. The six townhouses in Hyde Park (right) were completed in 1979 at a cost of \$450,000. Construction is of brick bearing walls. Large, south-facing windows have retractable fabric sunshades for summer (opposite, top).



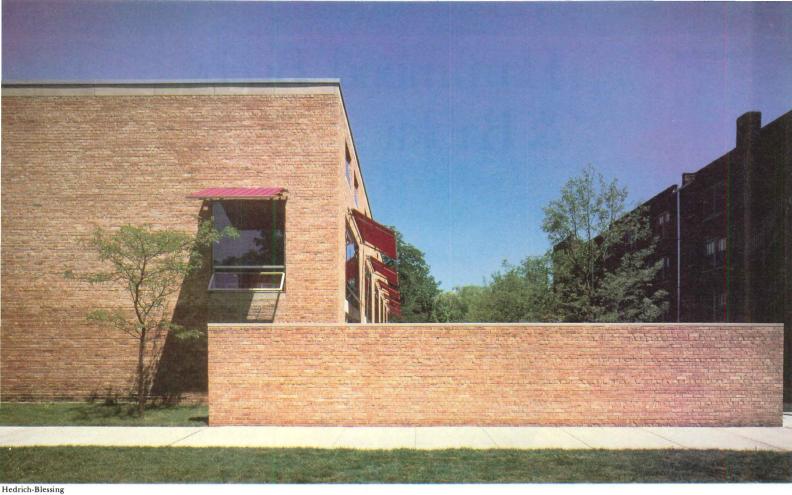


A community bank by Benjamin Weese for one of Chicago's worst ghettos consciously takes Louis Sullivan's Midwestern banks as the point of departure. Massing and symmetry are intended to make the small building look imposing and secure. The firm, Weese Seegers Hickey Weese, began three years ago, when Benjamin left his brother Harry's firm and created this smaller venture with his architect wife Cynthia and two fellow Harry Weese associates.





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Two designers, Charles Davis of Davis Associates as architect and Michael Gelick of Michael Gelick Associates as associate architect, teamed up for this sales office for L.M. Berry & Co. in Brookfield, Wi. The building is 122 ft square, 21/2 floors, with rounded corners reminiscent of Moderne styling. Also reminiscent are the ribbon windows—limited to eye level for energy conservation except at the entry, canteen, and corners—and metal panel skin, banded for enhanced horizontality and scale. Support elements are enclosed in a cylindrical core, from which the office system is arranged outward diagonally. Building cost was \$36 psf (1979).



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Hammond, Beeby & Babka

This firm well represents the changes Chicago is going through now in its design approach, attitudes, values, and background.



Chicago is in transition. The oldguard Miesian line based on the nuts-and-bolts pragmatism is being softly and subtly eroded. Recently established firms are pushing the boundaries of Modernism far beyond the excursions of preceding revisionists such as Harry Weese and Bertrand Goldberg. They are doing so with more of a theoretical stance. The ones that do so, however, still maintain a firm grounding in the Chicago tradition.

Hammond, Beeby & Babka is hardly the size of such mainstream Modern biggies as SOM or C.F. Murphy. This small office of 12 or so architects does smallish public and commercial work—like libraries, low-rise banks, medium-rise office buildings.

In the Chicago tradition, all the partners served time with the larger firms. They know a potentially leaky pitch pocket when they see one. The firm also adheres to technically-oriented problem-solving. In their Tech Center nearing completion in Denver, for example, they have taken precast "T"s and turned them on their sides to create sunshading devices on the two 11-story buildings.

But Hammond, Beeby & Babka manifest a darker side to their professional personality. One of their number, partner-in-charge-of-design Tom Beeby, draws. He draws and paints lush, evocative images such as the tondo, above, executed as part of an allegorical series on cities for exhibit at the Walker Arts Center. Moreover, he writes articles on subjects like "The Grammar of Ornament/Ornament as Grammar" in Via III, Penn's Graduate School of Fine Arts publication. Still, Beeby does teach at IIT, where everyone else was schooled under Mies or was schooled under those who were schooled under Mies.

Beeby, Chicago-suburb-raised, lived a few

formative years near Philadelphia, and one year in England, before going to Cornell University's architecture school.

While at Cornell, Beeby came under the influence of Colin Rowe, whose teaching on Le Corbusier (besides Mies) imbued the school with a special intellectual rigor, and John Hejduk, a visiting critic during Beeby's fifth year. Additional pollination occurred through architectural history courses of Vincent Scully and George Hersey at Yale, where Beeby got an M.Arch. in 1965.

Then Beeby returned to Chicago and the design section of C.F. Murphy, headed by Gene Summers. He remained there until 1971, when he was offered a job by James Hammond, whose partner Peter Roesch had left the firm to go into teaching and a separate practice. The firm, then ten years old, was known to Beeby for its high-level Miesian design. Beeby's first building was the First National Bank of Ripon, Wi (P/A, July 1978, p. 54). Within six months of joining the firm, Beeby was made partner.

Beeby had gone back to Chicago determined to prove that one could be interested in drawing and in building. With the C.F. Murphy experience behind him, he knew he need not hesitate to indulge himself with his art. Beeby's art is not only grounded in technique, it has a strong affinity to poetry and a kinship with the German Romantics. There seems to be a desire for his architecture to "spiritually integrate" man with nature and myth with life.

Beeby's drawing and his persistent interest in architectural history and theory have guided his design development in the firm. After his recent trip to Sweden, the work of Gunnar Asplund (P/A, Feb. 1980, p. 88) is starting to take effect on Beeby's design approach. Asplund's way of fusing regional particularities with the Classical norm Beeby finds a particularly appropriate model.

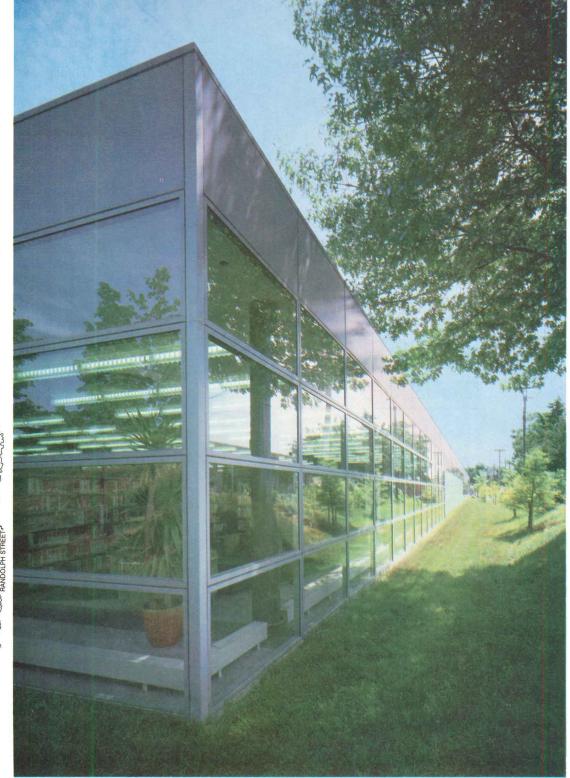
One might think it would be a bit sticky for an architect with James Hammond's background to endorse a design for a new library that recalls Henri Labrouste's Bibliothèque Ste.-Geneviève of 1850. For the Hild Branch Library in Chicago, the architects are designing arches, pilasters, and other Classical details to be executed in metal cladding and concrete. Hammond looks on [Continued on page 93]

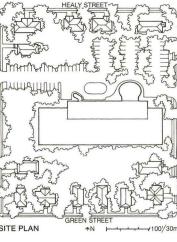
Champaign library

Hammond, Beeby & Babka's lesign for a library only slightly hints at the changes subsequently to take place.

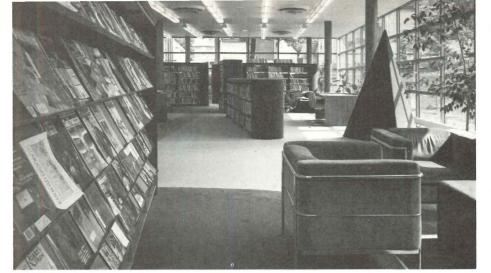
The change in materials from gray metal to white porcelain enamel panels to corrugated netal siding calls out the different functions taking place within the library. Similarly, the change from glazing to solid panels, from one-story massing to two-story, from rectilinear form to free-form differentiates further the various activities within the building.

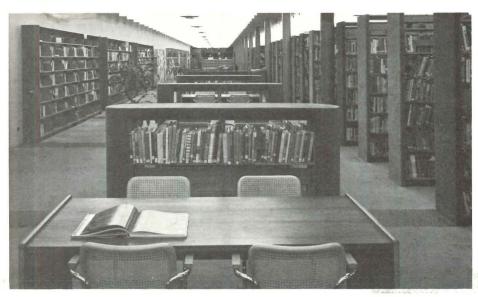


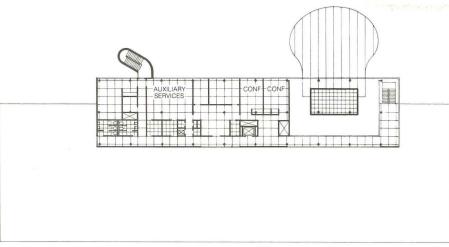


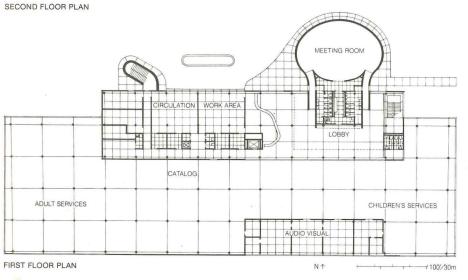


The reading room, shielded from the main road by an earth berm, is handled with a Miesian purity for which the architects have become known.









Champaign Public Library

With the design of this building completed in 1978, one sees Hammond, Beeby & Babka are quite accomplished with the crisp, taut, planar qualities of the Miesian esthetic. At the same time they attempt to modify the Miesian mold by introducing some Corbusian free-form elements clad in corrugated metal.

Conceptually, the instincts behind the variation in use of material and in the formal elements are quite sound: the shapes and textures indicate a change in function for the spaces within, along with massing, color of exterior wall panels, and use of glazing. However, on a strictly formal level, the amalgam of highly refined parts of different heights, colors, and textures lacks a certain cohesiveness. The vaguely visceral forms of stair and meeting room seem extruded from the grid, rather than contained by or wrapped around it as Corb might have done. Nor do these shapes appear to establish a tension with a dominant wall plane, as in a John Hejduk scheme, for example. At the same time, the porcelain paneling and corrugated metal siding do conjure up too easily institutional or industrial associations. Thus, when the building first started going up, the community complained the library looked like a factory.

The director of the library, Judith Drescher, argues for the new image. Since the library's role is changing into that of an active, dynamic social and information center, the architecture should eradicate any preconception that a library must be staid, awesome, and hushed. Few who enter the building can keep their preconceptions, she contends. They are also encouraged by the open plan and ample natural light to explore the various areas. While some users complain about the acoustics, Drescher considers the noise natural when people are comfortable.

Interestingly, the jurors for the P/A Design Award who gave the project a citation (Jan. 1976, p. 73) anticipated some of the issues of image as well as contextual questions. Although the surrounding area is commercial and residential, and only the lower, bermed west end is nearest the street, the entire ensemble definitely announces its *presence*. Despite the (young) planting, Drescher observes the building "is definitely not hidden and doesn't blend."

With many architects every new design solution involves implicit criticism of one's previous work. This is why the projected design for the Hild branch library in Chicago should be interesting to watch and compare with Champaign. Returning to the *type-form* of libraries of Henri Labrouste's Bibliothèque Ste. Genevieve of 1850, the projected design's detailing definitely harks back to the era when libraries looked like libraries. [SS]

the meeting room and lobby on e north side adjoin the stair (bew). The grid allows an openess of plan and introduction of atural light to the interiors (opsite).

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roject: Champaign Public Liary and Information Center, hampaign, Il.

rchitects: Hammond, Beeby Babka. Design team: Kirsten eeby, Thomas Beeby, Harry urroughs, John Ekholm, James ammond, Carl Hoglund, Rond Kureck, Cora O'Fallon, eith Olsen.

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rogram: provide adult reading rea (13,780 sq ft), children's rading area (4500 sq ft), plus udio-visual facilities, meeting oms, administration offices for library that has 135,000 book res, 15,000 records, 8000 casttes and serves a town of 5,000. Total building area is 3,200 sq ft.

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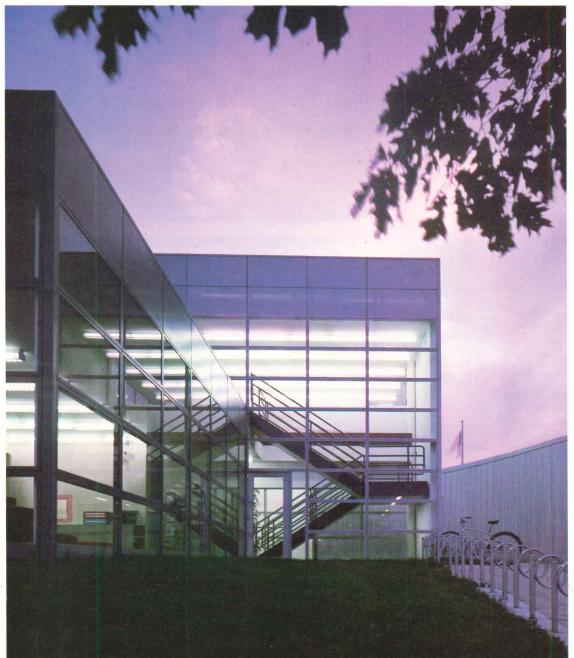
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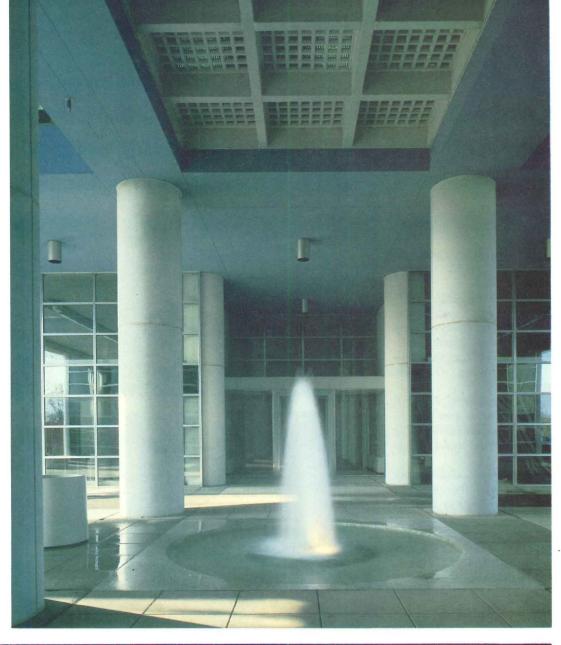


Tri-State

A speculative office building north of Chicago spans several distinct modes of architectural design.

The 173,000-sq-ft spec building makes no bones about its \$53 per sq ft cost. The ways the precast panels are roughly mortared in the interior is one brutally telltale sign. However Beeby is currently working on a trompe-l'oeil fresco (not shown) that will soften things up.

The most smashing interior spaces are the three floors above the porte-cochere, each with glass block floors. The top two floors are used for a skylit lunchroom; the floor below in the undercroft of the porte-cochere, receives additional light through two bull'seye windows (section, opposite).





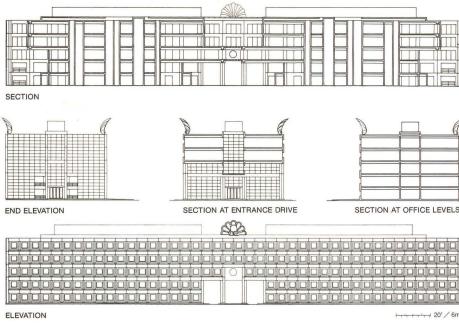
es, after all, was not only Modern. Mies's n nascent Classicism shown at IIT's Crown ll (as pointed out by Colin Rowe), or his e of structure as ornament, as seen in the eam mullions of the Lake Shore Drive artments, harks back to Neoclassical Gern heritage. At Tri-State, Hammond, eby & Babka explore both Classical and odernist sides of Mies: the Classical proporns and a hierarchical arrangement of eleents, with semi-detached columns to termite the long expanses of wall, all distinctly er to pre-Modern architecture. Even the ecast concrete front and rear façades turn t to be load-bearing mass, much like the ildings of yesterday.

And then on the other hand, you turn a mer, and there's the surprise of a highly dective glass and aluminum curtain wall of a Modernist idiom. A little unsettling, yes, the message comes across: in any good odern building, the choice of materials corponds quite legibly to the structural solum. And in a good Modern building, the ucture relies on efficient, economical technues: the load-bearing precast concrete mels mean that the interior is column-free, the hollow-core floor slabs spanning from a coutside walls to the elevator bank. The 5' windows, which bow to energy codes, are egral, held in place with rubber gaskets.

This hybrid building, culling motifs from and new design approaches, also explores a matter of monumental expression. The ge, round columns and three-story-high rte-cochere establish a scale that is played ainst small-sized detail and articulated elects of the panels. Thus this differentiation lows a reading of the building on two different perceptual levels—at a distance and up se.

The weakest part of the reading, however, in the middle distance—where you cannot the articulation of the individual panels arly nor perceive the armature of the enable. Here the precast panels blend to ther into a standardized modern wrapping, juilted, rather than a taut, skin.

Because of the horizontal attenuation and e sophisticated handling of the hybrid rts, the building still has the coherence and rity to carry off the amalgam of appaches. About the ten-story-high addition ng built at the rear of Tri-State, however, e is not so sure. The vertical configuration d the siting off to one side obviously introce variables into the experiment. This instigation has been a very intriguing and two one, but its application in different lations may only dramatize some of the aknesses. [SS]







Data

Project: Tri-State Center Office Building, Northbrook, Il.

Architects: Hammond, Beeby & Babka; Bernard Babka, Thomas Beeby, Philip Castillo, John Ekholm, James Hammond, Kenneth Hazlett, Cora O'Fallon, Keith Olsen, Stephen O'Malley, Ralph Rangle, John Syvertsen, design team.

Client: Equity Associates, Chicago, Il.

Site: 8.2 acres adjacent to Tri-State Tollway, northwest of Chicago and near O'Hare Airport.

Program: speculative office space, 171,130 sq ft gross floor area, with 588 parking spaces.

Structure: precast concrete load-bearing panels with integral windows, hollow-core precast concrete floor slabs, reinforced concrete foundations.

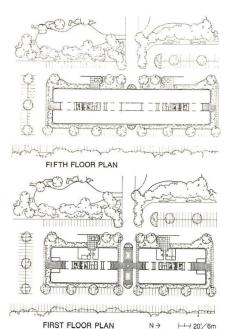
Major materials: precast concrete panels, column shells and floor planks, reflective glass and aluminum curtain wall, poured concrete, gypsum board, terrazzo marble flooring.

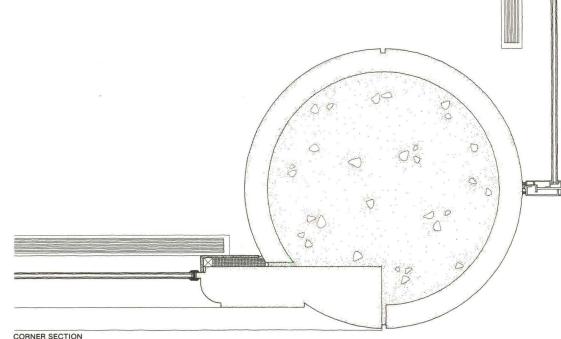
Mechanical system: electrical roof-mounted heating and a/c units; distribution in ceiling.

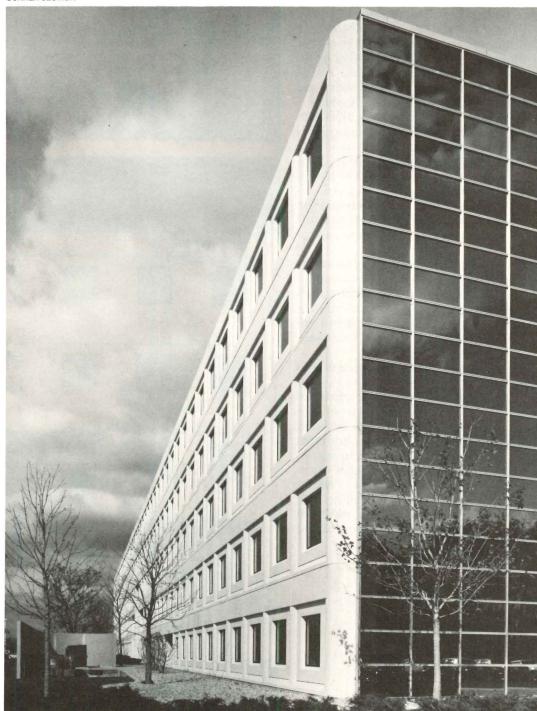
Consultants: Jaros, Baum & Bolles, mechanical, electrical engineers; Cohen, Barretto, Marchertas, structural engineers; Brinkman Associates (with architects), landscape consultants; Consoer, Townsend & Associates, civil engineers.

