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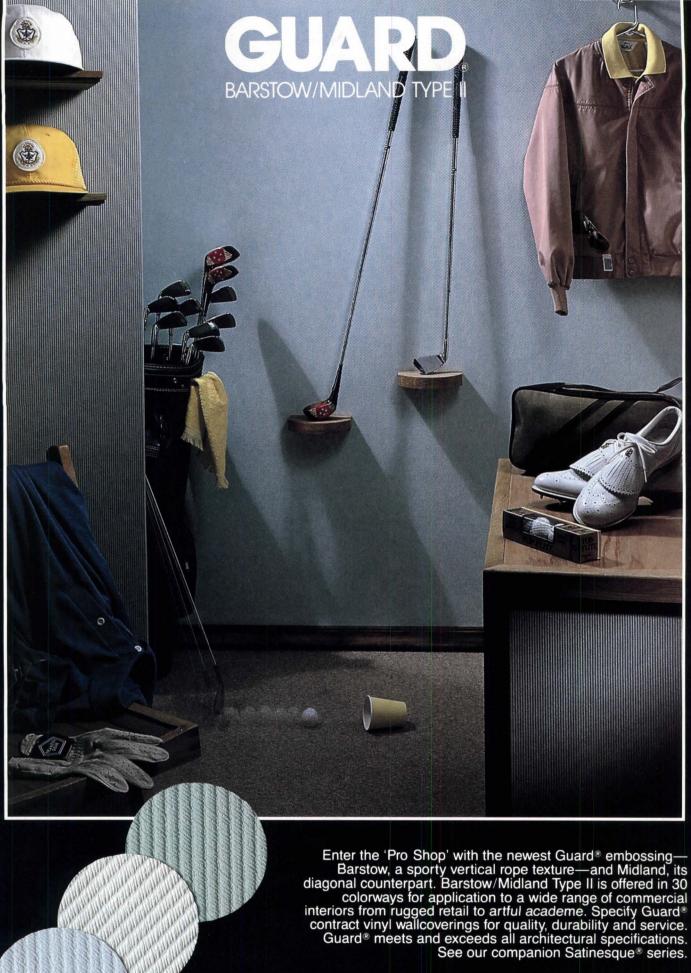
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Mean Streets

The visual ugliness of our communities is usually a result of mean intentions, bluntly expressed.

ON recent trips to places as far afield as Honolulu, Hawaii, and Edmonton, Alberta, I have found urban scenes as bleak and chaotic as those I observe regularly back at P/A's home base in Stamford, Connecticut. As in most American cities, the skylines of these places bristle with commercial towers that pop up in seemingly random locations, most of them instantly forgettable in form and surface, some trying for individuality with geometrical slashes or symbolic stick-ons.

At street level in such places, we find all too many blank walls, interrupted mainly by garage entrances and by those paved voids that justify names like One Acquisition Plaza. I recently attended a slide talk by the urban observer William H. Whyte, who showed a devastating series of blank wall photos taken in dozens of American cities and put in sequence by the number of saplings per photo (laughter from the audience as we graduated, for instance, from the two-sapling examples to the luxuriance of three). The longest blank urban wall Whyte has yet encountered—about 1100 feet—is on the Town Center shopping mall right here in Stamford.

As architectural professionals, we tend to condemn these scenes in visual, formal terms. We see these skylines as lacking apparent relationships, or distinguishing features. We see their sampler of cladding materials as visual disorder. We shudder at the lack of pedestrian-scaled detail or incident in those blank street-level walls. (At least, many of us do.)

If the problem were just formal, then the remedy would be contextualism, that doctrine of visual accommodation to surroundings that was championed by the Post-Modernists and is now widely accepted by the Modernists (even though it contradicts the intellectual basis of Modernism). Most of the profession realizes that contextualism helps: Better to match the color or the module of your neighbors, better to align a cornice with the one next door, better to echo a local formal device than to insert a totally alien architectural object.

But urban ugliness goes deeper than form or surface: It is rooted in the mean intentions behind most of today's urban buildings. Those chaotic skylines say that building investment is allocated on the basis of real estate gambles, not community needs. Those blank walls along the sidewalks say that economic forces have reserved prime street-level space for uses such as employee parking or communications equipment. On the downtown shopping malls, the blank walls express a more calculated kind of exclusion: planning that channels users to "magnet" stores past the longest possible indoor retail frontage.

Reinforcing the cold-hearted economics of the developers is the unfortunate social need for security. Easier access for the public would give an unacceptable advantage to vandals and shoplifters and invite the street vagrants to settle inside.

What we are building outside the downtowns is hardly less ugly. Those tracts of houses and condos sprawling across former farmland are ugly not just because of their formal monotony or pathetic trimmings of domesticity: They are socially dubious as single-class enclaves, marketed for their security, plopped on the landscape with no reference to community facilities except the road that runs by. At the exurban shopping malls, acres of asphalt are substituted for garages.

Market forces have not always produced ugly environments, of course. The traditional American Main Street may sometimes have lacked beauty, but it had a consistency of scale and detail, punctuated by exceptional structures such as churches and courthouses—everything on the street appealing in one way or another to passersby. Exceptional commercial concentrations, such as Times Square or the Las Vegas Strip, have carried public appeal to memorable heights of brashness and fantasy. But even barriers to the public can be pleasing to pass by: Consider the fences and grilles of traditional Far Eastern towns, or the massive street walls and protected openings of their Mediterranean counterparts.

Architects can combat urban ugliness in two basic ways. As a bloc, they can work harder to ensure that zoning ordinances, review boards, and such no longer permit (or worse, require) structures that are hostile to community life. With their individual clients, they can strive to organize functions for greater public appeal and adjust overall building forms to community roles. Then they should treat any parts that might still be forbidding with detail and incident that people can relate to—even at the sacrifice of formal rigor. These accommodating qualities are the objectives of contextualism and should be the goals of all architects.

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Views

HongkongBank: The Issue

Never again feel that you need editorially explain, forewarn or almost apologize for a single building issue. At least not when the building is so fascinating and the coverage as brilliant as you managed in March.

If you ever pull it off again, put the editorial at the end and say something like: "Pretty good, huh?'

Robert F. Gatje, FAIA Gatje Papachristou Smith New York, N.Y.

I would like to commend you for the extremely thorough coverage and analyis of the HongkongBank by Foster Associates (March 1986). The building forces one to ask two questions: does it offer a designer who is not engaged in opulent corporate architecture any lessons, and, is it really an exemplar of high technology?

The answer, which is no in both instances, is found in the custom-made aspect of the building. Except for the fact that the components are fashioned of sophisticated materials, the nature of the production methods and the extreme exclusivity inherent in the creation of so many unique elements does not bespeak a kinship with the essence of high technology. In fact the closest philosophical antecedent which such a custom-made building can claim is found in the Arts and Crafts movement of 19th-Century England. Reyner Banham is correct in assuming that the style of Mr. Foster will not easily weather an Atlantic crossing, but not because American designers abhor detail. It would root with difficulty because American architects have adapted to the intense pressures of a competitive market by using the less expensive products of high technology production lines. The HongkongBank is unquestionably a masterful work, but remains an impossibly mixed metaphor of technology and idiosyncracy. Tobias Guggenheimer **Bolt** and Guggenheimer Boulder, Colo.

Here is thanks from a non-architect for your March issue on the HongkongBank.

A collector of feng shui lore (who commends Sarah Rossbach's book, Feng Shui, to the curious), I meant simply to browse the issue and soon became totally absorbed. Susan Doubilet and Thomas Fisher have done a masterful explica-

Barbara M Walker Ossining, N.Y.

Kudos to *Progressive Architecture* for the comprehensive study of the HongkongBank.

I thought architecture was dead but I guess not! Richard E. Palmer, AIA Brookline, Mass.

Congratulations on your March issue. You are right on not wanting to drive or jump on a bandwagon. On the other hand it is necessary at times for the responsible press and individuals to balance the needle of the compass guiding the course of the development of architecture.

The practitioners of Post-Modern historicism are active in promoting their wares and receiving recognition. Concurrently the Mies van der Rohe exhibition at MoMA drives home not only the formal influence of his buildings but, more importantly, the underlying fundamental contribution of his work.

Similarly your thoughtful presentation of the HongkongBank is a most valuable demonstration of another important avenue.

The Post-Modern historicism often degenerates into digging up skeletons from the closet of history. At times this is the result of a lack of original creativity reaching for a crutch, a sterile application of an inappropriate second-hand stage set denying today's life.

Your issue demonstrates and teaches a lesson in solving today's problems by using the vast reservoir of advanced technology. It shows how that can be the driving force and inspiration for those who have the creativity

and inner strength to solve today's problems and advance architecture by today's means.

In examining the design of the HongkongBank it is gratifying to see the marked progression of High Tech. The Centre Pompidou was a remarkable and important step in High Tech's germinating process. It was, by hindsight and without denigrating it, utterly raw, possibly by design, even shocking. It was revealing the guts of its organism in an exhibitionistic way. An organism, plant or living body, doesn't expose its guts and bones indiscriminately. The organs are properly contained and protected, the bones covered by skin. Our body is ingeniously constructed, organized and at its best, perfectly proportioned.

Mies van der Rohe, while preoccupied by structural solutions using industrialized means, did not reveal the structure indiscriminately and was a master in coordinating and controlling a consistent building expression.

I believe the HongkongBank to be in that respect following the Miesian legacy. While Pompidou was uncontrolled, raw and rough, the HongkongBank, while articulated, is consistently controlled in its composition, exterior and scale. It is a mature, disciplined work of architecture-a work of art.

My thanks for giving it the deserved exposure with such clarity and understanding. Ladislav L. Rado, FAIA Biscayne Beach, Fla.

Liability and Legal Reform

"Legal Liability in Perspective" (P/A, March 1986, p. 55) recommends an aspirin for the architects' woes without offering even a hint of a cure.

Part of the legal community has lately found the building trade to be "fertile." It is common practice in our area for certain legal individuals to visit condominium associations and hold soliciting speeches. The owners then have an expert (supplied by the lawyer) go over their premises and look for flaws which otherwise would have

gone unnoticed. Around here it is totally impossible to design a condo and not get sued over it. The suggestion to cope with this situation by cutting staff salaries is utterly absurd. Some lawvers receive hourly fees in the thousands, many sue on spec. And our staff shall pay for that?

The United States is one of the very few places on earth where lawyers are permitted to charge contingency fees. If these were prohibited and a lid put on legal fees, the greed responsible for our legal problems would certainly be curbed. I think as a profession we can and should show some backbone and work actively toward legal reform as some medical groups have done. Karin Mannchen Architect & Planner Lake Worth, Fla.

[There is no doubt that the proliferation of lawyers in the United States and the ubiquitous contingency fee have exacerbated the liability situation. Cutting staff salaries is an utterly absurd solution, but this was certainly not recommended anywhere in the article. Working actively towards legal reform is, as Ms Mannchen suggests, the only real solution. As the article in question concludes quite clearly, the AIA is already working hard both to alert the practitioner to potential legal problems and to redress the situation at both the state and federal levels by pressing for reform. This may not be the miracle cure some would like to see, but it is certainly a step in the right direction.—Robert Greenstreet]

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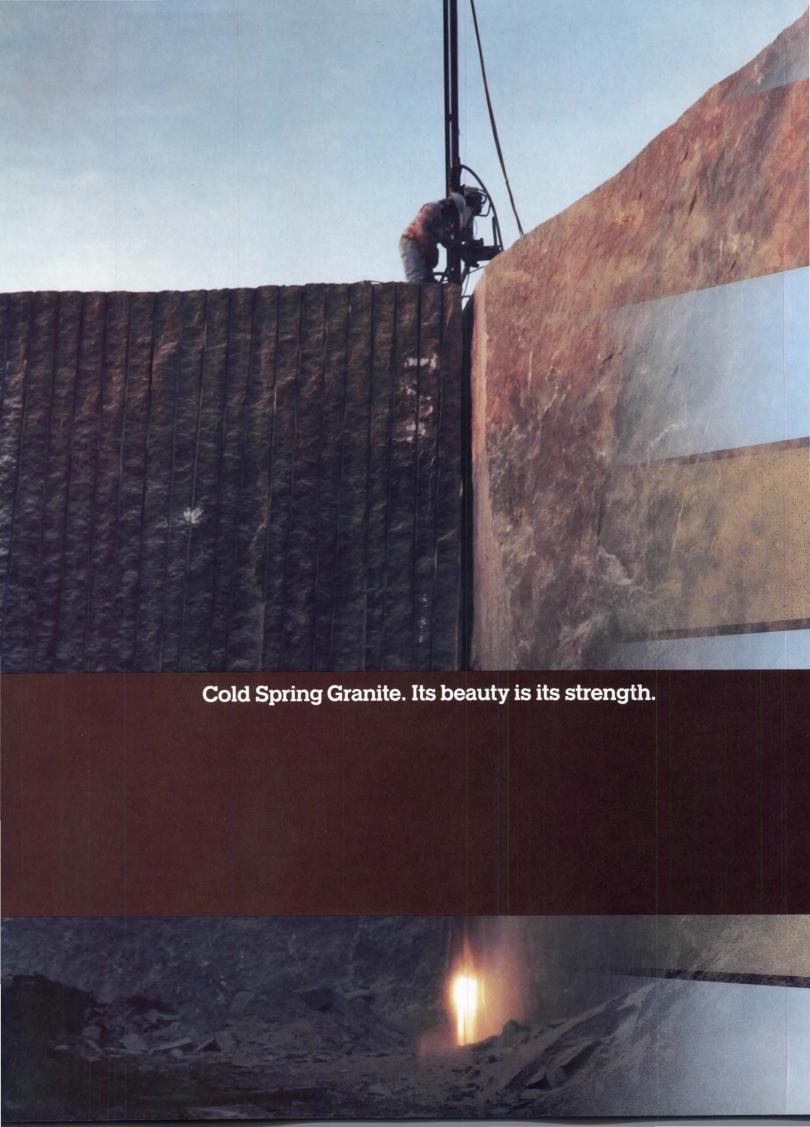
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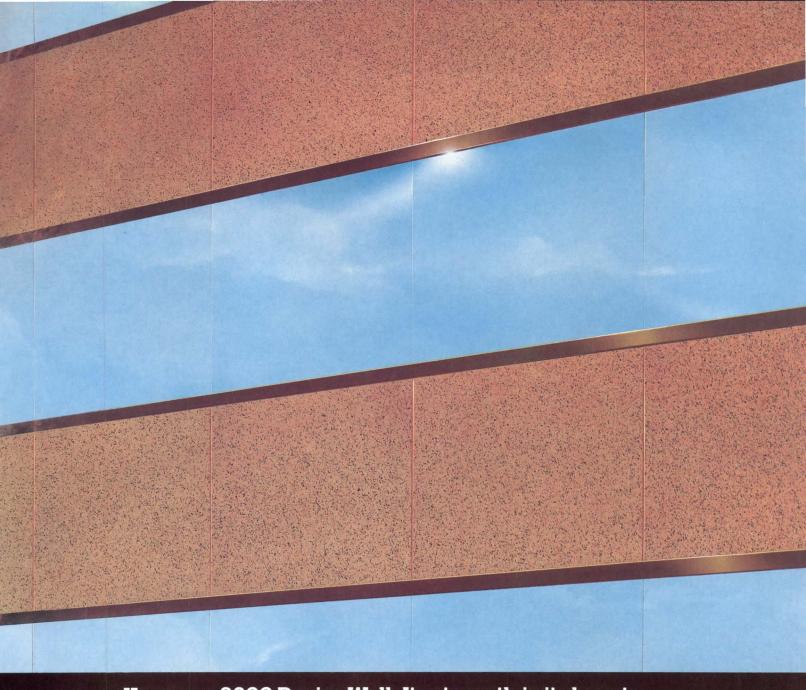
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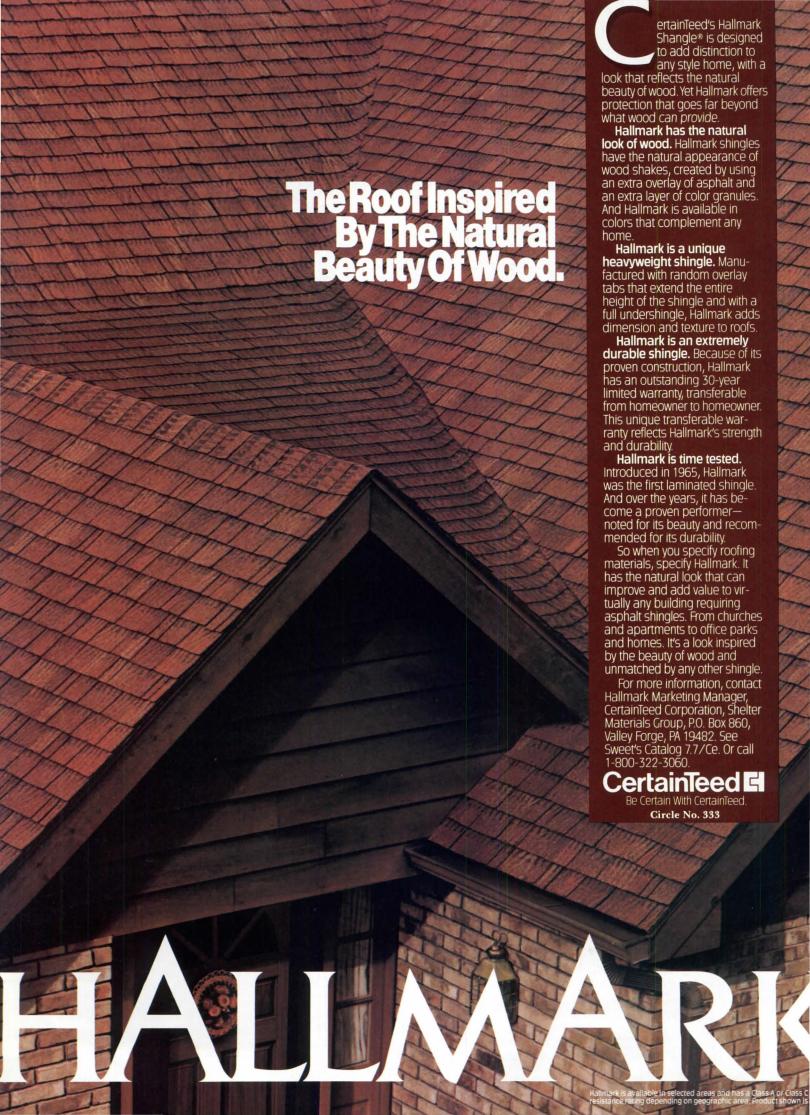
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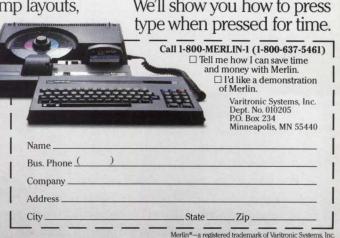
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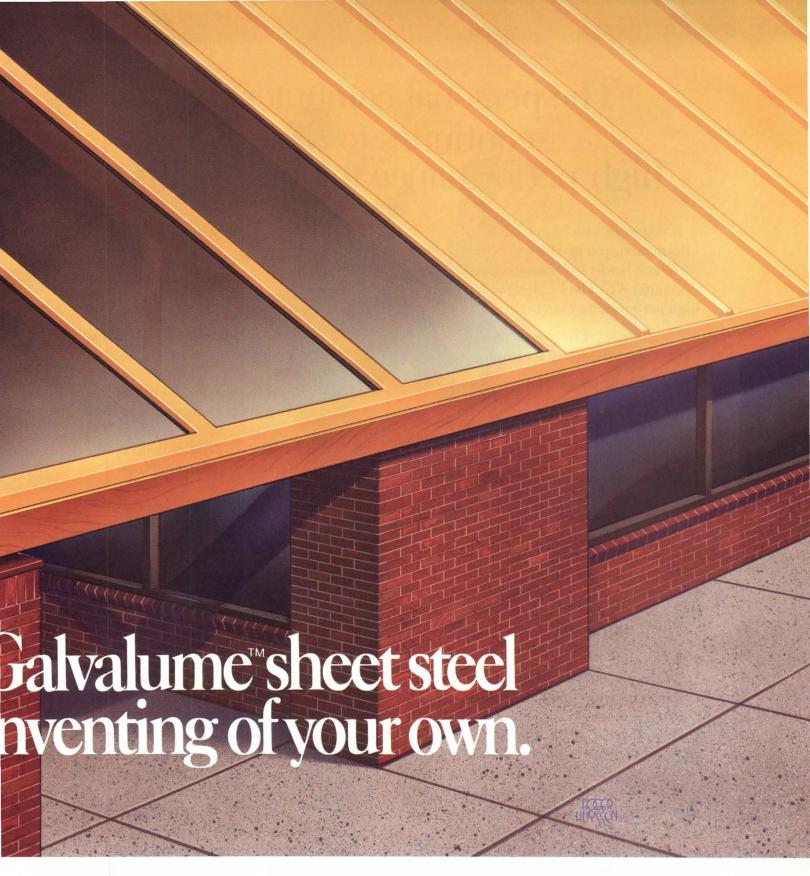
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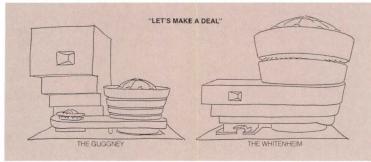




AIA Honor Awards: Modesty Counts

Among the 14 buildings chosen for this year's AIA Honor Awards, the most common attribute is small scale. Five of the winners are single-family houses; there are a couple of multifamily complexes, several institutional buildings, and only one commercial building, a low-rise suburban complex. All were cited for "sensitive treatments of diverse and complex sites," a judgment that P/A's editors can corroborate, in most cases, on the basis of actual experience.

The total absence of urban commercial buildings is surprising, particularly in a year when many such buildings are completed. This jury, presumably, did not admire such new landmarks as KPF's Proc-(continued on page 28)



Compromise proposal by architect/artist Tim Prentice

Update on the Guggenheim

While the trustees of the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York have beat a fast retreat, recalling Michael Graves's addition design for review with an eye to substantial reduction, those who guide the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum are sitting tight, waiting for the City Planning Commission to complete its review of their Environmental Impact Study. Opponents of their proposed addition, designed by Gwathmey Seigel & Associates (P/A, Dec. 1985, p. 25), find they have little public recourse; too young to be considered for landmark status in New York, Frank Lloyd Wright's 1959 Guggenheim also occupies a pocket strangely outside historic district boundaries on the Upper

Several recent developments, however, indicate the depth and breadth of public disaffection with the proposal. The New York Paper has accumulated over 3500 signatures for its petition to save the Guggenheim, endorsed by a cross-cultural crowd. "Frank Lloyd Wright's landmark," they write, "is being threatened with an alteration which would destroy the integrity of this unique architectural icon." In an open (continued on page 32)

CAD Trends at A/E/C Systems '86

The past year was a "turbulent" one for producers of computeraided design systems, according to a recent study by Daratech, Inc., a Cambridge, Mass., market research firm. Intergraph remains top producer, with just over 43 percent of market share, while IBM—with 11.4 percent has replaced Computervision in second place. Calcomp and McDonnell Douglas have also increased their market shares.

Equipment and applications behind these trends will be the subjects of seminars and exhibits at A/E/C Systems '86, scheduled for June 23-27 at Chicago's McCormick Place. This year's show will include conferences on construction management, design education, intelligent buildings, and liability. Contact A/E/C Systems, P.O. Box 11318, Newington, CT 06111.

Equitable: Art for All

One of the more successful corporate art programs to come along in some time made its debut recently at the new headquarters of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, located in New York on Seventh Avenue between 51st and 52nd Streets. The \$200 million, 54-story building, designed by Edward Larrabee Barnes, includes 1.5 million square feet of office space, a new branch of the Whitney Museum of American Art, and \$7.5 million worth (continued on page 26)



Pencil Points

Gottfried Böhm is this year's \$100,000 Pritzker Prize winner.

Arata Isozaki is the 1986 recipient of the Royal Institute of British Architects Gold Medal.

The AIA's public membership program, the Forum for Architecture, is being phased out at the national level. The reason given: the program can be better handled by local chapters.

Mary Means has resigned her position as president of the AIA Foundation, which administered the public membership and research programs of the AIA. No successor has been named, and the AIA is now evaluating the Foundation's future.

Vincent Scully, Yale's fabled professor of architectural history, will receive the Topaz medallion for Excellence in Architectural Education from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the AIA.

Arizona State University is planning a two-stage competition to design an \$11.5 million addition to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Watch P/A Calendar for details when they are announced.

Moshe Safdie's Coldspring New Town in Baltimore is to be the subject of a design competition. See P/A Calendar, p. 55, for details.

The Oakhattan Group of Oakland, Calif., and New York have won first prize in the Harlem Infill Competition (P/A, Feb. 1986, p. 23). Second prize went to Campbell & Nielsen, third to Adele Naude Santos, and honorable mention to Stoner Duncan.

The Brooklyn Museum will sponsor an international, singlestage invitational competition for a 20-year phased master plan. The winner, to be announced this fall, will expand and reorganize the 1893 Mc-Kim, Mead & White museum, integrating it with the adjacent Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

St. Bartholomew's Church has not convinced New York's Landmarks Preservation Commission that rejecting the church's development plan would cause financial hardship (P/A, March 1984, p. 19). The case may go to court.



Lichtenstein's Mural with Blue Brush Stroke at Equitable.

Equitable (continued from page 25) of art in the building's public and private spaces (the former includes a lobby, through-block galleria, outdoor plaza, and three restaurants).

The Seventh Avenue lobby, an 80-foot cube, houses Roy Lichtenstein's 68' x 32' Mural with Blue Brushstroke, and Scott Burton's Lobby Furnishment, a 40-foot semicircular, green marble bench and "water table," to be completed by a 25-foot screen of tropical conifers. Also in the lobby are the renowned America Today murals by Thomas Hart Benton, originally created in 1930-31 for the New School for Social Research, and now thoroughly restored by their new owner.

The galleria walls are adorned with giant-scale wall drawings by Sol LeWitt. A brilliantly colored, 54' x 124' mural by Italian artist Sandro Chia depicts the Palio, the ancient horse race in Siena, in the bar of the Palio restaurant, which was designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. (All three restaurants are independently operated in space leased from Equitable.) Soon to come is outdoor seating, designed in granite by Scott Burton, for the building's public/outdoor plaza, which connects the new building to Equitable's former headquarters on Sixth Avenue, designed by SOM. And these are just the public areas. Equitable's corporate spaces, designed by Kohn Pedersen Fox Conway Associates in a tasteful Neo-Georgian mode, boast an impressive collection of 20th-Century American paintings and prints. The Whitney advised Equitable on many of the works in the program, which is curated by Pari Stave Choate of the Equitable Real Estate Group, Inc. To see so much impressive artwork accessible to the public in one corporate office building is an encouraging as well as an enjoyable experience.

What is so puzzling about this effort, however, is the undistinguished quality of the building itself—which is ironic, since it was Barnes who is said to have sold his client on the art program in the first place. A none-toofelicitous composition of pink granite and cream limestone, Barnes's tower can't seem to make up its mind whether it's a Modern skyscraper or a Post-Modern one. The 72-foot-high arched entrance leads into the surprisingly banal lobby, which looks disorientingly like the building's exterior; only the impressive artworks rescue this space from the ranks of the forgettable. From there up, the building is resolutely ho-hum.

Fortunately, we are seeing more projects like Equitable, in which commissioned art thoughtfully addresses its context. The driving force behind this effort was Benjamin D. Holloway, Chairman of the Equitable Real Estate Group; he believed that creating what amounts to a cultural landmark out of a corporate building would be good business as well as good citizenship. He's right about that, but why not go a step further and house these works of art in a building that is itself a work of art? Pilar Viladas



Swagged Leg Chair and Storage System.

George Nelson, Critic and Designer

George Nelson, one of the key figures in American industrial design, died on March 5 at the age of 77. Nelson, an architect, industrial designer, author, and educator, graduated from Yale College and the Yale School of Fine Arts and, as a 1932 recipient of the Rome Prize in architecture, wrote about prominent European architects of the day for P/A's predecessor Pencil Points. Upon his return to the U.S., he joined the staff of Time Inc., where he served as associate editor and later co-managing editor of Architectural Forum (1935-1944), and then as head of the Experimental Department of Fortune-Forum magazines.

Nelson's innovations in design ranged from his 1942 "Grass on Main Street," a planning precursor to the pedestrian mall, to his revolutionary Storagewall for Herman Miller that pioneered modular and office landscape furniture. Nelson's role as advisor to the manufacturer also included introducing Charles Eames to the company. And it was in the kitchen of the Nelsondesigned 1959 American National Exhibition in Moscow that the famous Nixon-Khrushchev debate took place.

Nelson maintained his own design office in New York for many years, pursuing product, communications, graphic, and exhibition design, as well as residential, commercial, and institutional architecture. A fellow of the AIA, the Industrial Designers Society of America, the Royal Society of the Arts, the American Academy in Rome, and a board member of the International Design Conference in Aspen, Nelson was in 1984 named Scholar in Residence at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum, the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Design, in New York. Pilar Viladas



George Nelson.