General contractor and construction manager: *Schal Associates*.

Costs: \$7 million; \$42.63/sqft. Photos: Howard Kaplan.





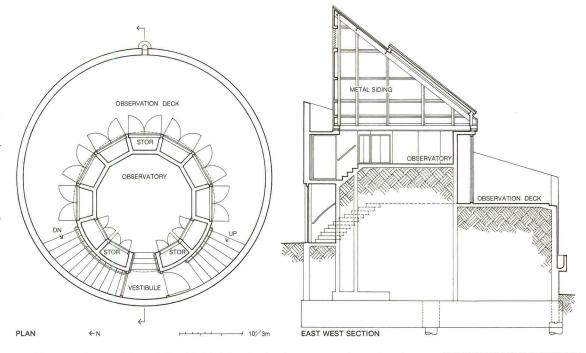


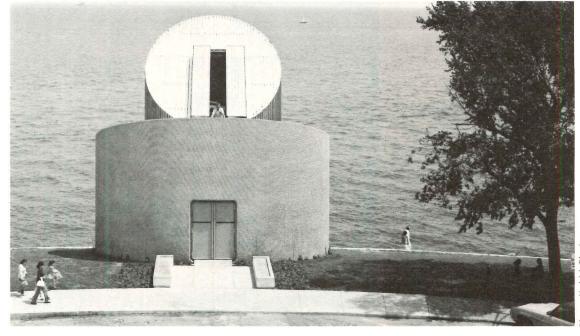
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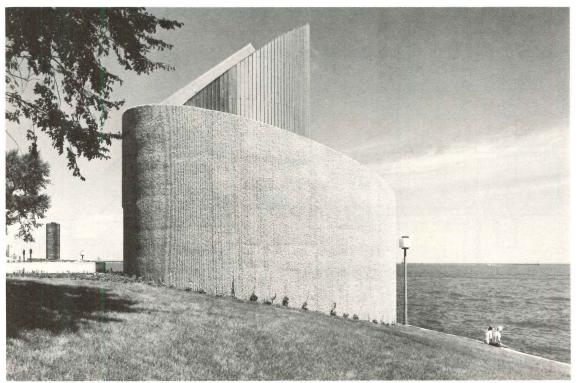
ammond, Beeby & Babka's dein for a small annex to the aller Planetarium looks to Clasial Romanticism's astringent cometrical forms, specifically incated cylinders, for the dein solution.

The observatory was needed to ve groups of 30 who would be ing the telescope and closedcuit television for educational ut not research) uses. Located the rear of the Adler Planerium on the eastern tip of the rk peninsula, it naturally eded unobstructed views of the y. By setting a truncated cylinical observation room off nter to the base, the architects lowed the telescope to have a w sweep toward the east, away om the city lights. Circular en stairs, enclosed by the walls the 40-ft-diameter bushmmered concrete structure, nd up to the terne-metal-roofed servatory.

One unfortunate aspect was used by budget limitations. hile the proportions of the sime geometric shapes are nicely indled, the bush-hammered increte and metal doors and brage closets inside hardly atch the richness of the pink anite walls of the Adler anetarium nearby. Planting is anned to cover the concrete alls of the new structure. With a ture's "patina" perhaps the ructure will age as well as the 1-year-old Adler has.







Beasley house





WEST ELEVATION

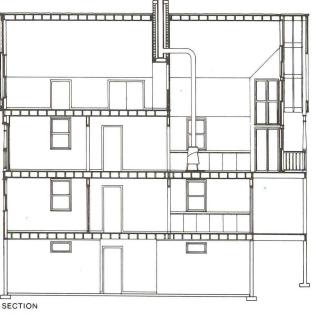


NORTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION







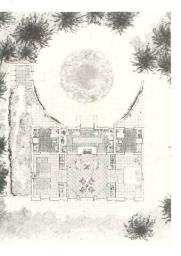
When this farmhouse in the fabled rolling hills of rural Wisconsin was given a Chicago AI. award last year, it caused consi erable comment. It wasn't much like the firm's previous work. N was it a remodeled farmhouse. was new, and clearly a bedevile step into Regional Romanticism At close range you discover the white clapboard is metal siding and the brick foundation is poured concrete with a brick pa tern. Those fine old balustrades columns, leaded glass, and French doors have been culled from houses in Chicago's Hyde Park section and artfully incor porated into the design.

Two living units are inserted into the house, with a duplex for the owners on the top floors and an apartment below for the farmer of the property. The double-height ceiling of the living and dining room, plus the double-height bowed window opening out onto the porch, even the interiors of 19th-Century retic Gothic predecessors.

The change of scale outside and in, with such elements as the oversized pediment, the large c cle cut out of the lattice, and th overscaled side entrance ampli the apparent size of the house. Some of the elements border on overstatement: the oculus open ing, for example, too large for latticework pediment. Seen on this isolated rolling landscape, however, dotted with strong geometric shapes of silos and farmhouses, these elements read successfully. Up close, the small scale clapboard and roof tracer effectively counterbalance the broad strokes of the other ele-

The 3580-sq-ft house, built \$52,000, occupies a farm of seeral hundred acres not far from schoolhouse Beeby is renovating for his family.

Eleuthera nouse







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this scheme, still in the early design stages, with the same kind of enthusiasm he shows for other Beeby explorations, such as the Victorian type farmhouse (p. 92) in Wisconsin.

Clearly Hammond goes against the preconceptions one would have about an architect who was trained at IIT (under Mies, yet!) and who spent 16 years at SOM before opening his own office in 1961. His sense of engagement and connoisseurship subtly modulates his flexible approach. This and a patrician-casual affability explain why other architects refer enviously to Hammond's ability to deal with clients and run the firm.

In one sense it should not be too difficult to see why a lapsed Miesian would endorse, for example, the ascetic Classical turn of Tri-State (p. 88). Mies, after all, retained traces of his exposure to his Neoclassical predecessors, Schinkel and Klenze, all through his career. But Hammond had his own pre-IIT and pre-Mies influences. Having grown up around Chicago suburbs, he became an expert on the houses of David Adler and Howard van Doren Shaw. Hammond began studying at the University of Michigan, but left to work on Crow Island School in Winnetka, which Eliel and Eero Saarinen were designing with Perkins, Wheeler & Will in 1939. By the time Hammond returned to school, the newly created IIT had emerged visibly on the architectural landscape. Hammond graduated from IIT in 1942. The war years were spent designing hospitals for the armed forces. In 1946, he joined the firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, headed by Nathaniel Owings, rather than go to work for his uncle Eric Hammond's more traditionally directed firm, Burnham & Hammond. If architectural proclivities cannot be inherited, they still do emerge, given proper nourishment.

Bernard Babka, also from the Chicago suburbs, also went to IIT. After graduation in 1957, Babka worked for Pace Associates, Bertrand Goldberg & Associates, and finally C.F. Murphy, where he met Tom Beeby. In 1975, Babka decided he would take over the responsibility of production and construction at Hammond & Beeby.

Size does make a difference, according to Babka, who enjoys the switch to a small firm. Here, each project receives individual attention. The three partners do share in much of the decision-making about design, although initially Hammond and Beeby spend more time together, and later Babka and Beeby.

Thus one thinks more of the practice Stanford White, Charles McKim, and William Mead conducted than the corporate paradigm developed by SOM several decades later

Even the offices for Hammond, Beeby & Babka suit the image. They occupy the penthouse boardroom of a 16-story insurance building on North Michigan designed in 1908 by Daniel Burnham. A large, barrel-vaulted white room is edged by French doors opening onto a terrace, with a large Georgian-Palladian arched window terminating the short end of the room.

In their type of work, the firm of Hammond, Beeby & Babka veers around more in the manner of 19th-Century offices trying to find the style for the job, rather than adhering to one kind of building idiom. Sometimes these explorations lead to unresolved schemes. The exploration also has produced good, fresh design. It reflects an investigation that points to a consolidation of directions. The solid base of Chicago-derived Miesian technique and detailing is always there. In combination with a reworking of historicist and vernacular vocabularies, it could yield an enriched but still substantial form of architecture. [Suzanne Stephens]



The Beasley House in Wisconsin had been a kick-off into "regional romanticism." However, with the house for the Bahamas, Beeby was a little nervous about an appropriate response for a context he knew less well than Wisconsin. But based on climatic considerations and client preferences, the design indeed shows an affinity to older houses seen on the island.

The site, in Harbour Island, the Bahamas, is subject to high winds and some hot and humid weather. Basically a bungalow in plan, the compact house is symmetrically ordered in a manner that promotes natural convection, besides accommodating the needs of a couple with visiting children and grandchildren. In formal terms, the architects are giving the clients a "monumental" house on a smallish budget through the use of the classical imagery.

Late entries

Stuart Cohen

A second Chicago Tribune Tower Competition is held 58 years after the first one, and in some ways makes the same point as that one.

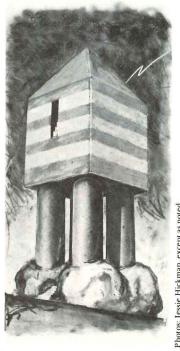
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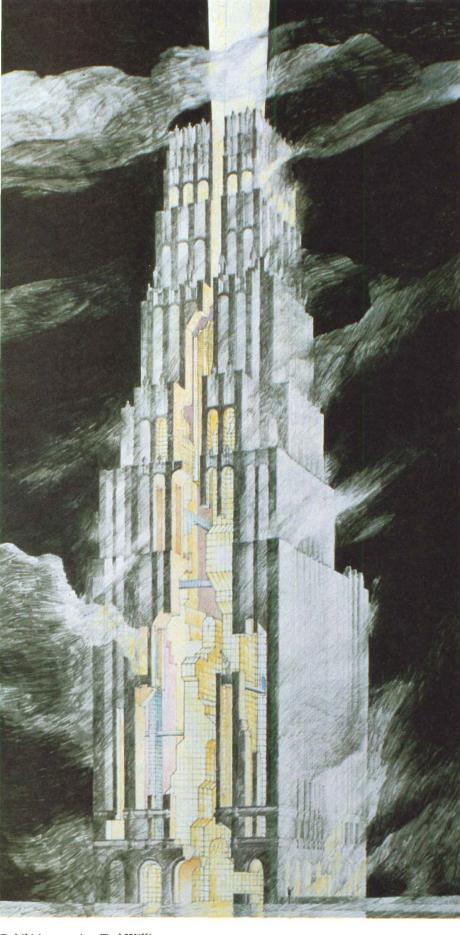
The text for this article is a reprint of his introduction to Late Entries to the 1922 Tribune Tower Competition by Stanley Tigerman, which is the catalog for an exhibition of the same name that opened May 30 in Chicago. The show is scheduled also to be seen at The Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, The Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, the Institute for Contemporary Art, Boston, and the Detroit Art Institute. The catalog, which also contains essays by Vincent Scully, Charles Jencks, George Baird, Juan Bonta, and Norris Kelly Smith, is published by and is available through Rizzoli International Publications, Inc.

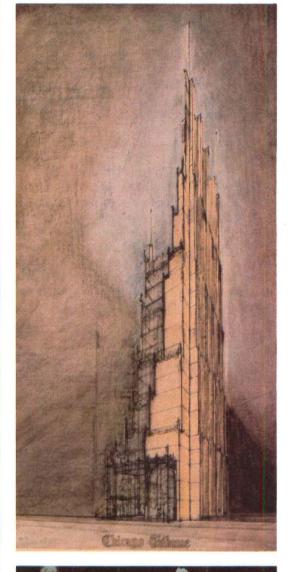
For three years now Chicago's architectural culture has been enlivened or trivialized, depending on your point of view, by yearly exhibitions of the work of the "Chicago Seven." The original seven, since expanded in number, are architects who, like their political namesakes, have been cast in the role of radicals by Chicago's (architectural) establishment. This exhibit is an outgrowth of their activities. Specifically, it comes from a suggestion made by Ben Weese for an exhibition that was to have been held at the Young Hoffman gallery in Chicago, but which was moved to the Museum of Contemporary Art. At Rhona Hoffman's urging, the scope of the exhibit was expanded to include architects outside the city; thus it seemed logical that the enlarged exhibit approximate in its diversity the original Tribune Tower Competition. A list of participants to be invited was compiled using recent American and European publications as reference. Because we hoped each architect's work would represent a point of view or theoretical position, some well-known practitioners were not invited. Also, talented younger architects were no doubt omitted through oversight or ignorance of their work.

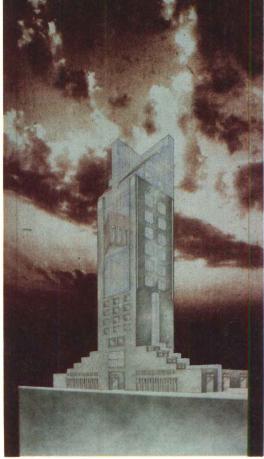
Ben Weese's idea, "Hey guys, let's redo the Tribune Tower Competition and give Helmut (Jahn) a chance," seemed ideally suited for an architectural exhibit in Chicago. Chicago's place in architectural history has long been linked to the development of the skyscraper. Further, architects and historians are beginning to acknowledge that there had been other significant entries to the original competition besides those of Walter Gropius and Adolph Loos, and that these identified a range of formal solutions to the skyscraper that was prophetic of almost 50 years of practice. (Missing only the progeny of Mies's glass tower of 1919, Lopatin's Sears tower lookalike of 1923 designed for Moscow, and buildings like the First National Bank of Chicago, which seem to have been influenced by Oldenburg's "Late Entry to the 1922 Tribune Tower Competition," a clothes pin.) Because the competition was held at the beginning of a period of architectural transition, it catalogued a range of architectural thought at an important time. Because it was an open competition, many of the project submitted were by young architects who have never designed big buildings before. Many of these young architects were relatively unknown. Most of them remained so. Some did not. The total number of entries (258) and the number of prominent architects who entered was astounding, but then the Tribune was offering \$100,000 in prize money and the commission to do its building.

Our exhibit is more modest: only a fifth a many drawings and an even greater percent age of young architects. The work is not a substantial architecturally as we had hoped but then there is no competition, no prize and no real building to be built. It would seem that many of the participants did no take the project seriously enough and that others, including some who declined, ma have taken it too seriously. Certainly, no on has taken on rethinking the skyscraper as building type in our society. Whether this is due to a paucity of ideas among this particu lar sampling of architects or to a prejudic against the tower as a viable building type i impossible to determine. (Rob Krier, who di not make a drawing, wrote, "I must tell yo that I have no great sympathies in high-ris building and I would neither design nor buila skyscraper.")









Exhibition entries: Tod Williams & Billie Tsien, facing page; Moore Ruble Yudell, above; Larry Booth, above right; George Ranalli, right.

Still, much that architects now believe architecture can be, or communicate, is represented. From Walter Netsch's sinuous glass tower to Anthony Junker's decorated glass tower, from Bob Stern's classical column to Anders Nerein's classicized use of 1890s Chicago vernacular and contemporary European rationalism, architecture as commentary abounds. To the extent to which architecture has been reinstated as the subject matter of architecture, most of these Tribune Tower designs may be read as commentaries on the current state of architecture, or on the original competition, or the existing Tribune building. Fred Koetter's drawing of Gropius' project (unrecognized as an example of eclecticism when it was done) is shown in a state of decline, a self-explanatory note on Modern Architecture.

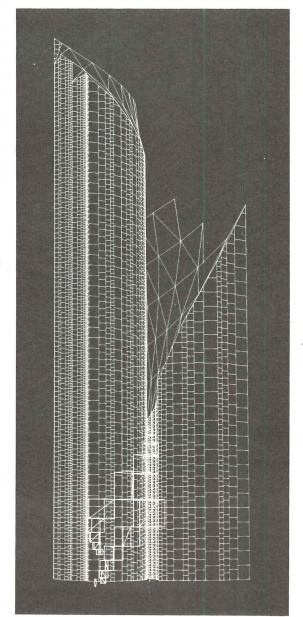
Jim Nagle characterizes Chicago's historical place in architecture by a Sullivanesque façade masking rows of grain silos—Sullivan as ornamenter making architecture of Le Corbusier's "Cathedrals of the Prairie." Hans Tupker's view from abroad (Amsterdam) concretizes American stereotypes. His skyscraper, entitled "Tommygun Tower," visually transforms the John Hancock building to allude to Chicago's violent past and to America's recent past as libertymonger and warmonger. Tom Beeby's flag-shrouded tower is reminiscent not just of Christo's wrapped buildings but of Claes Oldenburg's proposal of 1968 for a skyscraper on North Michigan Avenue in the form of Lorado Taft's sculpture "Death." Beeby's tower, topped by a flaming (funeral) urn, like Tupker's project, makes a pronouncement about the skyscraper as an architectural symbol of our society. On the other hand, Helmut Jahn has produced an incredibly positive, visually stunning phoenix symbol, in which his "air rights" addition to the existing building rises above the original in a crystalline homage to the Tribune's Gothic forms (on front cover).

Surely one message of these drawings is that architecture is no longer mute—if indeed it ever was. The changes in architecture that the drawings suggest show more than just an interest in history, symbolism, and ornament. One must understand what Modern Architecture was thought to be in order to understand what the contemporary architecture represented in these drawings seems to have rejected. For it is what contemporary architecture has decided it is not and cannot be that characterizes the real changes in our architectural sensibilities.

The essential components of Modernism in architecture were the expression of technology as a force for change and as a symbol of the future, and the rejection of history. Abstraction as a style represented a break with the visual arts of the past. No longer narrative or primarily representational, art made

form, color, composition, and space its primary content. Abstraction offered architecture the formal vocabulary to represent the future as a visual rejection of the existing world, and to represent symbolically a rupture in historical continuity between the old and the new. Where architecture had previously dealt with the symbolic elements of building, the International Style of Modern Architecture opted not only for abstract geometry but for the symbolic use of machine imagery to signify the adaptation of "scientific method" to architecture. This faith in technology, progress, and the future made the past irrelevant. History could offer no insights, so architects believed, because the forces shaping the future were totally new. "History is bunk," said Henry Ford.

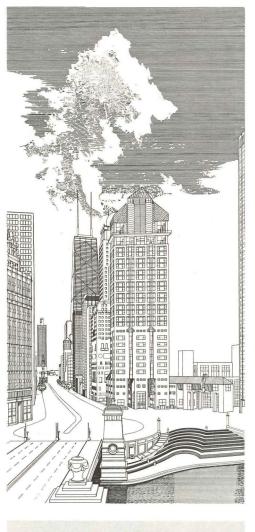
Cut loose from the history of architecture and proclaimed as "machines for living," Modern buildings were conceived as self-contained entities independent of the rest of the world. By physically and visually articulating their independence of other buildings, Modern Architecture could stand as a literal fragment of the new world it was designed to bring about. But the future that Modern Architecture envisioned has not come about, and it has become all but impossible for archi-

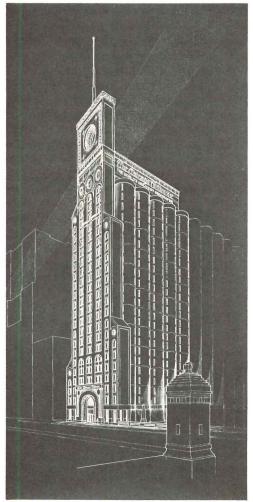


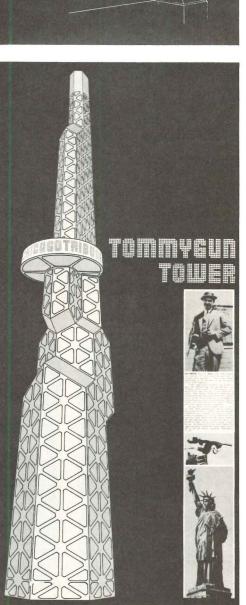




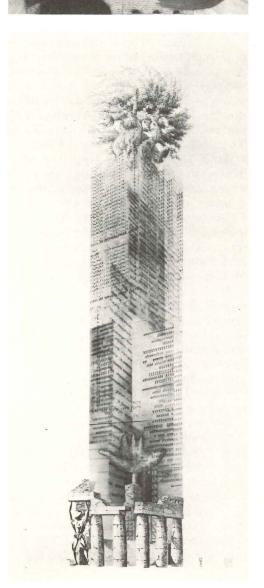
Walter Netsch, left; C. Anthony Junker, top; Robert A.M. Stern, above. Facing page: top, left to right: Anders Nereim, Jim Nagle, Thomas Beeby; below, left to right: Fred Koetter, Hans Tupker, Fumihiko Maki.











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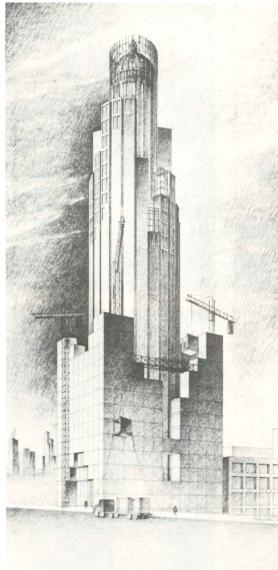
tects to believe in an architecture of idealized or highly generalized forms intending to create a "better world," or symbolically technological forms promising the perfection of architecture and society, or the rejection of history (for even abstraction is now part of our visual history).

The new Tribune drawings suggest an architecture that has come full circle in 60 years. No longer savior, architecture's salvation has become the objective of people like Robert Venturi and Charles Moore who have consistently argued for architecture as communication and, more recently, of people like Colin Rowe and the Krier Brothers who have argued for a return to the space-making of traditional urbanism. Surely it is a major criticism that it is only the former—architecture as communication—that this exhibit addresses. Not one entrant went beyond an obvious concern for the tower as object and symbol to consider it a component of urbanism. And while this was a predictable outcome of the rules of the game and the specifics of the information supplied (only site dimensions), it is also a disappointment. For one assumes that the individual building reinstated as an integral extension of the urban fabric is an important rediscovery, a point of distinction between the ideals of Modern Architecture and contemporary sen-

The Tribune Tower site as it now exists is important to the urbanism of North Michigan Avenue. The Tribune Tower along with the Wrigley building starts to define an urban space, as do the Stone Container building and the 333 North Michigan Avenue building to the south of the Michigan Avenue bridge. The angled shift of Michigan Avenue sets up a visual axis that runs from the old Water Tower to the 333 building, an office slab whose south façade was designed to appear as a tower terminating this view. The Stone Container building, with its curved front, and the angled face of the Wrigley building across the river from it, are fine examples of large, 20th-Century buildings as urbanism. Like McKim, Mead & White's Municipal building in New York (designed by William Kendall), they illustrate the potential of the skyscraper to function as a definer of urban space. While the Tribune Tower could not, because of its site, literally be a gatepost to North Michigan Avenue, as Andrew Rebori had proposed years earlier, the question still remains of how the new Tribune Towers might better have spatially solved this difficult urban juncture.

Finally, the original requirements of the 1922 Competition also indicate the degree to which architecture has changed. Ten years ago architects believed their buildings to be designed by the application of problemsolving methodology to a client's detailed description of needs. Clearly the Tribune's program would not have contained sufficient information for the design of a building. It gave site dimensions, height and area limita-

tions, and a description of intent rather than need. "It cannot be reiterated too emphatically that the primary objective of the Chicago Tribune in instituting this Competition is to secure the design for a structure distinctive and imposing—the most beautiful office building in the world." This charge, to make an architecture of images, is one that previous generations of architects were educated to reject. While it cannot in reality be either the beginning or the end of architecture, these drawings suggest that the "making of images" is again considered of major importance.





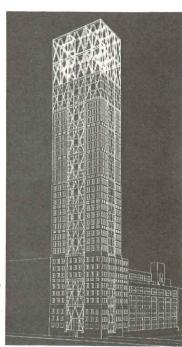


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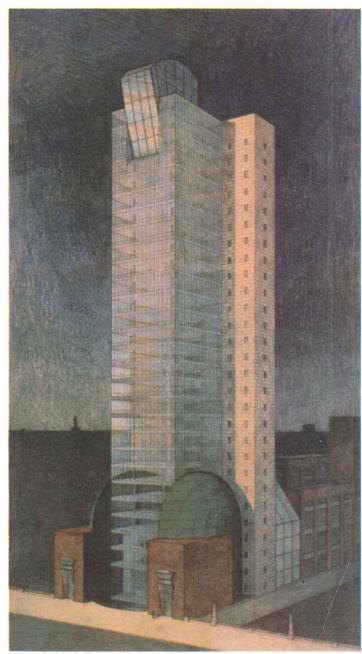
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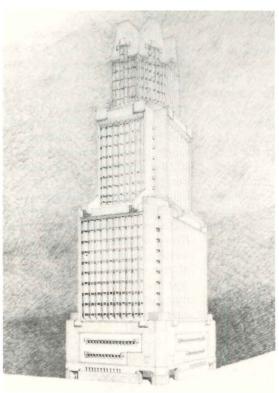
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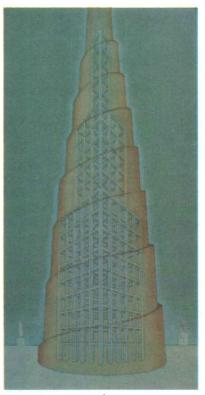


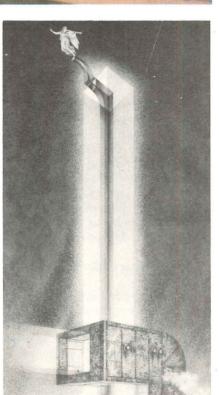












Progressive Architecture 6:80



How do you build a 136,558-sq-ft building on a 7.5-acre lot that's restricted by a three-story height limitation? The builders of this project, Bannockburn Executive Plaza, Bannockburn, Ill., solved the problem with a steel-framed, "Y"-shaped structure featuring 30-ft-sq bays.

"We considered most of the alphabet before settling on a basic 'Y' configuration," reports Harry Dolan, vice president for the developer, Terracom Development Group. "Ideally, a building with this much area requires about nine stories to insure optimum floor layout and depths. The challenge was to compress this height to only three stories, yet leave the site open with good sight lines."

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Early in the final design stage, the project's structural engineer asked Bethlehem to prepare a PFA based on a 30 ft x 30 ft bay size. Earlier, the designers conducted a similiar study on a concrete frame.

After the results of both studies were compared, the steel frame came away the winner. The structural engineer

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Construction economies were attributed to the ease by which the utilities and mechanical systems could be installed within the steel frame. Also, structural steel simplified the framing for the cantilevered balconies and the roof skylight in the center atrium.

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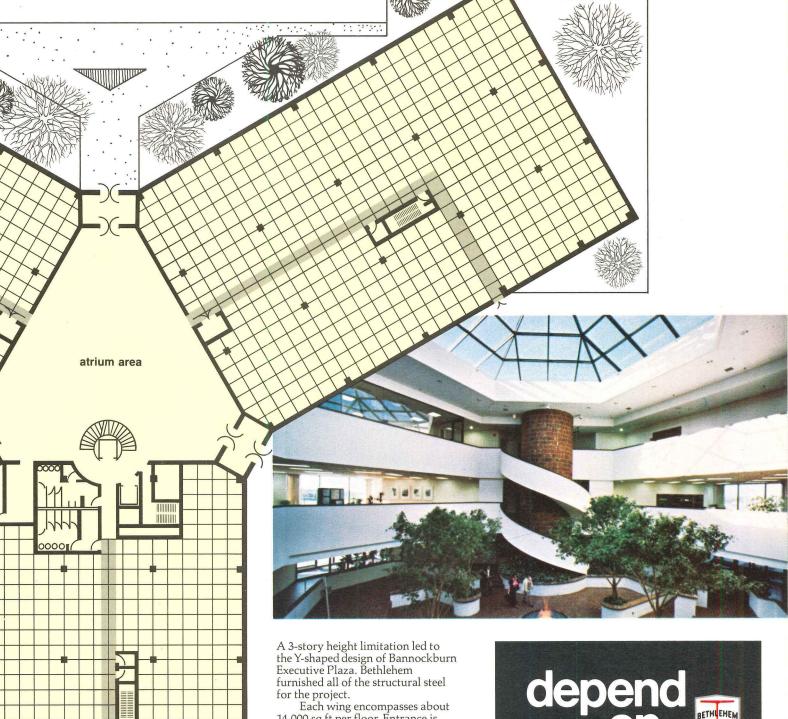
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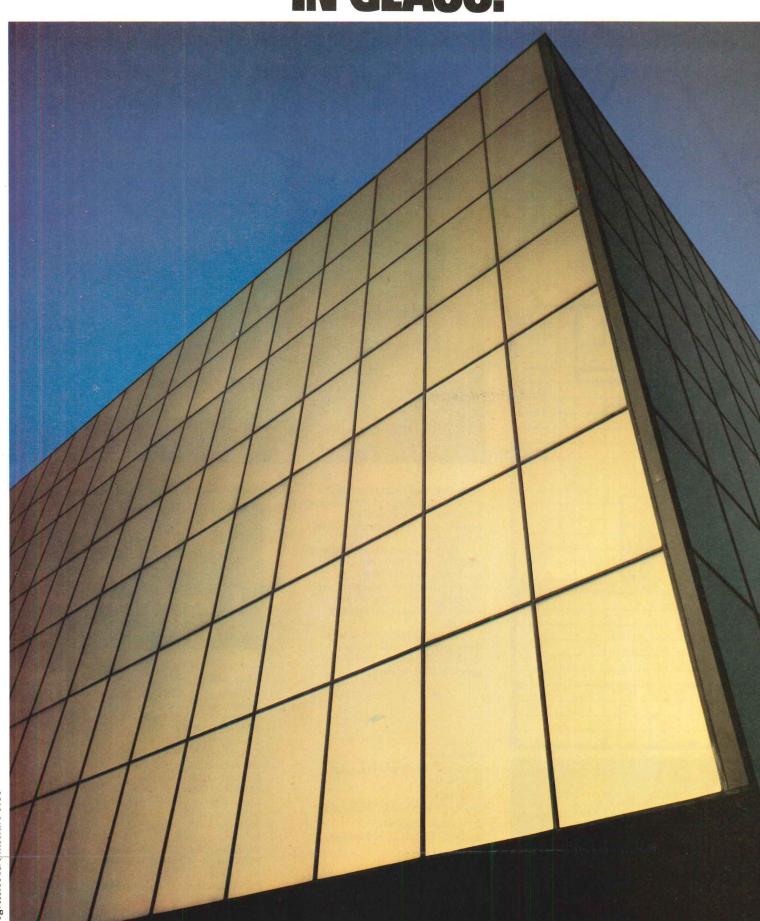


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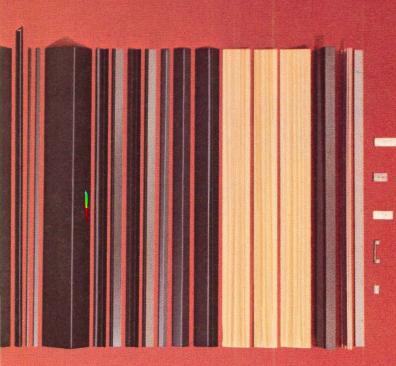
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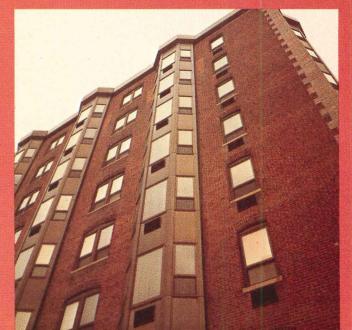


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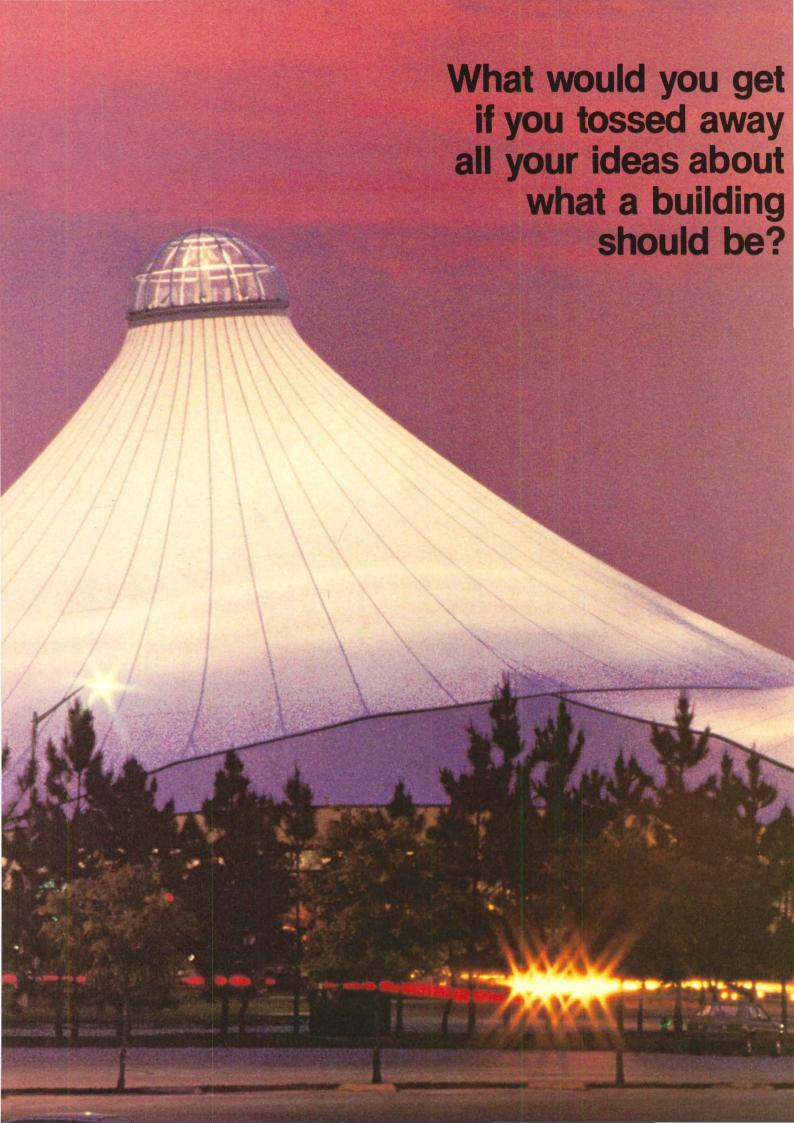
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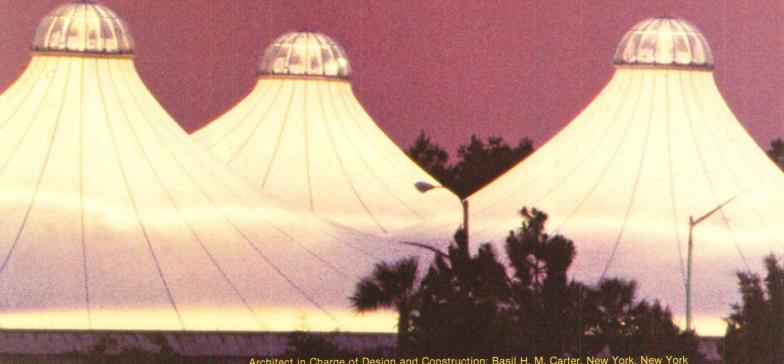
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Begin by determining the type of contract you are writing (or are there multiple contracts?). Will the work be done for a fixed lump sum or for construction cost plus a fee? Is there a construction manager? Do the rules of a government agency establish the general conditions? Remember that whoever is paying for the building will have a say about the way the contract is set up and the documents to be used. Last, will the project be bid (under some of these same rules, perhaps) and require bid forms for soliciting prices? To start specifying without these questions answered is to risk redoing technical sections as well as bidding and contract forms, because the entire project manual is affected by them. With the answers known, bidding requirements, contract forms, and general conditions can be prepared with confidence, no matter what the stage of the drawings.

Next, examine the available drawings to determine what trades are involved in this construction. List the materials indicated and make shrewd guesses about others that may be required. Organize the trades according to the CSI Masterformat and make a rough table of contents. Now you begin to have a notion of the work before you: how many sections need to be written and what information

will have to be assembled.

The third step, an important one, is to organize the specifications work of consultants and others contributing to the project manual. Though several professionals are writing this book in collaboration, the ideal is to have it all appear to have come from the same writer (consistency of style) and from the same typewriter (consistency of format). For this purpose, a brief memo to consultants and page format samples are useful. But more is needed if everyone is to be oriented to the same rules.

Not only do the format, numbering system, paragraphing, page identification, and type face have to be established for everyone, but certain technical arrangements have to be worked out as well. How will access panels be handled? Who will provide temporary services? How will testing be paid for? The work must be divided clearly among the trades without duplications or omissions. Does everyone know the rules for bidding alternates, and will they specify the same guarantee period? Will everyone handle shop drawings

the same way? Though the work is done in parts, it must eventually fit together as one document.

Now you are ready to begin the architectural sections, but where should you actually start? Since the specifications are a record of decisions about materials and construction methods for each job, it's best to start where the fewest decisions need to be made or where all the necessary decisions have already been made. Therefore, it's often not very productive to start technical sections before working drawings are about 50 percent complete unless you have unusually good information about what materials will be used. By that time, a number of sections can usually be started from the information already on paper.

For example, you might start with Section 10160, Toilet Compartments, because comparatively few decisions are required. Do you want metal or plastic-laminate units? Are they floor-mounted or ceiling-hung? Are there urinal screens or special features? With very little more than the answers to these few questions, the entire section can be written; the remainder is relatively standard. For each project there is a group of sections requiring a minimum of decisions, and they are gener-

ally the first to be written.

As the drawings progress, you can proceed to other areas. If the door and finish schedules are done early, additional sections can follow. Wall sections and details should be drawn before window and roofing specifications are written. Glass types must be decided before "Glazing" can be done. Toward the end you can tackle sections which need many details, or sections which require extensive consulting with sales representatives or specialists before writing begins.

While working to complete the sections on your list, don't lose sight of the basic goal: to set down precisely what is wanted, so that bidders know what to price; so that the owner knows what he is getting; and so that the architect can properly control the result: in short, so that the building that is wanted is the

one that is actually built.

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rogressive Architecture 6:80

The era of swoops and billows

For the last decade the momentum of the fabric structure has been building. Now the era of swoops and billows is here. With it comes a computer technology, an awesome capacity for long spans, energy options, and flights of pure form.

Every span of history seems accompanied by its own unique method of attempting the spectacular marriage of the human spirit and the taut rigor of structure. Artists like Gabo, Lippold, and Snelson have succeeded, as have engineers Eiffel, Maillart, Nervi, and Candela. The results can be admired by both the artist and the engineer.

In the recent past, it was the concrete shell and the discipline of compression which held for architecture the greatest opportunity to marry an exciting structure and form in a large-scale, threedimensional enclosure. The apparent demise of the concrete shell for this purpose has been accompanied and partially caused by the emergence of the fabric structure and its rigor of tension.

Since the August 1970 "Expo" issue, no less than ten feature articles have appeared in P/A discussing various isolated fabric projects and techniques spread out through the decade. In this summer of 1980, there are an equal number of structures to discuss in a single issue. In the pages that follow, several buildings and projects are presented for mild weather zones like Florida and California, as well as lowtemperature seasonal climates such as Minneapolis, Syracuse, and Boston. The extreme opposite climates of Alaska and Saudi Arabia also contain built fabric structures. They have been designed, therefore, for all temperatures as well as high winds, earthquakes, and heavy snow, the benchmarks of a mature building technology.

In short, business is booming. The overall fabric structures market consists of rigid-frame tensile structures, air-inflated and air-supported buildings. Industrial, military, and long-span structures are large-scale consumers. According to the Air Structures Institute (ASI), the 1979 sales of fabric for all structural uses grew over 40 percent

from 1978 to 1979. A segment of that growth was the standard-design air structure, and tension structures increased in sales by 25 percent. The whopping growth, however, was in the long-span portion of the market—700 percent! A healthy portion of that growth was due to a single building in Saudi Arabia, the Haj Terminal.

For the engineered fabric structure there are two fabric types in predominant use: polyester coated with polyvinyl chloride and fiberglass coated with Teflon fluorocarbon resins. Each has its own domain. The coated polyester represented over 85 percent of the market in 1979, but the fiberglass coated with Teflon market is expected to double in 1980.

The fabrics: In vinyl-coated polyester, the fibers provide the strength and the vinyl coating the durability. The material is thin, flexible, and resilient enough to allow for slight errors in patterning. It can stretch as much as 12 percent. It is superior to fiberglass for a demountable structure which needs to be folded and transported or stored. With time and exposure, however, the plasticizers in the vinyl rise to the surface, creating a "sticky" base which holds dust, dirt, and possibly mildew. Such fabrics, therefore, must be either cleaned—a yearly expense-painted with urethane, or laminated to a more durable membrane material. Vinyl-coated polyesters produce a thick, black smoke when attacked by fire and are usually restricted in use "nonpermanent" structures. Also, with time the stretched membrane continues to yield, causing the material properties to vary and making precise engineering calculations difficult.

The price of the untreated material is about one-fifth that of fiberglass, and therefore a realistic possibility is replacing it in seven to ten years, using the same designs and patterns, for about 40 percent of the original building cost.