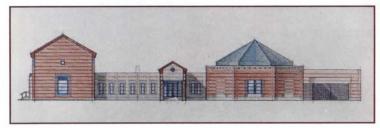
Pelli at Rice: Part Two

It's not often that an architect gets a return engagement relating to his own previous work. Cesar Pelli & Associates followed completion of the Jesse Jones School of Public Administration (Herring Hall) on the Rice University campus in Houston (see P/A, April 1985, pp. 86-97) with a commission to expand the adjacent Rice Memorial Center for student services and activities. Known as the Lev Student Center Expansion, Pelli's project increases the facilities from 50,000 square feet to 75,000 square feet.

The scope of this expansion provided enough program "meat" to reform edge conditions of the Center so that it might visually relate to Herring Hall and shape the campus space which both buildings bound.

The original Center was constructed in 1958 for a student enrollment half the present size, and the expansion will permit centralization of services into one main building from dispersed offices across the campus. The program comprises activity offices for the student newspaper, radio station, and year book, a large student lounge, multipurpose room, two private dining areas, and recreational areas. The building is reorganized, its entry shifted from north to west, where a corridor spine acts both as a unifying element linking the old and new wings, and as a covered porch for the new "front." This strategy, with its pragmatic connection to off-campus student parking, also points to a potential future expansion of the campus to the west, as suggested in planning studies by Pelli.

While the existing Center provided only a token acknowledgment of the architectural vocabulary of the pre-World War II campus (see critique by David Gebhard, P/A, Dec. 1981, pp. 60, 61), Pelli has suggested a treatment more sympathetic to the old Rice in terms of both massing and surface detail, while effectively tying into and extending the present building. While the parti of long, parallel blocks running east/west continues the campus pattern (as does Herring Hall), Pelli also introduces a new element in the form of the octagonal multipurpose room. This original element, moreover,



Pelli's Ley Student Center at Rice (Herring Hall at right, top).

extends a secondary feature of the Rice campus: that of subsidiary spatial features developed off the east/west axis. The new garden, defined by elements of the expansion plugged into the corridor spine, creates a more intimate space in relation to the major campus quadrangle.

Currently under construction, the Ley Student Center Expansion will be completed in time for the fall semester, 1986. Peter C. Papademetriou

Improving NEA Competitions

The competition has had its partisans and its detractors, and now, as the "boom" continues unabated, it has its pedagogues. During the month of April, the National Endowment for the Arts sponsored a series of four workshops for sponsors.

After five years of experimentation and 80 grants, the NEA's commitment to competitions is thus reaffirmed. Despite modification of grant program themes and a change in administration (with Adele Chatfield-Taylor replacing competition champion Michael Pittas), the competition continues to represent an important target for NEA funding.

There is new direction, acknowledging that the enthusiasm of proselytizing years led to mistakes. Workshop discussions revealed that selecting a competition type appropriate to a given program and assuring equitable, fair results for both competitors and sponsors are now paramount concerns for the NEA. In practice, this means that ideas competitions, when funded, are expected to have a specific foreseeable influence on public opinion, and that there will no longer be first prizes with no monetary value beyond the commission, or contests for sites that are not already secured.

The workshops and the excellent textbook prepared for them, The Planning and Administration of Design Competitions by Jeffrey Ollswang and Lawrence Witzling, reflect a growing tendency to provide help for those who promise to help themselves. Although the NEA pointed with pride to places now on the map because of their competitions, like Roger Williams College. Escondido, Calif., and Newport News, Va., they have recently invested in competitions like the no-risk, invited contest between highly qualified experienced designers of arts centers for the Arizona State Fine Arts Complex. Designers and sponsors can only applaud competitions with good prospects for a realized building; nevertheless, there must remain room for the occasional Cinderella contest. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., perhaps the most important built competition design of the past 25 years, if not the century, started out as a \$5000 grant to a group of volunteers.

Helene Lipstadt

The author writes frequently for P/A from Boston.

Osborn Named P/A Publisher

Robert Osborn has been named Publisher of Progressive Architecture magazine. Prior to joining P/A, Osborn served as Vice President and Group Publisher of the Penton publications Heating/ Piping/Air Conditioning and Chemical Engineering Catalog.

Osborn joined HPAC in 1952 in an advertising sales capacity. Since that time, he has held a wide variety of positions with the company, including Marketing Director of Reinhold Publishing Co., an operating division of Penton Publishing.

Osborn is a member of the American Society of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineers and the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. He replaces Peter J. Moore who has moved to the position of Advertising Sales Manager for Penton's Executive Network.

Proposals to House the Homeless

The Homeless at Home, at the Storefront for Art & Architecture in New York, March 2-29, was an exhibit that addressed the difficult topic of homelessness, and what architects can do about it. This subject, of much current interest to many architectural professionals, was explored in four days of meetings, seminars, and workshops last fall in Washington, sponsored by the AIA's Housing Committee (P/A, Jan. 1986, p. 40).

Fifty artists and architects participated in the New York show, organized by Glen Weiss and Rosemary Cellini, beginning with an open call for entries last April. Surprisingly, none of the artists' pieces captured the emotional resonance of the subject; the work by architects is much more successful, mainly because it seems more practical and more germane.

The show was not visually oriented; ideas prevailed over images, with a few exceptions. Architect Christopher Egan, of Austin, Texas, for example, designed a mobile shelter for two people that was practical yet jaunty and resembled a gypsy caravan. Other pieces fell into the utilitarian but worthwhile category; there's no room for design frills in the budgets of the nonprofit organizations that actually commission housing and shelters for the homeless.

The pieces in the show that seemed the most useful and yet troubling were those stopgap measures that accept the problem as permanent. Proposals that social spaces should be reorganized to accommodate street people, with more public amenities available, and comfortable street furnishings provided are last-ditch efforts; so too the mobile shelters that fit into unused spaces between buildings (continued on page 28)



Christopher Egan, Mobile Shelter.

Homeless (continued from page 27) or can be set up in the park at night, and a kit designed to turn shopping carts into temporary camps.

In the end, these serious and well-thought-out responses from architects only serve to point out the futility of their efforts. The problem is societal, not architectural, and until fiscal and governmental action results in the construction of adequate housing and lots of it, architects will not be directly involved in the solution. *Joanna Wissinger*

Two Shows on Hunt

The architecture of Richard Morris Hunt (1827-1895) is on view in two New York shows this month; one, entitled Richard Morris Hunt: Civic Architecture, is at the Municipal Art Society (through May 31) and the other, The Architecture of Richard Morris Hunt, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (through June 15). Both institutions have a more than passing interest in Hunt: He was a founding trustee of both and also designed the Fifth Avenue façade of the Metropolitan (1894-95), his last commission, completed by his son, Richard Holman Hunt, after his

Hunt was an important figure in the architectural profession in many ways; by the time of his death, he was widely acknowledged as "the Dean of American architecture." He was one of the founders of the American Institute of Architects, and through his own practice, established the principle of fixed fees for architects. Hunt was also the first American architect trained at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris; he brought French ideas of urban grandeur to the U.S., where English Romanticism had formerly held sway.

The MAS gallery is quite

small, but the exhibit there gives a good overview of the highlights of Hunt's career as a civic architect, including his unbuilt proposal for the four southern entrances to Central Park (1863), rejected by Calvert Vaux as not in keeping with the democratic nature of the park, and his base for the Statue of Liberty (1881–86).

The show at the Metropolitan is compendious, and includes all the buildings shown at the MAS, as well as a number of wonderful large-scale exhibition watercolors Hunt executed while a student at the Ecole. The show traces his early career in detail, and demonstrates his expertise with what were then brand-new commercial building types: castiron façade buildings, apartment houses, and skyscrapers. These designs refute the assumption that he only did palatial residences for the rich on Fifth Avenue and in Newport.

Hunt's skill in dealing with clients is also revealed; a doll-house-size model of Biltmore (1888–95) in Asheville, N.C., designed and built for George Vanderbilt, must have been a powerful selling tool; and his drawings of interior details from Marble House (1888–92) in Newport, for William Vanderbilt's wife, Alva, demonstrate his attention to detail.

Hunt was also a pioneer in his use of commercial photographers; he commissioned photography of most of his built work, and the surviving sepiatoned examples are on display at the Met.

These two exhibitions show-case a bygone era of conspicuous consumption, when the Robber Barons of the Gilded Age could afford palaces and Hunt was the architect who provided the plans. But they also establish him as something of an innovator, and a stalwart contributor to the profession.

Joanna Wissinger



Richard Morris Hunt, Union League Clubhouse, 1867.



Barnes/Avakian, Dallas residence.

AIA Honors (continued from page 25) ter & Gamble headquarters in Cincinnati (P/A, Oct. 1985, pp. 71–81) or Michael Graves's Humana tower in Louisville (P/A, July 1985, pp. 21–22). (Conceivably, they were not among the 600 entries, but since both firms have won Honor Awards in recent years, it is unlikely that they sat this one out.)

The winning houses were: steel and glass house in Chicago by Krueck & Olsen Architects (P/A, Dec. 1981, pp. 62-67); Bergren Residence, Venice, Calif., by Mayne & Rotondi Architects (a.k.a. Morphosis; P/A, Aug. 1985, pp. 88-92); a residence in Dallas by Edward Larrabee Barnes Associates and Armand P. Avakian Associates; Parker residence, Bainbridge Island, Wash., by James Cutler Architects; Wenglowski House, Deer Isle, Maine, by Peter Forbes & Associates. Multifamily housing included scattered-site public housing in Charleston, S.C., by Bradfield Associates and 500 Park Tower, New York, by James Stewart Polshek & Partners, with Schuman, Lichtenstein, Claman & Efron, Associated Architects (the only high-rise building honored).

The sole commercial winner was an IBM Corporate Office Building, Purchase, N.Y., by I.M. Pei & Partners. New institutional buildings honored were: Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, by Frank O. Gehry & Associates, with Brooks/Collier (P/A, Feb. 1985, pp. 67–77); Herring Hall, Rice University, Houston, by Cesar Pelli & Associates (P/A, April 1985, pp. 86–97); building for Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, by Cesar Pelli & Associates and van Dijk, Johnson & Partners.

Three winning remodeling/rehabilitation projects—a larger number than in any recent year—included: Gottesman Exhibition Hall, New York Public Library, New York, by Davis, Brody & Associates and Giorgio Cavaglieri; Kaskel Library, Hackley School, Tarrytown,

N.Y., by Keith Kroeger Associates; Battell Chapel, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., by Herbert S. Newman Associates.

The jury for the Honor
Awards was chaired by N.
Michael McKinnell, FAIA, of
Boston, and included: Charles
F. Davis, Seattle; Merrill Lynn
Elam, AIA, Atlanta; Dan Kiley,
Charlotte, Vt.; William C.
Muchow, FAIA, Denver; John
Pastier, Los Angeles; Robert
Tremonti, Troy, Mich.; William
D. Warner, FAIA, Exeter, R.I.;
Frank D. Welch, FAIA, Dallas.
John Morris Dixon

Institute Honors

Also to be honored at the AIA Convention in San Antonio this June are nine individuals and organizations for "achievements that enhance or influence the environment and the architectural profession" in ways other than designing buildings.

Honored this year will be: Antoinette Forrester Downing, pioneering preservationist, Providence, R.I.; David H. Geiger, structural engineer, New York; William H. Jordy, art historian, Brown University; Adolf Kurt Placzek, former librarian of the Avery Library, Columbia University; Cervin Robinson, architectural photographer, New York; Rudolf Wittkower, architectural historian (1901-1972); Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, for "an extraordinary building undertaking"; Gladding, McBean & Company, Lincoln, Calif., for maintaining the art of terra-cotta production; Master Plan for the U.S. Capitol, for sensitive direction of Capitol Hill develop-

Honorary Fellows

Chosen for elevation to honorary fellowship in the AIA are nine foreign architects (out of a permissible ten): John M. Davidson, Australia; Solange d'Herbez de la Tour, France; Abdel Wahed El Wakil, Egypt; Brian E. Eldred, Canada; Wilhelm Holzbauer, Austria; Henning Larsen, Denmark; Geoffrey Arthur Rowe, Great Britain; Heikke and Kaija Siren, husband-and-wife team, Finland.

The Sirens were selected primarily for building design, as were El Wakil, Holzbauer, and Henning Larsen. Herbez de la Tour was founding president of the International Union of Women Architects, and other honorary fellows have also contributed mainly in the arena of professional organizations.





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Toronto's Troubled Architecture School

On January 23rd, University of Toronto president George Connell announced the administration's intention to eliminate the Faculty of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. If the recommendation is accepted by Governing Council in June, the oldest architecture school in Canada will shut its doors in 1990, its centennial year, when currently enrolled students may expect to graduate.

Connell blamed the bombshell decision on a chronic shortage of provincial funding, to which the position paper issued by the university three weeks later adds "long-standing divisions within the Faculty," the inability of staff to attract research grants, and the "anomalous" position of the school in the university.

The administration's move, however, is only marginally related to money: some partisans contend it's really a way to punish a faculty long considered ungovernable. The problems of the school are by now legend. They center on the controversial figure of Peter Prangnell, chairman of the architecture school from 1969 to 1976, and now one of nine tenured staff. Prangnell hired a dynamic staff with strong links to the city, including Kenneth Greenberg, now head of Toronto's Urban Design Group; George Baird, a scholar of urban form; and Jack Diamond, a pioneer in infill housing.

But this coalition came apart. Faculty departed and the school split into two camps, one led by Prangnell and the other by Baird.

Under the deanship of Blanche Van Ginkel, from 1976 to 1981, the situation improved. Diverse points of view were represented, but teachers like Daniel Libeskind, Larry Richards, and Alberto Perez-Gomez fled the school almost as soon as they arrived. Antonio de Souza Santos became chairman in 1981, but he couldn't ride the maelstrom. In 1983, Jacob Spelt, a geographer, was parachuted in as acting dean of the faculty. He engineered a radical revision of the curriculum to emphasize scholarship and technical subjects as well as design.

Santos resigned as chairman in May 1983, but stayed on to teach as had Van Ginkel. With so many lingering ex-deans and ex-chairmen, power bases remained and resentments festered. But over the last three years, with Baird as acting chairman, the results of the new pro-

gram began to be felt positively. The university conducted a search for a permanent dean in late 1985 but balked at the final hour, Baird resigning in frustration. Faced with another acting chairman, third- and fourth-year students took a stand, boycotting some second-term courses and demanding the resignation of the acting dean and the formation of a new search committee. Baird and many of the part-time staff supported them. It was at this point that the administration flung its axe, refusing to acknowledge any signs of progress—or any responsibility for a decade of mismanagement.

Adele Freedman

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Tuck Hinton Everton Andrews House.

New talent debuts in Tennessee exhibit

It may have taken a few years, but some of the spirit of the "Whites," "Greys," "Silvers," the "New York Five," and the "Chicago Seven" is working its way into other architectural communities. Young, talented architects are opening communications with each other and going to the public with their enthusiasm. One current show, "New Firms, New Forms: The Works of Tennessee's Young Architects" reveals some very talented emerging voices.

While the title of the show may overstate its scope—there are other young Tennessee architects—its intent is excellent, and should be emulated by other groups elsewhere. The exhibition, sponsored in part by the Tennessee Historical Society, with funding from the Tennessee Committee for the Humanities and the Tennessee Arts Commission, includes the work of five firms: Brewer Fuller, Looney Ricks Kiss, Kurt Stagmaier, Tuck Hinton Everton, and Manuel Zeitlin.

Beginning with a symposium last September at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, the show traveled around Tennessee, and is now at Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, through May 31. *Jim Murphy*

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Guggenheim (continued from page 25) letter addressed to City Planning Commission Chairman Herbert Sturz, architects Romaldo Giurgola and Klaus Herdeg wrote, We would like to raise our voices to those who are shocked that the Guggenheim Museum administration itself—being patrons of the arts-would want to devalue, if not trivialize, their major work on exhibition, namely the building itself . . ."

In expressing dissent, these two architects are, surprisingly, more the exception than the rule. Few of those who publicly denounced Graves's design for the Whitney have gone on record against the Guggenheim. (Few, on the other hand, have spoken in its defense.) What's the difference? C. Ray Smith, editor of Oculus, monthly news magazine of the New York Chapter of the AIA, speculates that many architects were so horrified by the professional infighting that erupted over Graves's design that they have resolved to remain silent in this second case. Paul Goldberger in The New York Times blames style: Gwathmey's Modernist design, although fundamentally unrelated to Wright's-and even antithetical—is more acceptable in today's climate than Graves's radically Post-Modern project.

The recent roast staged by the New York AIA at Gwathmey's request (Graves, on the other hand, was "invited" by the AIA to his tar-and-feather session, P/A, Sept. 1985, p. 25) proved an unaccountably tame affair. After four and a half years of design development, Gwathmey told his audience, he would not discuss whether his addition was in fact necessary, nor would the trustees consider other options that involved building off-site, or merging with other museums to permit exhibition exchanges.

By declaring those issues off bounds, the architect cut off all criticism save that related directly to his design. His audience cannot be blamed if they failed to follow his complicated geometric analysis of Wright's design or even to comprehend the relationship of new to old which, given the Guggenheim's spiraling, three-dimensional form, is not easily resolved in section or plan. Wright's arbitrary, intuitively derived design at times eluded Gwathmey's rational analysis and defied all "contextual" gestures, including the impossible attempt to line up the base of the elevated box addition with the ever-moving edge of the spiral. More unfortunate (continued on page 34)



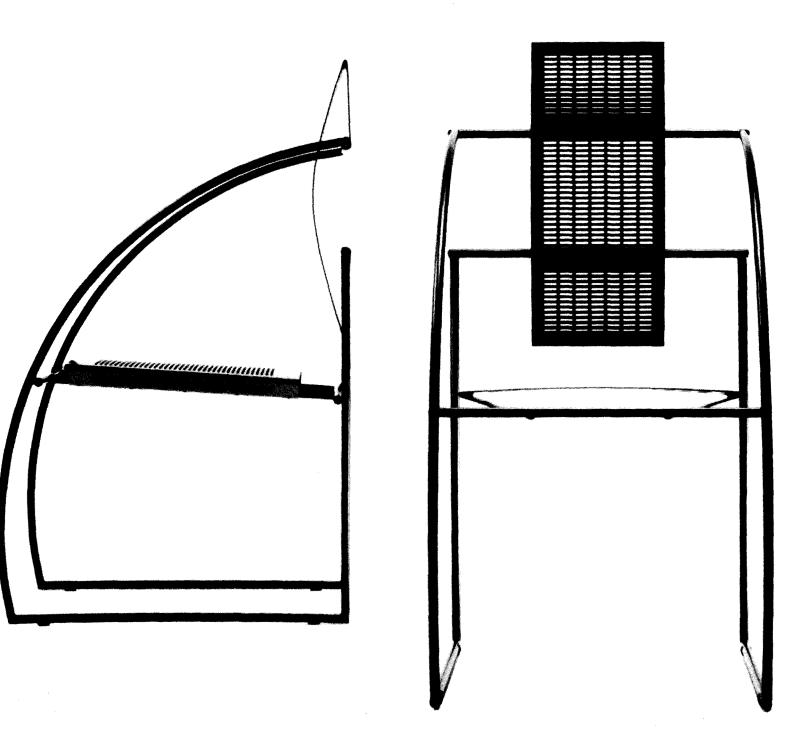
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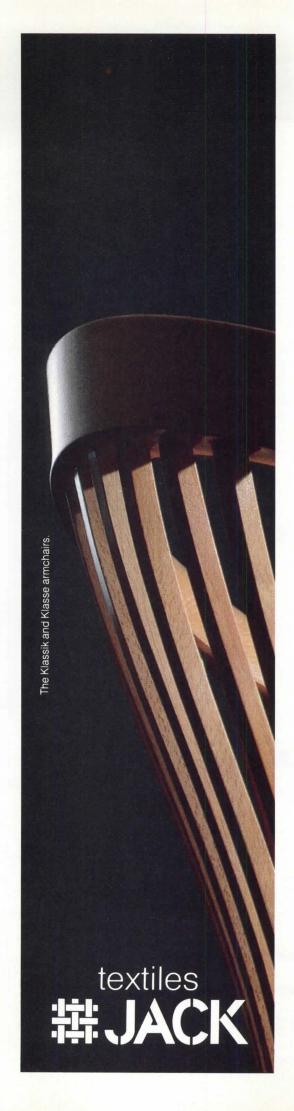


Guggenheim (continued from page 32) still were the malapropisms seized upon by critics who compared the design to a toilet or forklift."

The evening's coups de grace were delivered by Richard Meier, Peter Eisenman, and John Hedjuk (four, with Gwathmey, of the former New York Five; Graves is the fifth). Their "condemnation" of Gwathmey's design as "too timid" diverted the focus of the session's attention, defusing criticism of the scheme by claiming it tame. Defending their colleague in this roundabout way, all three architects alluded to the underlying programmatic issues that Gwathmey placed off limits. "Given the nature of the problem," said Meier, "the solution is exemplary." But, he added, "we all wish the program were slightly smaller.

Therein, as they say, lies the rub. Neither the Guggenheim, nor the Whitney, has convinced its public that the ends justify the means. Space allocations in the new Guggenheim tower fill the elevated box with art storage, conservation, and administrative offices. These nonpublic functions, while necessary, do not deserve the monumental expression accorded them in this design (nor do they require spectacular views of Central Park). The fundamental issue, however, isn't whether this addition is right or wrong, compatible or crushing, but whether there should be any addition at all, let alone one of this size, on this location. The national AIA's selection of the Guggenheim for this year's 25-year award, hardly a coincidence, confirms collective opinion: "The Guggenheim Museum," reads the nomination," is an architectural landmark and a monument to Wright's unique vision." In a case of this sort, the best addition may arguably be no addition.

Whether they speak for or against the Gwathmey scheme, or say nothing, the profession has an obligation to address more general issues raised in both the Whitney and the Guggenheim debates. Landmarking procedures that make age the first criterion for eligibility clearly do not protect the monuments of our time. Steady public pressure may yet convince the Guggenheim trustees to follow the Whitney's lead and review their priorities. But institutional safeguards for underaged if acknowledged landmarks should be put in place now, before another forklift is raised. Daralice D. Boles



Forty under Forty British style

A major exhibition on the work of young British architects, which toured the U.K. in 1985, will now make the rounds of American cities under the auspices of the Glen-Gery Corporation. Copying an idea that originated with the New York Architectural League in 1941 and was revived there in 1966, the British "Forty under Forty" were selected by a panel of judges composed of Michael Manser, then president of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Professor Adrian Gale of Plymouth Polytechnic; architect Richard Rogers; and Paul Hyde-Thompson, chairman of Ibstock, Glen-Gery's British affiliate.

Although the three professional jurors are all "declared modernists," their selections run the full gamut. The trends that emerge in this collection thus have more to do with practice than style. "This generation of architects," comments Manser, "is a slightly lost generation. The opportunities for new buildings have been smaller in their time for two reasons—the ecomony and obsessive conservation." As a result, the show spotlights smaller jobs-interiors, residential work, and rehabilitation. Adds Rogers, "The only way that you can break through to ... the public is through competitions and exhibitions.

Organized by the RIBA with the support of Ibstock, the exhibition opens at Glen-Gery's Washington, D.C., showroom on May 22 (through June 10) followed by engagements in New York (June 17-July 1), Philadelphia (July 8-22), Baltimore (July 19-Aug. 12) and Somerville, Mass. (Aug. 19-29). A catalog, which reproduces exhibition panels (and renders some, in the process, illegible) is available.

The Skyscraper at 100

Last year marked the one hundredth anniversary of William Le Baron Jenney's Home Insurance Building in Chicago, a seminal work in the development of the skyscraper. To usher in the "second century of the skyscraper," the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat and the Chicago Committee of High Rise Buildings held a conference on the subject in Chicago, appropriately enough. It offered over 80 technical papers, presented by some of the leading lights in the high-rise field. Engineer William LeMes-



surier spoke on structural systems; researcher Alan Davenport, on wind response; engineer Lev Zetlin, on failure investigation; architect Arthur Gensler, on interior systems. Dispersed among the technical sessions were "theme" presentations by such notables as architects Harry Seidler, Bruce Graham, and William Pedersen, historian Carl Condit, and developer Gerald Hines.

The conference left little doubt as to our technical ability to construct buildings much taller than Sears Tower, the current record holder. To prove the point, Joseph Colaco of CBM Engineers, along with a group of architects and engineers, showed how the construction of Frank Lloyd Wright's Mile High Skyscraper is now technically—and economically—feasible, using high-strength (1400 psi) concrete, a bundled tube structure, a mat foundation (18 feet thick), multilevel elevators, and multiple skylobbies. "There's no technical reason," said Colaco, "why we can't build a mile high.'

There are human reasons, though, as several speakers reminded the audience. First among the naysayers was critic Paul Goldberger who, in his keynote address, stated that what matters is not how tall we build, but how tall buildings affect the people that inhabit them and the urban context that surrounds them. Adding technical support, if sometimes inadvertently, to that position were papers on the physiological effects of too much building sway, too fast an elevator, or too long a travel distance in very tall buildings, and the logistical effects of too many people, cars, and services coming together at the base of very tall buildings. The urban effects, too, were addressed in an entire session devoted to San Francisco's new downtown zoning plan (P/A, Jan. 1986, pp. 122-124). In regulating not just floor area ratios and setbacks, but the actual height, bulk, and square footage of office buildings in the downtown, that plan suggests that tall buildings may test the limits of public acceptance long before they test those of concrete and steel.

The next hundred years will bring taller buildings. But if this conference is any indication, the second century of the skyscraper also will bring more controversy than the first. Thomas Fisher (Two years of conference papers have just been published as Advances in Tall Buildings, Council on Tall Buildings, Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, 1986.)





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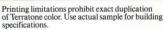
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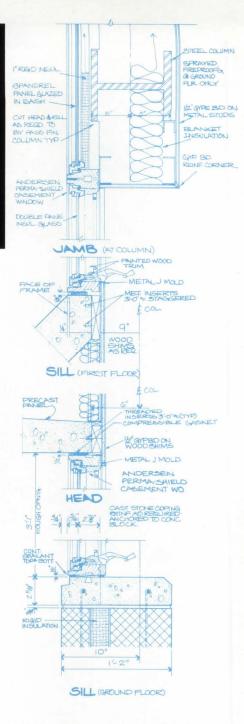
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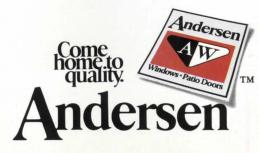
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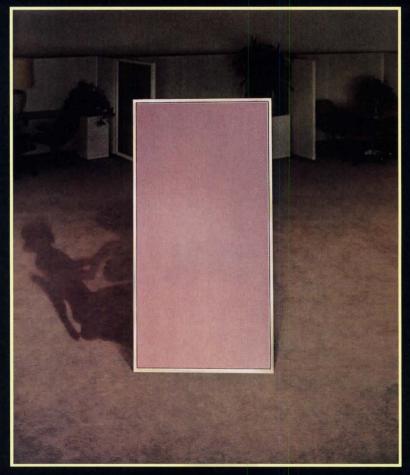
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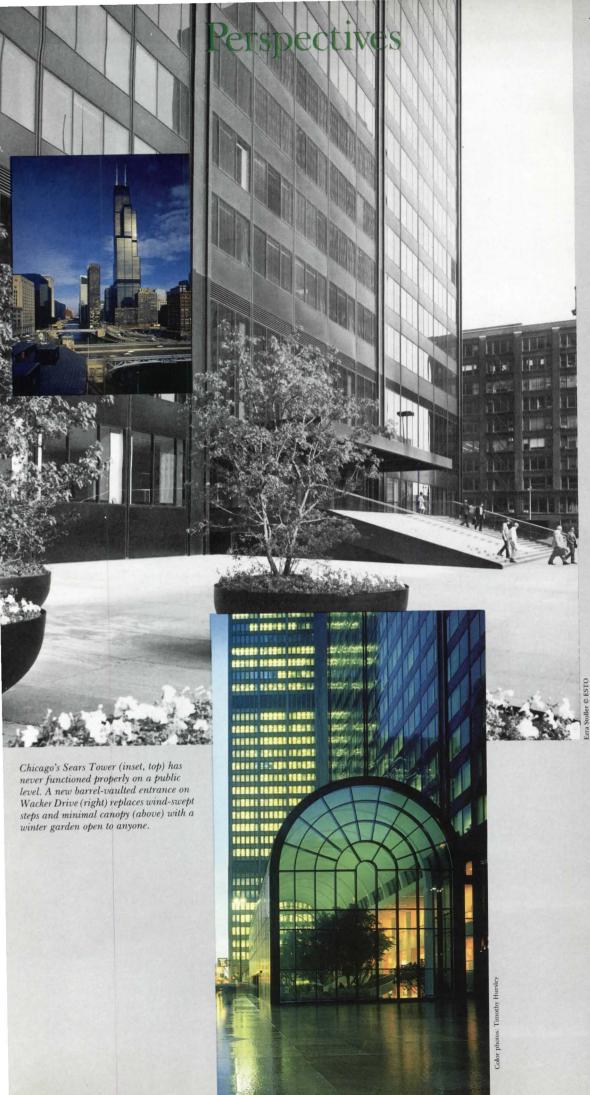


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Sears Resurrected

Just over 10 years after its completion in 1973, the Sears Tower in Chicago, still the world's tallest skyscraper, underwent a major renovation finished in June, 1985. Changing use patterns and problems evident from the opening day provoked the \$25 million rehabilitation, which involved construction of a major new entrance on Wacker Drive, complete renovation of the underground retail mall, and major rerouting of tourist and business traffic through the building. The original cast was reassembled for the restoration, with Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Chicago, as architects and Morse/ Diesel contractor.