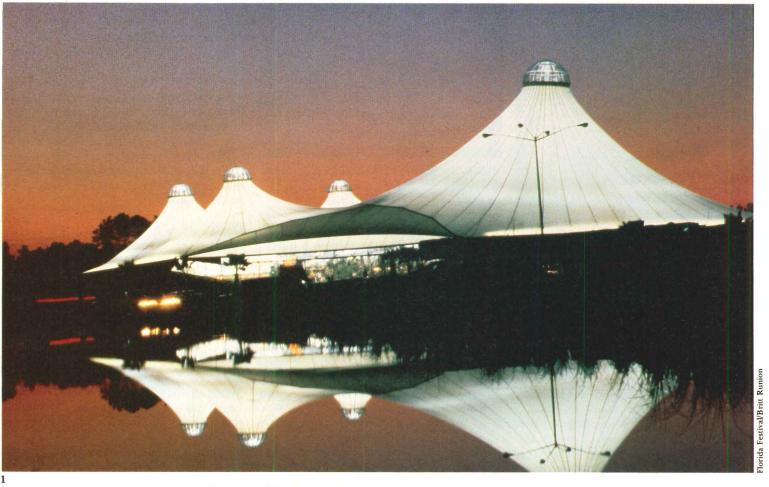
Vinyl has also been used to co fiberglass. Some of the early inflate structures by fabric pioneer Walter Bir used this material. John Cook, found of Chemfab, originally patented th coating of fiberglass with Teflon for us in heat-resistant industrial belting. H worked with Du Pont to generate an a chitectural fabric. In such a fabric, th strength comes from the glass and th durability from the Teflon. This comb nation is chemically inert, hydrophobi and noncombustible. It is self-cleaning and needs no regular maintenance. The material is stiffer, stronger, and mor predictable structurally than viny coated polyester. (The warp elongation is only 1.6 percent on the fabric beir used at the Haj Terminal.) A coate fiberglass roof is expected to last at lea 20 years. The long life, strength, an fire characteristics make the materi more appropriate for permanent fabr

While the vinyl-coated polyester compete very well with coated fibergla in the domain of short-term structures the elevation of fabric to the point of contention with concrete and steel must be credited to fiberglass coated with Teflor.

Why not fabric? The largest sing drawback to the fabric structure is the preconceived notion that it is something to fold up and use to go camping: a tent As long as fabric is perceived as being temporary, it will have difficulty many traditional building application "built to last."

A second large problem, which cabe, of course, a boon to the proposition building, is that fabric structures tend be spectacular. There are clearly son buildings and clients that do not desirt to call attention to themselves.

Insurance companies are not d lighted with the specter of a building which attracts by its shape, can be est tered with a knife, and suffers from the psychological preconception of being temporary. So far, the large percentage of buildings that have used fiberglat coated with Teflon, for example, have

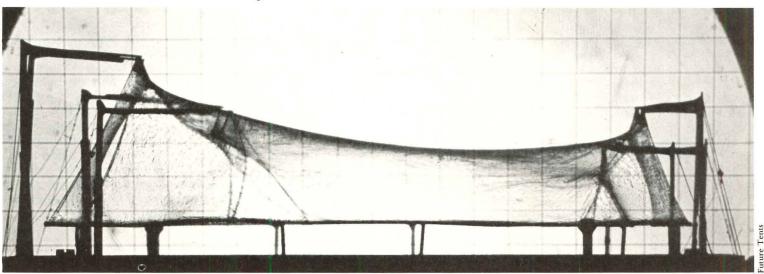




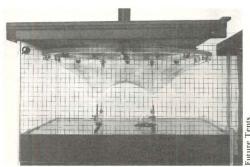
2 1) New Florida Festival structure. 2) Photo-elastic material tensioned in polarized light. 3) Theme park, Nemunosato, Japan. 4) A soap-film model by Frei Otto.

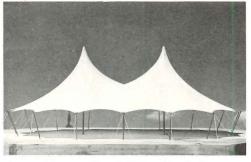






Technics: Fabric structures





A soap-film machine (left) enables designers to derive minimal surfaces which, inverted (model above), are good structures.

been for government or institutional clients whose clout with insurance companies comes from a very large chunk of business.

Most traditional building codes, moreover, were not written with fabric buildings in mind. Although in recent years great progress has been made, an architect may still have to put up with redundance of fire protection or an appeal for a code variance. Material manufacturers are very helpful in obtaining code acceptance if problems arise.

Another serious obstacle is ignorance. Very few materials manufacturers are now involved with fabric structures; very few companies have experience cutting the patterns; local contractors are ignorant about fabric construction; few engineers have access to the computer technology necessary for the design; and few architects have ever visited, let alone designed, such structures.

From the viewpoint of an architect, a drawback might be having to work with an engineer from the outset of the building design. As one architect put it: "I don't really know about fabric, and I am not about to turn my building over to an engineer." If the architect does want a fabric structure, he must be willing to accept the curve as the rule for the fabric geometry. Engineer Horst Berger of Geiger-Berger has dealt with many potential fabric architects. For architects, says Berger, "the first obstacle is to learn that everything is curved." The second obstacle, suggests architect Roy Hall of Birdair, is that "a drawing is inadequate" to describe the structure. Models are a must.

The shape and three-dimensional geometry of these structures is so complex that the structural and thermal characteristics of them are only now being monitored and modeled with confidence by computer analysts. Yet they are so simple that a novice with a pair of scissors, an old pair of pantyhose, and a hammer and nails can gen-

erate very sophisticated buildable forms. For architect Hall, the problem is to "resolve the complexity of making it simple." This duality of personality is part of the form, part of the structure, and part of the fabric.

Fabric structures are for the purist. There is no room in a membrane to hide mechanical or electrical lines. All of the connection details are visible. Construction inaccuracies appear as wrinkles. Every patch in the skin can be seen, and every seam is exposed. As Berger states, it is "a perfectionist job at a very large scale."

Why fabric: Fabric structures share many intrinsic advantages. The principal values are the light weight (about 1/30 the weight of a conventional roof), and the fact that the structure is completely prefabricated and brought to the site, a giant advantage in remote areas. A high technology structure can be designed and fabricated in a high technology environment and then shipped. The weight alone of fabric represents a saving in support structure. It also allows great freedom in rehabilitation work. The prefabrication allows the onsite construction to proceed quickly, or the design can be fast-tracked. The building can be contained early, speeding up interior finishing. In the case of portable structures, they can be rapidly taken down.

Perhaps the unique quality of a fabric structure is the safety to human beings if structural failure occurs. Disregarding the damage to the structure itself and its material contents, a flexible fabric has the great capacity to accept holes and tears without total collapse or any fragmentation. As a bonus, the structure can be repaired, usually in days, with minimal shut-down time. Tensile structures are designed to a safety factor of eight; air structures to a factor of six.

Structures in tension

The quality which makes tensile structures safe is also what makes them strong—they are flexible. The form and the structure are intimately related to that fact. Horst Berger says it very well: "The aesthetics come from letting go." "Letting go" means paying attention to the form the structure naturally wants

The color photographs on the opposite page provide a feeling for the range and beauty possible with vinyl-coated polyester. The Floricultural Pavilion for Cal-Expo in Sacramento, by Wurster, Bernardi & Emmons, represents the potential of fabric to create fabric interiors which appropriately match the exterior fabric structure. For a colorful temporary exhibition pavilion, the material is ideal. The colorful Japanese restaurant which "blooms" at the right demonstrates the material's capacity to be folded and stored with ease. Color photographs are furnished by Helios Tension Products.

to take when it is stressed. It also means not forcing fabric into straight lines or flat surfaces.

A fabric structure can be stable without being rigid. This is so because of the necessity to maintain tension everywhere in the fabric and to make maximum use of the fabric strength by trying to generate forms that stress the fabric equally throughout. The result is a stretched, or "prestressed," condition. When the wind moves the fabric and relieves part of the structure, the fabric does not automatically buckle or undergo compression.

In a tensile structure created by stretching fabric from a mast or frame, the membrane assumes a double curvature, generally a saddle shape. Ideally, every square inch of the material is saddle-shaped.

Wind plays a much more considerable role in the tensile structure than does gravity. A tensile structure that is open around the edges has especially complex behavior under wind loading. The shape of the structure introduces complicated aerodynamic properties.

To optimize the total structure, the compression ring or earth anchors are also considered. Reducing the height of a tensile structure to reduce wind loading increases stresses in the supports and increases the cost of the concrete or reinforcing steel.

An air-supported structure such as the U.S. Pavilion at Osaka or the Pontiac Stadium must assume a low profile (.2 or less rise-to-span ratio) to avoid being blown over. By keeping out of the direct path of the wind, such a fabric roof must deal primarily with uplift, a condition the cables and fabric can sustain well.

Typically, the design of an air-supported structure also eliminates flat planes through use of double curvature, but both curves are "positive" or the same direction. The mechanical system forces air up from within the building, ballooning the fabric outward. The stresses in the fabric are directly related to the load on the skin (5–12 psf) and its radius of curvature. The smaller the [Continued on page 118]

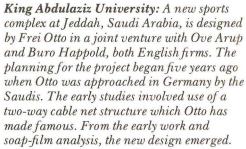




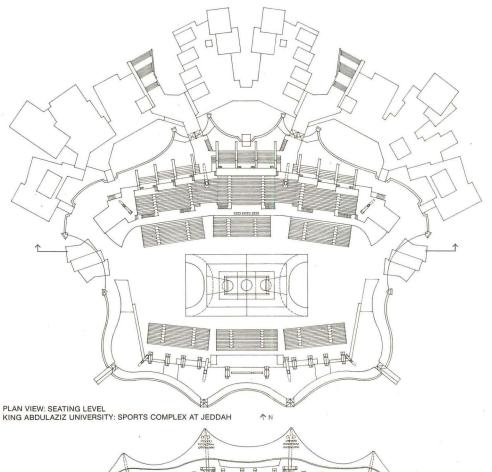








The roof is constructed of two separate layers, a vinyl-coated polyester for the exterior skin and cotton fabric suspended below. The fabric-covered portion of the building is over 600 ft long and 300 ft wide and houses a main arena and a variety of courts, gymnasiums, swimming facilities, and the athletes' dressing spaces. The photo at left shows the model derived from the soap-film studies shown on the previous pages.



LONGITUDINAL SECTION

Franklin Park was originally designed by Frederick Olmsted. Replacing the existing zoo on the same site, therefore, had delicate historic connotations. One prime requirement was to place three or four acres of zoo in the park without disrupting the original design. By adopting a low profile and gently curving forms, the fabric roof offered the "least buildinglike" solution. The use of fabric also brought the animals indoors in the winter and extended the zoo season.

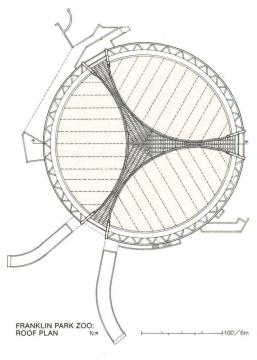
From the interior, the fabric and arches allow for the circular animal space and offer a clear span which provides enough natural light to grow plants. Early in the design, a spectrum analysis of the fabric revealed that the light which entered through the fabric could not support certain plants deemed necessary to simulate the natural habitat of the animals. Between the arches, therefore, plastic (Kalwall) sandwich panels were introduced to capture more of the light spectrum. Through careful study of the light patterns in the pavilion, the plants could be placed in the correct light.

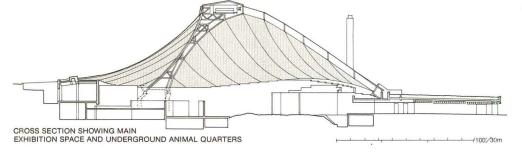
The new pavilion will provide approximately one acre of enclosed space (38,000 sq ft of fabric-covered area) and serve as the animals' winter home. Moats will separate the animals and people. The animals will also have underground cages and access to the exterior in summer. The pavilion is due for completion in spring of 1981 and is the first in a projected series of four similar structures.





Presentation model for the new zoo.





Florida Festival: The Bullocks management found the fabric skylight so successful it has commissioned a second store with an allfabric roof. While it pioneered with its skylight, it will follow the precedent of Florida Festival for the full roof.

Many of the fabric benefits so attractive to Bullocks made fiberglass coated with Teflon ideal for the Florida application. Like Bullocks, the basic building plan had been established and another roof planned when the architect Robert Lamb Hart, design consultants Anspach Grossman Portugal, and marketing consultant Ed Ettinger called in Horst Berger of Geiger-Berger. Berger had engineered the Bullocks store design. Since it is part of Orlando's Sea World, the owners wanted to preserve an outdoor "skylike" feeling and use many palms and tropical plants. They sought a column-free open space (over 60,000 sq ft) which would allow the greatest flexibility for juggling over 40 sales booths. Perhaps most important, they got a roof so large (90,000 sq ft) and distinctive that it could be seen from the air and other parts of the park to attract some of the tourist business from the rest of the Orlando area and the Sea World amusements elsewhere in the park.

The two interlocking squares presented an obvious solution in plan, a mast at the center point of each square with fabric stretched in radial patterns to the building edge. Berger and the designers boldly chose a richer solution. One large 106-ft mast was located at the center of one square, and three smaller 62-ft masts centered in quadrants of the other square. The center of the roof was then reversed down into the space and opened to view and weather. The structure got an early test during construction by 70 mph hurricane winds.

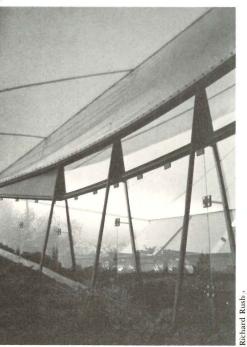
Operators attribute much of the financial success of the shops to the roof. Over half the people questioned leaving the building explain the "atmosphere" as the main attraction. During the day, radiating umbrellalike spaces are filled with shadow-free diffused light. The natural environment is so dominant, the wind is noticeably absent.

At sunset, the white exterior of the roof reflects the light in a spectacular array of pastels. On the interior, the night lighting reflects from the interior surface and creates a striking opposite to the uniform diffuse light of the day. The shadows and contrast highlight the sculptural drama of the roof.

The rainwater cascades down the roof and into the building through the hole in the roof's low point. The rain fountain has proved to be such an attraction to shoppers that the management is considering installing hoses on the roof to provide simulated rain throughout the year.

Shown at right are the various design solutions which highlight the building. 3) The edge condition must join curves with straight lines. 4) The building must be unique from the air. 5) The central mast is telescoping and simplifies erection from below. 6) The low point in the central portion of the roof combines as a roof drain and natural fountain.





Bullocks: The giant, 18,000-sq-ft fabric skylight (1 & 2) in the San Jose, Ca, Bullocks department store was conceived late in the building design and replaced a more conventional solution. When the store opened in the fall of 1978, it pioneered the use of the fabric roof in a retail store. Architects EPR (Environmental Planning and Research) of San Francisco along with Geiger-Berger took advantage of the several material properties.

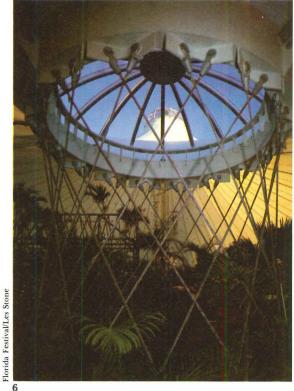
The translucence of the fabric created an "outdoorlike" space in which plants could grow. The material's reflectance helped to reject solar heat gain from without and simplified nightlighting from within. The Teflon surface, of course, reduced maintenance.

Fire code officials in the San Jose area called for a double layer of fabric. The interior layer is nonstructural and drapes into the space. The additional layer also absorbs about 75 percent of the sound which reaches it, creates a thermal insulating air space with the outside fabric, and reduces the translucence of the roof. The variation in translucence provides a richer ceiling surface visually and helps to define the space.

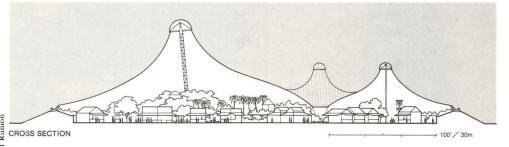






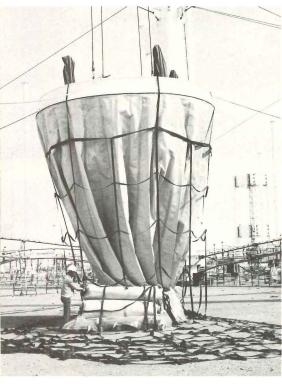


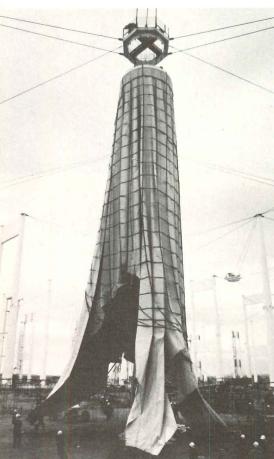




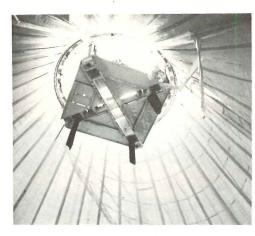
Technics: Fabric structures

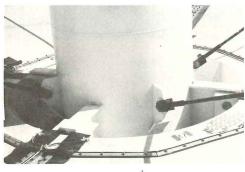






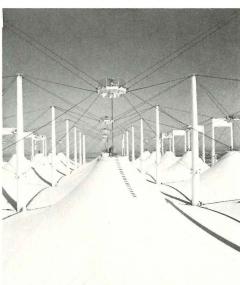


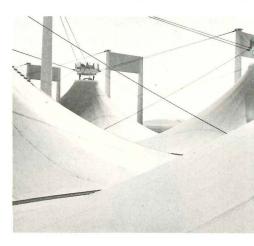


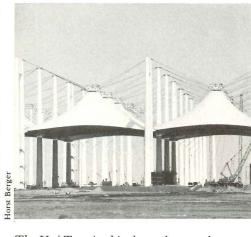












The Haj Terminal is shown here under construction. The fabric is unboxed, collared, and draped free (left); tensioned and prepared for hoisting (center); and jacked up (above), all 21 modules simultaneously.

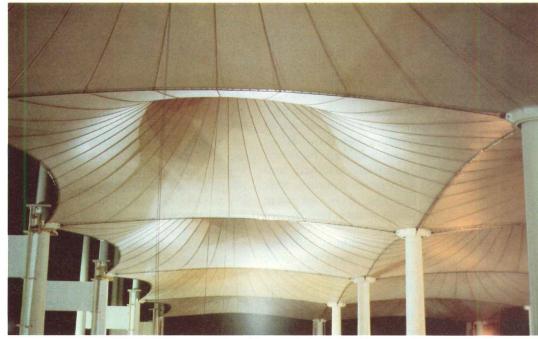


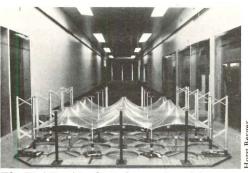
The Haj Terminal: Down the road from King Abdulaziz University is the new Jeddah International Airport. Each year Moslems make a pilgrimage to Jedda for the religious period called the Haj. During the 70-day arrival and departure period, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims pass through the airport. To handle the onslaught, the Saudi Government is building the largest airport in the world. In addition to a more conventional terminal building, a huge structure is being built as a shelter from the desert heat. Five and one-half million square feet of fiberglass coated with Teflon will be used in constructing this shelter. The entire structure is being prefabricated and erected at the site.

The architect and engineer is Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago and New York. Early in the design, SOM considered concrete shells. The sun's heat, however, would turn them into radiators. Instead, a modular fabric system was devised consisting of 210 identical roof units 150 feet square. The roof is being raised in ten sections of 21 units each. The raising of the first roof section occurred last March and accounts for the accompanying photographs. The building is scheduled to be completed by 1982 and is already being heralded as the "crystal palace" of this century.

Of course the Saudis will profit most from the structure, and most of us will never visit it. Its benefits, however, are already being felt by members of the fabric structure industry in the United States. The mammoth quantity of material being woven and coated for the job is alone likely to improve the state of the art and provide insights into the ramifications of large-scale manufacturing of identical fabric structures, a possible future direction for the material.

The engineering procedure has consisted of computer analysis, wind-tunnel testing, the construction of two sample units of the structure completely monitored and tested to failure, and the on-site supervision of the ten large roof sections. For the first time the computer analysis commonly used by engineering consultant Horst Berger of Geiger-Berger has been compared to empirical data not only from the wind tunnel but also the mock-up structure. In addition, a vast amount of expertise will be accumulated by the people who will be involved in the design and construction of the project throughout its duration.





The Haj Terminal wind-tunnel model.



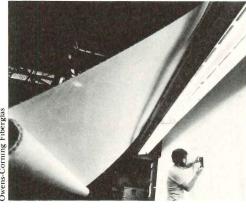
The prototype structure at Granville, Oh.



A rendering of the completed structure.

Both the structural and thermal properties of the fabric structure are intimately dependent on the fiberglass filament, the yarn, the weave, and the coating process. The yarns are aligned (left) to form the warp. The fabric is being inspected (right) prior to being coated with Teflon.





radius and the smaller the load, the smaller the resulting membrane stress (see P/A, Aug. 1972, "Pneumatic Structures," p. 76, by David Geiger).

Fabric, structure, and energy

The structural principles of such structures have not changed in the last decade. What has been a vast reservoir of empirical knowledge, hands-on savvy, and good structural intuition, however, is now being gradually codified and computerized with great accuracy. Says Berger, "In the old days we were restricted to classical shapes; now we can do anything."

While Berger has been busy with tensile structures, David Geiger has been meticulously perfecting his skewed geometry air-supported roof principle which began at Osaka. With a care that must rival the shaping of the Doric Order, Geiger has taken detail after detail to perfection. While the Osaka Pavilion was built in vinyl-coated fiberglass, every air-supported structure which has followed has been in fiberglass coated with Teflon (P/A, April 1978, pp. 112, 113).

Although the structural potentials generated the original concept, the energy qualities of such buildings are proving to be very attractive. The energy characteristics, structural nature, design, and construction of the buildings are established mainly by the fabric itself.

The winding and the weave: No two coated glass fabrics on any two air structures are exactly the same. The fabric is part of the design. The fiber, Owens-Corning's BETA glass fiber, is used in every building. The Teflon by Du Pont is also the same. Chemfab has done the majority of the weaving so far. In the weaving and the coating, the specific material characteristics of the fabric are determined.

BETA filament has an elongation or stretch capacity of about one percent.

By twisting two or three filaments together, what had been a straight line is reshaped like a spring and stretches about twice as much as the straight filament.

In the weaving process there are two orthogonal sets of these twisted yarns. The warp runs down the loom, and the filler yarns run across, alternating over and under the warp yarns. The undulating filler yarn is therefore shaped like a spring and elongates more than the warp. The weaving generally adds about $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent elongation to the yarns.

The space between the warp and the fill yarns represents a tiny rectangular window. The diagonal of that window is its weakest direction. The first task of the Teflon coating, therefore, is to fill that window and control the stretch on the bias. Tension is applied to the fabric as the wide belt of material passes through a vat of milky Teflon. Increasing the tension will elongate the window and decrease its width. The window is itself filled with a translucent layer of Teflon, and each succeeding layer decreases the translucency of the final material. Opacifiers can be added to the Teflon which will make it more opaque or more reflective. The final layer of coating chemically permits fabric widths to be joined by heat sealing.

The structural characteristics of the fabric are largely determined by the number of filaments used in twisting the yarns and the yarn count per inch. Tension structures commonly use a heavier fabric having three-ply twisting. For air-supported structures, a two-ply twisting is used for the yarns, with a slightly more dense weave.

The patterns used for cutting relate directly to the structural design and eventually back to the fabric design. The object of cutting the patterns for the fabric surface is to maximize repetition, minimize the number of pieces, minimize waste, and simplify erection. These considerations give preference to large, near-rectangular pieces over triangular ones. The difference in directional properties necessitates a very clear distinction between the warp and fill in the pattern cut. The fabric piece cut is designed to elongate more in one direction than the other. Cutting di-

mensions are ultimately checked with field measurements to prevent fitting errors.

Once the cutting geometry has been coordinated with the structural analysis, the elongation in the warp and the fill can be determined. The initial decision is made as to how much translucence or reflectivity might be desired. The translucence can be decreased in the coating and the reflectance increased.

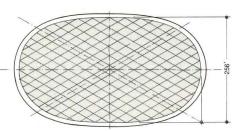
Adding to the advantages

An average coated fiberglass fabric reflects 70 to 75 percent of the solar energy that strikes it; about 6 percent passes through; 20 percent is absorbed by the fabric. Half of the absorbed heat is reradiated outward and half is reradiated inward. Fabrics have been made with translucence as low as 6 percent and as high as 20 percent. Nonstructural liners of the same material can have a translucence somewhat higher. John Effenberger of Chemfab calls the result "a window with very high reflectivity."

Through using a multiple layer of fabric, several advantages can be gained. When a sealed air space is created, the layers can act as thermal insulation. In colder climates, hot air can be passed through the air space for snow-melting purposes. The liner can also improve the acoustics. The limp, absorbent material itself changes the ceiling geometry from concave to convex and avoids focusing the sound. As a light control, the more layers added, the more opaque the roof.

Doubling the roof fabric must be carefully thought out. The fabric is not cheap. In an air-supported roof, 60 percent of the roof cost can be the fabric itself. In addition to the advantages already mentioned for fabric structures in general, however, the translucence and reflectance have life-cycle cost benefits. The translucence can reduce the cost of lamp lighting and the resulting air-conditioning loads and maintenance. Even night lighting can be reduced by taking advantage of the interior reflecting surface.

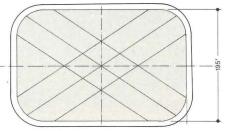
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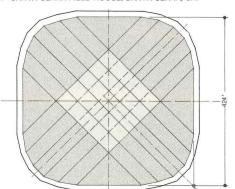
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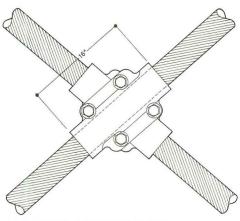
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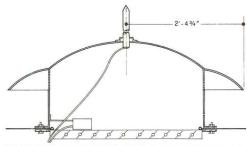
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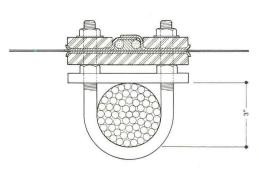
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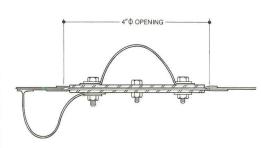
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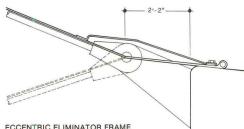
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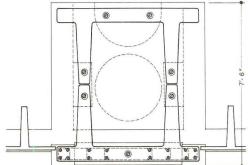


FABRIC CLAMP PERMITS AERIAL ERECTION



INTRODUCTION OF EMERGENCY DRAIN PLUG





Geiger-Berger's learning curve: From Osaka to Syracuse in one decade has been a long and fruitful trip. Fortunately for the industry, a single engineer has been closely involved in perfecting the necessary structural analysis as well as the appropriate detailing, building on past mistakes. Some of the details are subtle, some obvious. The drain plug, for example, pulls when the roof deflates, keeping the center panels from filling with water, an early problem at Pontiac. The aerial erection clamp system has ramifications on the design, fabrication, and erection procedure. The extensive use of prefabricated double tees is intimately related to the erection speed of the fabric roof itself. More subtle details are the "eccentric eliminator frame," which was evolved to permit the fabric to deflate without tearing at the cable joints. Alternating the direction of the panels (and their seams) eliminates a directional preference in the fabric with aesthetics as a valuable byproduct. The earliest structures employed earthberming and resulted in "sunken" solutions. Beginning with Pontiac, the structures "rise" to expose their sides.



FIRST USE OF ACOUSTICAL LINER

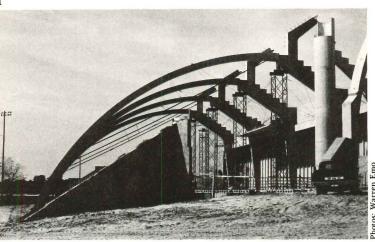


ACOUSTICAL BANNERS INTRODUCED





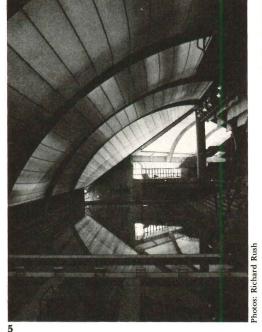




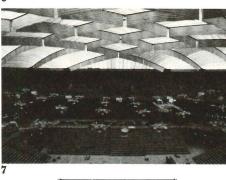


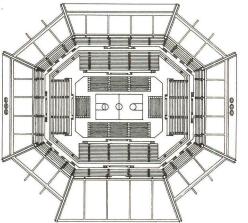
When the University of Florida at Gainesville programmed their new center for student activities, they asked for something dramatic. As Gary Koepke of the Division of Planning & Analysis put it: "We didn't want a box." They didn't get a box; they did get the most successful architectural application of the fabric structure yet to be designed. Some of the success lies in the prior design experience of Caudill Rowlett Scott and their Santa Clara Field House (P/A, May 1976, p. 94). Part lies in the expertise of the architect and local firm of Moore May Graham Brame & Poole Emo/Architects. The engineers for the job are Geiger-Berger. The structure makes use of both the tensile structure for the surrounding "skirt" facilities and an air-supported main arena. The Gainesville location challenged Geiger-Berger to its first air-supported attempt in a hurricane zone.

The photos shown here provide some insight into the kind of engineering, architectural, and construction expertise which is involved in such buildings. 1) A cast-in-place reinforced concrete ring outlines the arena space at an early stage of construction. The precast concrete arches 2) are added to serve as support for the tensile fabric. 3 & 4) The structure is shown deflated and hours later inflated. Even under construction, 5) the swimming facility and 6 & 7) main arena display their fabric quality. The Gainesville building provides one of the few examples where the richness of the structure.

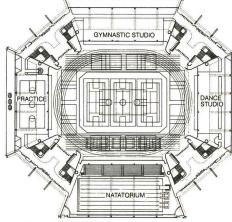








STEPHEN C. O'CONNELL CENTER: SEATING PLAN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



Energy analysis

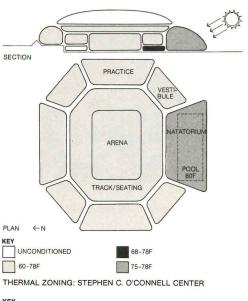
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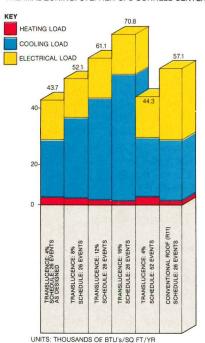
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The translucency of the skin, comosed of two layers of fabric, is varied from 4 percent (as built in Gainesville) of 16 percent. The energy performance if a hypothetical "conventional" strucare is simulated for comparison. The time design as in Gainesville is analyzed that with a concrete shell roof with R-11 insulation and no use of natural lighting. The five other cities in which the milding designed for Gainesville is laced are representative of different imates encountered in the United tates.

The analysis was prepared using the DOE-2.1 computer program with SHRAE weighting factors approximating the effect of building mass. RY weather tape for Jacksonville, Fl, as used to simulate the weather conditions in Gainesville. TRY weather tapes so were used for other cities.

Three types of events will take place the building: 1) intramural sports, 2) (CAA basketball and swimming, and 3) oncerts, ceremonies, and speeches. Interpretation of the period between the middle of ovember and the middle of June. The uilding will operate from 7:30 a.m. to uidnight. When no major events are cheduled, intramural sports will use the rena; therefore the doubling of major vents (from 26 to 52) causes only a ninor increase in the yearly energy contemption.



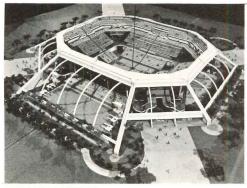


COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ROOF DESIGN OPTIONS

The building contains a large arena with seats for 12,000 spectators. Stratification in such a large space cannot be modeled accurately with DOE-2.1. As an approximation, the arena is divided in the analysis vertically into three freely interacting thermal zones. The curved shape of the fabric skin is approximated by a system of tilted flat surfaces with the same surface area and the same thermal resistance properties as the skin. The self-shading of the bulging surfaces and the changing angles of incidence are ignored.

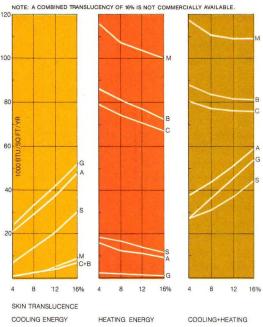
The water in the swimming pool is maintained at 80 F, which is five degrees above the designed air temperature in the natatorium. Therefore the pool continuously releases heat and humidity, adding to the cooling load in the building. Ground temperature in Gainesville during summer months is higher than the temperature of the air inside the building; cooling load could be slightly reduced by insulating the ground slab and underground walls.

Daylighting is the most important factor for the energy performance of this



AERIAL VIEW OF MODE!

KEY
G: GAINESVILLE (1239 HEATING DEGREE DAYS, 62% POSSIBLE SUNSHINE)
A: ALBUQUERQUE (4348 HEATING DEGREE DAYS, 76% POSSIBLE SUNSHINE)
S: SACRAMENTO (2509 HEATING DEGREE DAYS, 77% POSSIBLE SUNSHINE)
M: MINNEAPOLIS (6382 HEATING DEGREE DAYS, 56% POSSIBLE SUNSHINE)
C: CHICAGO (5882 HEATING DEGREE DAYS, 59% POSSIBLE SUNSHINE)
B: BOSTON (5634 HEATING DEGREE DAYS, 57% POSSIBLE SUNSHINE)



COOLING AND HEATING LOAD COMPARISON AS A FUNCTION OF DOUBLE SKIN TRANSLUCENCE AND CLIMATE

building. The translucent skin eliminates the need for artificial lighting during daylight in all but the subterranean spaces. The demand for energy rises in a "conventional" building because of its necessary reliance on artificial lighting, despite the better thermal properties of its roof and exterior walls.

The low thermal resistance of the fabric skin as designed results in substantial heat loss in cold climates. A fraction of this loss can be offset by increasing the skin translucency to boost solar gain. The greatest reduction of the heating load would be achieved by increasing the thermal resistance of the skin without diminishing its daylighting performance.





Inclined Village project inflated.

The other question is thermal transmission. Professor Willard Oberdick of the architectural research center at the University of Michigan is currently in the process of monitoring four existing Teflon-coated fiberglass buildings to evaluate the thermodynamic performance of the structures. Included are Bullocks Department Store, the dome at the University of Iowa, the Pontiac Silverdome, and Santa Clara College Activities Center. The study is sponsored by Owens-Corning Fiberglas and will last one year. Dr. Steven Selkowitz of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory is currently monitoring the thermodynamic behavior of Bullocks Department Store and is planning work on the Florida Festival building. His study is sponsored by

There is nothing static about the fabric market. Product manufacturers are well aware that the fabric roof has great potential for energy savings on a lifecycle cost basis. They are experimenting with multiple layers of fabric, night shading devices, and foil coatings. There already have been applications in Alaska where insulation was inserted in the space between two layers of a fabric roof. The race is on to make a translucent insulation which can be inserted between the layers without sacrificing natural light.

In a project for Inclined Village, Nv, David Geiger of Geiger-Berger is coupling talents with architects Carissimi-Rohrer Associates to produce a "thermally active roof." During the winter months, an air-filled translucent cellular fabric roof will be drawn over cables to protect the swimming space. In the summer, it will be drawn back like a curtain. The flexible material is expected to be vinyl-coated polyester.

Another important direction is the possibility of small-scale pre-engineered structures constructed of coated fiberglass. It is conceivable that products as small as modular skylights or building panels may appear as mini tensile structures. Industry experts estimate that premanufactured products may represent 40 percent of the future market. Horst Berger is convinced that there also will be a bright future market in the housing industry for the fabric struc-



Inclined Village project deflated.

ture. In the meantime, fabric people entice us with the thought that there are another dozen or so large fabric structures waiting in the wings to begin within the next 18 months.

Conclusion

The human spirit which cast off gravity and photographed Mars seems quite at home under a lightweight fabric stretched between cables or floating on air. Both the industrial technology and the computer design technology involved provide an equally fruitful setting for the engineering mind. In addition, in these troubled times there is something terribly appealing to an architect about beginning a design by "letting go." [Richard Rush]

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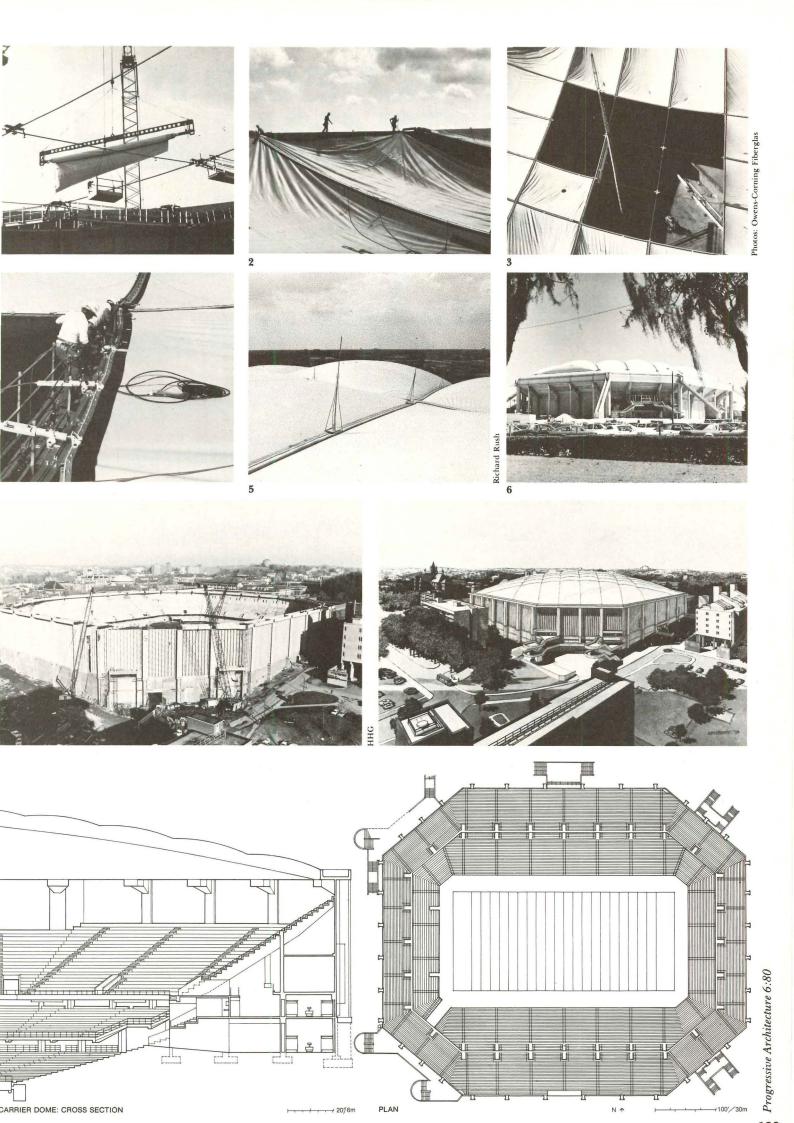
Sun Dome: Look familiar? The Sun Dome Mass Seating Facility for the University of South Florida at Tampa, Fl, is the sister structure for the Gainesville building already discussed. Designed by the same team of archi tects and engineers, the structure is unique in that the "skirts" have been initially deleted, leaving a set of spidery legs that drain the

Once the concrete superstructure was completed, the fabric roof took only five weeks to erect. Most of this speed was due to teamwork and project manager Larry Harp of Owens-Corning's Fabric Structure Contracting Services. Harp and his team of fabric construction workers travel from building to building and have proven to be a great asset in improving the fledgling construction technology. Explains Harp: 1) "An exterior crane lifts the first rectangular panel—rolled around a metal bar—to the inside of the stadium. 2, 3 & 4) Workers then clamp the innermost side of the panel to the appropriate cable. When the fabric is completely unrolled workers attach the final clamps at the compression ring." Panels are installed in a precise order from the perimeter to the interior. 5) The result is a soft, billowing roof, complete with lightning arresters and safety devices. The roof was inflated one Saturday night in a thunderstorm.

Carrier Dome: The Carrier Dome for Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY, will follow the Tampa building as the next fabric sports facility to be completed. The \$25-million facility will seat 50,000 and serve the entire metropolitan region as an all-weather stadium facility. The name Carrier Dome acknowledges the large financial support which has been provided by Carrier Corporation, a local civic-minded manufacturer. The new structure rests in the "footprint" of the original Syracuse University stadium.

The architectural design effort is a joint venture of Atlanta architects Finch-Heery and Syracuse architects Hueber Hares Glavin. The engineer is Geiger-Berger of New York. The engineers took the opportunity in the Carrier Dome to use a flexible precast con crete compression ring, a concept which had to be abandoned for the Florida buildings. The concept allows the roof to flex independently of the seating.

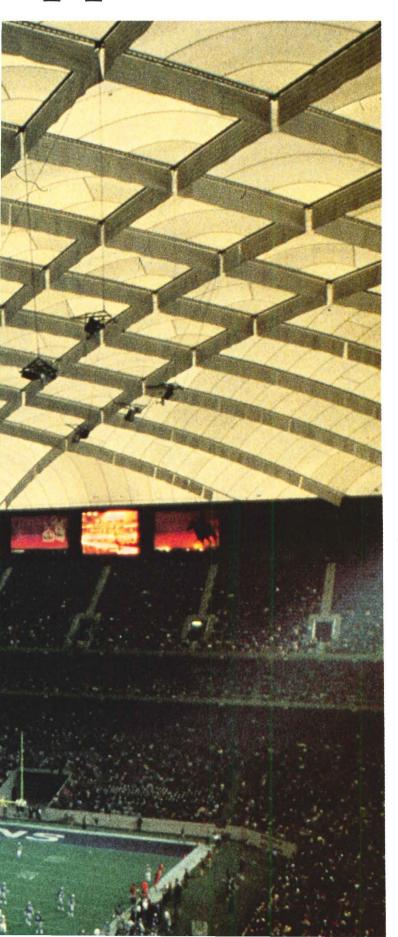
The extreme snowfall in the Syracuse region required special attention in the design of the fabric roof and its liner. The doubled membrane is used as hot-air ductwork and will permit the facility to control snow buildup. The compression ring around the edge will also contain resistance heating elements to eliminate ice. The design concept is pictured at the right along with a current photo of the building under construction. Th building is expected to be complete for the fall football season. The owners plan to retrieve \$11 million in the first year of use.