Like most monolithic, glassskinned skyscrapers, the original Sears Tower was scaled to the skyline, not the sidewalk. Entrances were afterthoughts, punched through a flush-glass façade. The understated entry sequence, a typical modern tactic, produced special problems for Sears. Office workers, responding to routine, don't necessarily need a well-marked entrance and circulation plan, but the Sears Tower plays host to 1.4 million visitors a year, most of whom have never been there before. Furthermore, the world's tallest tower is subjected to unusual wind pressures, which make the main Wacker Drive plaza a blustery and even dangerous approach.

The original building was designed with security in mind, its plazas restricted to employee use. The new Sears is more public-spirited, opening the southern plaza to general use with new benches and landscaping. The barrel-vaulted bustle on Wacker Drive, which breaks down winds, also provides a more monumental entrance designed by project architect Fred Lo to complement the original structure, repeating its blackanodized aluminum mullions and bronze-tinted glass. Inside, employees and tourists separate immediately, the former moving

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Winter garden interior on Wacker Drive.

up twin curved, cantilevered stairs to a mezzanine lobby, and the latter down two flights to a new Visitors' Center. (Not the least of many complications raised by the redo involved dropping elevator shafts running to the observation deck two additional floors below grade.)

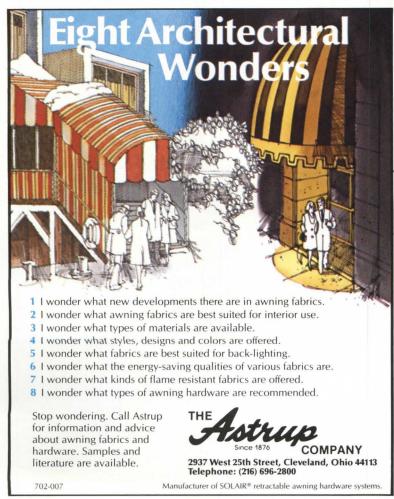
Sears also had an economic agenda: reshaping its unsuccessful retail mall to capitalize not only on in-house trade-the 25,000 workers and tourists who pass through each day—but also on the swelling ranks of workers from other new office buildings in the booming downtown business district. The mall's problems stemmed from poor visibility and access, improved as much as possible by floor-cutaways on the Franklin Street side and a new skylighted entrance extended from Jackson Boulevard. The new mall was also carefully reprogrammed, with fast-food outlets and gift shops close to tourist entrances.

Sears isn't the only modern monolith requiring substantial renovation after a very short period. Many of the problems prompting restoration are purely technical: The 30-yearold curtain wall of Lever House in New York, for example, had deteriorated so much two years ago that maintenance costs could be seriously advanced as justification for its demolition (P/A, March 1983, p. 25). In other cases, the issue is style-upgrading an "ordinary" glass office tower to compete for design-conscious tenants (see InterFirst Facelift, below). Still other redos, like the Sears renovation, are initiated for programmatic reasons. In Detroit, John Portman's Renaissance Center is being renovated both inside and out, its failed mall updated and its antiurban architecture softened. In Boston, a controversial scheme to expand the Prudential Center (P/A, March 1986, p. 21) would fill in the open spaces between towers. The nation's vast inventory of office towers from the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s virtually guarantees a steady increase in the business of remaking Modernism.





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InterFirst's façade, before and after.

InterFirst Facelift

Rehabilitation of the 14-year-old InterFirst Two in Dallas by SOM's Houston office applies techniques similar to those of the Sears renovation. Caught in competition with fancier new office buildings, among them SOM's own LTV Tower (P/A, July 1985, p. 95), InterFirst was steadily losing its market share. "The mechanical system was fair," says Richard Keating, "and the structure excellent, but the building had a public perception problem." Ongoing difficulties with the original curtain wall gave SOM the chance to reclad the façade in a blue/green grid that follows diagonal bracing. A new three-story stone base and 160-foot antenna will change both sidewalk and skyline perceptions. An 81-foot glass pyramid provides new visual and physical access to a faltering retail mall below the western plaza. The office lobby is to be remodeled, and a new rotunda cut through to the floor below.

Keating defends this type of adaptive reuse as good business practice. Assuming it cost \$20 per square foot to build an office tower in 1970, and \$20 to renovate it in 1986, the total expenditure still falls short of the \$60-70 required for new construction. SOM's own commissions prove the trend: InterFirst is only one of several office facelifts in Dallas, Denver, and Houston now on the boards in the Houston

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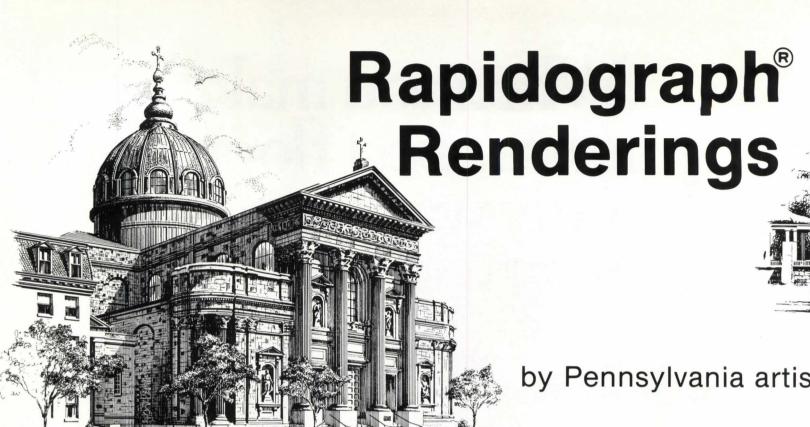
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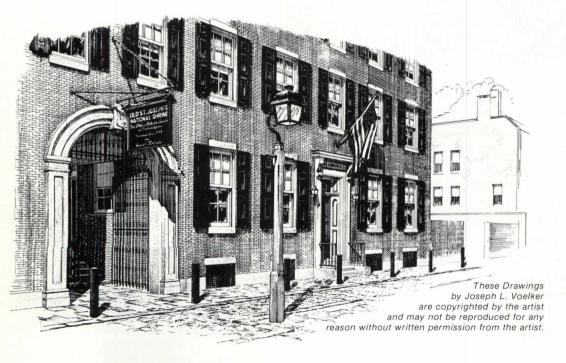
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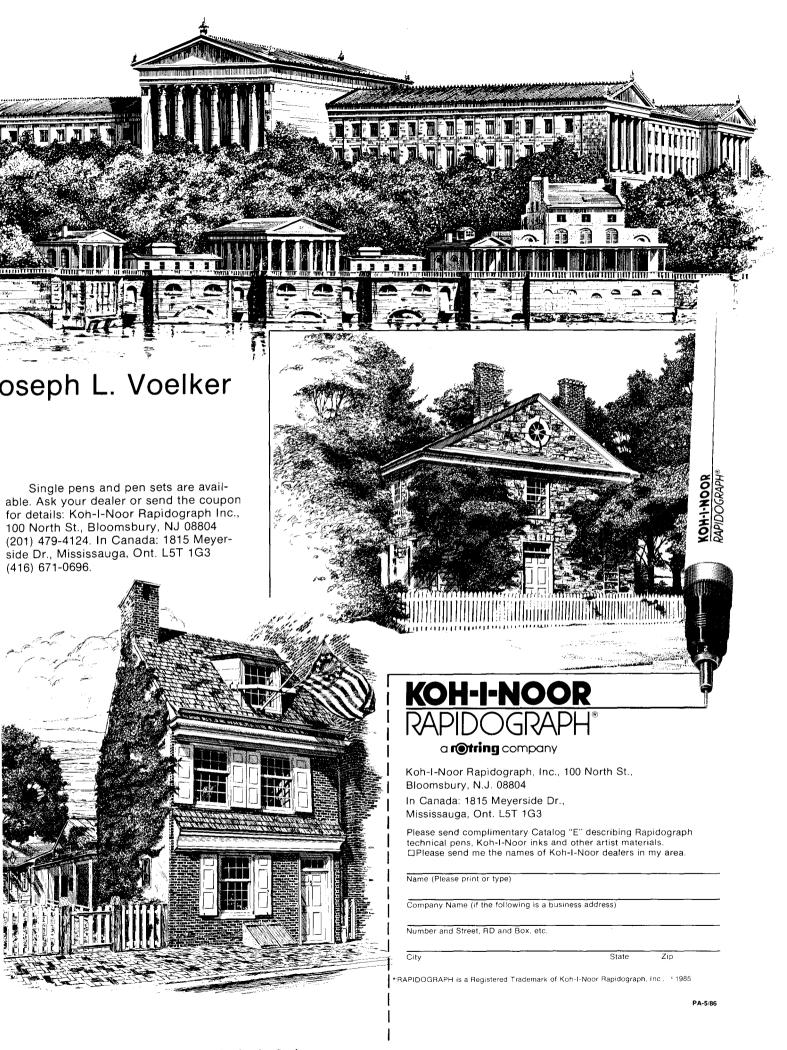
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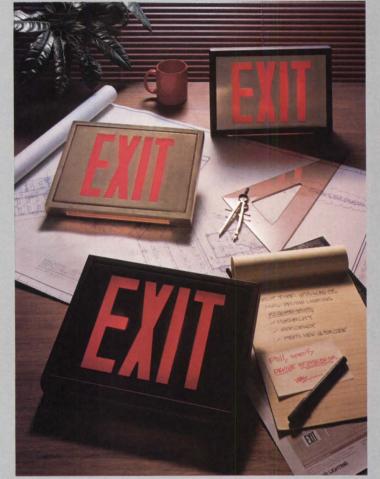
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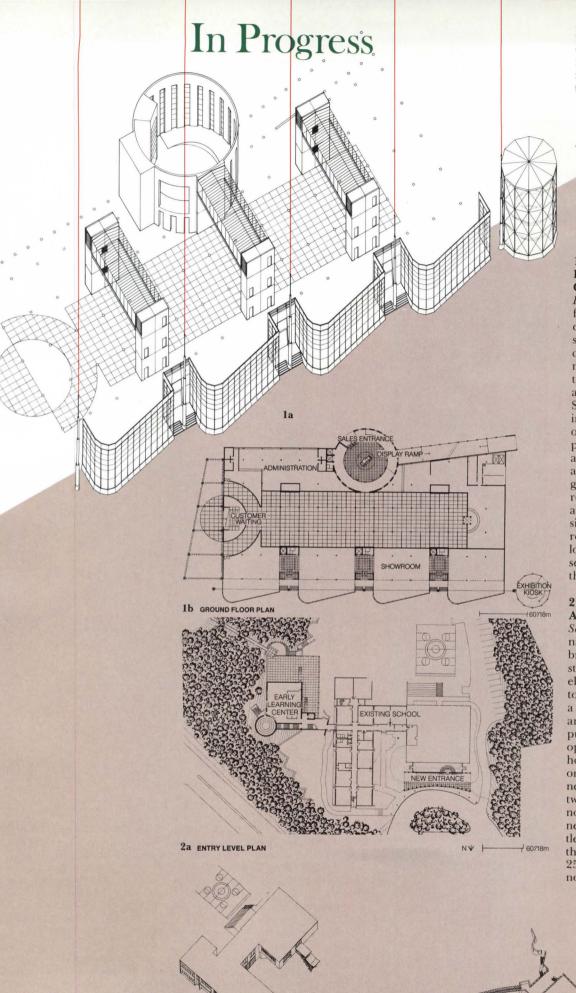
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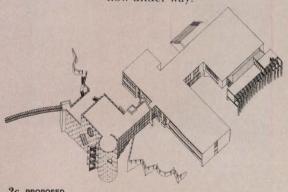


2b EXISTING

Commercial and educational commissions are shown in this month's In Progress section, ranging from an auto dealership to an elementary school.

1 Ron Greenspan Volkswagen/ Lotus/Subaru, San Francisco, Calif. Architects: Tanner & Van-Dine, San Francisco. This multifranchise urban automobile dealership will house four sales showrooms, a 44-car service center, body shop, parts and new car storage, and administrative offices. The site, adjacent to an elevated portion of US 101 in San Francisco's South of Market industrial area, was previously occupied by a dairy processing plant. Highway-scaled signage; a "Super Ron" statue related to ad campaigns; low-level lasers; a glazed, helical display ramp; and roof-top storage of over 200 cars all advertise the dealership. Inside, the sales area and waiting room for service customers overlook the ground-floor central service area. Construction begins this fall.

2 Trinity School additions, Atlanta, Ga. Architects: Lord & Sargent, Atlanta. A new gymnasium, media center, and library are stacked in one threestory addition to a private elementary school. Shaped as a toy castle and keep at the edge of a 40-foot gorge, the concrete and glass block bearing walls are punctured by large geometric openings. A second addition, housing administrative offices on the second floor, provides a new loggia entrance whose twisted columns play upon the notion of toy building blocks. A new bridge spans from the "castle" to playground space beyond the gorge. Construction of the 25,000-square-foot additions is now under way.



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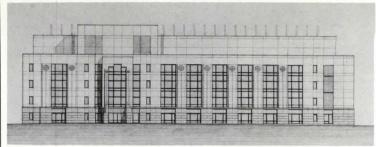
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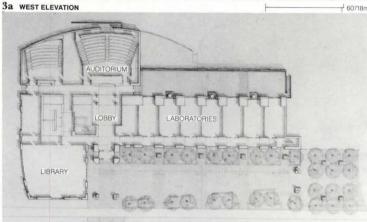


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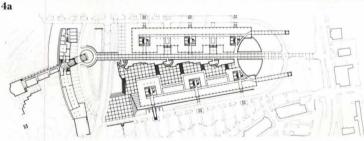
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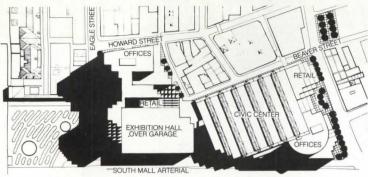
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3 Vitreous State Laboratory, Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Architects: Perkins & Will, Washington. Flanked by classroom buildings, this 92,000square-foot laboratory for glass research forms the third side of a landscaped quadrangle. The building's pink granite base and precast concrete superstructure house flexible, column-free labs, a public auditorium, library, and classrooms. The VSL, to be completed this fall, is a "smart" lab building, dependent upon automatic mechanical controls; its ice cooling system creates ice during off-peak hours which is used to cool the building the next day.

4 Landmark Center, Suburban Va. Architects: Swanke Hayden Connell Architects, Washington, D.C. This master plan for a 60-acre triangular parcel is now in schematic design. The central pedestrian street is lined with six steel-frame commercial office blocks, three set atop a retail mall of monolithic red granite. The axis ends in a 250-room hotel/conference facility. Parking fills the gap between buildings and outer site boundaries.

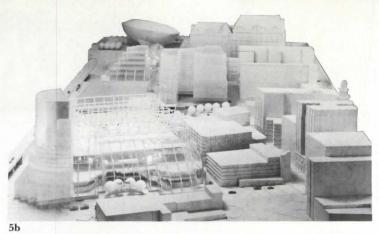
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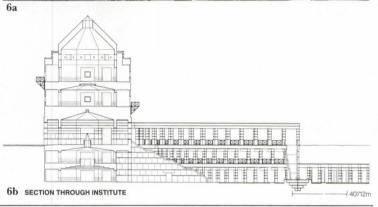


5 Albany County Civic Center, Albany, N.Y. Architects: Crozier Associates, Albany. Planning consultant: Vincent Ponte, New York. Construction of a 15,000- to 18,000-seat civic center and adjacent 1000-car garage, to begin this summer, will serve as catalyst in this ambitious, diversified development. A 400-room convention hotel and 50,000-squarefoot column-free exhibition hall with conference facilities, restaurants, and shops will occupy air space over the garage, which enjoys direct access to a major downtown artery. Sites are also set aside for two 200,000-squarefoot private office buildings. Elevated pedestrian circulation will link Albany's central business district through the civic center to the Empire State Plaza.

6 Strom Thurmond Center, Clemson, S.C. Architects: CRS/ Sirrine, Houston, Texas. Associated architects: Enwright Associates, Greenville, S.C. Sited in a dramatic, natural bowl on the Clemson University campus, this multiphase complex includes the 50,000-square-foot Strom Thurmond Institute; a 30,000square-foot, 425-seat theater; 17,600-square-foot drama department and classroom building; and 38,700-square-foot, 1850-seat concert hall. The brick and limestone Institute, which will house the Senator's private papers, his office, and an auditorium for public lectureshalf above ground and half below—comprises the first phase of construction due for completion summer, 1987.









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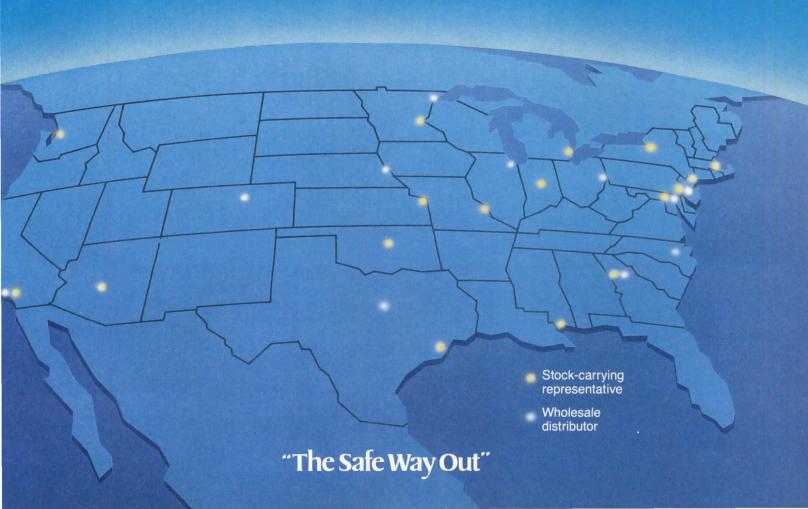
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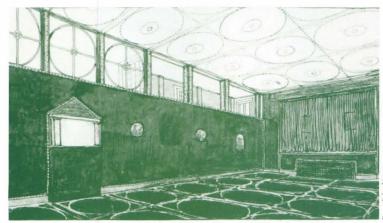








P/A Calendar



Josef Hoffmann, Palais Stocklet Music Room, Vienna 1900, July 3.

Exhibits

Through May 30 Preserving New England. Boston Architectural Center.

Through May 31

New Firms, New Forms: The Works of Tennessee's Young Architects. Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, Tenn. (see p. 30).

Through May 31 Behind Closed Doors: Young Architects Forum 1986. The

Architectural League, New York.

Through May 31 Richard Morris Hunt: Civic Architecture. Municipal Art Society, New York (see review, p. 28).

Through June 15

The Architecture of Richard Morris Hunt. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (see review, p. 28).

Through June 20

John Nolen 1869-1937: Pioneer City Planner and Landscape Architect. Cret Gallery, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Through June 27

Louis Kahn: Unbuilt Work in New York. NYC/AIA, Urban Center, New York.

Through July 6 Louis H. Sullivan: Unison with Nature. Octagon Museum, Washington, D.C.

Through July 20

Tokyo: Form and Spirit. Walker Art Center, Minneapolis (P/A, April 1986, p. 108).

Through September 1

Frank Lloyd Wright and the Johnson Wax Buildings: Creating a Corporate Cathedral. Renwick Gallery, Washington, D.C. (P/A, April 1986, p. 27).

May 10-August 10

Mies van der Rohe Centennial Exhibition. Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago (P/A, February 1986, pp. 21, 23).

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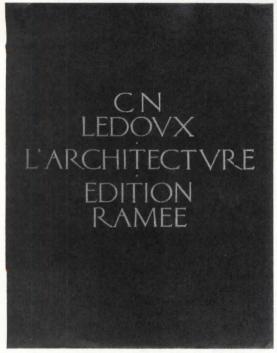
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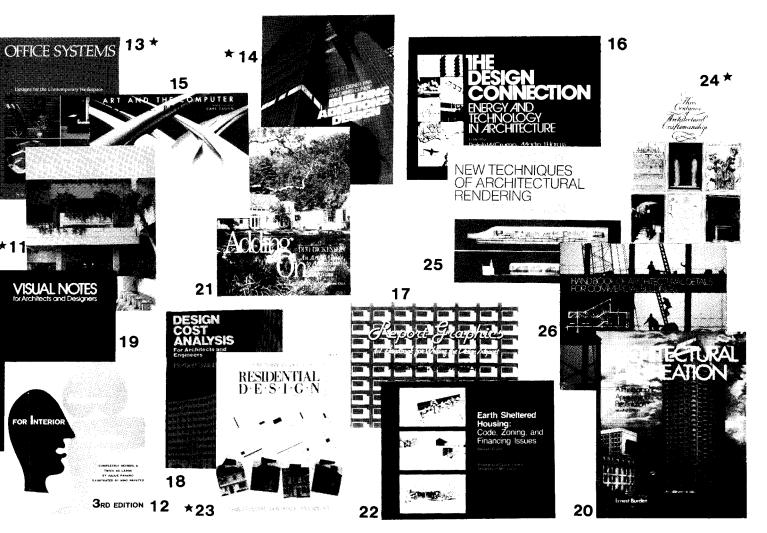
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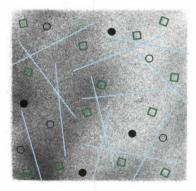
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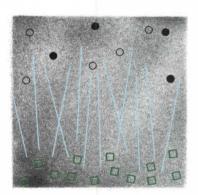
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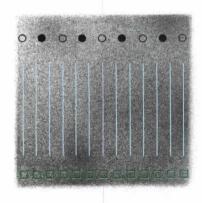
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P/A Practice

Management: Larry Paul Fuller discusses a new management strategy developed by The Coxe Group and David Maister. Specifications: William Lohmann explains how to avoid cash flow problems on a job.







Management: Matrix for Success

The copy promoting "Master Strategies for Success"-a oneday conference for design professionals held recently in Dallas—seemed unusually strong, even as marketing for a professional seminar. Presented jointly by The Coxe Group of Philadelphia and Boston management consultant David H. Maister, the conference was billed as "a real breakthrough," the culmination of "our total experiences since 1967." Recipients of the flyer were urged to attend the conference-even if they did "nothing else this year"-to hear a revolutionary new plan for organizing and managing successful architectural and engineering firms.

When some 225 registrants convened for the event, most came with the perennial question: "Is this really something new?" And this time the answer was: "Yes." The something new-the breakthrough-is perhaps best understood in the light of consultant Weld Coxe's observation that, for a decade, various "authorities" have been counseling design firms to become more businesslike if they expect to survive in today's economy. In theory, a well-defined set of business management principles that works for one firm should also work for another firm. But conventional wisdom tells us that is not the case. "In fact," Coxe says, "for every professional service organization that is doing well under full application of business management, there are probably ten times as many professional service firms doing as well or better while operating under a rather different set of rules-or no rules at all." The breakthrough was the development of a comprehensive model that creates order out of chaos. providing for the first time a clear picture of why some firms succeed in doing things one way, while others can be equally successful doing things quite differ-

The Coxe Group model, de-

veloped over the last two years in conjunction with David Maister, is based on the premise that-despite apparent inconsistencies in design-firm success formulasthere are distinct categories of professional service firms, and for each category there is a best set of management strategies. A firm should first understand its own uniqueness; then, by following the model, it can adopt the strategies that fit best in order to succeed.

At the heart of the model is the notion that there are two key issues that shape professional service firms: technology-how the firm processes its work; and values—what the people leading the firm want out of what they are doing. The full spectrum of firm technologies and values forms a matrix within which the differences between firms, and the appropriate strategies for each, become more readily discernible. The matrix produces six basic firm types, each with very different forms of organization and management.

Coxe's technology spectrum, the vertical axis in the matrix, includes three firm types, ranging from "strong idea" to "strong service" to "strong delivery."

Strong Idea firms are defined as those organized to deliver singular expertise or innovation on unique projects. They operate within a context of flexibility, according to the nature of the assignment, and are usually organized around a few "stars" or gurus" who have the last word.

Strong Service firms are characterized as those organized to deliver experienced, reliable service, especially on complex, major assignments. Their project technology is designed to apply comprehensive, multidiscipline services to clients who want to be closely involved in the

Strong Delivery firms are seen in the model as those organized to provide highly efficient service on more routine assignments, often to clients who seek more of a product than a service. Their project technology is designed to (continued on page 62)

Specifications: Payment Procedure

Ultimately, it comes down to cost-the bottom line. The architect struggles with the budget, the owner is concerned with financing, and the contractor has to make a profit. Together they juggle the project cost factors, most of which are readily apparent and modifiable. Bricks and mortar are pretty obvious. If the project cost is too high, quality or quantity can be reduced-or the masonry can be replaced with less expensive construction. Less tangible are the contractor's costs of temporary facilities, submittals, insurance, and employee benefits. Other factors are almost totally hidden.

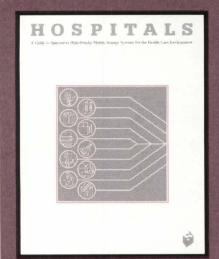
Perhaps the most elusive cost factor is the contractor's cash flow pattern. Unlike clear-cut mortgage commitments and interest rates, the contractor's cost of underwriting month-tomonth construction operations is nebulous. It is a direct response, however, to project conditions stipulated by the owner and architect in the General Conditions and Supplementary Conditions. So it may be beneficial to explore some means of reducing that cost.

Most of the problems involving cash flow have been addressed by the Construction Industry Affairs Committee of Chicago since its inception in 1967. CIAC has issued numerous recommendations for improving payment procedures, speeding up change orders, reducing retention of funds, and streamlining paperwork. All of its recommendations have been developed jointly by CIAC's member organizations: Chicago Chapter AIA, Chicago Chapter CSI, Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois, Builders Association of Chicago (AGC), American Subcontractors Association (Chicago Chapter), and Mechanical Specialty Contractors Associations.

For instance, CIAC Recommendation No. 13 states that better prices will result if bidders (continued on page 64)

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Management (continued from p. 61) use prior solutions repeatedly and with high reliability regarding technical, cost, and schedule compliance.

Coxe argues convincingly that these three technologies call for significantly different organizational and management strategies. According to the model, the technology of architectural and engineering firms specifically influences:

- Choice of project process.
- Project decision-making.
- Staffing at mid-level and below.
- Best markets.
- What you can sell.
- What you can charge.
- Best management style.

The three positions on the vertical "technologies" axisstrong idea, strong service, strong delivery-account for only half of the six-part matrix. The other half comes from the "values" spectrum, on the horizontal axis, which depicts two fundamental values that motivate design professionals. The key words are "practice" ("a way of life") at one end and "business" ("a means of livelihood") at the other end.

Coxe portrays the practicecentered firm as being motivated by qualitative rewards ("How did the project turn out?"), whereas the business-centered firm is motivated by quantitative rewards ("How did we do on that project?"). While admitting there always has to be some balance between practice values and business values, Coxe maintains that whichever one is primary makes a big difference (although neither is more "noble" than the other). The model isolates the following aspects of design firms as being strongly influenced by the values of those in positions of leadership:

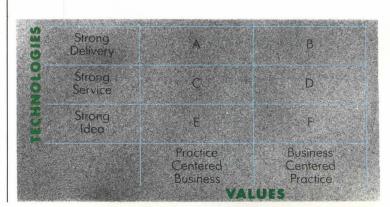
- Organization structure.
- Organization decision-making.
- Staffing at the top.
- How you market.
- Best clients.

- Marketing organization.
- Profit strategy.
- Rewards.
- Leadership style.

The point is that the different positions—Practice-Centered vs. Business-Centered—will lead to very different choices in each of these aspects, although either direction can produce successful results. Each of the firm types can be Practice-Centered or Business-Centered with equal opportunity for high profits and good service (although the clients served may be very different). But Coxe points out three extremes that should be avoided. A firm can be so preoccupied with its "way of life" (a Practice-Centered Practice rather than the more viable Practice-Centered Business) that it simply ignores the fundamental necessities of business, such as fiscal responsibility and accountability to clients and staff. At the other end of the values spectrum, a firm can move past the viable Business-Centered Practice position to an unrealistic posture of Business-Centered Business. An example is the publicly held firm whose ownership does not include professionals and whose clients eventually rebel at the lack of strong professional orientation.