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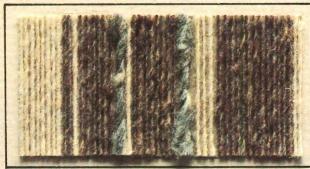
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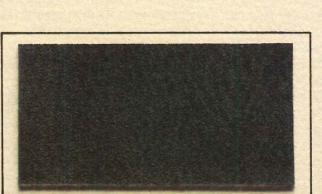
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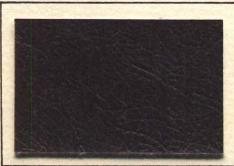
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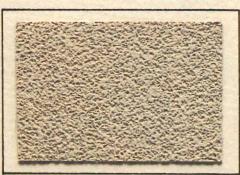
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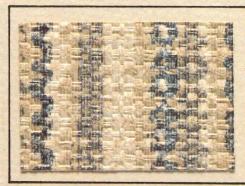
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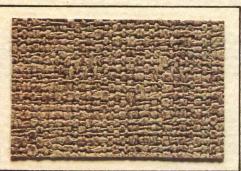
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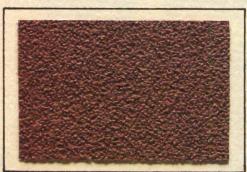
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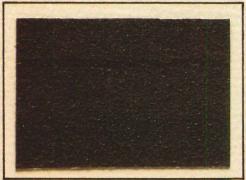




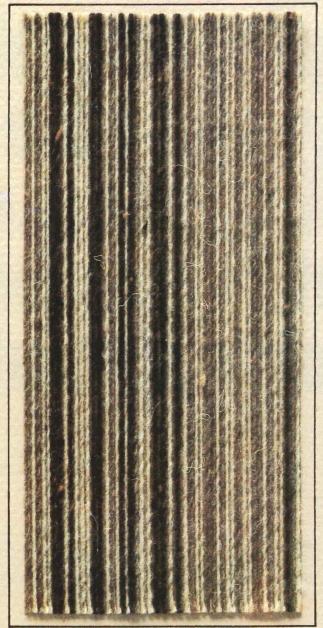
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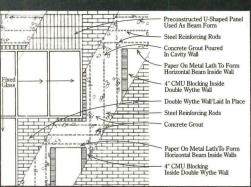
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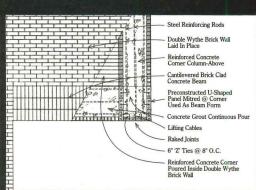
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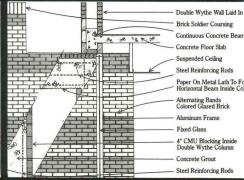
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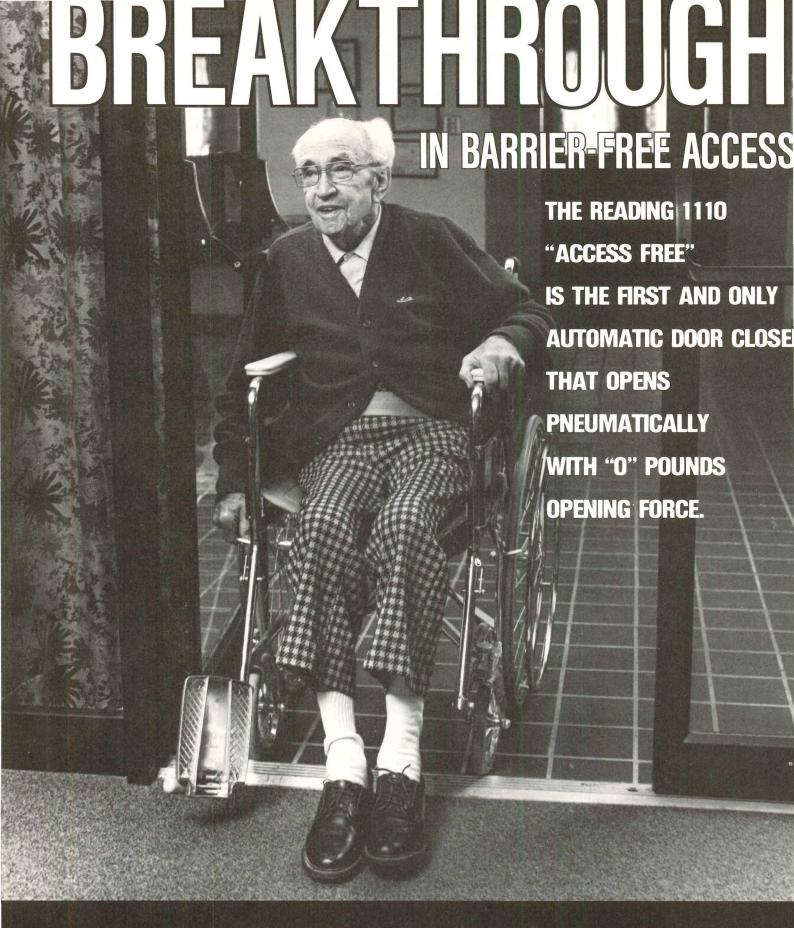
Architectural contracts are sometimes written to provide that fees will be payable when the owner obtains a mortgage, or such fees will be payable out of the mortgage or building loan fund. Illustrative of the legal problems which may arise under such an agreement is a determination of the Arizona Court of Appeals in Campisano v. Phillips, 547 P.2d 26. In that case, the Court considered a claim of an architect for fees for services rendered in connection with the design of an apartment complex. The architect had not been paid under his original contract with the owner, but when he threatened to institute a lawsuit, he was informed that such an action would impair the owner's chances of obtaining a construction loan. The architect subsequently entered into a new contract with the owner which provided that the architect would be paid for services already rendered out of the first and last draws by the owner of the construction loan. The new contract provided that the foregoing mode of payment was to be "the only method of payment for the work completed to the date of the agreement." The owner, however, never received any construction or interim loan draws.

The architect eventually instituted suit, arguing that the contract merely fixed the time when performance was to become due and that the owner's duty to make payment was not contingent upon the receipt of construction loan draws. The architect, in support of his position, had relied upon several legal authorities which held that where the payment of a debt arising out of a prior contract or arrangement is, by subsequent agreement executed by the debtor, postponed or made payable upon the happening of some specific contingency, the debt becomes payable within a reasonable time after the execution of such subsequent agreement, even though the contingent event has not occurred. The Court, however, concluded that these precedents

were not applicable, stating:
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In reaching this conclusion, the Arizona Court was required to distinguish other decisions which reached a contrary result under somewhat different facts. For example, the Court referred to an Oregon case (Mignot v. Parkhill) which considered a contract which provided that a contractor was not obligated to pay a subcontractor "until such time as the contractor has himself received the money" from the owner. The Oregon Court construed such language as an agreement not to look to a specific fund for payment, but relating only to the time of payment. Thus, the contractor was eventually obligated to pay the subcontractor even though he had not re-ceived the funds from the owner. The Arizona Court, although conceding that the Oregon decision was correct, distinguished it on the ground that a contract which did not require payment "until such time" as money is received reflects a different intent than a contract which expressly states that money is to be paid out of a particular fund.

Further, the Arizona Court distinguished an earlier decision in its own jurisdiction (Kirchoff v. Cummard) which construed a contract using the words "out of" as not limiting payment to a particular fund. This conclusion was premised upon the fact that the contract in question did not expressly provide that the payment was to be made "exclusively" or "only" out of the particular fund in question, whereas in the later case, there was a reference to the "only" mode of payment. Such a distinction may seem to be technical and strained, but such differences in result do emphasize the significance and importance of proper draftsmanship in the formulation of the contract between owner and architect. \square



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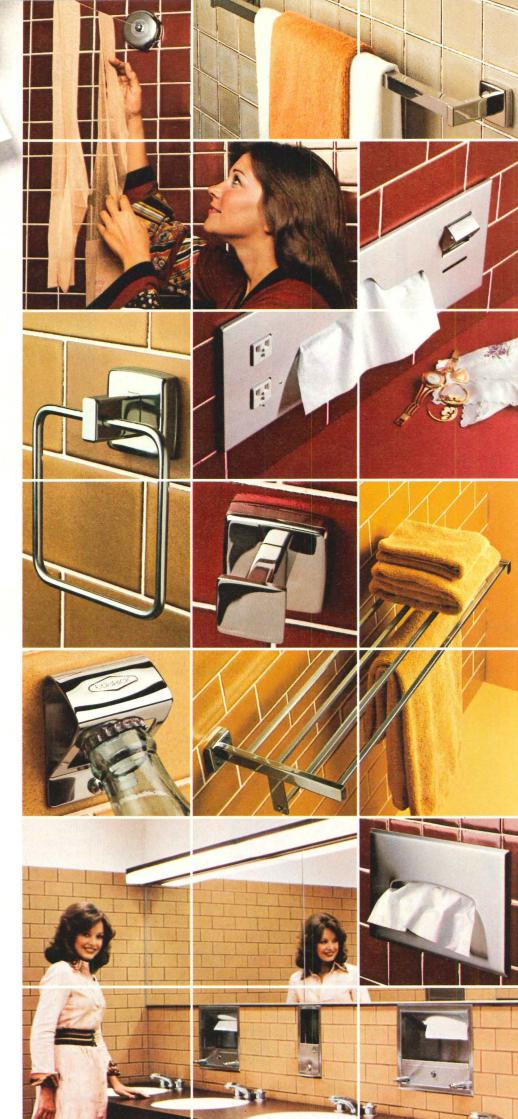
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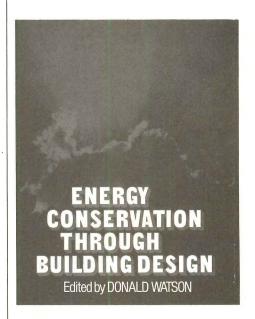
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Reviewed by John S. Reynolds, Professor of Architecture, Universit of Oregon; principal, Equinox Design, Inc., Eugene, Or.

This book is a collage of work by architects, engineers teachers, and researchers; it has something for everyone in terested in conservation and building. It is not likely that everyone will find all contributions important, but that is o little consequence and should be expected in works of this type.

Commercial building design is emphasized; this is the book's great strength and its weakness. The strength become evident, chapter by chapter. The weakness rests in the way in which the subject of high internal gains in commercial buildings is somewhat downplayed. Although several contributor include analyses of these gains, only Fred Dubin really goe after electric lighting as the culprit that it is. Too many authors seem to have accepted high internal gains, then pointed out the folly of high insulation levels in an always-overheated building, or to have minimized the role of solar heating in commercial buildings that "don't need it."

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Dubin makes the point that needs reinforcing throughou the book: we should seek to replace electric lighting with day lighting, and when more windows result in an increase in space heating needs, seek an *appropriate* heat source. Electric lighting is a thermodynamically inappropriate source of space heating, in contrast to waste heat and solar energy. By accepting high internal gains, we come close to missing some of the fundamental changes encouraged by conservation; we wipe the forehead of our feverish child, rather than break the

fever.

The articles include the retrospective and the prophetic; in the wide technical range, we go from being tantalized by Steir and Serber's idea of an energy-estimating handbook to being led, step by step, through Balcolm and friends' Solar Fraction Method. Such a gathering of information needs more structure in order to get quickly to what will inspire, inform, anger or surprise you. Some readers will know which authors to [Books continued on page 140]

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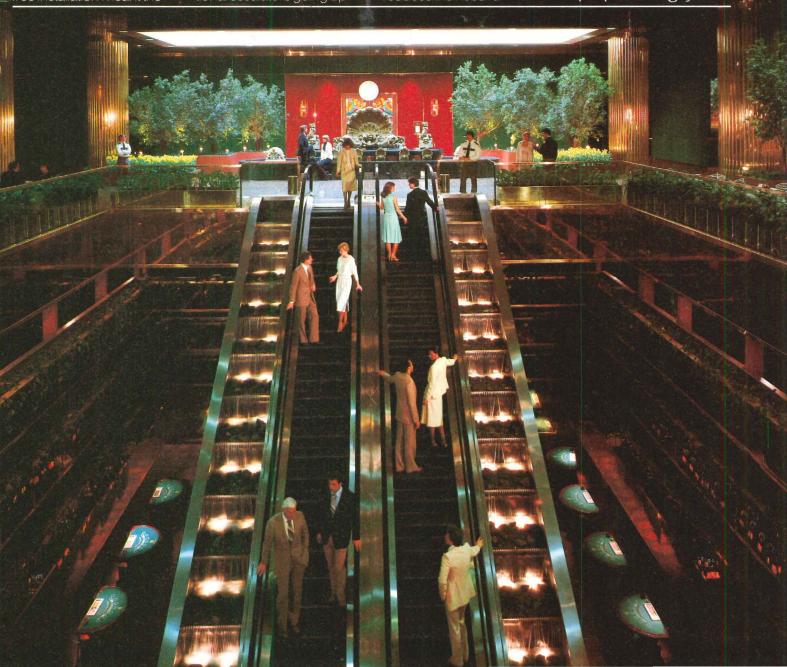
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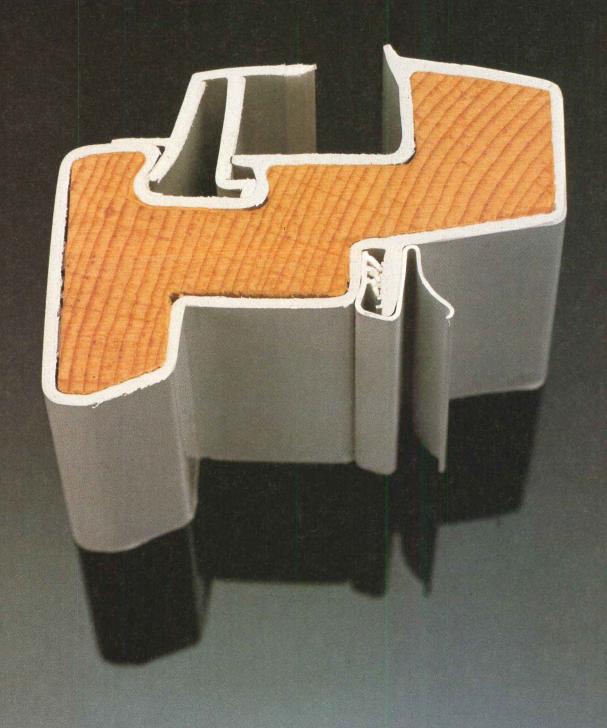
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read, while others will seek out titles. A good third way to begin is to read editor Watson's first and last chapters.

Watson's first chapter sets the tone nicely, reviewing how "fossil fuels became the energy substitute for climate responsive building design." Detailing the advantages to own ers, occupants, and society of energy conservation in buildings, he asks "If energy-conserving building design is ethical wise, and economical, why then is it not inevitable?" The las chapter provides some answers, along with a concise sum mary of most of the articles in between. Watson's analysis of architectural design and institutional barriers shows why con servation is not yet inevitable, and he calls for a conservation initiative. Thus challenged, you can then take the chapters ir whatever order appeals to your aesthetic, ethical, or technica

For the scholar who seeks precedents and relishes idea new and old, there is Bruegmann and Prowler's richly illus trated historical perspective; the section on ventilating methods is particularly appropriate to the rest of the book There are Knowles's observations on solar rights, beginning with "Shouldn't we be concerned with what is moral before we are concerned with what is legal?" Steadman asks us to "think-line" instead of "think-blob," advocating a linear pat tern of city growth that allows decentralized energy sources and features urban belts around areas of green, in contrast to the greenbelt approach. Eccli follows with appropriate technology's response to quick-cheap-and-die-young building philosophies.

For the designer who enjoys approaching the sea of the technical (but who prefers to stay on the beach), there is the largest group of chapters. Stein's first article presents a frightening picture of the increase in energy consumed in operating New York's office buildings, from 1950 (128,900 Btu/sq ft) to 1969 (266,400 Btu/sq ft). Then follows a detailed review of energy conservation options in two Albany office buildings, which is expanded in his later article with Serber to include energy saved in construction techniques. It is regret table that so many of Stein's numbers are not also presented graphically, and that the graphs that are presented are clut tered with extra lines and words jammed in. Would that the graphics were up to the content!

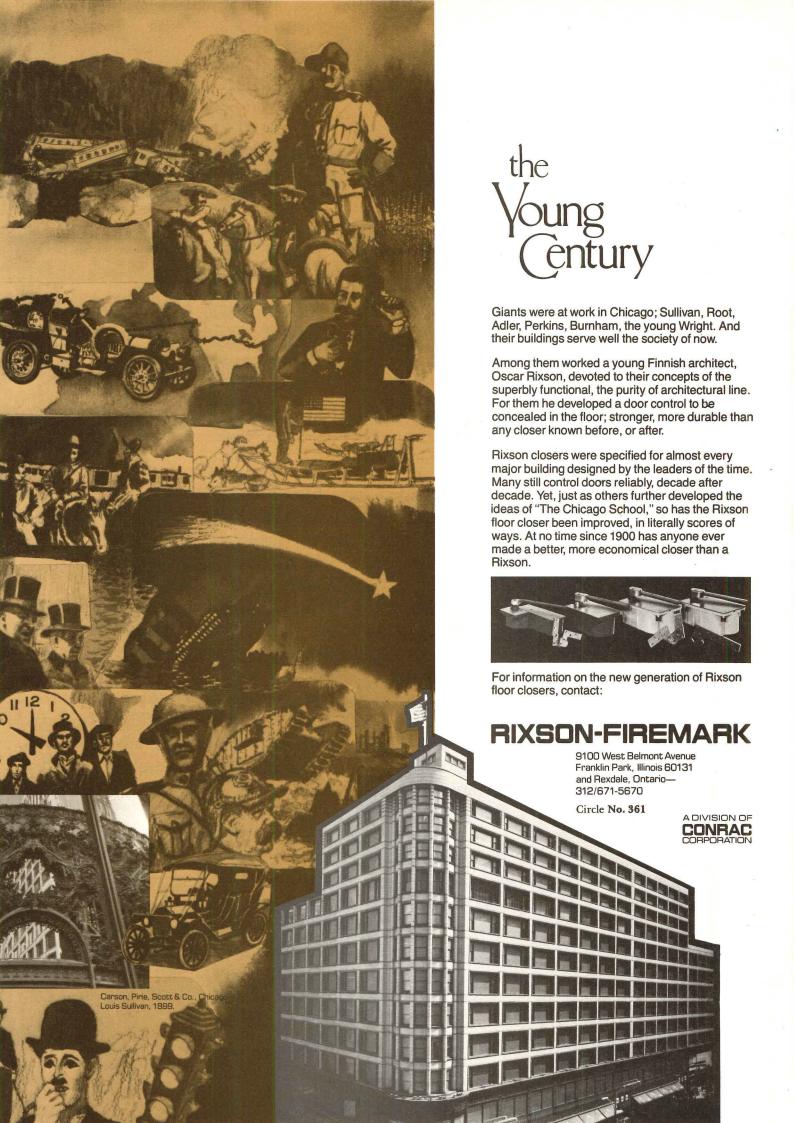
Stein and Serber approach the developing subject o energy embodied in building materials and processes, bu there is no readily useful table of these values. It is not easy to make a design decision based on energy embodied when, for example, wood shingles are shown as 7315 Btu/sq ft while ar aluminum alternative is listed simply as aluminum sheet 95,943 Btu per pound. The authors point out that they are developing a handbook to aid in such energy decisions, which will certainly be welcome.

Milne and Givoni present the beginnings of design ap proaches to naturally tempered buildings, using the psy chrometric chart as a base rather than Olgyay's easier, bu technically limited, Bio-climatic chart. (A technical note or the use of the psychrometric chart is thoughtfully included which would make a nice introduction to the subject for archi tecture students.) Their approaches to evaporative cooling methods are especially pertinent to the commercial building subject, and, in a later article, Dubin fills in some more technical details and opportunities.

Arumi dazzles with examples of detailed answers available from computer analysis; some tradeoffs between daylighting heat flow, and electric lighting in window sizing were promising, as was site analysis of the adjacent reflections and shadows from a high-rise reflective-glass building. He presents surprisingly simple rules of thumb (p. 149) that tell a designer how critical is the inclusion of thermal mass for both heating and cooling. Arumi also cautions: "Without in telligent questions, even computer-generated answers are no going to be helpful," which I found the case where much effort was spent to track a momentary lapse in a fixed April-August sunshading device: why fix a device to shade in both cool April and hot August?