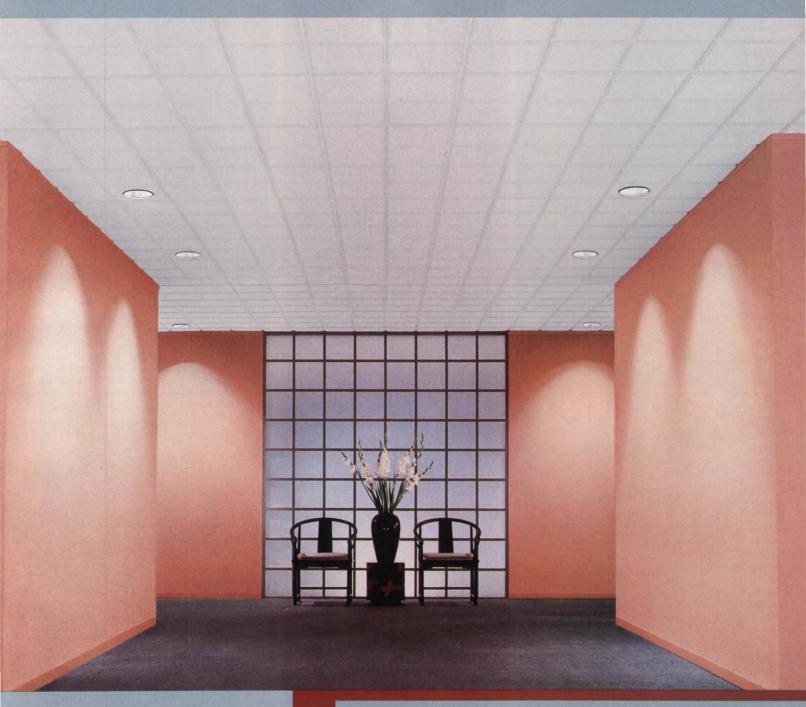
Coxe warns that firms positioned at the middle of the spectrum are also at a dangerous extreme where neither practice values nor business values are strong enough to override the firm's need to preserve itself. The firm becomes an Organization-Centered Organization—a bureaucracy-seeking to maintain its members without proper regard for the quality or marketability of its services.

A whole book could be devoted to details of The Coxe Group model (indeed, one is currently in the works), but the matrix is useful even at a basic conceptual level. Regarding the decision-making process, for example, practice-centered firms do well with consensus decisions, (continued on page 64)



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Specifications (cont. from p. 65) payment. CIAC recommends (No. 13) that subcontractors' waivers for the current month accompany the application for payment in the subsequent month. Recommendation No. 19 proposes standard forms for partial and final waivers of lien.

Unit prices (No. 20) and allowances (No. 21) also affect the cost of the work and should be limited in scope and number. Unit prices should be obtained only from the apparent low bidder (prior to signing a contract) and only for unknown or otherwise undefined work. Both add and deduct prices should be established. Agreement on a fixed time period during which unit prices are effective will preclude some of the bidder's reluctance to submit reasonable numbers.

Allowances are usually employed for purchase of products (brick or hardware, for example). They establish a stipulated lump sum or unit cost amount to be included in the bids. As with unit prices, they must be clearly defined to avoid expensive confusion later. Inevitably, questions will arise on shipping costs, insurance, taxes, unloading, storage, and method of payment if they are not antici-

pated in the contract documents. Both unit prices and allowances should be processed as changes to the contract.

Aside from regular monthly payment procedures and retention, the greatest restriction on cash flow may be the processing of change orders. It often takes weeks or months to reach agreement on changes in the work, thereby holding up payment to the contractor or progress of the work itself. CIAC tackles change orders in Recommendation No. 7, which outlines the following procedures for their expeditious handling:

1 Minor deviations from the requirements of the contract documents, when submitted as part of shop drawings, product data, samples, or other submittals should be identified on the submittal by the contractor and authorized by the owner.

2 The conditions requiring contract modification should be fully disclosed to all involved parties at the earliest possible time.

3 Explicit instructions should be issued by the architect regarding the scope of a proposed change.

4 Each change should be identified by the architect with

appropriate nomenclature to be used on document revisions, files, and correspondence.

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6 The contractor should not proceed with work involving changes unless written authorization for the work has been received.

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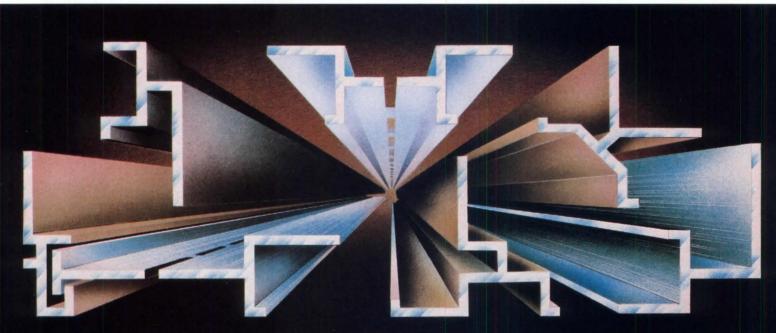
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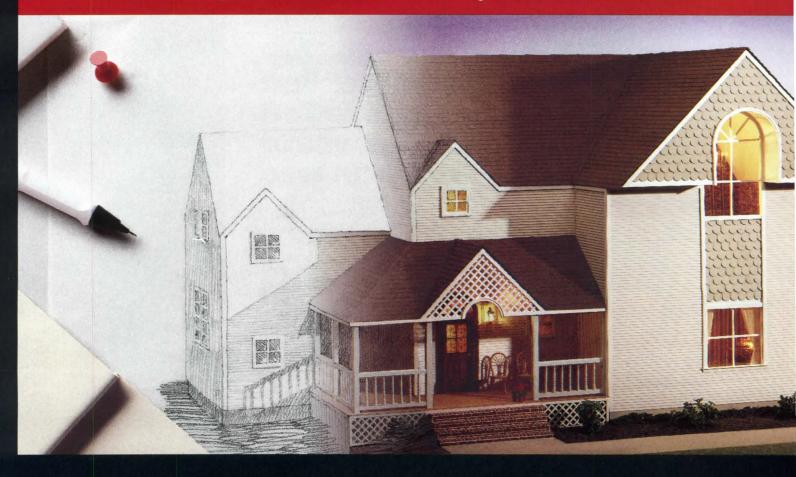
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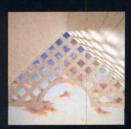
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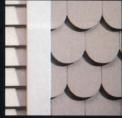
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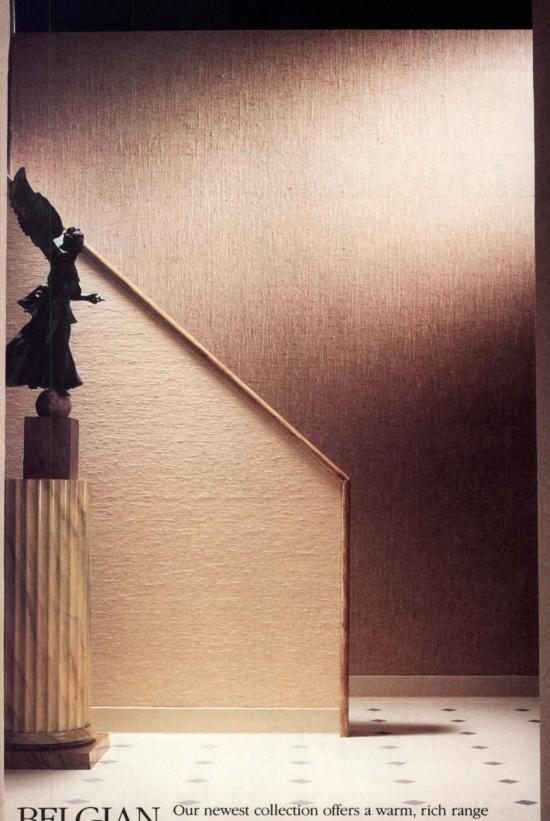
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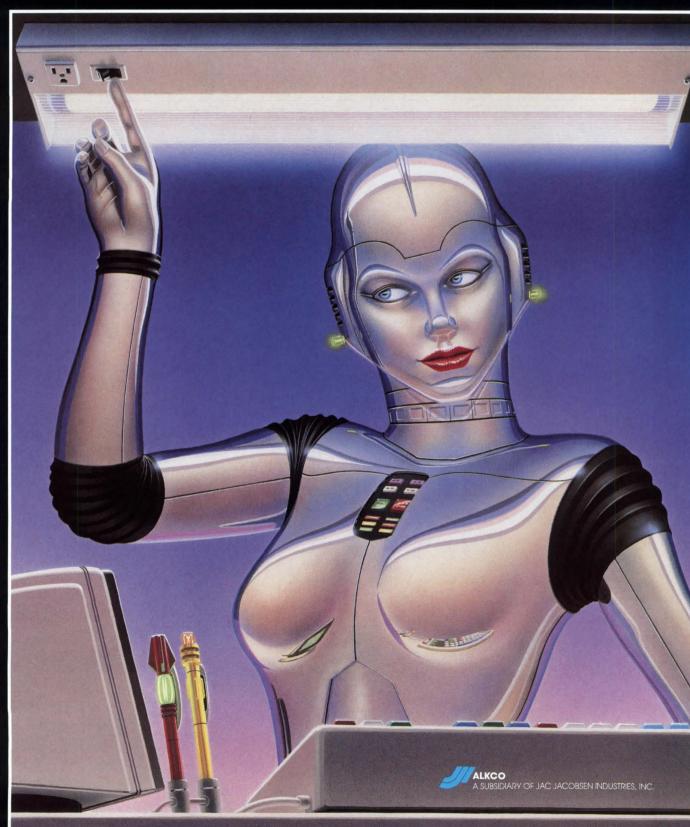
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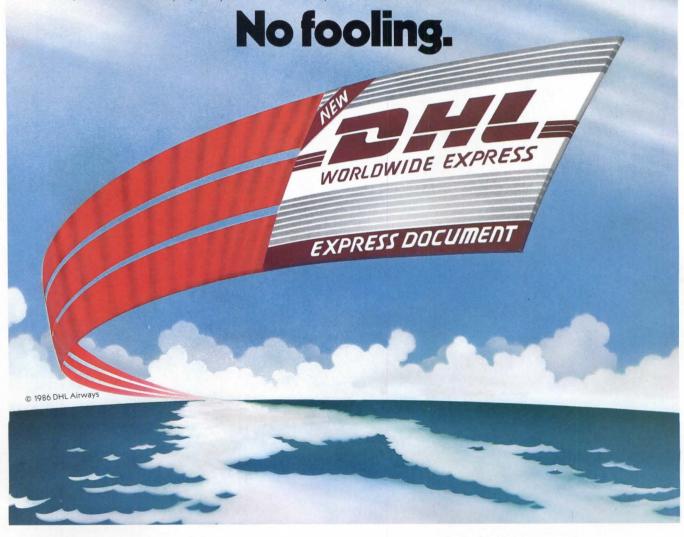


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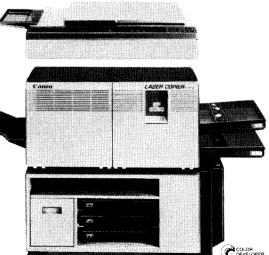
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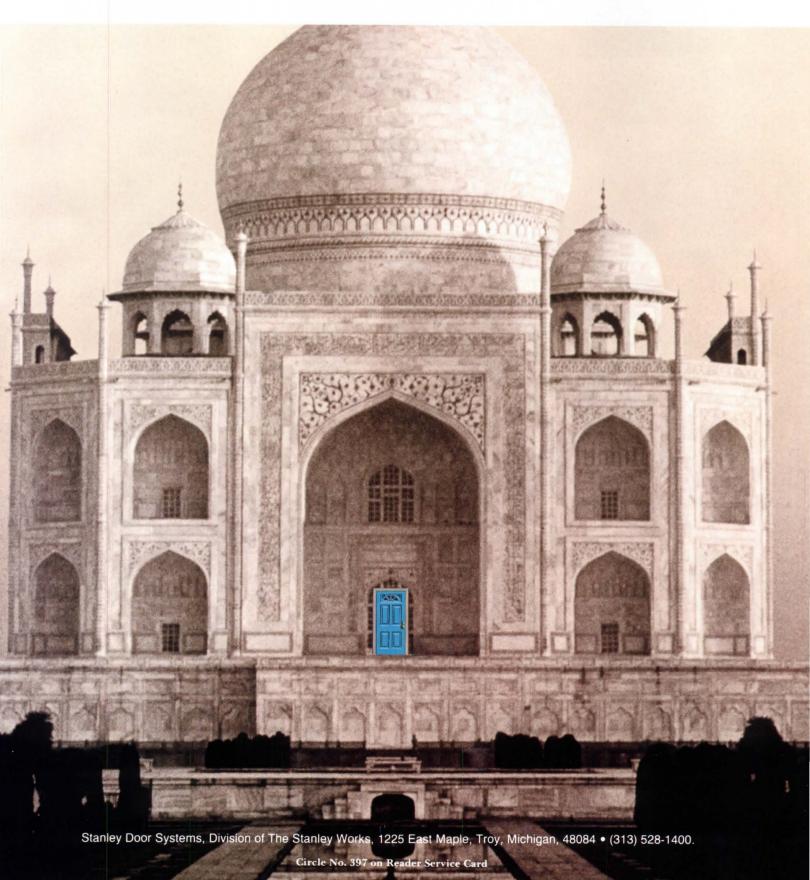
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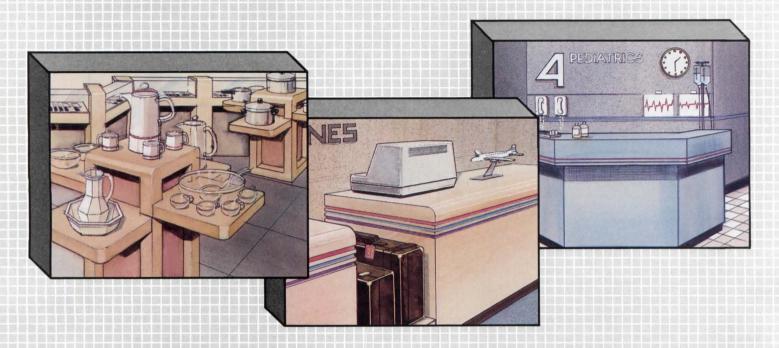
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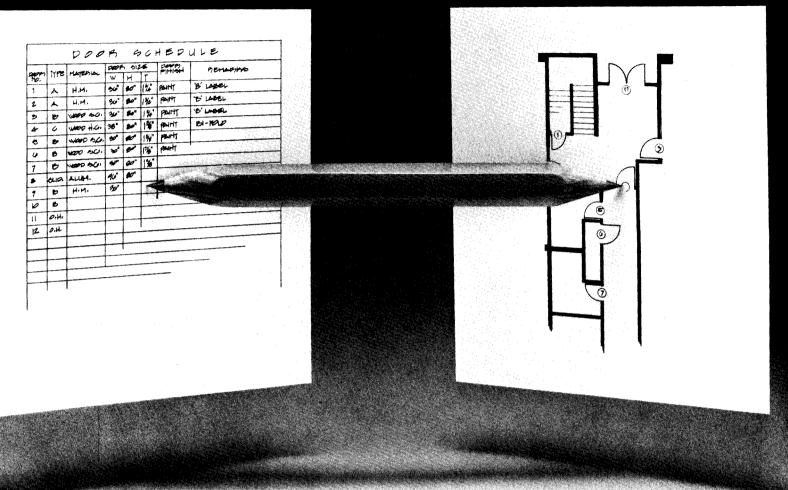
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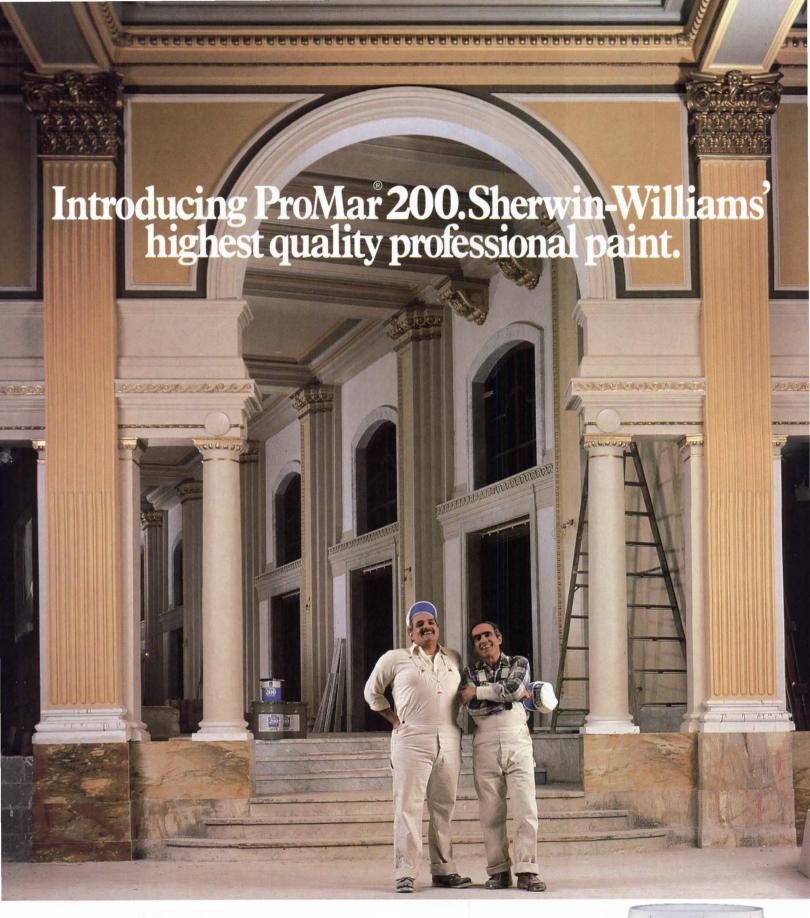
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Middleton Inn (foreground) and gardens of Middleton Place.





OF the 32 plantations that once lined the Ashley River outside Charleston, S.C., only one, Drayton Hall, survived into the 20th Century intact. The neighboring Middleton Place, home to a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a signer of the Ordinance of Secession, was burned by victorious Union troops in 1865. The earthquake of 1886 finished what Northern troops began; of the three main buildings, only the gentlemen's guest wing remains beside the rubble of the manor house and flanking library.

But the gardens survive. Restored in the early years of this century by Middleton heir J.J. Pringle Smith, the 65-acre estate supports this country's oldest landscaped gardens. A National Historic Landmark since 1975, the ruins, gardens, and farm buildings of Middleton Place are open to the public under the administration of a nonprofit foundation headed by Charles Duell, a Middleton descendant.

It was Duell who dreamed up the idea of Middleton Inn. A combination guest house and conference center, the Inn would cater especially to "regulars" who attend flower festivals and other seasonal events at Middleton Place, while also serving as a corporate retreat with the necessary conference facilities. There were—and are—several risks involved in such a venture. The most crucial is distance; some 15 miles outside central Charleston, the Inn is remote from city tourist attractions. Duell's architect, W.G. Clark, chose to capitalize on that separation from the city, making of the Inn a rural retreat. Design decisions repeatedly opt for the unconventional, challenging typical tourist notions of service, style, and accessibility.

Clark himself is not a native Charlestonian. The architect spent six years in Robert Venturi's office, although Middleton Inn, his first major work alone, seems more akin to the work of Peter Eisenman than to that of the Post-Modern polemicist. Clark's other work to date in the Charleston area has been limited to residences, but two years ago, the architect won a competition to design an addition to the New Orleans Museum of Art (P/A, April 1984, p. 39), which he and his partner, Charles Menefee, are now executing in joint venture with the New Orleans firm Eskew Vogt Salvato & Filson.

Clark's relationship with Charles Duell and Middleton Place began in 1974. Over the past 12 years, the architect has rehabilitated several plantation buildings for use as a gift shop, restaurant, and foundation offices, building a crow's nest office for Duell atop the latter. A visitors' orientation center designed in 1974 was never constructed.

The architect worked up three different site plans for the Inn on three different parcels of land before the decision was made to build a quarter mile from the gardens, outside the landmark boundaries. The final choice of site was felicitous. The Inn, like the original manor house, occupies a small bluff overlooking the flat marshlands and former rice fields of the Ashley River. The terraced formal gardens of Middleton Place were carved into a natural 30-foot bluff, a small mountain by regional standards, in the 1740s. The Inn's rougher terraces, cut into a less spectacular rise, are the product of shallow phosphate mining carried out after the Civil War.

The Inn's initial program called for only one building, the L-shaped lodge and guest wing. Subsequent marketing studies forced the client to more than double the number of guest rooms from 25 to 55. Rather than expand the main building, Clark chose to break up the additional 30 units into three buildings, two of 8 and one of 14 rooms. (A fifth building, not yet constructed but shown on the site plan, would serve as the conference center.)

In siting the original ell, the architect took advantage of the mined grade change to minimize building bulk from land approaches, presenting it as a two-story structure, while preserving a more monumental three-story façade on the water. (A second drop disguised the riverside pool, which is not visible from the lawn.) The adjunct guest suites, however, are sited more randomly, as if dropped onto the landscape. The two westernmost buildings in particular, turned off axis to match contour lines, seem unanchored. The terraced relationship to the river, site rationale for the main building, is absent in these ancillary structures; as two-story afterthoughts turned to land, not water, they lack the power and precision of the original ell.

The basic building diagram of paired, stacked units evolved early in design development, independent of site planning concerns. (The paired unit prototype was tested in the two previous site plans.) In

Middleton Inn Charleston, S.C.

a typical pair, a T-shaped masonry armature houses bath, entrance, closet, and refrigerator in one direction, fireplace in the other. The bedroom-cabinet is set off from this masonry skeleton by two vent-reveals. The contrast of parts is carried through in materials: the bathroom/dressing room's cool Carrara marble floors, tiled bath, sandblasted glass block window, and stuccoed, vaulted ceiling balanced against a light, airy bedroom with warm pine shutters, oak floors, ash and pine furniture, and cypress paneling.

The rooms, although not large, contain a number of surprise details. A shuttered sidelight by the front door, left open to indicate that a room is free, permits a view from the stair landing through the room and out to the Ashley River. The bathroom's sliding "barn" door closes to unveil yet another sidelight with beveled reveal (for privacy) that lets a sliver of daylight in to illuminate the bathroom mirror. The wooden "hearth" doubles as a bench or suitcase stand. At the open end of the headboard is concealed a small drawer for jewelry. Finally, the shuttered window wall can be adjusted in endless combinations of open and closed.

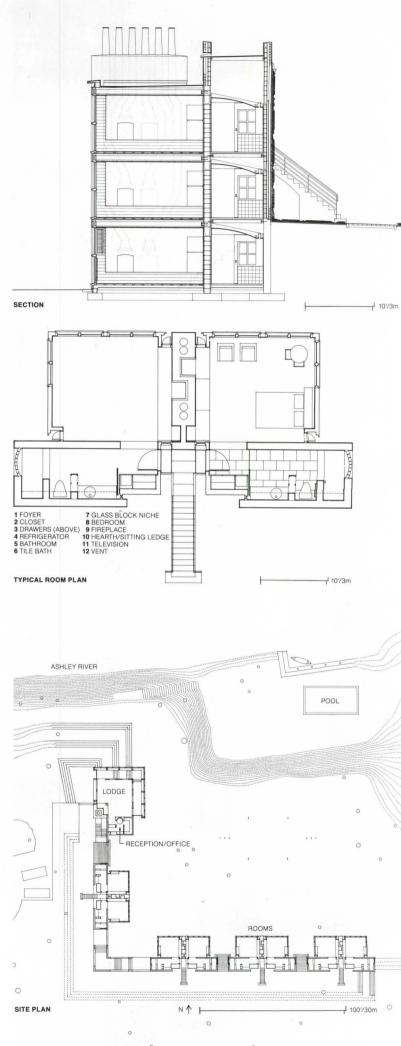
Tourist-class conventions are flouted throughout: there are no curtains, and area rugs woven to the design of Dian Boone replace the usual wall-to-wall carpeting. The TV, hotel icon, occupies a recessed niche in the fireplace wall, out of sight except when in use. The baths are exceptionally generous. (Here alone craftsmanship fails the Inn's otherwise high standards, with shoddy tub tilework.)

The Inn departs from the norm in organization as well. Guests don't drive their cars to the door; parking is remote and wheelbarrows serve for luggage transport. Units open directly to the outdoors; there are no hallways or even covered walks connecting to the lodge where the main office, café, and lounge are located. (The Inn dispenses golf umbrellas along with room keys in inclement weather.) Most exceptionally, the Inn's main restaurant is sited a quarter mile away, in a plantation building. Breakfast and a light lunch are served in the lodge, but dinner requires a walk, regardless of weather.

But Middleton Inn's biggest break with Charleston hospitality norms is a matter of style. Modern architecture never made it big in the Charleston area, least of all in the bed and breakfast trade which capitalizes on the quaint and Colonial. Clark argues that to do a "Colonial Williamsburg number" at Middleton Inn would only mock the power of the plantation ruin itself. Reasoning that it is impossible to equal the original, he chose to do the opposite. The Inn is not visible from the Gardens, even in winter, nor does it borrow from its very formal neighbor at any level, from site planning to choice of materials. Middleton Place is an American Versailles, with formal parterres and pools; Middleton Inn pursues a picturesque site plan, with minimal intervention in the landscape, down to dirt roads. The 18th-Century gardens are axial, organized along a center line that extends from the entrance gate through the manor house's original great hall, down the symmetrical lawn with its paired butterfly pools, and straight out the middle of the Ashley River. Middleton Inn is approached along a curving drive; the first views are oblique, and no conventional front façade greets guests, although the lodge is clearly identified.

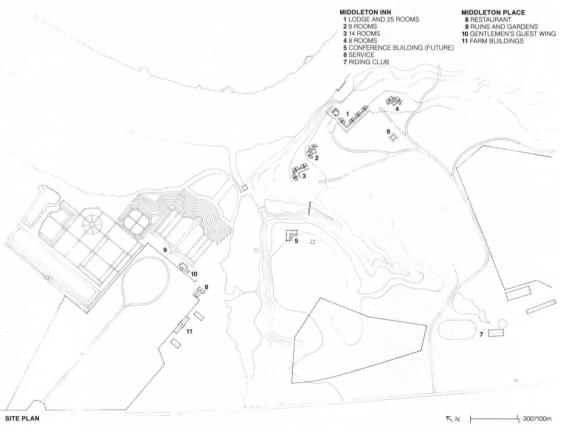
Yet Clark's work is not completely devoid of local color. Terra-cotta chimney pots, wooden shutters, and stick-style furniture are Charleston details. The uses of a particular stucco finish, called "slave coat" in the area, and "Charleston green" paint follow regional tradition.

The Charleston green, incidentally, has a wonderfully recessive effect in the Middleton woods, blending far better than pure black. Clark likes the way his buildings "disappear" from a distance, dissolving into dark wood frames and reflected tree trunks. The contrast of stuccoed walls and wooden cabinets is intentional, but the color and character will change with time as ivy grows up and over the weathered masonry armature, producing a massive "hedge" through which is glimpsed the river and protected marshlands beyond. Clark speaks of his Inn as a "future ruin"; yet his detailing is crisply contemporary. The wooden cabinets rest not on grass but on white concrete pads; copper cornices act as a "reveal" between building and sky. In its own way, the Inn preserves as tight a balance with nature as did the plantation's manor house. The style is dramatically different, but the underlying tension is the same. Daralice D. Boles





In contrast to the very formal plantation with its stepped terraces and symmetrical plan, Middleton Inn is approached along a curving dirt drive (see site plan, below). Clark hopes greenery will in time soften the Inn's tough masonry skeleton (above) while preserving a contrast to crisp wooden cabinet-rooms visible through its vast openings.















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Project: Middleton Inn, Charleston, S.C.

Architects: Clark & Menefee Architects (formerly W.G. Clark Architect), Charleston, S.C. in association with Charleston Architectural Group (William Riesberg, Stephen Thompson, Charles Menefee III, and Huston Eubank.). With William Vukovich, Frances Humphreys and Maynard Ball.

Client: Middleton Inn Associates (Charles Duell).

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Public Housing's Rise and Fall

When Congress passed the first Housing Act in 1937, it did so to create jobs and to accommodate growing numbers of people who could not afford market-rate housing. The federal government mandated that each community have a local authority to oversee public housing construction, management, and operation.

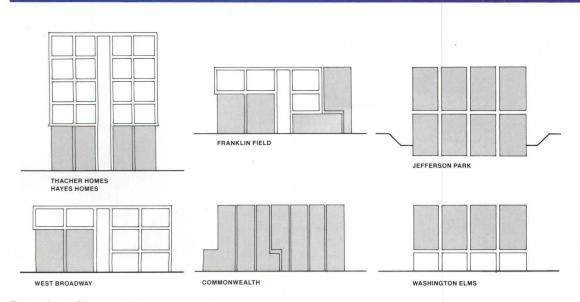
The initial housing was designed for young families and the working poor, who saw public housing as a temporary living situation. That tenant mix changed in the 1950s. As low-interest mortgages enabled working people to buy housing and as the federal govern-

ment set stricter income limits for tenants in subsidized units, public housing became the place of last resort for very poor and typically very large families. That placed the local housing authorities in a bind. Operating and maintenance costs rose, in large part because of the increase in the number of children, as the ability of tenants to pay rents high enough to meet those costs declined.

The federal government, during the 1960s and 1970s, sought solutions to that problem, including centralizing housing management to reduce costs and reimbursing housing authorities for the difference between the fair rent and the tenants' contribution of 25 percent of their income. Yet those solutions brought new troubles. "The centralization of management," says housing consultant James Stockard, "contributed to a lack of accountability among managers." And as reimbursements became an ever larger drain on the budget, the federal government refused to pay all of the operating deficits of the local authorities. That put many local authorities in financial difficulty, and led to the further deterioration of public housing.

Simple Assumptions

Public housing policy has undergone a needed reappraisal in the last several years, although some of it has been flawed by simplistic assumptions. One such assumption is that most of the 1.2 million units of public housing are badly deteriorated. In fact, "about 70 to 80 percent of public housing just needs minor fix-ups," says Gayle Epp,



In this schematic comparison of building sections, devised by researcher Gayle Epp, one-story apartments are distinguished from duplexes or triplexes (shaded). In five of the six examples (shown in diagram at left, in detail on the following pages), three-story apartment buildings are transformed into townhouses. The new building sections break up stacked floors of flats into new arrangements of duplex over duplex (Jefferson Park), duplex over flat (Washington Elms), triplex (Commonwealth), flat over duplex (Franklin Field, left half), and a mix (West Broadway). The sixth high-rise example (Thacher and Hayes Homes) replaces ground-floor and secondfloor flats with duplexes, maintaining stacked flats on upper floors.





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a researcher in the firm Welch & Epp and a member of a team studying the condition of HUD's housing stock. "Only 7 to 10 percent need major rehabilitation."

Another simplistic idea, popular in the current administration, is that residents can better manage the public housing developments themselves. While resident management has worked in some instances, "it does so," says James Stockard, "only if the buildings are in good shape, and if there is enough money, training, and support."

A proven alternative, now threatened by budget cuts, places professional managers in each development. "On-site managers are more accountable," says Stockard, "and they can actually save money through such things as better rent collection and more preventive maintenance."

A third, seemingly simple idea, also popular in the current administration, would increase the involvement of the private sector in public housing. Here, too, efforts such as turning public housing over to private management have succeeded in some instances. "We're not tied to prevailing wages or other union restrictions," says John Corcoran, whose company manages the recently rehabilitated Commonwealth Development in Boston (figure 3), "so we can be more efficient and flexible."

But efforts to convert public housing to mixed-income private developments, while they achieve integration, also increase the shortage of subsidized apartments. Columbia Point, a privatized public housing development in Boston, mixes low- and middle-income tenants and gives the tenants' group a share in the ownership and profits, but the hundreds of low-income apartment units, although already vacant, will not be replaced. Sales in other cities have not received much developer interest, partly because of the deteriorated neighborhoods around the developments.

A fourth assumption, long accepted by the architectural community, is that the creation of private or semiprivate outdoor space is what tenants most want and the developments most demand. Much evidence supports that idea. "Having looked at over 100 case studies," says Claire Cooper Marcus, coauthor of a new book on site design in public housing (reviewed on page 180), "we've found that the

spaces between buildings are the most critical to a project's success." Yet "what tenants want the most," says Ron Atjielski of the San Francisco Housing Authority, "are remodeled kitchens and bathrooms, and door and window security measures."

Some housing experts also have questioned: Can defensible space go too far? "Is a suburban model with mostly private outdoor space," asks architect Antonio DiMambro, "appropriate for urban housing?" And, "Can too much privatization," asks James Stockard, "close off the potential for community? Are we repeating the mistake we made 40 or 50 years ago by designing for the present population and not looking down the road to the needs of future tenants?"

Complex Solutions

James Rouse, whose Enterprise Foundation helps communities buy and rehabilitate tenements without displacing their inhabitants, once said that we haven't solved the problem of low-income housing because we haven't intended to solve it. But it is also true that we haven't solved the problem because of its complexity. The factors that make for successful housing are complex—factors that include "a high adult-child ratio," says Sue Weidemann of the University of Illinois; "a lot of maintenance; strong, consistent, and fair management; and tenants with similar values." The funding of public housing also is complex, since states, which have little experience with or money for public housing, have begun to pick up the federal tab.

Design has an important role to play in making public housing work, as the following examples show. But unless we stop the current wholesale abandonment and demolition of public housing, particularly in cities with financially strapped housing authorities, design will become a moot point. "Our present inventory of assisted housing," writes Chester Hartman in the book *America's Housing Crisis*, "is a valuable national resource which would cost many times as much to replace as it would to maintain adequately." Certainly no preservation effort has greater social benefit than the rehabilitation of our public housing stock. *Thomas Fisher*

The following analysis was written by Daralice D. Boles.

Site Reduced Unit Count

A study of Boston public housing projects undertaken by researcher Gayle Epp concludes that "problem" projects tend to be those with the largest number of units, independent of density or population. The eight developments shown on these pages all had exceptionally high unit counts, reduced through varied strategies of selective demolition, rehabilitation, and new construction. Reductions can be drastic: 17 buildings are to be demolished at Columbia Point, for example. The number of units in Washington Elms dropped from 324 to 168; in Thacher Homes from 525 to 325. The

number of actual displaced residents, however, is usually small, given high vacancy rates prior to rehabilitation: 80 percent for Thacher Homes; more typically, 57 percent for Commonwealth Development. The notion of eliminating low-income housing units, while justified as a remedy of last resort, is nonetheless controversial, and most housing authorities find a way to keep the overall population housed constant, sometimes through a convoluted numbers game that "transfers" residents from lowincome projects to Section 8 programs. At Thacher Homes and Hayes Homes, new townhouse construction on site replaces all demolished high-rise units, so

that the overall project population remains unchanged.

Neighborhood Integration

Friction between a public housing project and its surrounding neighborhood can be exacerbated by the project's site plan, which often emphasizes separation from the city. Architects disagree as to how integrated or isolated a project should be. Jefferson Park turns inward to focus on a community courtyard (figure 4b); Franklin Field focuses outward with front stoops facing city streets (figure 1c). Strategies aimed at integration take one of two forms: replacing the common curvilinear street pattern with a continuation of

the city grid, as at West Broadway, or knitting a project and its neighborhood together at the edges. Jefferson Park's health facility, which serves both residents and the community at large, will be situated on a boundary street (figure 4b); Commonwealth Development's tenant management building (figure 3e) is set at the site's main entrance and functions as a kind of "gate house" for surveillance purposes. Where commonly traveled public "short cuts" pass through a development, as at Jefferson Park (figure 4b), a clear distinction between general public space and semipublic "residents only" space is crucial.



Franklin Field, Boston

Cost: \$25 million.

Architects: Wallace, Floyd, Associates; Carr-Lynch Associates, Boston

Program: Rehabilitate 1954 public housing, increasing room and unit sizes and raising the proportion of 4- and 5-bedroom units from 7 to 25 percent; minimize common stairs; provide ongrade entrances and private backyards; build new community facilities; and relandscape grounds.

Client: Boston Housing Authority, Franklin Field Tenant's Task Force. Design strategies: Reduce number of units from 504 to 346; create duplex and triplex units on lower floors with private backyards; place 1- and 2-bedroom flats on upper floors (1d/e); enlarge entrance (1a/c) and reduce number of flats sharing it from 12 to 4; enlarge kitchen and dining areas (1d/e); distribute parking areas and give every unit street frontage.



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West Broadway Housing, Boston

Architects: Goody, Clancy & Associates; Lane/Frenchman & Associates, Boston Program; Break down superblock housing project; decrease number of units; alter development's image.

Cost: Stage 1, \$19 million (completed June 1986); subsequent stages, \$25 million (commencing January 1987). Client: Boston Housing Authority, West Broadway Task Force (tenant organization), Commonwealth of Mass., Executive Office of Communities and Development. (See P/A, Jan. 1983, pp. 124–125; P/A, July 1984, pp. 78–79)

Design strategies: Change building image with new finishes and pitched roofs (2a/b); bring street grid into site; pair buildings around semiprivate outdoor courts; place community facilities along new central street; reduce units from 1000 to 675 through horizontal and vertical breakthroughs (2c/d); provide fenced-in yards.



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Parking/Traffic

The six Boston projects shown replace large, remote parking lots with small, dispersed, on-site spaces (figures 3g, 4b) close to units. These mini-lots and curbside parking slots are subject to casual surveillance and therefore safer for both cars and people. Other incremental changes-the introduction of speed bumps or rerouting of thoroughfares-can reduce the speed and volume of traffic passing through a development. Reconfigured streets also change the orientation of buildings, distinguishing front from back (figures 3f/g), or creating subgroups within a complex (see Neighborhood Integration; Landscaping).

Landscaping

Careful landscaping can introduce variety into a static site plan. Planting and hedges can provide privacy screens for ground-floor units, distinguishing semipublic from private outdoor space. Landscaped courtyards, (figures 4a/b) and cul-de-sacs (figure 3b) can enforce subgroup identity within a development, provided these common outdoor spaces are not too tight (Claire Cooper Marcus sets the minimum at 30 feet across) or too large and empty. Protecting plantscape is another matter. New landscaping accomplished for purely cosmetic reasons, without a careful site strategy and maintenance program, is sure to suffer abuse.

At Franklin Field, for example, bollards and chains designed to keep kids off the grass are all too easily ignored. Extensive regrading of the site at Commonwealth, on the other hand, converted the 5-foot drop from building entrance to sidewalk into an attractive zone of stepped berms, benches, patios, and entryways (figures 3a/b). The change in section also provided a clever way to protect the new landscaping from wear and tear.

Outdoor Play Space

The lack of purpose-built play space is a key defect in most public housing. Recreation areas should be dispersed throughout a development and well defined.

Moreover, different age groups require different facilities and should be physically separated. While all play areas should be relatively accessible and well maintained, tot lots in particular should be set in sunny spots, close to units for easy access and surveillance. Sidewalks and pedestrian paths will be used for play, and these elements should be dimensioned to accommodate active use (figures 1c, 2b, 3d, 4a, 5a). The elderly too have their own turf requirements; sunny, quiet retreats within easy walking distance of their units.

Site Maintenance

The success or failure of a public housing project is as much a









Commonwealth Development (formerly Fidelis Way), Boston

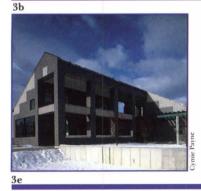
Architects: Tise, Wilhelm & Associates and Carr-Lynch Associates, Boston, Mass.

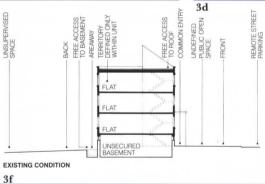
Program: Demolish two midrise apartment buildings and rehabilitate remainder, reducing the number of units from 648 to 392; create elderly housing in two midrise buildings; build a new community management building, day-care center, and elderly community center.

Cost: \$27.4 million.

Client: John M. Corcoran Company; Boston Housing Authority.

Design strategies: Reroute through street and construct private parking loop; add new front and back doors with new entrance canopies and stoops (3c/d); secure basement entrances and replace roof access (required by code in lieu of second means of egress) with new entrances; use earth berms, hedges, and walls to define private and semipublic outdoor space (3b/d/f/g); separate play areas for children of different age groups; place community facilities along new street (3e); convert three-story buildings into triplexes with private yards and midrise buildings (3a) into duplexes with flats above; add new living room extensions to three-story buildings (3b) to enlarge end triplexes; distribute parking areas closer to units; provide community garden space; separate elderly courtyard from children's and adolescents' recreation areas.





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matter of maintenance as it is of design. Prompt repair is a proven deterrent to vandalism; similarly, residents are more likely to maintain and outsiders less likely to abuse outdoor space clearly identified as belonging to a given unit. Materials should be picked with durability in mind; West Broadway's painted façades, for example, (figure 2b) "solve" the graffiti problem with successive coats of paint. Trash pick-up is another chronic maintenance problem. Jefferson Park's tenants have succeeded in securing decentralized trash service with garbage cans kept beneath the stoops at each unit. Where unsightly dumpsters are

unavoidable, careful landscap-

ing or screen walls can provide camouflage. The more decentralized the location, the better.

Community Facilities

Just as maintenance is best managed by a resident operator, so community services may best be provided onsite, housed in an identifiable structure that serves as the social heart of the community (figure 3e). Other shared facilities such as laundries and tot lots (figure 4a), if generously planned and easily accessible, can become social subcenters. At West Broadway, social services line an internal "street." Similarly, Columbia Point's new mall and bayside park are lined with social service buildings and retail

space, provision of the latter made necessary by the project's remote location.

Building Image

Opinions differ as to the longrange value of "cosmetic" change. Critics claim limited funds are better spent on such essentials as kitchens and baths. Proponents argue that unless residents feel proud of their place, and protective, they will continue to abuse it. The most successful alterations provide variety of color, building height, and entry conditions; more subtle architectural devices such as varied window patterns or minor changes in material don't regis-

ter. One of the more ridiculous (and expensive) alterations proposed by the Boston Housing Authority is the window greenhouse; added to end units, these glazed projections do little to modulate a monotonous facade: from within the units they serve only to block the view. New stoops and porches (figures 3d, 4a, 5a), on the other hand, break down the building surface effectively and provide a place for residents to add their own stamp. West Broadway provides the most extreme example of altered building image, with its new pitched roofs, window projections, corner entries, and elaborate color scheme varied by village (figures 2a/b).

Youth, Professionalism, and Imagination

A young Viennese architect imprints his own vision upon lessons recently learned, in his first built work, which has resulted from winning an open competition.

ERNST Hoffmann's fire station in Mödling (a small town near Vienna) presents encouraging proof that the various "isms" that have been in the air in the past decade-Post-Modernism, Rationalism-need not produce, in the hands of impressionable practitioners, awkward, pastichelike results. Quite the contrary: Absorption of contemporary lessons of contextualism and collective memories can have a markedly beneficial result. In the fire station—the winning entry in an open competition and Hoffmann's very first built work—one sees evidence of numerous influences: Mario Botta's use of contrasting textural materials; Michael Graves's compact sense of scale and his tension between large and small elements, notably windows; Leon Krier's sophisticated urban fantasies as expressed in drawings; and Gustav Peichl's effective use of industrial components. While the fire station reflects these various influences, it still projects an individual evocative strength of its own and an exemplary and appropriate urban presence. Furthermore, this young architect's professional approach has resulted in a structure economically and well built.

The fire station plays a special role in the life of Mödling, a role augmented by both the organization of the building and the use of the site. In small Austrian towns, fire fighting is performed by a corps of volunteers, and the fire fighters' families and the town residents in general tend to identify with their fire station and take pride in it. In Hoffmann's building, then, the fire trucks are parked behind glazed overhead doors, so that parents making regular Sunday and holiday outings with their children can walk by the building to see the red trucks. A small semicircular museum adjacent to the building entrance contains old firefighting artifacts also visible through large windows. And the second-story lounge provided for volunteers waiting between emergency calls has become a recreation room for the firemen's families and other community members: It is large, bright, and airy, contains a small kitchen, and is lined with closets where games are stored.

The subtle placement of structures on the site has allowed the fire station to become a focal point for the long street on which it stands, a street lined with trees and repetitive workers' housing. To increase the advantageous effect of a bend in the street at this point, the architect curved one end of the building to close the vista. To demarcate the transition from linear to curved building, he projected a semicircular form (the museum) beyond the façade line, a form which also serves to announce the entrance at its side. And to take full advantage of the closed vista at the end of the long axis, Hoffmann placed a tall tower with numerous functions: It serves as a drying tower for the hoses and a practice tower for firemen in training, and its peak carries a broadcasting mast to receive fire alarms and to communicate with the brigades.

For the interior, Hoffmann had an idea that further involved the community: He arranged to have students in the town's technical school, where he also had studied, build the furniture which he, and in some cases they, designed. He also commissioned a local artist to create a photographic mural strip to follow the line of the interior curved staircase. The use of local amateur skills permitted much finer quality work than the budget would otherwise have allowed. The interior does suffer, however, from youthful exuberance, with an overembellishment of a number of fittings such as closet doors, skylights, and counter in the lounge.

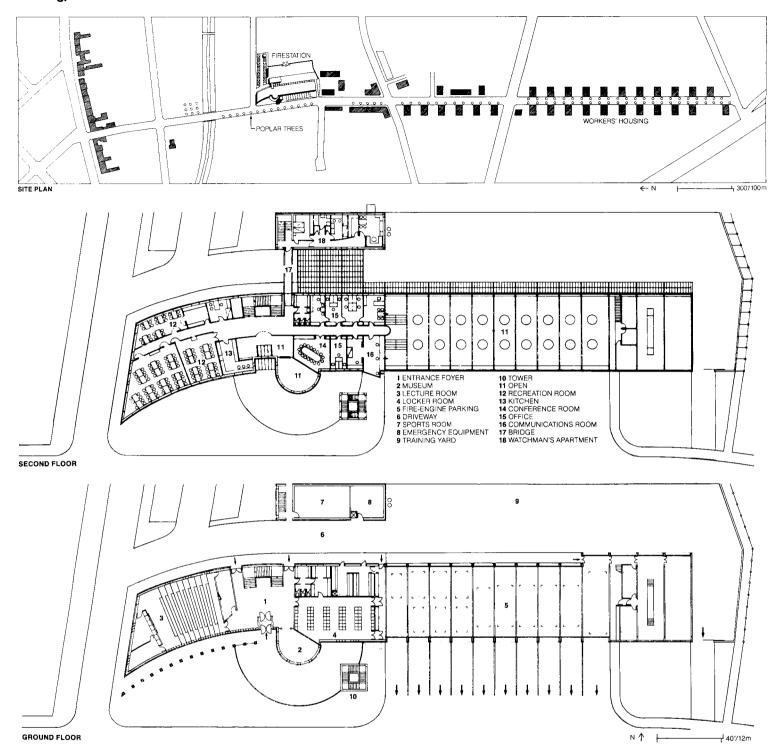
Architectural detailing on the exterior is simple and economical, and reinforces the basic concepts. The double exterior wall, with insulation in the cavity between two layers of masonry, has an outer face of concrete block: Small gray bands of block alternate with larger, whitish block, the horizontal striping chosen to emphasize the curved building form rather than as homage to Botta, says Hoffmann. In the curved section, the bands are further elaborated by the use of inset polished pink granite squares, while in the museum façade, amusing porcelain busts of former fire chiefs are inset as capitals above the piers. To contrast with the matte finish of the concrete block, Hoffmann chose shiny anodized aluminum for the window frames. Various small painted metal or stucco elements throughout the scheme—the entrance doors, for example, or the chimney on the rear practice wall-are colored either red, blue, or yellow, to represent fire, water, and optimism. Glimpses of all three colors are visible from any point, a small piece of joy introduced almost as a private code by this young and talented architect. Susan Doubilet



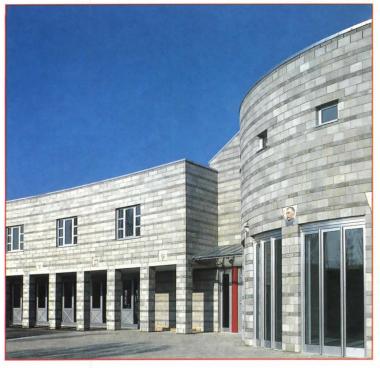


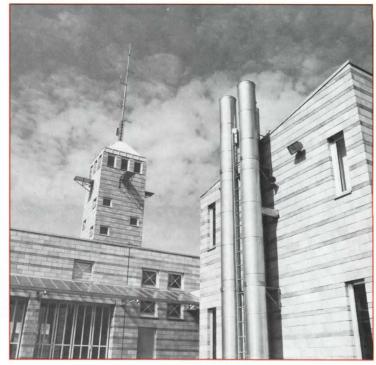
The fire station, which stands at a bend on a street lined with workers' housing, serves to terminate the long street axis (see plans overleaf). Its linear form curves forward at one end (above) to close the vista, while a tall broadcasting and training tower (above and left) acts as the major focal element. To signal the transition from the straight form of the parking garage (right in photo left) to the curved form, a semicircular room, which functions as a museum (above), is projected beyond the established facade line.

Fire Station Mödling, Austria



The site plan (top) reveals the subtlety of the gesture which curves a linear building to close a long axis. At the same time, the linearity of the street is reinforced, both by the building and by a row of poplar trees across the street.









Horizontal bands of concrete block contrasting in color and size are used to emphasize the linear nature of the building. To further highlight the curved façades (top left), polished granite tiles are set into the narrow bands of the concave section to the left of the entrance door, while colored porcelain busts of former fire chiefs are set into the convex museum façade to the right.

The fire truck garage section of the building, seen (top right) from the practice yard at the rear of the site, is for the most part prefabricated. To compensate for the disappointingly flat profile of the small, square second-story windows, the architect designed aluminum crossbraces to be placed in front of the sashes to deepen the effect. A shiny

finish has been used for window frames and other metal elements, to contrast with the concrete block's matte finish and to heighten the industrial imagery. Yellow, red, and blue are used for

occasional accents on the exterior and, sparingly, on the interior, as in the entrance hall (above left). A skylighted hallway (above right) connects offices, conference room, and communications room on the second story.



The side view of the site (above) reveals the highly sculptural practice wall with its symbolic central fire-place. To the right of the practice wall is the watchman's apartment, with a bridge connecting it to the main building. The driveway under the bridge gives access to the large practice yard beyond.

Project: Fire Station, Mödling, Austria.

Architect: Ernst Hoffmann, Vienna.

Site: at the town's periphery, at the end of a long row of workers' housing.

Program: fire-engine parking garage, communications room, conference room, locker room, small auditorium, recreation room, museum, watchman's apartment.

Structural system: concrete block bearing wall.

Major materials: gray and white concrete block exterior finish, anodized aluminum windows, gypsum board interior walls.

Consultants: furniture studio of the Mödling Technical High School, furniture.

Costs: \$1.5 million.

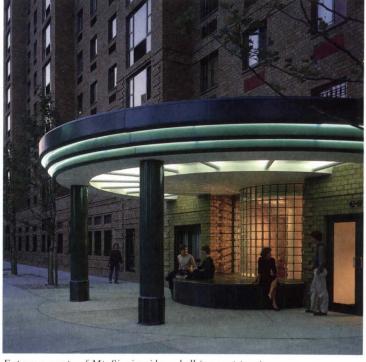
Photos: Ernst Hoffmann.

P/A Portfolio Three Urban Buildings

The three American buildings included in this P/A Portfolio have been pointedly chosen for their diversity. Two of them are insertions into the fabric of Manhattan. The third is a P/A-Citation-winning school, now completed, in San Francisco.

THE second in this new series of P/A features demonstrates that the subjects of these articles will sometimes be quite diverse, rather than related, as in the first Portfolio, on the buildings of Berlin's IBA program (P/A, Feb. 1986, pp. 93–101). The criterion for inclusion is that P/A's editors see the works as embodying important architectural lessons that can be conveyed succinctly in two or three pages. While some essential parts of these buildings will not be illustrated, the quality of the whole fabric will be assessed by writers who—as in the case of all P/A building features—have visited the site. These Portfolios, along with the P/A Inquiry series (p. 92) are P/A efforts to feature a broader spectrum of architectural accomplishments. (See Editorial, January issue, p. 7.)

John Morris Dixon



Entrance canopy of Mt. Sinai residence hall (see next page).

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In a high-rise structure containing suites for some 600 medical students and staff, architects Davis, Brody & Associates have embodied exceptional amenities for such dense, institutional housing, in a finely detailed envelope that recalls the best of Manhattan residential streetscapes.

MANY of us carry in our minds an idealized image of the New York high-rise apartment house, assembled from the best examples of the 1920s and 1930s, such as London Terrace on West 23rd Street or the landmark structures of Central Park West. Such buildings would have finely detailed walls rising in clifflike masses from discreetly prominent entrance canopies toward penthouses at the top that form rhythmic projections against the sky. Possibly no American apartment building of recent years has represented this urbane type more eloquently than this residential hall for the Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

Located at Park Avenue and East 98th Street, the building is just beyond the edge of the prosperous Upper East Side district, where the massive medical center complex meets East Harlem's mix of tenements, public housing, and vacated plots. While serving the medical center's need to offer students and staff comfortable, immediately adjacent housing, this structure reinforces the fabric of the city at this borderline location with architecture that visibly belongs to Manhattan.

Given the need to house over 600 people on a site roughly 100′ x 300′, providing one secure entrance and one bank of elevators, the architects had to range their suites along double-loaded corridors. On the ten floors of one-story suites, they take advantage of the linear extension by giving each unit two entries, so that residents can bypass the shared central rooms if they wish. On the top five floors, where the building sets back, they have developed two-story suites, using only two public corridors.

At the street, a 12-foot setback from the building line allows for a second line of trees behind the curbside row and a generous canopied entrance, set toward the west end, nearest to the medical facilities. Above the straight first-floor wall—free of dangerous alcoves—the building mass is sculpted, with living rooms on the first ten floors projecting in regularly spaced bays; above them project the cylindrical metal-and-glass envelopes of the stairs that connect the duplex floors and offer broad views at their oversized landings.

The suites themselves are compact, of course, but not cramped. The main rooms have expansive windows, oak parquet flooring, and family-sized kitchen facilities; bedrooms have synthetic tile floors, individually controlled HVAC units, and good basic furniture. The long corridors vary in width from 4 feet on the straightaways to 6 feet at suite entry alcoves. Light valances at these points alternate with dimmer, recessed lighting in the stretches between. Well-framed posters in the doorway alcoves—bought with money saved in construction—help give each location an identity of its own.

John Morris Dixon



Walls of 4" x 8" tan brick, with joints tinted slightly darker, are given added relief at the ground floor (top), which also displays simple but thoughtfully detailed grilles and gateways. At upper-floor setbacks (above) are roof decks with sleek lines of pipe railing, painted dark green to match curtain walls of curved stair projections. Long view of north-facing front (facing page) shows rhythmic massing based on length of typical four-bedroom suites. Disciplined pattern of typical bedroom windows, with dark

HVAC grilles beneath each one, is broken by expansive windows of suite living rooms. Cylindrical projections house stairs that connect pairs of floors of upperfloor duplexes (see section); unglazed portions house open emergency stairs required between units. Location of entry and elevator core toward west end shortens walk to medical center and Madison Avenue commercial conveniences.

Project: Jane B. Aron Residence Hall, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York.

Architects: Davis, Brody & Associates, New York (Marta Rudzki, AIA, project manager; Mark Meyer, Steven Davis, AIA, project designers; George Rehl, AIA, project architect; Ron Tagliagambe, construction administration; Marie Colasson, John Hersey, Robert Lubalin, AIA, William Rawn, AIA, Renee Sandoz, project team).

 $\it Site: 30,708$ -sq-ft rectangle along E. 98th St. at corner of Park Ave. Program: 134 living units for total of 613 medical students, nurses, and hospital staff; 212,000 gross sq ft. Structural system: cast-in-place concrete on steel piles.

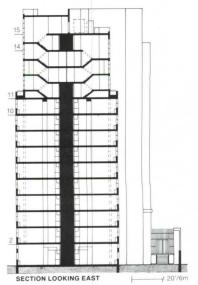
Major materials: brick and concrete cavity wall; painted gypsum board (see Building Materials, p. 192). Mechanical system: oil-fired boiler supplying hot water to individual heating/cooling units.

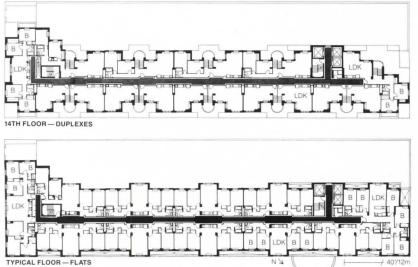
Consultants: Hanna/Olin, landscape; Robert Rosenwasser Associates, structural; Cosentini Associates, mechanical.

General contractor: Morse Diesel. Costs: about \$17 million, excluding furnishings and fees.

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In this P/A-Citation-winning school addition to an existing religious community center, architects DiNapoli/Berger have used a central court and skylighted arcades for shelter and daylight on a foggy, windy site, arranging them to give a sense of quiet order.

IN the chilly, foggy western reaches of San Francisco stands a group of religious institutions—Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Lutheran, among others—strung along an arterial street named, appropriately, Brotherhood Way. Among them is Beth Israel Judea Temple, built in the 1960s on a hilltop, with its Jewish Community Center on the lower slopes.

In the 1970s, this community center was losing its supporting population, and a plan was developed to reinforce it by combining its successful nursery school with a Jewish elementary school then sharing space with another school in the city. A program drawn up in 1981 by Marquis & Associates called for the school's use of the existing gym and some other facilities, while the new construction, including ten classrooms and a library, would be suitable for community center use after school hours.

As architects chosen to carry out this program, DiNapoli/Berger faced two major hurdles: a very limited budget and a problem site. Funding for the addition was eased when the proposed design won a P/A Citation in 1984. The honor elicited gifts that provided an adequate budget for the addition even after \$128,000 was diverted to upgrading the existing gym for use as a theater.

The site for the addition was a former ravine, filled with debris from a nearby excavation in the 1950s. Its resulting instability required a massive, costly concrete beam foundation. Its location at the bottom of a north-facing, wooded slope exaggerated the general lack of sunlight in this vicinity, but the sunnier level area further north had to be reserved for playfields.