Getting further into technical details, designers and en gineers should enjoy reading Spielvogel's and Dubin's arti

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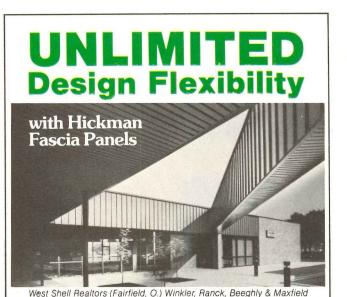
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cles, which might have been placed side by side. Spielvoge lists the reasons, in order, for energy consumption in commercial buildings. He emphasizes that most of the building energy consumption occurs during average weather, and points to the "occupant factor" as critical to conservation. A building shouldn't be consuming energy while empty, he reasons; "Even an inefficient system that is turned off when no needed will use far less energy than an efficient system that can't be turned off."

Dubin reinforces the above, adding extensive lists of where to start looking for conserving steps, and what further conservation innovations are needed. He opens with a summary of what a building owner's goals are, contrasted with the goals of society. It could well have been this book's preface.

of society. It could well have been this book's preface. Finally, the detailed how-to-do-it chapters, beginning with Yellott's tour of glass performance data. (He always adds side views, and they usually are entertaining.) This article ever presents U-values for ordinary window drapery, along with the variations in U-values for many conditions of climate and orientation.

Balcolm, Hedstrom, and McFarland explain the basis for their passive design performance estimating procedure, with appropriate cautions about such things as 100 percent solar heating being accompanied by enormous temperature swings. For a designer interested in tradeoffs with therma storage walls, this article fills the need. Their technical note presents the step-by-step monthly solar fraction process, the most detailed application procedure in the book.

Marshall and Ruegg are almost as detailed in their exposition of life-cycle costing, cautioning that it can be manipulated by the user (Spielvogel goes further in casting doubt). It is another excellent introductory summary of a subject, especially useful to students, which gives both the theory and the application process. I wish that they had provided more backup information for their potentially very useful tables for example, a map should be included so a designer knows which "zone" of the U.S. is applicable to a project (their table simply calls out I through VII).

In summary, the book challenges, inspires, and sometime amuses those interested in conservation in buildings. In gen eral, the designer must go to the source articles or publications from which these are exerpted in order to apply what i here suggested. As a catalog of ideas, cautions, and source of further reference, it is an excellent collection.

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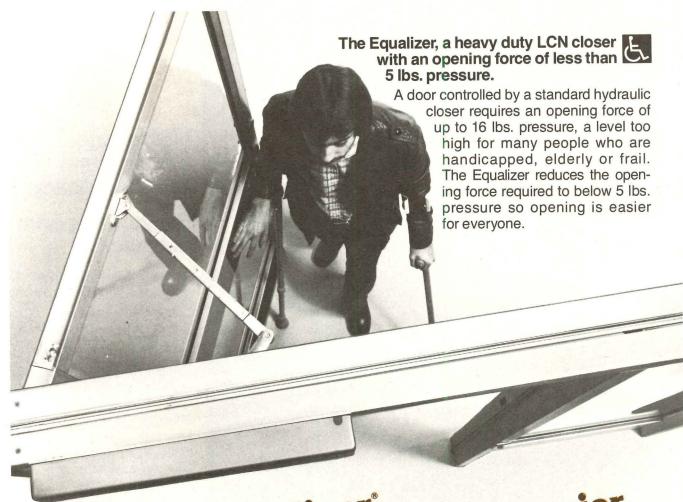


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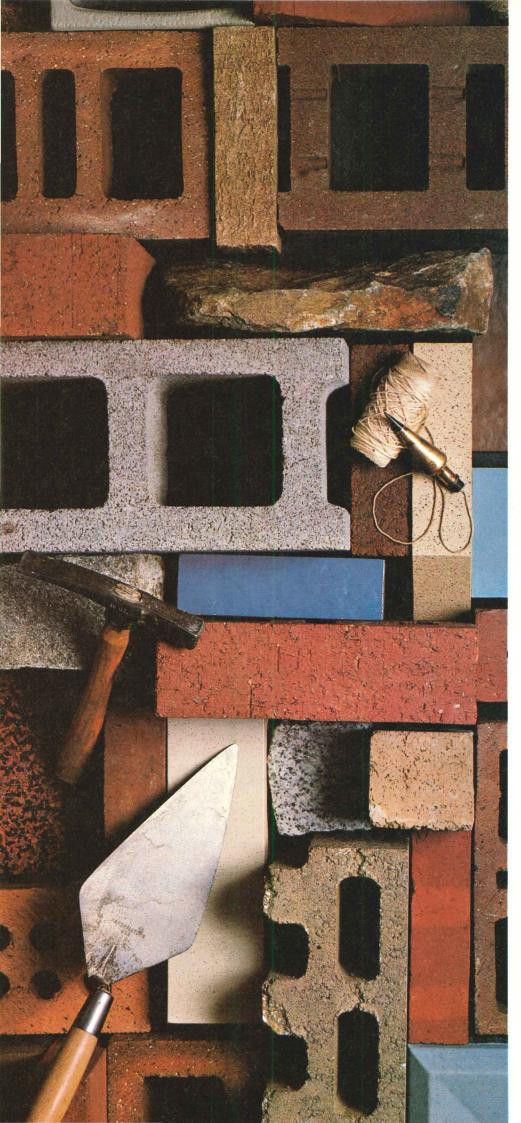
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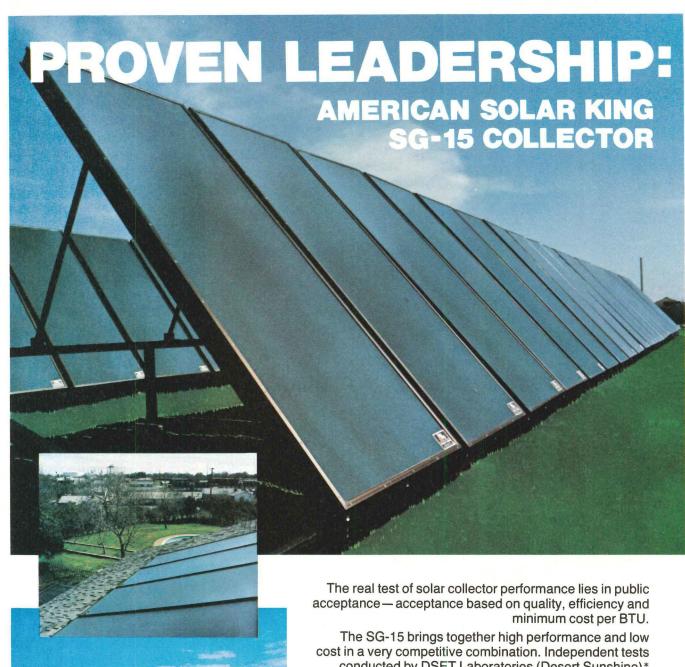
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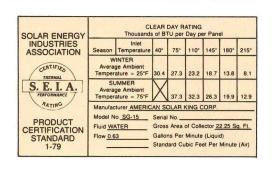
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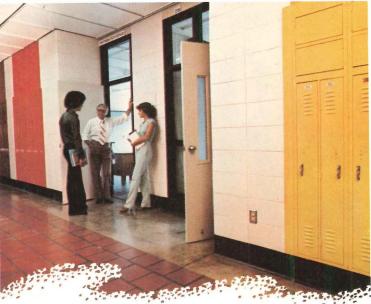
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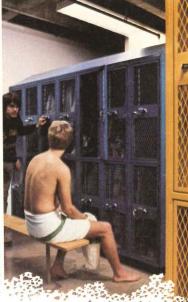
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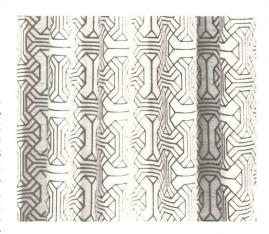
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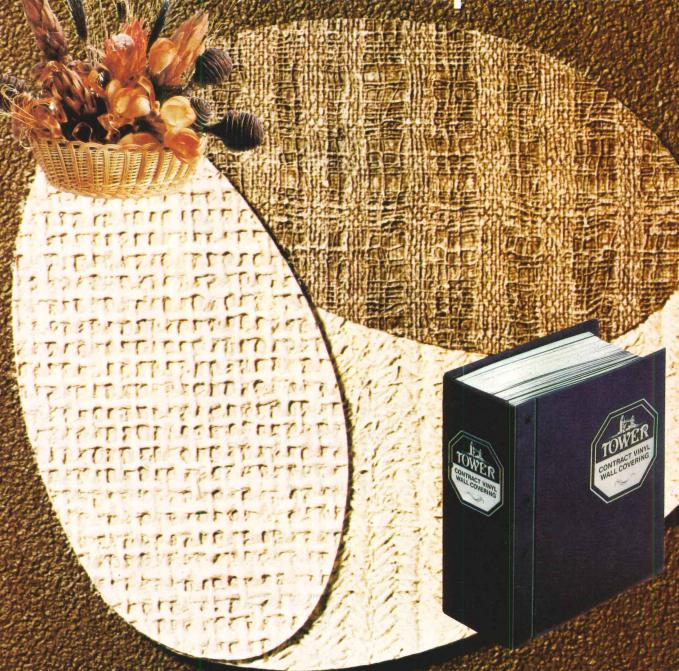
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Sundirector and Sundirector II (for southernmost climates) provide solar water heating. Water is circulated by means of a pump from the water source to the collectors, then into the storage tank for domestic use. When solar heat is unavailable, the system drains down to prevent freezing. A heating element is used for backup heat when solar energy is not available. Rheem Water Heater Div., City Investing Co. Circle 119 on reader service card

E CUBE III (Energy Conservation Utilizing Better Engineering) is a computer program that estimates the monthly and yearly energy consumption of buildings based upon calcula-tions of thermal load requirements, air-distribution system operation, and primary heating and cooling equipment. Mainline programs are Load calculation, Energy requirements and systems simulation, Equipment, Economic analysis, and Data edit. Support programs are Response factors and Weather and permanent data. The program was developed by the American Gas Association. Cybernet Services, HQWO5H Control Data Corp. Circle 120 on reader service card

Other literature

'Lexan® products for architectural applications' is a 20-page brochure that illustrates the many uses of Lexan sheet in glazing. Data are provided for several glasses and detail drawings show typical glass systems for interior and exterior installation. General Electric Co. Circle 206 on reader service card [Literature continued on page 161]

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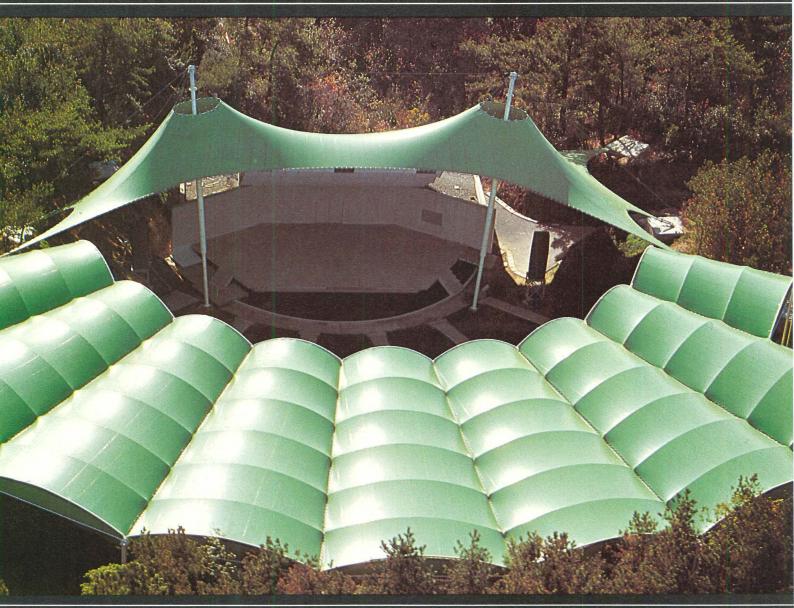
Ten awards will be made by a professional jury. Professional Adviser for the competition is Elisabeth Kendall Thompson, FAIA.

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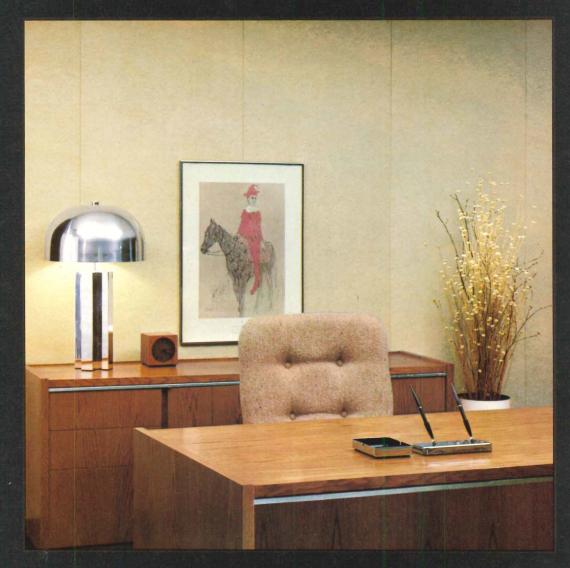
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Vertical blind product manual provides detailed descriptions and color photographs of standard, universal, and Flexalum verticals. The 20-page manual hows colors and textures of the vanes which are wool, acrylic, aluminum, or PVC. Product specifications are inluded. Hunter Douglas Window Prodicts Div.

Circle 207 on reader service card

Commercial furniture presented in Catalog 1-80 includes office lounge, reception, and conference There are gang chairs, stacking tables and chairs, and table bases. A foldout section shows colors available in upnolstery fabrics, thermoplastics, and frame finishes. For a copy of Catalog 1-80, write on professional letterhead to: Fixtures Manufacturing Corp., 1645 Crystal, Kansas City, Mo 64126.

Carports, garages, and enclosed parking brochure illustrates these structures for multihousing construction integrated with several building styles. Drawings illustrate components. General specifications are included, along with instructions on how to specify. The structures are engineered to withstand 90 mph winds and heavy snow loads. Installation service is provided. Childers Manufacturing Co., Div. of Overhead Door Corp.

Circle 208 on reader service card



Washroom equipment, described and illustrated in a 56-page catalog, includes over 700 stainless steel items. Colors and woodgrains are featured on many products. New are the Designer Series and the Trimline Series of recessed accessories which come in metric dimensions. Bobrick Washroom Equipment. Circle 209 on reader service card

Low Level Floodlight (LLF) brochure B40 describes outdoor lighting that doesn't require poles. Drawings illustrate its use in courtyards, plazas, resorts, sports centers, malls, and similar installations. The 32-page brochure includes information about light distribution and installation. There are drawings of suggested designs for concrete pedestals. Kim Lighting, Subs. of Walter Kidde & Co., Inc.

Circle 210 on reader service card

Lascolite® fiberglass-reinforced panels, both opaque and translucent, for industrial, agricultural, institutional, and residential buildings, are described in an eight-page guide for designers. The brochure discusses resistance to weathering, chemicals, and fire, and includes a table illustrating a sample of profiles available as well as data on sizes, weight, and coverage. Lasco Industries, Div. of Philips Industries, Inc.

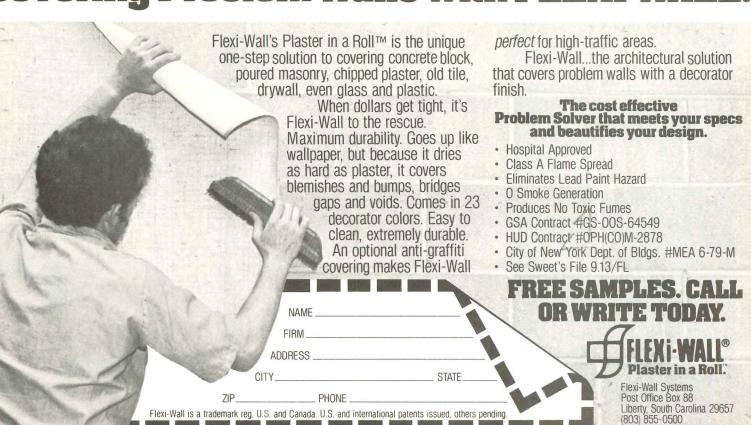
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Ceramic tile sound-rated interior floors. Specifications and drawings are available for four types of sound-rated floors that can be used in installations governed by noise regulations. They include mortar method with either wood or concrete subflooring, and thin-set method with either wood or concrete subflooring. Each specification sheet includes recommended uses, installation requirements, materials, preparation by other trades, and ceiling assembly below. Ceramic Tile Institute.

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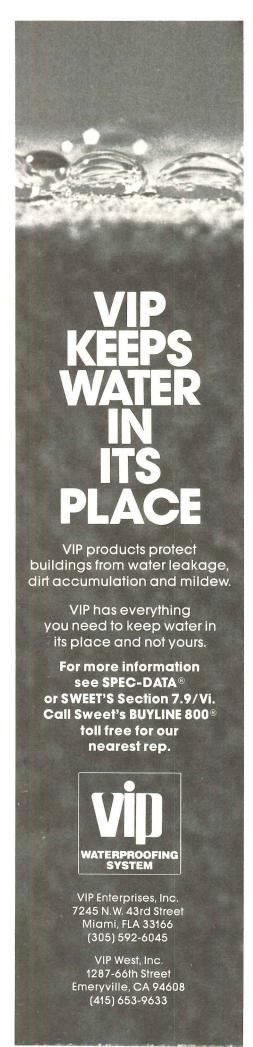
SolaRoll consists of a heat absorber/ exchanger mat and framing strips for [Literature continued on page 162]

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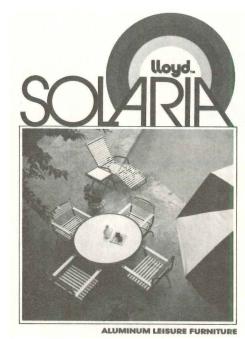


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attaching glazing. Made of EPDM elastomer, the components will not rust, rot, corrode, chip, crack, or become brittle, says the manufacturer. Temperature range is -60 F to 375 F. A six-page folder describes the components and illustrates typical installations. Pro-Energy Systems, Inc.

Circle 213 on reader service card



Solaria is vinyl-strapped aluminum pool and patio furniture for hotels, motels, and resorts. The catalog lists 26 items including sun cots, lounges, loafers, chairs, tables, and umbrellas, which are also shown in color in typical settings. Lloyd/Heywood-Wakefield.

Circle 214 on reader service card

Moduline 100 Escalator Planning Guide contains clear acetate construction overlays of side and end elevations of escalators in 1/4-in. scale. Building support and flooring details and construction details are included. Westinghouse Elevator Co.

Circle 215 on reader service card

Industrial/professional sound products are described and illustrated in a fourcolor, 32-page catalog. A variety of loudspeakers, theater systems, mixers, power amplifiers, microphones, and special purpose electronics and accessories are included. Altec, Sound Products Div.

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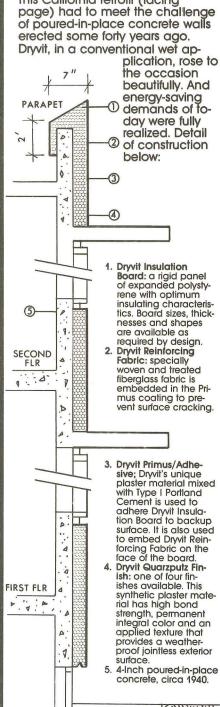
Area separation walls, Series IV, for use in nonbearing walls between wood frame dwelling units provide a two-hour noncombustible fire-resistance rating with a 31/2-in.-thick wall. Drawings show components of the assembly and illustrate the installation procedure on foundation, in intermediate floors, as interior or exterior walls, and at roof. Flintkote Co.