The face of DiNapoli/Berger's extension now serves as the gateway to both the school and the community center. Although it presents a commanding front toward the public street, its moderate scale and earth color make it fit comfortably among existing structures, and its modular arcade forms an effective backdrop for outdoor games. The designers also considered the visibility of the addition roof from the temple up the hill, developing an orderly arrangement of peaked skylights and parapets on an otherwise clean roof.

The building's design is highly legible, with color used to highlight elements. The light blue of the railings and skylight framing complements the prevailing tan; use of blue in the courtyard makes it readable, even from a distance, as the open core of the structure. The only significant weakness of the building seems to be that the small classrooms, while nicely scaled for children, were not large enough for adequate storage and equipment.

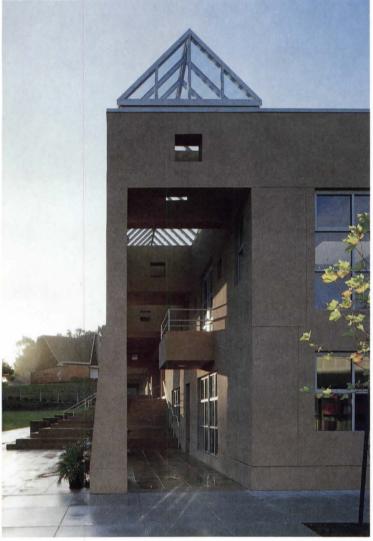
Just as the P/A jury's recognition of the design hastened funding, the success of the building in use has revitalized the community center—so much so that DiNapoli/Berger are now designing an expansion. Additional classrooms—larger than the present ones—are to be built over part of the community center. *Sally Woodbridge*



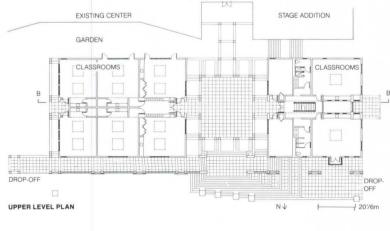
Skylight-covered and wind-sheltered public spaces respond to the bleak coastal climate of the building site and form the major social spaces in scheme comprising mainly basic classrooms. The central courtyard (above) accommodates gatherings and allows through access to the preexisting community center from the new public entrance (facing page, top). Here, generous stairs double as bleachers for games in front of the school, the site's only suitably flat area. The front arcade (facing page, left) gives the whole complex

a face of appropriate scale and provides covered area for access roadways at either end. Inside the school (facing page, right) the sun-catching skylights and blue pipe railings continue.









Project: Brandeis Hillel Day School, Frank and Jennie Gauss Campus, San Francisco.

Architects: DiNapoli/Berger Architects, Berkeley, Calif. (William DiNapoli, Miles Berger, design principals; Larry Tarter, project architect; John Barton, Troy Bassett, Lucinda Harvey, Peter Lena, Reid Lerner, Betsi Macdonald, Britton Schlinke, JanLee Wong, assistants).

Site: 1.85 acres on a north-facing slope, adjoining existing community center.

Program: ten classrooms, library, stage addition, other school facilities (9885 sq ft interior, 4452 sq ft covered areas); remodeling 6226 sq ft of existing building.

Structural system: concrete slab; wood frame with some bearing walls

designed to absorb shear.

Major materials: plywood with cement plaster exterior; gypsum board interior walls; built-up roof; wire-glass skylights (see Building Materials, p. 192).

Mechanical system: individual hot water baseboard units; heat from main gas-fired boiler.

Consultants: Barber & Associates, landscape; Shapiro Ikiro Hom, structural; Lefter Engineers, mechanical; Stan Anderson, electrical; Dames & Moore, soils; interiors by architects; Laura Lempert, color.

General contractor: Gilco Construction Co.

Costs: \$1,228,846 (actual, 1984, not including furnishings or fees); \$75 per sq ft for new construction. Photos: Dugart.

In a small back garden addition to his own townhouse, architect James Rossant of Conklin Rossant accommodates the specific interests of his wife, a food writer, while integrating a remarkable variety of his own ideas about space and detail.

ATTEMPTING a serious architectural statement in a mere 300-square-foot house addition can be risky for a young architect. But James Rossant is no ambitious youngster; as a partner in the established firm of Conklin Rossant, he is used to working at urban scale—currently on a new capital city for Tanzania. Even the richly eclectic design ideas he has brought to this small project are combined with mature discipline.

Rossant and his wife, food writer Colette Rossant, have long owned an 1832 townhouse in a motley (unlandmarked) block in SoHo. Their kitchen and dining room were in the original garden-level location. Since their children were leaving home, they decided to turn this lower level into a rental unit and add a main-floor kitchen and dining room for the small dinner parties the Rossants frequently hold.

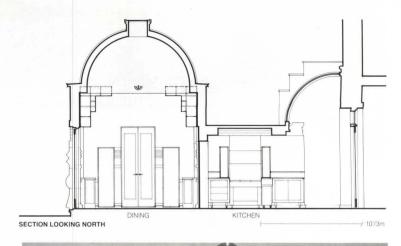
Rossant's design shrewdly adds a dining room in the garden without blocking the outlook from the main living space. It provides a glazed conservatory, sheltering a dining terrace for the downstairs unit, which is nicely separated from the owners' new terrace. The obvious drawback—that guests have to pass through the kitchen to reach the new dining room—was considered acceptable, especially since Colette's cooking style is fast and neat, incorporating Oriental techniques.

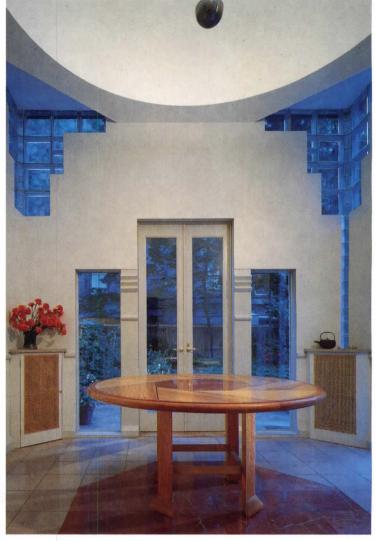
The square, domed dining room is a ritual setting, centered on an architect-designed table. With no furniture except chairs around this table, the 11-foot-square space seems ample. The dome relieves the volume in the only direction in which it could be expanded.

From outside, the dining pavilion has the miniaturized monumentality of a Renaissance *tempietto*. But Rossant points out that it is more closely related in form to the small courtyard mosques of Cairo, which he has been examining en route to and from Tanzania. Where the all-masonry mosques have massive pendentives transferring dome loads to the cubic base, however, he has supported his lighter dome on angled beams and substituted pendentive-shaped areas of glass block, which capture and transform any light that enters the garden—even light from surrounding windows at night.

There is Classical inspiration, says Rossant, in the skylight, a circular opening with a square lid, and in the abstracted Palladian composition of the French doors flanked by lower headed windows. The stone mullions between these openings recall yet another historical source, Victorian New York, where cast iron and brownstone mullions were often carved on the front face only—with vaguely anthropomorphic forms like these—to save money and produce flat jambs. On the interior, wood moldings recall these motifs at finer scale.

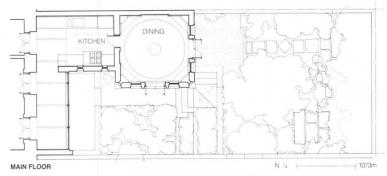
While the design inspirations behind this little addition may be remarkably numerous—and the suggestions they evoke even more far-flung—the result has integrity. *John Morris Dixon*





Form and details of the dining room block (facing page, middle) suggest sources as divergent as Renaissance, Islamic, Victorian, and Early Modern. In the 11-foot-square interior (above), devices such as differing window and door heights and a featureless dome upset one's sense of scale. Dome serves as a reflector for a small halogen lamp, suspended on fishing line, with power from a coiled cord. Architect-designed table for eight—60 inches in diameter—has inlays of oak, primavera, and bronze around a marble octagon; the

octagon is repeated in red marble inset in floor of French polished limestone. Two of corner "hutches" are for storage, two supply heat. Linking the dining room block to the main house is an L-shaped kitchen-conservatory element (aerial view and plan, facing page). Copper cladding of handrail and window head help relate greenhouse framing here to remainder of addition; sun-shading is not needed in this location. Stone-trimmed circular vent in kitchen wall marks location of range.



Project: House extension, New York. Architects: Conklin Rossant, New York (James S. Rossant, partner in charge; Christopher Barriscale, project manager).

Clients: James and Colette Rossant. Site: rear garden, 25 ft wide.

Program: addition to 1832 town-house; dining room, kitchen, enclosed balcony. Total added area: 300 sq ft. Structural system: brick-faced masonry bearing walls; wood frame roof with steel dome ribs.

Major materials: brick, limestone, copper roofing, aluminum and wood-framed insulated glass (see Building Materials, p. 192).

Materials, p. 192).

Mechanical system: fin-tube radiation, existing system.

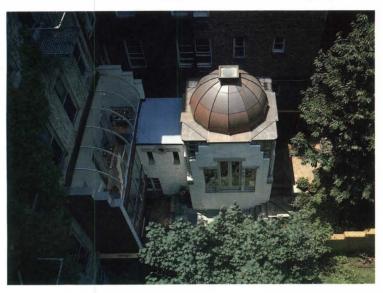
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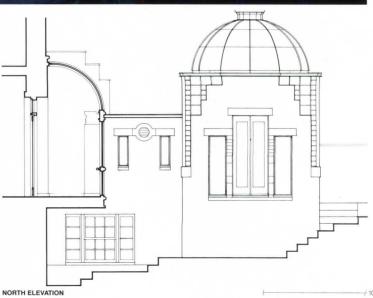
Consultants: Mark K. Morrison
Associates/William Wallis, landscape.

Cost: \$75,000; \$200 per sq ft, excluding furnishing, landscaping, fees.

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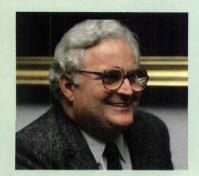


P/A Sixth Annual International Furniture Competition

Does art have a place in the marketplace? An ageold question rears its head again in this year's competition, as the jury ponders the gap between finely crafted, more conceptual designs and those that offer innovative and applicable solutions to basic furniture design problems.

HAS the art of furniture design become more art than design? It's hard not to draw that conclusion in examining the eight winners of P/A's Sixth Annual International Furniture Competition. Of the 938 entries that came in from 29 countries, the overwhelming majority were for furniture that was one-of-a-kind art rather than production-oriented design. Indeed, while the competition was and is intended to offer a forum for new ideas rather than a proving ground for product design, this year's jury questioned the consistent gap between the more conceptual pieces and those that are clearly intended for production. Is there no reconciliation possible between the two ends of the spectrum? Obviously there must be-we've seen it in the classic designs of Mies, Breuer, Aalto, and Eames, among others-but it doesn't seem to be happening today; both the technological and cultural imperatives seem to be absent. Almost all of this year's winners—with one or two exceptions are either conceptual or one-off, craftsman pieces, intended for home or gallery rather than for the assembly line. What these pieces are strong on is craftsmanship, and this quality figured prominently in the jury's discussions. But, as evidenced by their comments (facing page), craft isn't everything. The rediscovery of furniture design by the art and architecture communities is now an established fact; the question is, how to make it a fact of everyday life? Or is architect- and artist-designed furniture destined to remain a luxury item?

The jury gave no awards this year; they found two entries worthy of citations, and gave the other six honorable mentions, citing a lack of what they called "big ideas" or truly innovative approaches to furniture problems, and criticizing what they termed "design inflation," which causes too many small ideas to appear as big ones. Furniture design is a very old endeavor whose problems have been examined from just about every angle; it simply isn't possible (or necessary) to reinvent the wheel every year. But it's clear that some of the age-old problems of the discipline need redefining, perhaps by some of the more enlightened members of the industrial and architectural design professions, in order to spark some fresh solutions. Pilar Viladas



William Stumpf is a turniture and industrial designer, and principal in the firm of William Stumpf + Associates, Minneapolis.

General comments

Haigh: Having looked at over 900 entries, there is a large amount of personalized, handcrafted furniture. Regarding the discussion we were having earlier about "design inflation," perhaps we would be in a better state if some of these people didn't design, and there were fewer entries that were of a higher quality.

McCurry: So much of what we saw was highly personalized, ornate, and overdone.

Stumpf: It's like everyone's designing images out of the magazines instead of going back to basics and understanding things.

Wrede: One concern, when one looks at all of this, is that it seems as if we picked a lot of one-off things. There aren't many objects here I could see going into production.

Haigh: Out of all the entries I saw three things that addressed that issue, that said "I'm an object addressing mass production. McCurry: I saw a fair number of well-constructed craftsman

pieces.

Stumpf: The Post-Modern language is becoming somewhat boorish very quickly. There's a McDonald's at the Minneapolis airport that is a marble affair, and you look at it and say, "My God, it's come this far." You almost wish that kind of thing

would come back the way it originally was . . . There is a strange thing going on here; I mean there's a lot of paper concept and very little physical design; and those things that are finished and crafted seem to lack in concept. There's a divorce between the two, which I find very frustrating.

Haigh: Two or three years ago you could identify a certain amount of eclecticism emerging, you could identify a certain shift. Do we recognize any movements here, any real trends? Wrede: Certainly looking at what we picked out, what I see missing are the more production-oriented pieces.

Haigh: I don't think we could find enough quality pieces of that sort to honor . . . It's not that we didn't choose them, it's that they weren't there.

Stumpf: The production sphere is an increasingly more fearful experience to a lot of people. The more I think about experimenting in furniture design, the less I think about production. Wrede: When I talk about production, I'm not necessarily talking about something that's totally oriented to the economics of production; I'm talking about pieces that one could imagine as duplicates, that many people would want. A lot of the pieces that we picked are oriented to a very limited market.

for universals, but instead found solutions for particularized situations. What we saw was so heavily "designed," and so much of a particular "time spot." We looked for something more inventive; there were a lot of gimmicks. In the end, we had to choose things with iconic appeal when what we were really looking for were things that could be mass-manufactured-the "chair of the '80s," that sort of thing. King: I was looking for the quality of the ideas behind the design, an aesthetic or functional concept-ideally both. There were some beautifully crafted pieces, but craftsmanship alone is not enough. Some pieces would work or do a job, but that is perhaps the basis from which we would start, not a point of arrival. I was attracted to those entries where you could see people trying for new concepts. But too often they were spoiled by the use of badly done Post-Modern clichés or careless detailing. I think I was looking for signs of new uses for furnitureor better still, furniture for new uses and needs. I was amused by the humorous and ironic entries, and only sorry that we couldn't mention them because they were not complete, or their presentation was so poor that we could not understand them as 3-dimensional objects.

McCurry: We were all searching



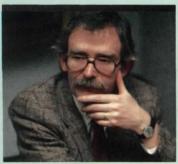
Paul Haigh is an architectural, interior, and furniture designer, and partner in the firm of Haigh Space, New York.



Margaret McCurry is an architect and furniture designer, and a partner in the firm of Tigerman Fugman McCurry Ltd., Chicago.



Stuart Wrede is an architect, historian, and a curator in the Department of Architecture and Design, The Museum of Modern Art, New York



Perry A. King is an industrial, furniture, and interior designer, and partner in the firm of King/Miranda Associates, Milan.

Sarah Graham **Angelil/Graham Architecture**

Boston, Massachusetts

Project

The table, composed of two legs, a top, and folded vertical planes, is made of white-and-gray-painted plywood, and measures 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and three inches deep. The Cubist still life painting represents space as occurring in two dimensions with multiple reference points. This table has been brought back out of two-dimensional space and made only slightly threedimensional. Perspectival vanishing points occur over more than one plane. The investigation involves multiple and simultaneous representations of space.







Jury comments

Wrede: It's not actually a table;

it's a sculpture.

Stumpf: I like this . . . even if it supported something as simple as a candle. It is a transitional

kind of furniture.

Haigh: In that Cubist tradition, it's a nicely transformed table. It's not really a functional discussion; the table could be used if you really wanted to, but it's really . . . just elegantly transformed.

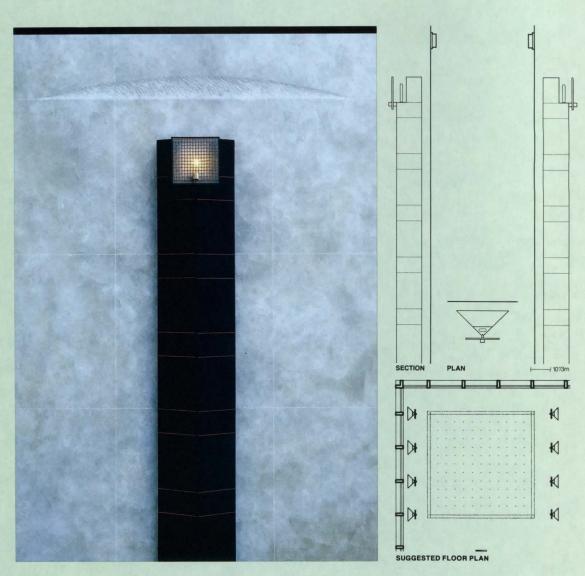
Wrede: It's a wonderful, ambiguous piece in that sense. Stumpf: Which is a legitimate thing for a piece of furniture to be. It is a broad definition of function, but it is fine. I can see having one of those somewhere, with a cat sitting on it or something-a pretty trim cat.

Sava Cvek with Shahin Barzin

Newton, Massachusetts

Project

A standing light fixture, 76 inches high, 18 inches wide, and 12 inches deep, veneered with black marble tiles. The shade can be made of different materials, such as translucent marble, etched glass, or perforated metal sheets.



Jury comments

McCurry: It looks very elegant. Wrede: What is this little arch floating above it? Is it pure ef-

Haigh: It's part of the wall. The light is considered in terms of architecture through a series of placements in buildings. I like the idea that it's considered in context.

McCurry: Yes, it's one of the nicest things we've seen.

Haigh: I don't think this is the original lighting idea by any means, and I think many people have tried lighting through the translucence of different quality materials, which this suggests . . . What I do like about this piece is that it was the only light that talked about being in a piece of

architecture . . .

Wrede: Haven't similar things been done before?

McCurry: Not exactly in that form. There is an elegance of the proportion . . . and of the materials. I haven't seen one as handsome as that.

HONORABLE MENTION

Thomas Hucker

Charlestown, Massachusetts

Project

A side chair, 291/2 inches high, 46 inches wide, and 19 inches deep, of gray-lacquered plywood with solid mahogany edge caps, and a solid wenge wood base. The chair, which is intended for limited production, is based on a traditional Chinese system of back-slat lumbar support; the height of the back is intended for optional elbow support. The chair offers partial "framing" of the seated occupant from the surrounding environment.



Jury comments

Wrede: I find it formally extremely elegant. I can't guarantee how it would feel to sit in, but it has real presence.

King: It's a difficult one, isn't it? It's heavy, but it is one of the most original things we've seen here.

McCurry: It's a chair as wall. Wrede: Well, I would say that it's formally elegant . . . formal elegance achieved with a real economy of means. It has a kind of totemic, monumental quality.

Stumpf: I think it's so formal . . . Well, comfort's an issue. Haigh: [It looks] very, very uncomfortable to get out of. McCurry: It's one of those hallway chairs.

Wrede: But it also suggests a kind of primitive, tribal seat. Haigh: I just don't like it. I don't like anything about it.

J.P. Maruszczak Jay Kline, fabricator Fort Worth, Texas

Project

Domestic Totems, 61/2 feet tall and 21/2 feet wide, built of simple wooden members, are an ensemble of characters for the enjoyment and animation of a pool/cabaña setting. Their respective roles are defined by four pool-side activities: dressing/undressing; washing/drying; preparation/serving; storage/sundries. While in this particular instance the furniture was designed in situ (an open-air cabaña), they can be seen as prototypes for freestanding or mobile objects in counterpoint to the predominant horizontality of the Texas landscape. The objects suggest the mobility of outdoor furniture.





Jury comments Haigh: I like this one. I wish we had some really good photographs of it.

McCurry: I find the whole notion very peculiar. There's a wheel on the sink . . . it's perverse ... I don't think it's totemic enough. The drawings say something about it, but the actual pieces don't say something the way the drawings do. And I think that is because of all those parts. If you take any one piece away, you lose the series of totems; and that's why I find it a slightly throw-away commentary.

Stumpf: The presentation kills it, first of all, but I am intrigued by the idea.

King: Can we go on record as saying that there might be more than meets the eye, more there than the presentation has shown?

Haigh: What is nice about this for me is that it takes that mundane situation where we see so many accepted, ready solutions, and, just by challenging it with an idea, you can put a new disposition on mirror light, sink, storage, etc. .

Stumpf: It also looks like it's possibly affordable fun. And the other thing is, to me, that it would accept clutter.

HONORABLE MENTION

Todd White

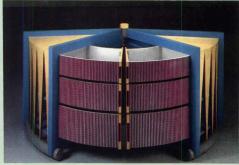
Charlestown, Massachusetts

Project

A chest of drawers, 72 inches long, 30 inches wide, and 36 inches high, of lacquered plywood, bird's-eye maple veneer, aluminum, and bronze. This piece was designed to be placed against the wall or out in the room, but it can also be closed and rolled into a corner for more compact storage. Both shells and drawers hinge off the center post. The hinge, made of bronze bushings and a stainless steel pin, allows the drawers to remain perfectly horizontal when open. The drawers are visible through the case, and the stripes produce an optical blur effect when the drawers are open.







Jury comments

King: I think that's one of the most elegant things we've seen. Wrede: I'm bothered by these triangles. It looks like the piece might be, in fact, more elegant without them... they are totally unrelated to the piece.

McCurry: They're telling you that it's in segments, that it moves.

Wrede: You could have done it in segments, but when you do it this way, you're doing a gesture too much.

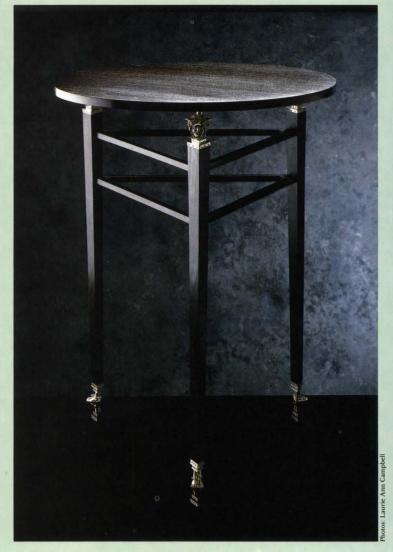
Haigh: I disagree with you. Formally it has come out of the idea of segmentation from the center. Stumpf: I'd agree with that. What I found very playful about it is that it is a box within a box. Wrede: It's a 90-degree angle; presumably it's a corner piece, but if you want to get at the drawers, you're going to have to pull it out. It's two wedges, as I read

McCurry: It's not a corner piece; it's a wall piece.

Wrede: But if you put it on a flat wall, it seems awkward. King: It transforms from a right angle to a half-circle. I think the thing that's appealing is that there is a level of diversion about it . . . You know you've got to partake of that object; it's not static, and that's O.K.

Laurie Ann Campbell, Creator/designer Joe Hastings, Codesigner/ fabricator Brenda Schlegal, Silversmith/ sculptor Walnut Creek, California

Project
A table, 29 inches high and 27 inches in diameter, of ebony, with triangular-section legs and cast-silver ornament. The tops are heads of Medusa; the feet are human, entwined with snakes. The table, which addresses the issue of superior craftsmanship and materials, is classified stylistically by the designer as Egypto-Roman Contemporary.







Jury comments

McCurry: Is there only one head that shows and the others are sort of tucked under?

Haigh: I think they're all on the same perimeter.

McCurry: Well, that would be just wonderful if just one head came out and the others were hidden.

Wrede: I recognize its skilled craftsmanship, but beyond that it doesn't do anything for me. I find it a very eclectic, rather boring piece.

King: The only reason I want to keep it in is just to talk about the quality of the workmanship. It's extraordinary, with its human feet.

McCurry: But I don't think there's anything wrong with eclecticism in and of itself. Wrede: It's how it's done. HONORABLE MENTION

Stomu Miyazaki Jackson Heights, New York

Project

A chair, 30 inches high, 23 inches wide, and 20 inches deep, of white painted wood, with a seat of natural or artificial grass. Part of a series of designs called Narrative Furniture, this chair pays homage to the American Dream, providing psychological communication with form, and allowing the viewer to create his or her own story. The chair can also be used as a planter.



Jury comments Wrede: It's not that it's naïve; it's more than one might expect. It's very sophisticated . . . It's a lowkey, very sophisticated commentary.

King: It's a one-liner, but it makes me smile.

Wrede: It's a formally elegant one-liner . . . It's simple, with a very strong metaphoric sense at the same time. It refers to a sort of past culture without being sentimental.

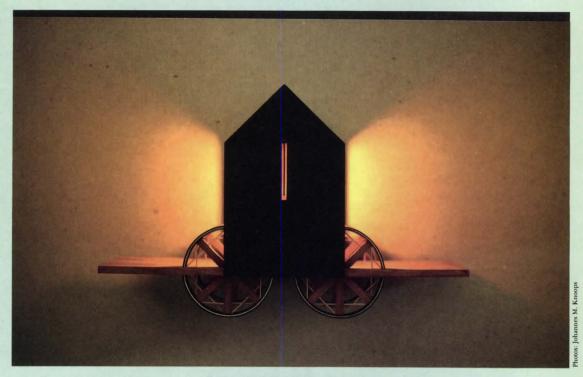
McCurry: It's a wonderfully whimsical piece and I agree about the metaphors, and I think maybe we're all too fond of it because it says something so sim-

Stumpf: It is very direct.

Johannes Marinus Knoops Brooklyn, New York

Project

A lamp, 93/4 inches high and 6 inches wide, not including the 9-inch doors, made of cherry, and black-dyed and natural bass wood. Structured around its light source (an incandescent bulb), the fixture serves as a device to regulate the light's orientation. Such manipulation is achieved by means of two doors. In the up position, the doors direct light downward; when turned up, the doors reflect the light up.





Jury comments

McCurry: I just liked it very much. I've seen so many sconces that were Roman or Deco or something. This was just whimsy and fun.

King: I think that's very nice, a humorous and friendly little thing.

Wrede: This little house lamp has a kind of vernacular, found quality about it . . . I would find it quite charming if I found it in an antique store up in Vermont. As a kind of very self-conscious creation for a furniture competition, though I find it appealing,

I'm not convinced that it merits being picked as one of nine or ten . . . What do the wheels do? King: They're the pivot [for the doors]. They seem to be a very important part of the function of that. They give it a sort of whimsical air, that friendliness that it's got. I quite like that. Haigh: So, in fact, it's not like a vernacular referencing system; it's part of the function of the light. These flaps just come down under those big wheels. Stumpf: It's very mystical, like looking at a house on a dark

night, out in the country.

Wrede: Can you imagine this as a system of sconces in your house? I mean, it really functions as one object, as a sculpture, not as a lamp that would be used over again. If you had one in your house, and I had one in my house, that would be one too many.

McCurry: I still find it a wonderful, simple house for a light.



P/A Technics Machines for Working

High-Tech laboratories are in high demand. They require that the architect understand not just their design, but the specific research activities they serve.

IN the loose parlance of the marketplace, "high-tech" is used for anything from the description of a stylized appearance for furniture to a buzzword in an entrepreneur's business plan. But to a growing number of U.S. workers and businesses, as well as to many architects, the phrase has a rather more distinct meaning.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics defines hightechnology industries as those in which expenditures for research and development are at least twice as great as the national industry average of 3.1 percent of annual sales. By this standard, makers of aircraft and aerospace systems, military equipment, chemicals, pharmaceuticals and electronics are high-technology industries. But further distinctions among high-technology business are helpful, because they reflect the kinds of facilities these businesses require:

• Scientific and technological companies are engaged primarily in invention and, to a lesser extent, in innovation, which is the process of bringing inventions into the marketplace. Because a large majority of research and development expenditures in U.S. industry are aimed at improving the technical basis of existing products and processes—not at inventing new ones—relatively few businesses and laboratories fall strictly into this category.

• Technology-based companies develop and manufacture products from existing processes, practices, and equipment; their labs are meant to support a commercial program for the diffusion of existing technology. A growing number of businesses—even among relatively mature industries, such as food-processing, which previously had rel-

atively few "high-tech" trappings—fit into this category, which most closely matches the definition used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. As often as not, such facilities are used for testing and manufacturing under highly controlled conditions.

• *Technology-related* businesses sell, install, or service fully developed systems and services. The electronics and communications industries figure prominently here, as do certain engineering and manufacturing operations.

All of these industries require more or less exacting environments in which to carry out programs of research, development, testing, service, and manufacture. For these businesses, the phrase high-tech is redundant: Nearly any lab built today involves processes, techniques, and equipment that are critical and complex.