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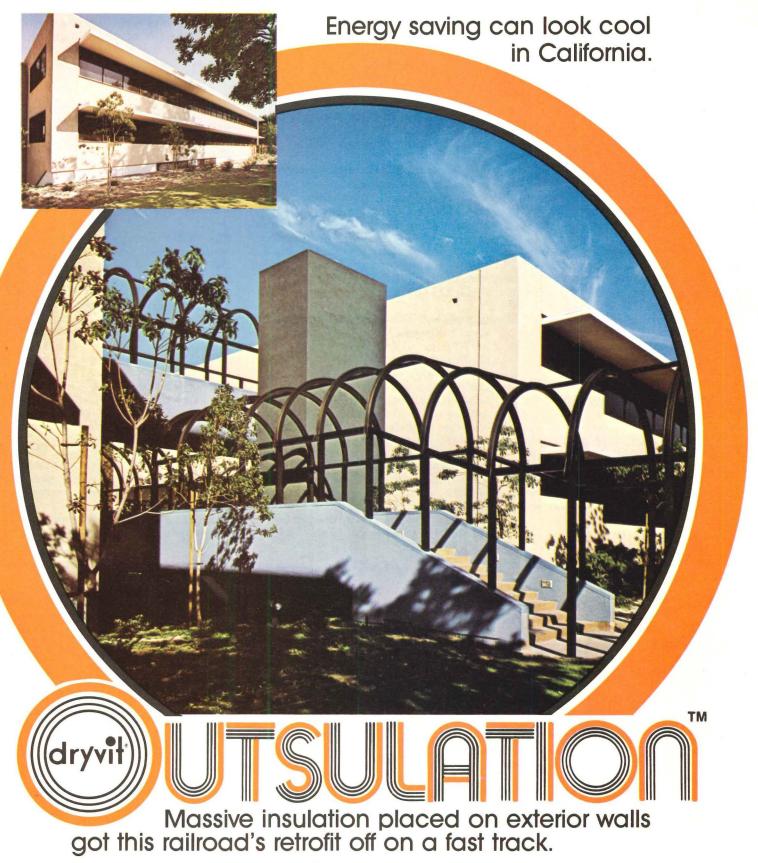
This California retrofit (facing erected some forty years ago.



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Circle 218 on reader service card

Surface-mounted lighting for a wide range of indoor and outdoor applications, including some linear fluorescents, is shown in an 84-page catalog. Drawings show dimensions, and descriptions provide information about finishes available. Also included is a section on lighting performance data. Prescolite.

Circle 219 on reader service card

1980 Window and gliding door catalog provides detailed descriptions of the types, characteristics, and sizes of all the company's windows and gliding doors available. Along with other general information, the catalog contains data on insulating values and heat gain, types of triple glazing available, and air infiltration ratings of window and door units. Andersen Corp.

Circle 220 on reader service card

Building products catalog for 1980 covers nine products: paneling, siding, gypsum board, lumber, plywood, particleboard, roofing, insulation, and metal products. Information is provided on specifications, assembly, and installation, with application photos and product details in full color. Georgia-Pacific Corp.

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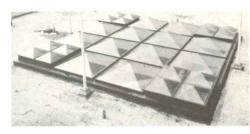
The Gemini Synchronous Inverter is used with intermittent power sources such as windmills, photovoltaic arrays, and solar collector systems to convert current from DC to AC. The system, how it works, application considerations, specifications, and typical applications are provided in a 12-page brochure. Windworks, Inc.

Circle 222 on reader service card

'Simplified Wind Power Systems for Experimenters,' written by Jack Park, is an 80-page book of information needed to design and build a complete system for electricity, water pumping, and similar installations. It covers simplified site analysis, load estimation, windmill sizing and design, and systems. The book is \$6 and can be ordered from: Helion Inc., Box 445, Brownsville, Ca 95919.

Multi-Vapor Lamp features, performance data, and specifications are provided in a 12-page brochure. The metal halide lamps, which range in size from 175 to 1000 watts, can be used in new or retrofit installations. Lamp selector

chart shows criteria to be met in replacing 400-watt or 1000-watt mercury lamps with multi-vapor lamps. General Electric, Lighting Business Group. Circle 223 on reader service card



The Solar Energy Skydome, other skylights, and heat and smoke vents are included in a 16-page, four-color catalog. The acrylic plastic units are available with both single and double domes. Descriptions, specifications, and size charts are included, along with illustrations of various models. Wasco Products, Inc.

Circle 224 on reader service card

Insulated store fronts literature includes charts for estimating savings in heating and cooling costs when Insulated the store fronts and other low-rise windows. Six-page brochure also explains the reduced likelihood of interior damage from condensation. Kawneer Architectural Products.

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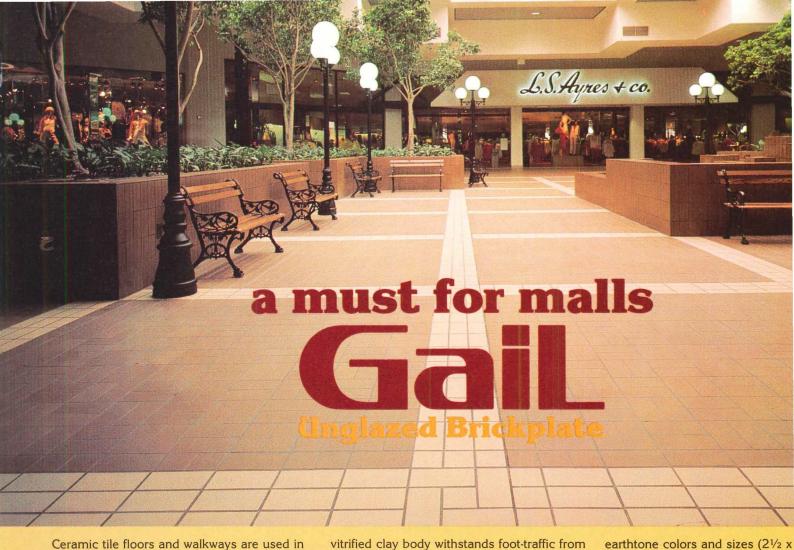
Colonnato table for residential dining, a number of corporations (including Polaroid and Arco) have designed their conference rooms and cafeterias around chairs and tables from ai.

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urface and wall fluorescent lighting. hirty-six page catalog/manual proides application and specification data bout fluorescent lighting. Surface iminaires can be used where recessed ghting is impractical, to maintain fireated ceiling integrity, and for flexibility hen layout changes require lighting to e moved. Lightolier.

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ecorative fluorescent luminaires, TL eries, for interior application can be all or ceiling mounted. They have a aked enamel finish in nine standard olors and the one- or two-lamp fixtures re 2 ft, 3 ft, or 4 ft long. Four-page rochure illustrates the fixtures and olors available and provides photomtry data. Columbia Lighting, Inc. ircle 227 on reader service card

Scotchtint' P-19 is window insulating lm which can cut heat loss during the inter and heat gain during the sumner. It also reduces glare. A chart in the our-page brochure shows fuel conumption with and without the film for arious zones of the U.S. 3M Co. ircle 228 on reader service card

arizone rooftop HVAC units, as decribed in a 24-page brochure, combine olid-state control systems with airandling control methods to produce 0 to 30 percent savings in power consumption, compared with conventional variable air volume and closed-loop heat pump systems currently available, according to the manufacturer. Each unit provides heating and cooling for two to 17 zones in a commercial building. The thermostat in each zone transmits information to a central analyzer, which determines the most energy-economical way of meeting demands. There are model sizes with cooling capacities of 16-45 tons, heating maximum Btu of 85,000 for gas, 512,000 for electricity, 1,000,000 for hot water, and 1,110,000 for steam. Lennox Industries, Inc. Circle 229 on reader service card

Packaged heat-pump systems are described in a product bulletin. The systems have heating capacities from 23,000-58,000 Btu and capacities from 23,000-56,000 Btu. Dimensions, performance data, and specifications charts are included. Illustrations show typical installations. Bard Manufacturing Co.

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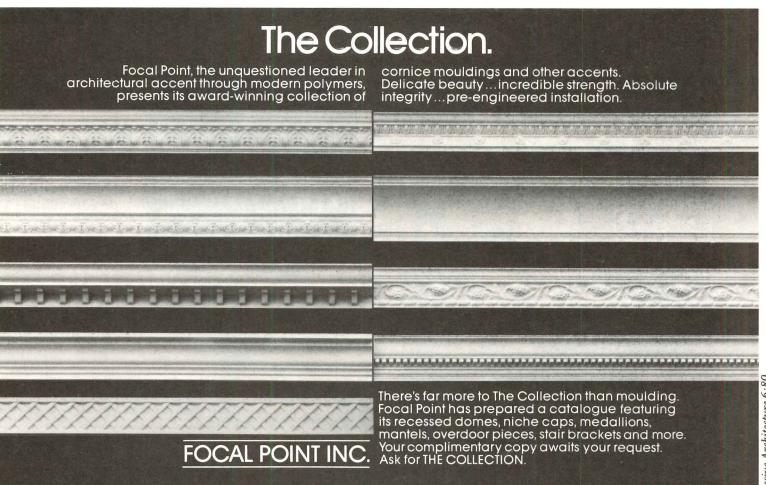
'Energy savings by design' is a 16-page booklet that discusses the advantages of Thermopane® insulating glass and Vari-Tran® coated glass products. Charts show savings possible with Thermopane in three office styles and five heating zones when heating fuel is gas, oil, or electricity. Copies at 25¢ each are available from: Libbey-Owens-Ford Co., 811 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Oh 43695.

Solar heating brochure describes company capabilities for providing solar heating technical assistance to architects, engineers, and builders for residential, commercial, and light industrial buildings. Included in the six-page brochure is a description of how the warm-air system works, along with a diagram of a house illustrating features and showing air flow. Data table summarizes costs and savings for two homes. Contemporary Systems, Inc. Circle 231 on reader service card

Solar components catalog, revised edition, is divided into 14 sections: collector covers, sealants and fasteners, installation accessories, absorber plates for air and water, coatings, insulation, differential controllers, liquid and air circulation devices, hardware, passive and active collectors and systems, and educational material. The catalog, "Solar Components" is \$2 and is available from: Solar Components Div., Kalwall Corp., P.O. Box 237, Manchester, NH 03105.

Inryco/Wall® pre-insulated wall panels brochure illustrates panel construction, insulation and typical U-factors, and finishes. Fuel cost analysis compares the product with 8-in. concrete block construction, and test data are provided for wind loads, air infiltration, thermal transmission, and flammability. Inryco, Inc., Building Panels Div. Circle 232 on reader service card

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Solariums and passive solar green-houses. Sixteen-page brochure describes and illustrates several green-house models, some with solar heating equipment. Also described and illustrated is a passive solar house built for the U.S. Dept. of Energy at Brookhaven National Laboratories. Four Seasons Solar Products Corp. Circle 233 on reader service card

Axivane® fans are described in an eight-page brochure. Comparisons are made of centrifugal and vaneaxial fans, with graphs provided to help interpret the information. Several types of fans are illustrated, with size and specification information provided. Joy Manufacturing Co., Air Moving Products. *Circle 234 on reader service card*

Mark V^(II) solar collector is described in a four-page bulletin. A cross-section diagram illustrates the construction of the collector. Technical specifications and performance data are included. InterTechnology/Solar Corp. Circle 235 on reader service card

The MPC-8901 Microprocessor Controller is described in a four-page brochure. The controller consists of four programs that unite electrical and mechanical systems: Power demand to

reduce demand levels; optimum start, which turns equipment on only as needed; on-off control, which operates mechanical equipment only when absolutely necessary; and duty cycle, which bases cycles on interior requirements and occupant comfort. Barber-Colman. Circle 236 on reader service card

Building materials

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

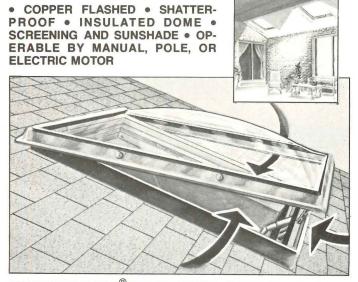
Champaign Public Library, Champaign, Il (p. 85). Architects: Hammond, Beeby & Babka, Chicago. Concrete block: La Barge. Steel, beams: U.S. Steel; columns: Fire-trol. Roof: U.S. Steel. Exterior wall: Maune Co. Interior wall: U.S. Gypsum. Windows: PPG. Doors, entrance: Tubelite; interior, Emerson Ceiling, suspended: Chicago Metallic; gypsum board: U.S. Gypsum. Caulking: Tremco. Insulation: Johns-Manville. Paint: PPG, Benjamin Moore. Hardware: Stanley, Corbin, LCN, Detex. Exterior signs: Superior Sign. Elevator. Long handrails: International Steel. Lighting: Holophane, Lightron. Electrical distribution: General Electric. Plumbing/ sanitary: Kohler, Chicago Faucet, Sloan, Sanymetal, Bobrick, Halsey Taylor. Heating: McQuay, Rite. Air conditioning: Nesbitt. Environments controls: Robertshaw. Carpets: Kemo Work stations: Herman Miller. Desk: All Steel, Risom. Library shelving: Estey. Cabinets: All Steel, Meilahn. Tables Meilahn. Lounge seating: Risom, Mu tihex; Breuer chair: Thonet; children seating: Aretmide. Blinds: Levolor. Up holstery material: Cartwright.

Tri-State Center Office Building Northbrook, Il (p. 88). Hammond, Beek & Babka, Chicago. Precast concrete Inland-Ryerson, Swanson Cast Stone Curtainwall: PPG. Precast plank floor and roof: Material Service. Windows PPG. Skylights: Plastico (roof); Circl Redmont (floor lights). Doors: Elliso Bronze, Williamsburg. Floors: Marbelit Floor Co. Roofing: Koppers. Caulking Tremco. Insulation: Owens-Cornin Fiberglas. Partitions: U.S. Gypsun Sherwir Detroit Graphite, Williams. Hardware: McKinney, Corbin, LCN. Security: Edwards. Signage Nelson Harkins. Elevators: Westing house, Williamsburg. Stairs: Schmid Iron Works. Lighting: Kim Lighting Metalux. Electrical distribution: Westinghouse. Plumbing/sanitary: Elje Sloan, Henry Weis Co., Parker, Wes tinghouse. Heating: American Stabili Air conditioning: York, Peerless, Balt more Air Coil, McQuay, Barber-Cole man. Environmental controls: Thermo dynamics. Blinds: Levolor.

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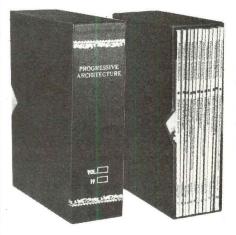
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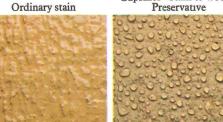
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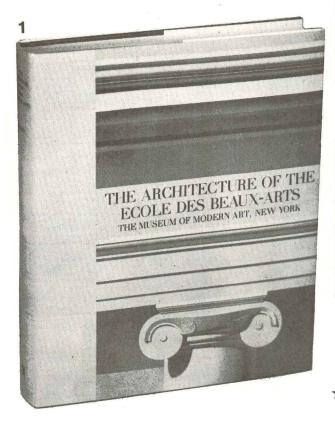
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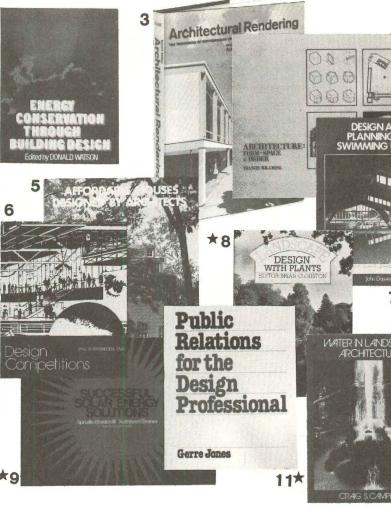
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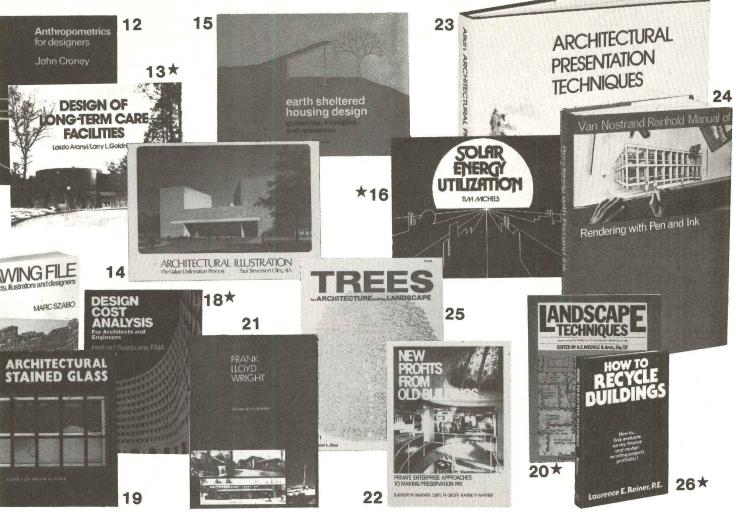
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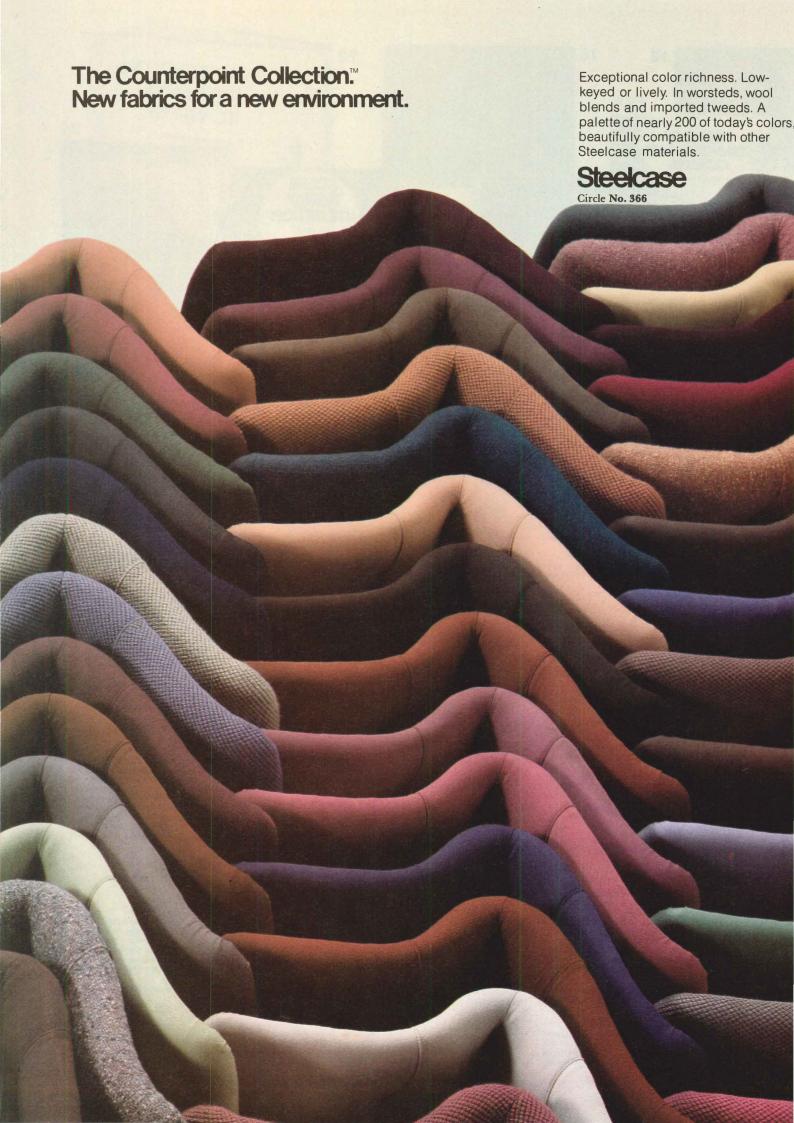
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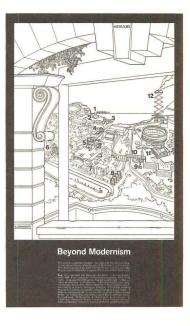
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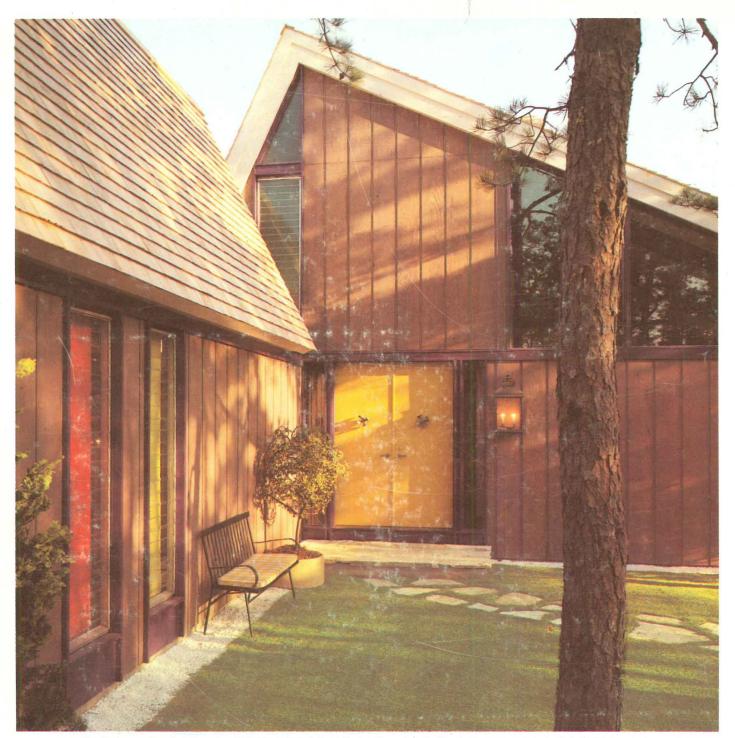
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