If it seems ("seems" because nobody actually keeps statistics on the subject) that more such private laboratories are being designed and built in the U.S. today than ever before, there are several good reasons why this might be true:

- Military defense expenditures are rising, and the defense establishment is a generous patron of at least some kinds of technical research and development:
- U.S. companies are expanding into new domestic and foreign commercial markets that increasingly demand complex and highly technical processes;
- For better or worse, many states and municipalities, especially in the industrial "rust-belt" of the Northeast and Midwest, have pegged future hopes and plans on high-technology industries and they have extended generous develop-





Different Types of Laboratories

In the electronics industry, two challenges are paramount. First are extensive clean room requirements—often to achieve cleanliness levels of "class 100" or below. At the same time, needs for informational networking require horizontal utility channels for information distribution. Space flexibility is also highly valued in most electronics labs since open electronics facilities do not require high-density piped utilities but do require a great deal of interchangeability of equipment.

Pharmaceutical research is the most heavily regulated. As a result, a direct relationship between facility design and operation is essential. Pharmaceutical laboratories must, at the same time, reflect the need for close communication between various

disciplines. This is especially challenging because of the highly stratified nature of the drug development process from discovery through research into efficacy and safety and on to the manufacture of clinical and formulation characteristics for each drug. The pharmaceutical process also demands a special interchangeability of spaces.

The design of chemical laboratories is increasingly controlled by the objective of assuring the quality and safety of both internal and external environments. Chemical R&D facilities also face an increasing need for piped utilities to service automated equipment such as gas chromatographs. The increasing size and availability of channels to move utilities to locations where high-cost equipment is being located has become a top priority.

These channels must also accommodate increased quantities of air to provide for growing hood requirements. Energy considerations in these labs are also particularly important in light of the high containment requirements of these facilities. Beyond these needs, traditional patterns of space allocation and organization are usually still acceptable for most basic chemical research.

Biotechnology requires intense energy utilization because great proportions of these research areas are operated 24 hours a day, including animal facilities that require special environmental conditions. The strenuousness of safety precautions in biotechnology environments is not generally as great as for chemical research, but the need for high levels of containment to create isolation suites still creates

substantial requirements for air and the treatment of air, solid waste and liquid effluents.

Research facilities for consumer products companies require the highest degree of integration between basic research and process development, since technological innovation, rather than basic scientific research, is the primary developing force. Process development research of the kind most consumer product companies conduct depends on the successful interaction between scientists, engineers, and marketers. In addition, food and consumer product research requires facilities for public testing of packaging, as well as taste and color selection. A completely different type of environment is required for these testing greas, in an otherwise scientific and technical facility.

Designers of laboratory buildings are challenged to provide attractive work surroundings in settings that require extensive servicing. exacting environmental control, and a high degree of adaptability to potential future needs. A twostory interior atrium (1) provides ample sunlight and circulation through administrative, office, and clerical portions of the Research Triangle Park Engineering **Building, by Clark Tribble Harris &** Li. Adjacent modules house a semiconductor laboratory and computer facilities. Offices for researchers at the Pfizer Central Research Building by CUH2A (2) show a characteristic pattern; offices are placed on the periphery, close to sunlight and air, while laboratory spaces. which often house light-sensitive equipment, are kept to the interior. Interstitial floor spaces (3) have grown in size and complexity, responding to needs for improved access and frequent modification. Services are supplied to lab areas only when and where needed.

ment incentives to such companies;

• U.S. corporate tax policy has favored, by credits and other means, business spending on research and development, leading to new investments in laboratory facilities; and

• Federal regulations and standards governing practices for pharmaceutical, food, and medical laboratories have rendered some older facilities obsolete, adding new pressures on businesses seeking product approvals.

By all accounts, research and development is a big business. In 1985, U.S. industry is estimated to have spent \$100 billion on research and development, with a projected annual growth rate of 14 percent. On top of these factors, new knowledge and discovery have combined with new styles of research (and a new generation of researchers, with changed priorities and new interests) to call for laboratories that are at once responsive to highly specific, often conflicting needs, and to inevitable pressures for future change and building expansion.

A useful discussion about laboratories must quickly proceed to the specifics of purpose and use. Three generic types of high-technology laboratories and manufacturing environments, ranging from the simpler to the most complex, reveal important distinctions.

High Spec

The "business incubator," or a recent variation, the "innovation center," is an increasingly familiar feature on many university campuses and more recently in many public and private developments. A study by the Congressional Office of Technology

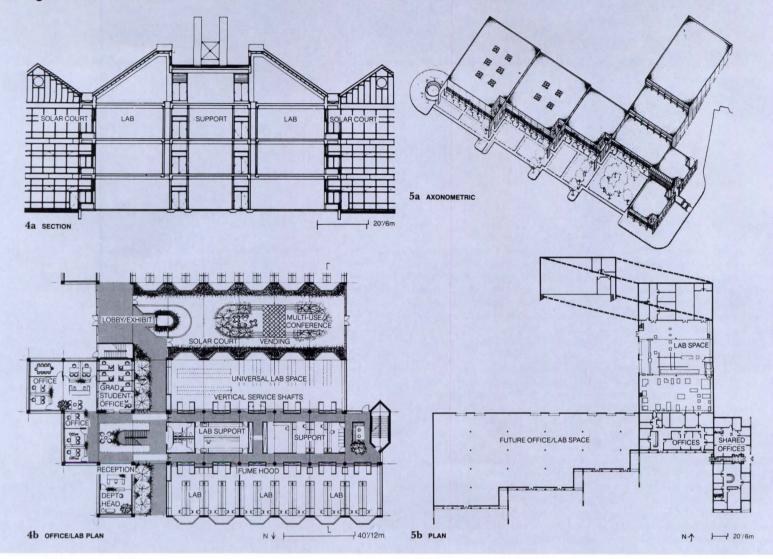
Assessment shows that state-supported business incubator programs jumped from 12 to 38 between 1981 and 1983, and have nearly doubled (some states now having more than one such program) over the past three years. Industrial innovation programs have their roots in National Science Foundation grants issued in the mid-1970s to universities, but now many such enterprises are run outside of university settings. This includes a growing number that are privately funded, in which the sponsor takes an equity position in the businesses being grown.

The main idea is to provide facilities sufficient to attract or to foster new high-technology businesses, generally by means of three strategies, each with design implications:

• Shared services. Tenants are offered access to computing, financial, management, and communications services. In some cases, laboratory environments are shared also. The advantage is supposed to involve economies of scale, so designs must anticipate and accommodate multiple users.

• *Below market-rate space*. Part of the nurturing involves subsidy for the costs of startup, meaning that the rent charged for the space is often below what it costs to build and service. The pressures are intense to keep costs to an absolute minimum.

• Access to unique talents, skills and facilities. A primary inducement is often proximity to a specially qualified workforce or to a unique nearby facility, such as an extremely powerful computer or a highly specialized research or testing facility. In this sense, the incubator may not be a laboratory as much as a technically sophisticated meeting ground.



The chief characteristic of the business incubator-and often the feature that makes it most troublesome to the designer—is its speculative nature; the exact occupancy is frequently unknown when the space is designed and built. Spaces and associated servicing systems must be extremely flexible, not least because there can be a high rate of turnover among tenants; some fail as others succeed and outgrow the incubator. The maxim voiced by some designers, that laboratories must be designed from the inside out, cannot be applied to these essentially speculative incubators. Here the search is for what has been called the low-cost, permissive shell and highly flexible, fully demountable interior systems. It's universal space with a vengeance.

Built-in versus furniture-based service systems is an issue for all types of high-tech laboratories, but is perhaps most deeply felt with this type. Furnishing systems for laboratories and for high-tech manufacturing environments have become more permissive and easier to uncouple from the building itself. Influenced in part by federal tax policy, which extends favorable depreciation treatments to certain types of interior building fixtures and systems, the costs of the exterior envelope and structure have dropped steadily in relation to the costs for interior furnishings, from about half in the 1950s to roughly a quarter today, according to one estimate.

Developments such as packaged "controlled environmental process stations" (CEPS) and packaged clean room assemblies using high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters mean that less reliance is placed on the building itself to provide

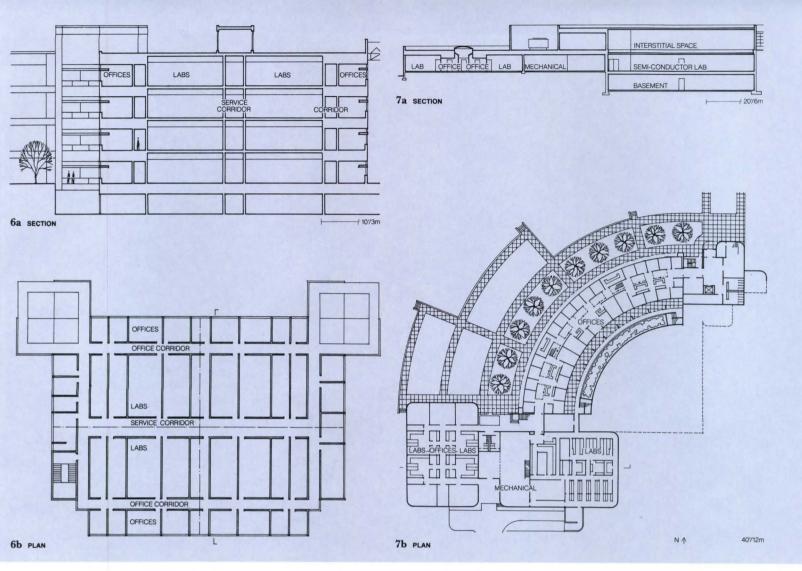
interior servicing. The space can be outfitted and upgraded in accordance with particular needs and changes in those needs. One can envision an era in which interior furnishings for labs will entail self-contained, fully movable capsules. This would be advantageous for many types of laboratories and high-tech factories.

High Mech

While they are not quite true laboratories, hightechnology manufacturing environments are characterized by many of the same imperatives. Foremost are competing demands for extensive environmental servicing and for almost limitless adaptability to shifting spatial needs. This is most apparent in high-technology manufacturing facilities that must accommodate large, sensitive equipment that is being tested, made, or used to conduct diagnoses, tests, and experiments. Similarly, such buildings must not only house known apparatus, but they must also permit removal or installation of future equipment while manufacturing and laboratory work continues. Limiting vibration, dust, toxic or flammable materials, and fumes are the principal challenges.

The seminal designs for modern laboratories from the 1960s by Louis Kahn and Eero Saarinen signaled the beginning of architectural experiments that continue to be played out both in labs and in high-tech manufacturing buildings, but with distinctive new wrinkles. Today's so-called "open field" designs, similar in concept to open office landscaping, represent an enhancement of principles embodied in Kahn's distinctions between served and servant space, as well as his develop-

University-based technology innovation centers and so-called "business incubators" reflect an emphasis on shared facilities and seem to strive also for high-technology appearance. Oklahoma State University's 21st Century Center for Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources, by The Architects Collaborative (4a, b), houses labs, offices, and other facilities for biochemistry, entymology, plant pathology, geology, and microbiology. The center encourages multidisciplinary research with an orientation to the future. Demands for flexibility led to a scheme involving vertical service shafts along the perimeter and internal support areas. The first stage of Washington State University's Research and Technology Park, by Taber/Chaitin Architects (5a, b), is not an extensively serviced facility; because the ultimate tenancy is not known at the outset, the building must be able to accommodate a wide variety of possible systems, and must also provide for shared use of legal, financial, advertising, and marketing services.



Flexibility and adaptability are key issues in laboratory building design, encompassing responses to such needs as future growth. reconfiguration and interchangeability of lab furnishings and equipment. There are wide variations in ways to achieve these ends. Vertical service towers link a series of labs, surrounded by perimeter offices in the Austin Research Park by CRS/Sirrine (6a, b). Echoing patterns established in such early lab buildings as the Salk Institute, "served" areas are separated from "servant" areas. The Research Triangle Institute **Engineering Building by Clark** Tribble Harris & Li (7a, b) houses a semiconductor laboratory (to right at the lower end of the arc in the plan) linked with administrative offices, conference spaces, reference libraries, and other labs. Servicing is integral to the structure. The semiconductor lab is serviced by an interstitial room above and a support room below. Strict separation of the lab from other building areas eases problems of maintaining cleanliness and vibration isolation.

ment of interstitial floor spaces. Following experience with relatively cramped and inaccessible service floors in earlier buildings, interstitial floors in extensively serviced manufacturing environments now assume dimensions nearly equal to those of occupied floors.

Newer generation interstitial spaces are designed to permit utilities and service systems to be introduced anywhere in an open space, but only when and where needed. Lines and services are not extended to every conceivable area as a part of the initial installation, because costs of doing so are simply too high. Instead, aided by larger and more flexible interstitial floors, services are distributed as needed.

There is also increased pressure to keep service personnel and technicians well away from sensitive lab and manufacturing environments, and to assure that changes in servicing of one area will not disrupt the continuity of environmental conditions in another. Hence the increasing emphasis on modularity and interchangeability in servicing systems. If this concern for maintaining stable, controlled environments is vitally important to technology-based operations, such as microcircuitry manufacturing, it is paramount in buildings that house even more sensitive activities.

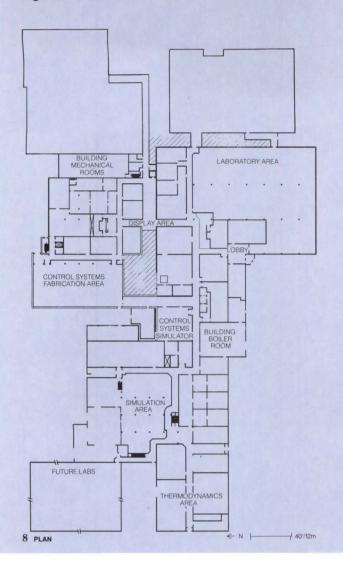
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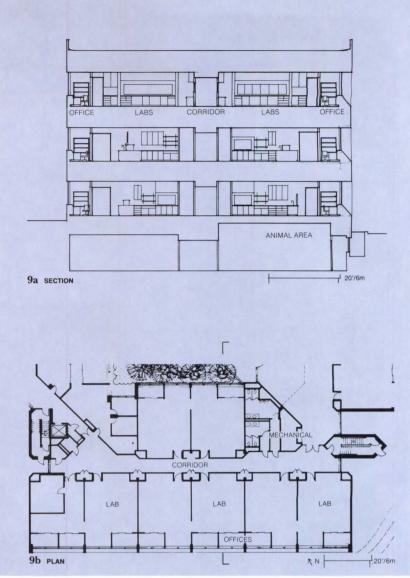
By far the most complicated and exacting laboratory environments are those that involve work with pharmaceuticals, food products, and other highly sensitive or closely regulated materials and processes. There is tension in these buildings among four principal factors: the requirements and preferences of scientists, technicians, and service personnel; the demands imposed by experiments, equipment, and processes; the priorities of the sponsoring organization; and the inevitable need for adaptability to future needs.

These tensions are reflected in the points of view expressed by various designers. Asserting that scientists will no longer accept working at small, isolated benches, some stress the importance of such amenities as natural light and design features that promote exchange and a collegial atmosphere. Many chemical and pharmaceutical companies stress the beauty of their laboratory settings and emphasize such elements as physical fitness centers and jogging tracks in efforts to attract and keep employees. Other designers, however, remark on the essential futility of efforts to provide natural light and a sense of openness in laboratories, noting that many researchers wind up blocking off the windows and doors because equipment and materials can be very light sensitive. Dark, relatively vibration-free basement space is in greatest demand in many older lab buildings.

In part for these reasons, but also in order to facilitate distribution of critical lab services through corridors, many schemes tend to place office areas (an increasingly important part of the researcher's environment, often required to accommodate computer equipment) toward sunlight and air on the building perimeter, adjacent to internal lab spaces that can be closed off. These layouts tend also to support dual corridors—one in the center for service and another on the periphery for researchers.

Product development environments are used in-





creasingly to simulate the environment of the end user or customer, as in the case of a food company that investigates how a particular food product responds when subjected to variations in handling and treatment. Taste, appearance, consistency, and other physical and chemical properties may be evaluated repeatedly in conditions that seek to replicate end-use conditions. Thus, many labs must accommodate scientific and technical equipment and instrumentation, as well as conventional household or office appliances.

The safety of laboratory employees and the integrity of experiments, subjects, and substances are major issues. The "Good Laboratory Practice" rules issued in 1976 by the Food and Drug Administration have heavily influenced contemporary laboratory design. Among other things, the FDA rules require strict separation and sequencing of certain experimental functions and substances to avoid possible contamination. Separate circulation areas for professional and service staffs are often essential.

Thus, in labs that must conform to FDA rules (and this means almost any company involved in the manufacture of foods or drugs that require FDA approval), the quest for spatial flexibility is tempered by the need for a rather fixed "barrier" type of design. For example, separating animal populations and toxic substances from people and from one another can be crucial. A single animal study can involve 600 to 800 animals, watched for two to three years, with as many as 4000 observations per animal, so the investment is large. Again, high-tech lab buildings must be capable of adapting in one area without causing the disruption of ongo-

ing work and experimentation in another area.

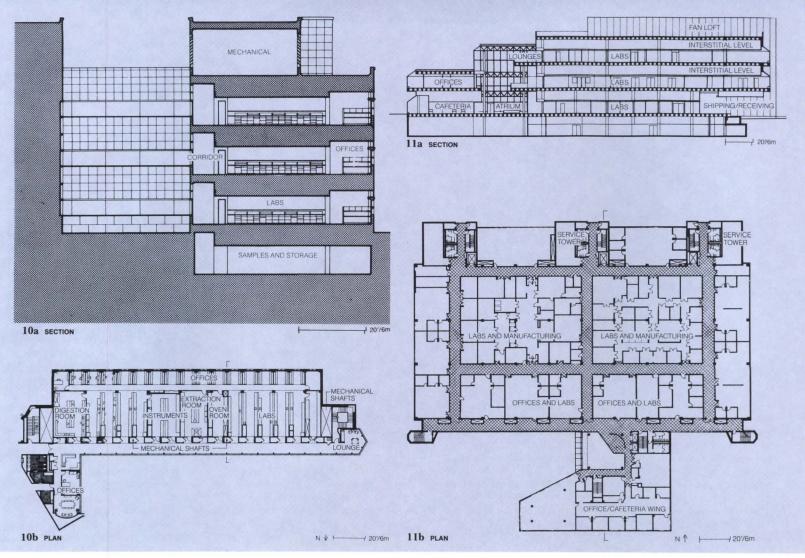
Many believe it's important also for lab designs to promote interaction and communication among researchers from differing disciplines and between researchers and administrative, product development, and marketing personnel. Even circulation corridor widths (five feet being too narrow; people won't stop and chat) are key, but such elements as coffee lounges, libraries, "conversation atriums," cafeterias, and conference areas now figure prominently even in the most complex and sensitive laboratories.

Some designers cite an inherent resistance among researchers to vertical schemes, possibly because so many are accustomed to working in the "temporary" single-story lab buildings that were built on university campuses and at national labs during and shortly after World War II. Some report difficulty in convincing researchers that it's faster and easier to go up 15 feet than it is to walk 200 feet down a hall, but also express surprise at how opinionated and well-informed many scientists are about architectural principles and about lab building precedents. The message is clear: all researchers have strong attitudes about the kinds of space and facilities they want, and they know how to express them.

The Bottom Line

Many kinds of laboratory environments, for purposes ranging from automotives to zoology, are built for industry. The line is increasingly blurred between invention and straight manufacturing, at least in terms of the technical requirements imposed on the buildings that house the activities. In

The direct influence of the program on laboratory space is evident in Grumman's Plant 14 Engineering Development Center by GSGSB Architects (8). Complex, widely different requirements for the design and development of early-warning military aircraft and systems have led to a maze of special spaces and facilities under one roof. Security requirements and the need to isolate certain areas from others also add to the building's complexity. Still, the facility is designed to permit reconfiguration in response to rapid technical advances and frequent changes in aircraft componentry. The Pfizer Central Research Building by CUH2A (9a, b) has many attributes of a small college campus, including an auditorium, libraries, and pleasantly landscaped outdoor areas. Critical functions are separated vertically. with animal areas on the basement level and other lab areas on the floor above. Fixed, doubleloaded corridors between biology labs provide secondary service distribution.



Circulation—for professional researchers, for service personnel, and for service systems-can be the foremost challenge in laboratory design. Deep interstitial floor spaces are placed below laboratories in the Nabisco Brands Robert M. Schaberle Technology Center by CUH2A (10a, b), while separate corridors serve public and staff circulation. Labs can be closed off from both corridors. Mechanical shafts rise from the service floor outside the lab areas, carrying whatever services are required. Relatively fixed elements, including stairs and toilets, are independent of the structure housing the labs. Spaces for gathering and socialization among researchers also figure prominently in the building. Strict requirements for separation and containment of materials and experiments are reflected in the highly compartmentalized and sequential plan for the Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical Development Facility by Haines Lundberg Waehler (11a, b). Here, too, relatively fixed elements are kept apart from the lab portion of the structure.

touching only on three types, it can be seen that each has its own particular requirements and driving forces. Judging from nationwide experience since 1960, the average useful life span of a laboratory building may be as little as 10 years, and no more than 20 years.

Alex Brouwer, president of Ewing Cole Cherry Parsky, notes several emerging scientific and technical developments that may point to further sweeping changes in the forces that shape such facilities:

- The growth of global information networks may lead to a reduction in the duplication of scientific effort, leading to labs that are extremely specialized and truly one-of-a-kind;
- Humans performing certain lab functions may be replaced by robots and remote computer-based monitoring and control systems, meaning that more facilities will operate around the clock and may be less influenced by the need to protect people or to neutralize possible human effects on experiments;
- Certain kinds of medical and biological research involving animals may be accomplished by means of computer modeling and simulation, reducing the need for the expensive measures that are needed for the proper care of animal populations in experimental environments; and
- The growth of space-based research and development could lead to a boom in extraterrestrial lab construction, with a whole new set of design issues and imperatives.

The field of Laboratory design resonates with a point of view expressed by William Higgins, of The Architects Collaborative: "You need to know what the researchers do, and how they do it. You've got to be aware of what drives their field and the work that they do, now and—to the extent you can—in the future." Martin D. Raab, of Haines Lundberg Waehler, advocates interviews with at least 15 percent of laboratory employees as a part of the predesign planning process.

Even if answers about the future are more than likely to be, "we just don't know," this is an answer to which laboratory designers can and must respond. *Thomas Vonier*, *AIA*

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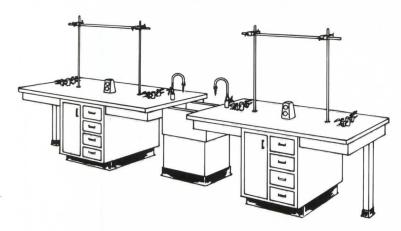
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Further Reading

The College of American Pathologists, in cooperation with the AIA, has published a handbook on one type of lab: *Medical Laboratory Planning and Design* (CAP, 5202 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077-1034). A new general reference book is *Design for Research* (Susan Braybrooke, ed. John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1986).

Technics-Related Products



Science Laboratory Assemblies brochure shows equipment for schools, hospitals, and industrial laboratories. It includes base, wall, and freestanding cabinets, fume hoods, tables, sinks, chemical-resistant tops, and plastic surfaced casework for institutional projects. The 60-page catalog shows how cabinets are constructed and provides a chart of finishes available. American Desk, Taylor Div.

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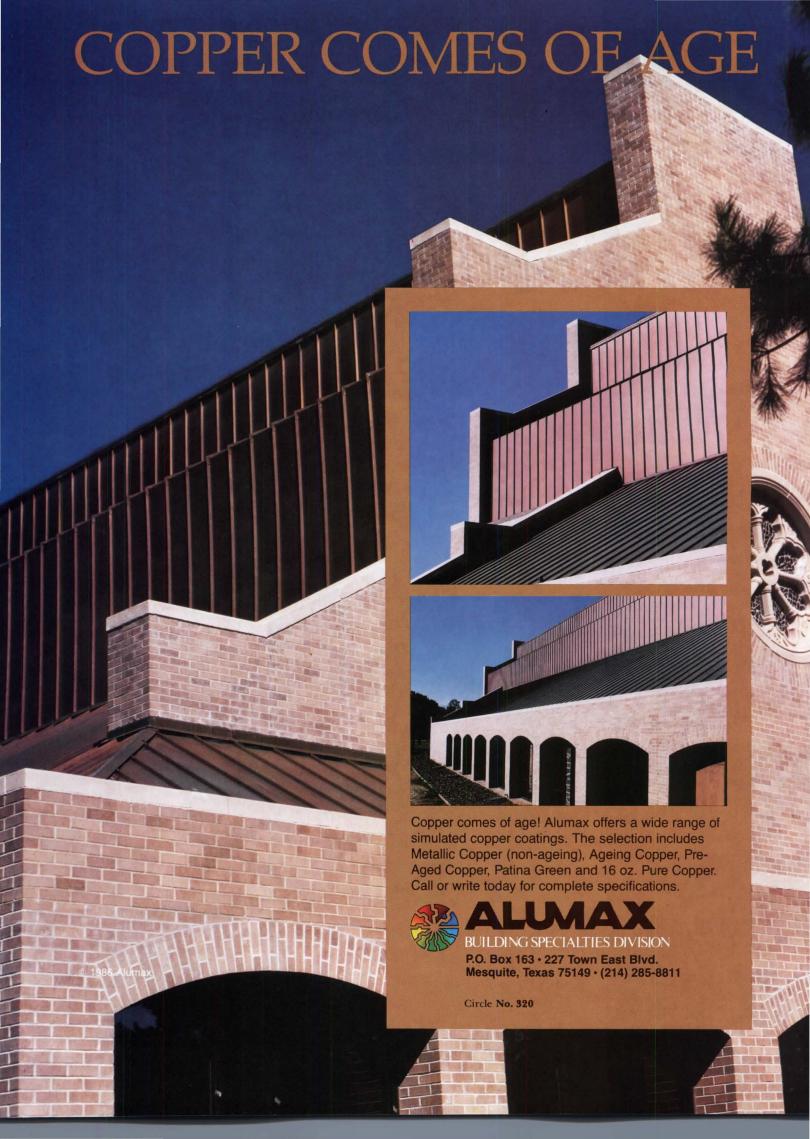
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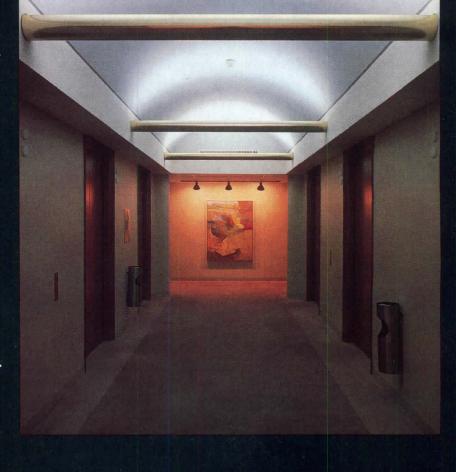
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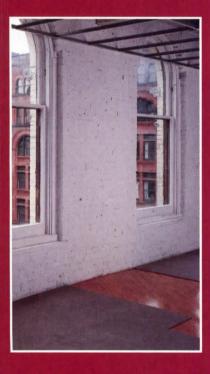
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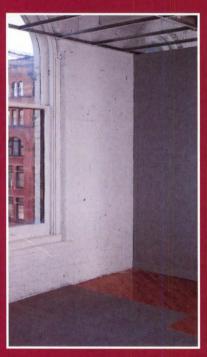
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10:30 A.M. Workshop

"A New Industry Perspective: Beyond the Dealer's Standard In-house Design Service.' Marilyn Amidon, Director of Design, Thomas W. Ruff Co. of Florida, Maitland; Glenda Wilcox, Director/Business Design Group, Business Interiors, Boston: Ralph Perers, President, Contract Furnishings Council, Moderator.

2:30 P.M. Workshop

"A Framework for Transition: The Dealer and Facility Management Professional Explore a New Working Relationship.' David Cotts, Chief of Building Maintenance & Repair, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.: Diane McKnight, Facility Manager, Gannett Co., Rosslyn, Va.; Robert Morrow, President, Facilities Systems, Chicago; Stephen Parshall, Vice President of Research, CRS/Sirrine, Houston. A. John Dodson, Governor, Contract Furnishings Forum, Moderator.

4:00 P.M. Seminar

"Ergonomics in the Office: The Need for User Awareness. John J. Connell, Executive Director, Office Technology Research Group, Pasadena; Dr. A.C. Mandel, TARBAEK, Denmark; Dr. Marvin Dainoff, Dept. of Psychology, Miami Univ., Oxford, Ohio. Rani Lueder, Human Factors Specialist, Humanics, Agoura Hills, Calif., Moderator. A BIFMA video on the subject will be shown.



Marvin Dainoff



David Cotts



Marilyn Amidon



Rani Lueder

Wednesday, June 11

8:30 A.M. Seminar

"Service America: Marketing the 'Invisible Product.' Dr. Karl Albrecht, Consultant and Author, San Diego, will give the keynote address.

10:30 A.M. Workshop

"Adaptive Reuse Update: The Challenge of Recycling Interior Space Continues.

Herbert McLaughlin, Sr. Partner, Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz, San Francisco; Bartholomew Voorsanger, Partner, Voorsanger & Mills Associates, New York.

2:30 P.M. Workshop

"New Findings in Illuminating the Workspace: Solving the Unforeseen Problems of Task and Ambient Lighting. Gary Steffy, IES, IALD, Presi-

dent, Gary Steffy Lighting Design, Ann Arbor; LeMar Terry, Chief Designer and Sr. Partner, Terry Chassman & Associates, New York.

2:30 P.M. Workshop

"Future Planning in the Automated Office.

4:30 P.M. Seminar

"The Leading Edge in Corporate Office Design: Setting the Trends.'

Charles Pfister, President, Charles Pfister Associates, San Francisco; Orlando Diaz-Azcuy, VP & Principal, Gensler & Associates, San Francisco; Sally Walsh, Designer, Houston. Roz Brandt, Chairperson, AIA Interiors Committee, Moderator.

4:30 P.M. Seminar

"Visionary Architecture: The Work of Ricardo Bofill/Taller de

Arquitectura. Ricardo Bofill, Taller de Arquitectura, Barcelona.



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Orlando Diaz-Azcuy



Ricardo Bofill



Roz Brandt

Thursday, June 12

8:30 A.M. Seminar

"Planning the Corporation for the 21st Century: A Strategy for Growth '

Joseph Dionne, Chief Executive Officer, McGraw-Hill Corporation, New York.

8:30 A.M. Seminar

"Product + Design: Image is What Sells." James E. Terrell, President, Hambrecht Terrell Interiors, New York; Lella Vignelli, Executive Vice President. Vignelli & Associates, New York; Richard Himmel, Interior Designer, Lubliner & Himmel Corp., Chicago.

10:30 A.M. Workshop

'A Dramatic Challenge for the Healthcare Industry: The Design Conscious Facility.' Richard F. Hansen, President, Hansen, Lind, Meyer, Iowa City; Emily Malino, Vice President, HOK, Washington, D.C.; James Walter, VP Construction and Design, Humana Corp., Louisville. James Hamill, Chief Executive Officer, Columbus-Cuneo-Cabrini Medical Center, Chicago, Moderator.

10:30 A.M. Workshop

"Corporate Art in the Office: Assembling the Total Collection."

Pari Stave Choate, Curator, Equitable Real Estate Group, New York; William Krebs, Sr. Vice President, Interspace, Inc., Philadelphia; Sarina Tang, President, Art Options, New York.

Noon Luncheon

"The Genesis of a New Corporation: Diamond Star Motors.' G. Glenn Gardner, Chairman of the Board, Diamond Star Motors, Sterling Heights, Mich., will give the keynote address.

2:30 P.M. Workshop

"Hospitality Design: The New American Theatre. Howard Hirsch, Chairman, Hirsch/Bedner, Santa Monica; Bartholomew Voorsanger, Partner, Voorsanger & Mills Associates, New York; Spiros Zakas, Director of Design, Zakaspace, New York.

4:30 P.M. Seminar

"Productivity: A Dialogue for the Future.'



James Terrell



Lella Vignelli



Sarina Tang

T.J. Springer, Ph.D., President, Springer Associates, St. Charles; Steven Sauters, Chief, Motivation & Stress Section, NIOSH, Cincinnati; Dr. Franklin Becker, Dept. of Human Ecology, Cornell University, Ithaca. Jim Dailey, President, Dailey's Office Productivity Center, Little Rock, Moderator.

4:30 р.м. Seminar "International Translations: Pluralism in Europe, Asia and North America.' Mario Botta, Switzerland; Charles Correa, India; Cesar Pelli, United States. John Busby, President, American Institute of Architects, Washington, D.C., Moderator.

Friday, June 13

8:30 A.M. Seminar

"The Architecture of Fantasy and Imagination: Expressionism in Today's Design.' Charles Moore, Principal, Urban Innovations, Los Angeles; Tomas Taveira, Architect, Lisbon. Donald Hackl, President-Elect. AIA. Moderator.

8:30 A.M. Seminar

"Higher Creativity: The Process of Design.'

Willis Harman, Ph.D., President, The Institute of Noetic Sciences, Sausalito, Calif.; Philippe Starck, Furniture Designer, Paris.

Noon Luncheon

Chicago Architectural Awards Presentation.

Charles Correa, Charles Correa Architects, Bombay; Mario Botta, Architect, Lugano; Cesar Pelli, Cesar Pelli & Associates, New Haven. John Busby, AIA President, will give the keynote speech.

3:00 P.M. Seminar

"The International Symposium on Modern Architecture: The Year of Mies. Mario Botta, Switzerland; Charles Correa, India; Charles Moore, United States; Cesar Pelli, United States; Tomas Taveira, Portugal; Ricardo Bofill, Spain.



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Armstrong

New for NEOCON is Stonetex, a 12" x 12" vinyl composition tile. Stonetex is visually similar to quarry tile, but does not require grout. It is available in a wide range of colors, including pas-

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Artec

The Carrington Collection of executive seating, designed by Earl Koepke, offers comfortable ergonomic design in ten models, including swivel-tilt and side chairs in executive and management styles.

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Artemide

The Shogun floor lamp, designed by Swiss architect Mario Botta, has an adjustable diffusor of white-painted metal and a black-and-white-striped metal base.

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Atelier International

A new addition to the Duo and Uni chair collections, is the Duo Armchair, also designed by architect Werner Toffoloni. It is available in a variety of matte or high-gloss finishes.

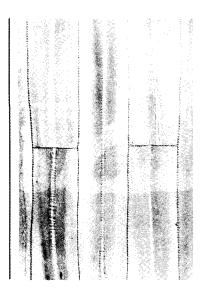
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Baker Contract

Three new Georgian credenzas and a desk are available as part of the Express Program. The new pieces offer matched French walnut veneers, detailed cross-banding, inlay, and authentic period hardware.

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Gretchen Bellinger

Ausable eelskin, named after a gorge in the Adirondack Mountains, is part of the Adirondack collection. Made of individual eelskins sewn together, Ausable is available in five colors.

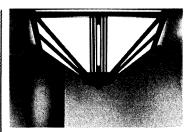
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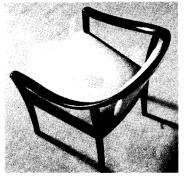
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Boyd Lighting

Glasgow, a ceiling fixture by Jack Mitchell, recalls the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. The lamp, made of wood with translucent panels of white flashglass or silver mica, is available in a black lacquer or whitelimed finish.

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Brayton

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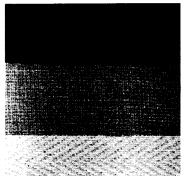
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Brueton

The Radial Desk is an addition to the Radial Series. Designed by Stanley Jay Friedman, the desk features a double radial edge with a stainless steel reveal.

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The Softech System from Vicrtex offers seven wallcoverings and a choice of panel and seating fabrics in 176 colors.

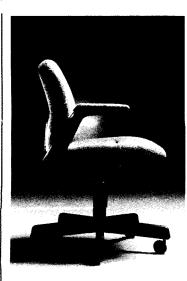
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Corry Jamestown

The 1000 System is a total modular furniture system offering panels, components, and freestanding furniture to meet modern office needs.

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Cole Business Furniture

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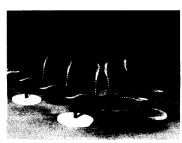
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Cramer

Panda seating offers an ergonomic design which allows arms and backrest to tilt while the seat remains still. It is available in five models with numerous options.

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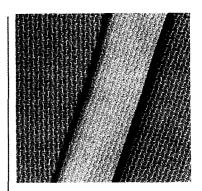
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Deschemaker

The Canadair Collection of fireproof contract fabrics includes two jacquard weaves, Equinox and Solstice; both are available in six colors.

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Design Tex

Luminescence is the first in a series of highly styled wool upholstery fabrics in jewel tones, and is available in 20 colors.

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The Barto chair, designed by Richard Schultz, is an office chair intended to offer both ergonomic comfort and elegance. It is available in high- and lowback executive versions, and an operator model.

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Executive Office Concepts

Datalink is an expandable system of modular components that can expand in any direction. It is available in wood veneer or laminate finishes.

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Fixtures

Delos is a group of seating and lounge furniture designed by Manfred Hermann for executive use. The frame and arms are of chrome, rubber, and epoxy, with upholstered seat and back in leather or fabric.

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Harden Contract

Every piece in the Contract Collection is crafted from solid cherry, and offers hand-carved detailing and raised-panel construction.

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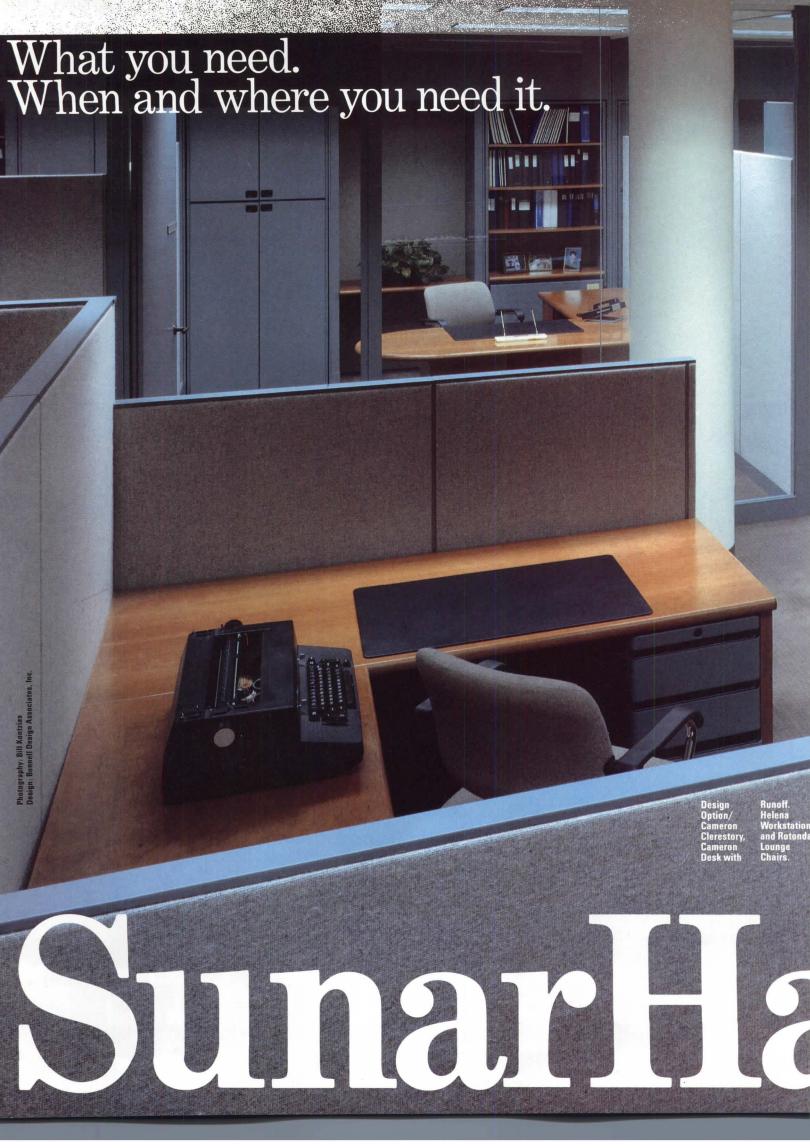


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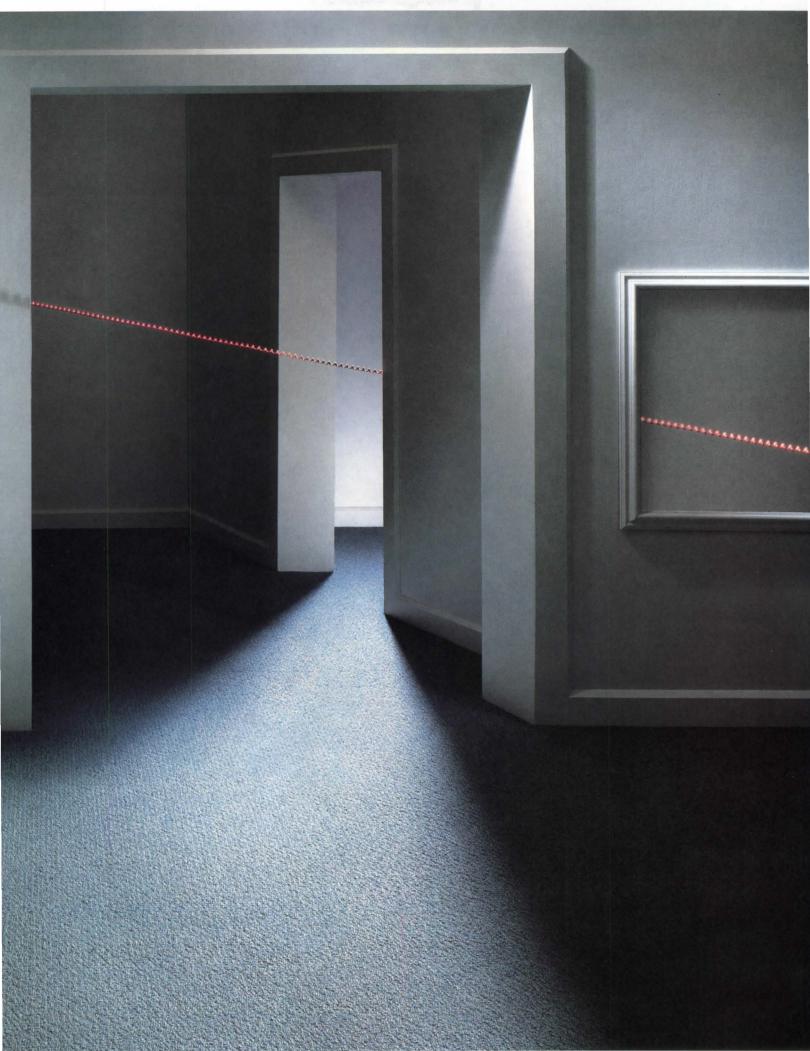
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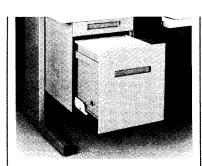






The D Collection is an addition to the HarterMartinStoll Collection, from the German design team of Martin Stoll. The D Collection was created with the collaboration of Arno Votteler, of the Institure of Furniture Design in Stuttgart.

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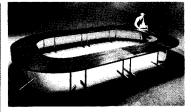
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Helikon

The Stamford Collection, designed by Donald Brinkmann of Gensler & Associates/Architects, features raised side panels of mahogany, framed in exotic wood veneers. The collection includes executive desks, credenzas, and tables.

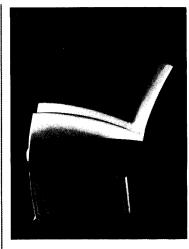
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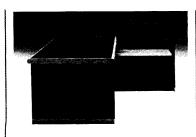
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ICF

New for NEOCON is a group of furniture designed by Philippe Starck, France's enfant terrible of furniture design. Among the pieces to be introduced are the Richard III lounge chair and the President "M" table, designed for Francois Mitterrand's private quarters in the Elysée Palace.

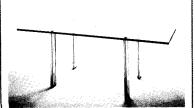
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Designed by Manfred Petri, the Mobila Series is the winner of a 1985 IBD Gold Award. Mobila offers a range of pedestal and table desks with matching credenzas, and trolleys for a variety of functions.

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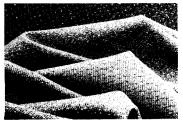
The Teso table, designed by architect Renzo Piano for Fontana Arte, is made of natural crystal. It is available in several sizes for use as a dining table, coffee table, or desk.

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The Cabar chair, designed by Roger Webb, is a stacking, upholstered armchair constructed of contoured plywood. The chair, which can also be ganged, is available in a variety of fabrics. Circle 137 on reader service card

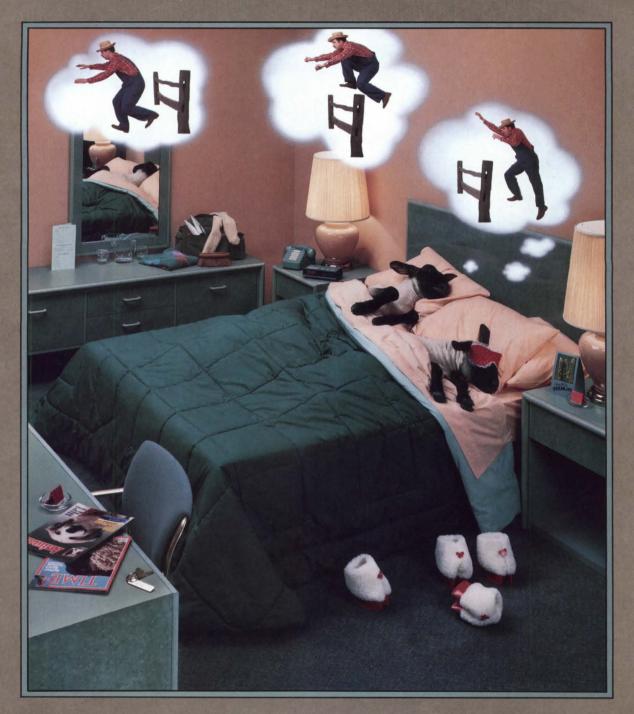


Adam James Textiles

Designed by Laura Deubler Mercurio, the Polyphonics Collection features two different weaves. Jazz, in 24 different colors, offers a combination of heather solid, and multicolor yarns, while Serenade, available in 21 colors, is a blend of solid and heather varns.

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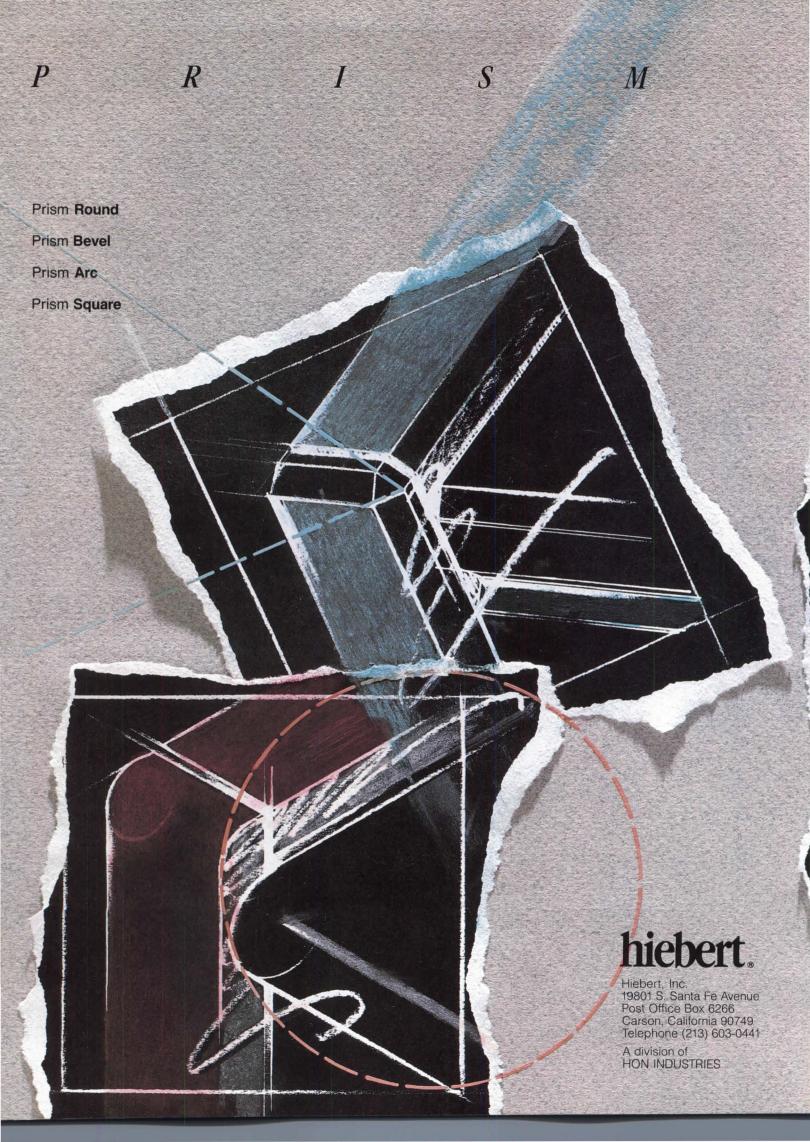


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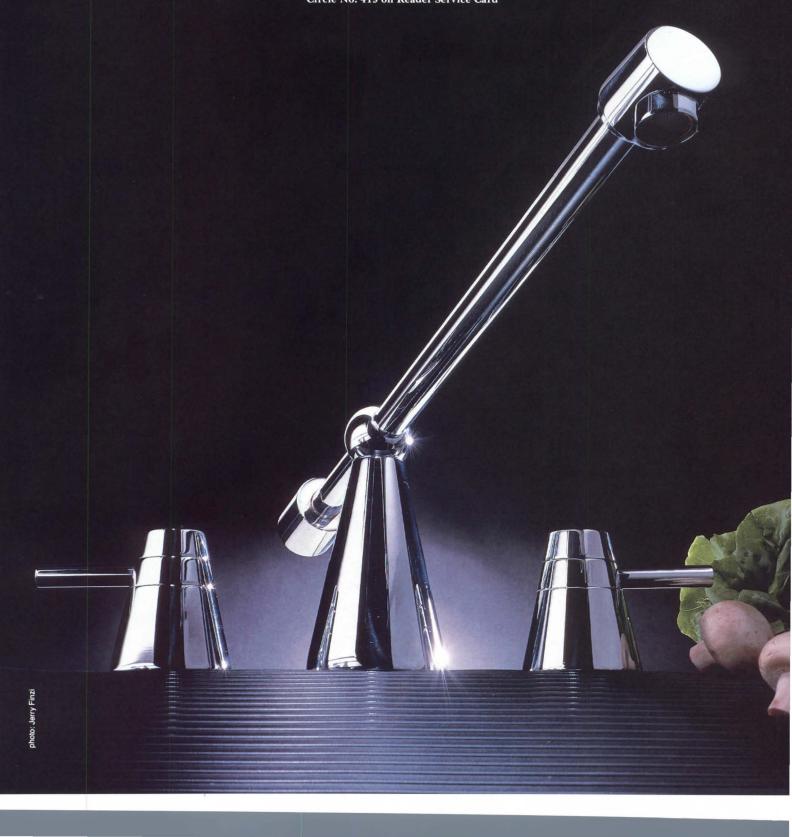
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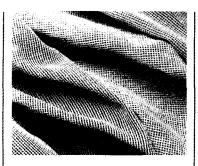
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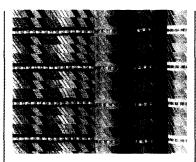
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Kinetics

The 200 Plus series, featuring single-, two- and three-seat models, brings a new degree of comfort to contract seating. Designed by James Haywood, the series is available in the complete Kinetics fabric program with a choice of 20 frame colors and chrome finishes.

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Kirk-Brummel

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Kittinger

Three conference room tables, part of the Georgian Collection, are new for NEOCON. Two feature boat-shaped tops, while the third has a round top. All tables are mahogany and mahogany veneer with nose moldings.

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Knoll

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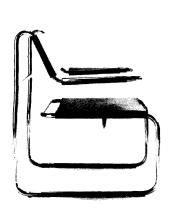
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Krueger

Krueger expands its Com System product line with new colors, storage options, and a new easy-access electrical system for panels and beams.

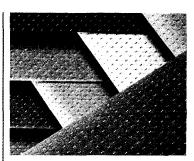
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Jack Lenor Larsen

Designed by Werner Blaser, the Blaser Chair offers cantilevered steel construction on a sled base, with leather upholstery, and is available in a range of finishes.

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Lee Jofa

Coach Frisc, a new addition to Lee Jofa's COM Collection, offers the durability of a frise weave updated by a nondirectional mini-pattern inspired by a late 19th-Century motif. It is available in eight colors.

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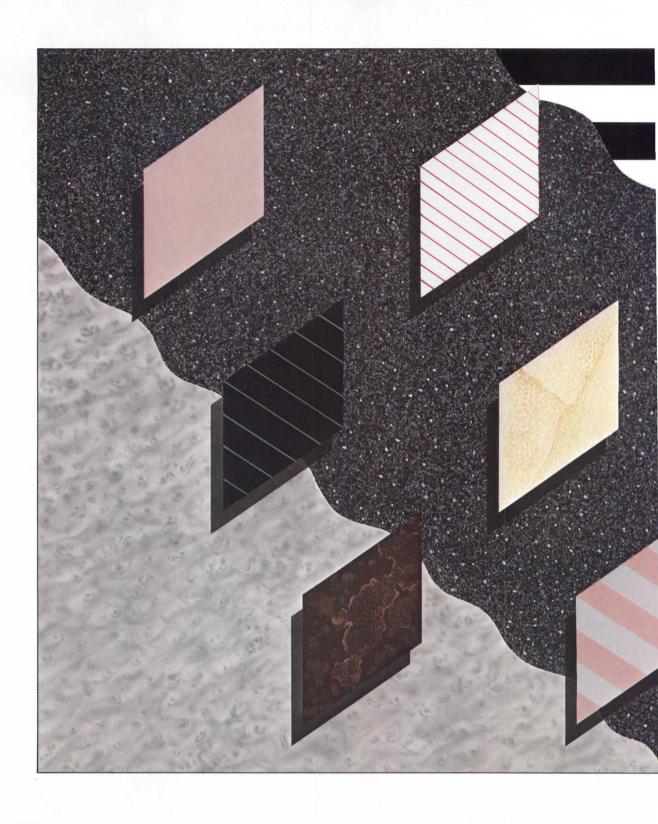
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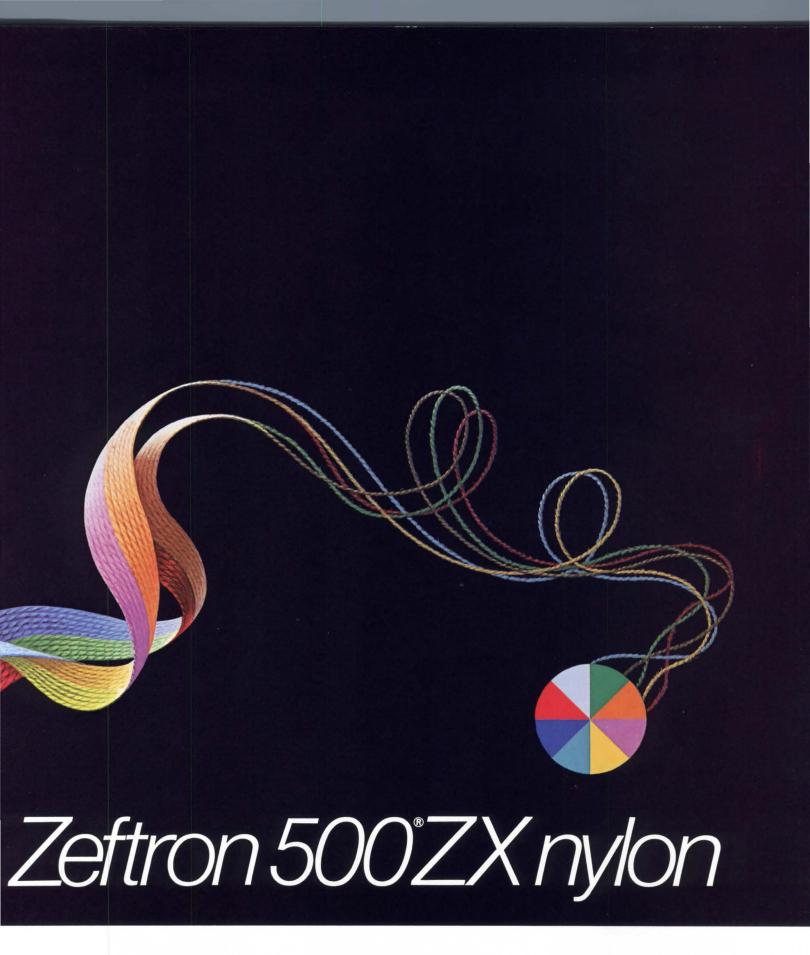
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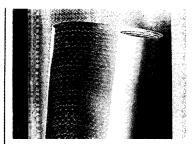
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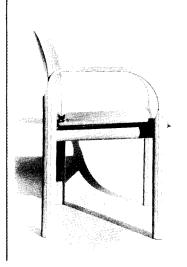
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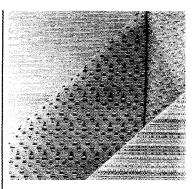
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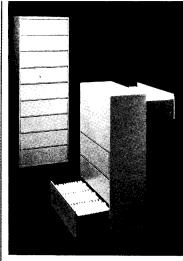
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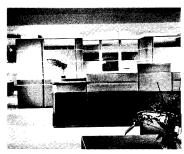
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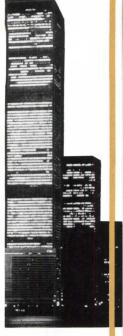


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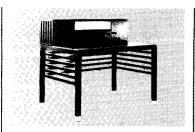
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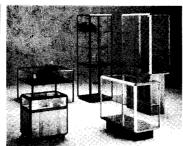


Pace Collection

The K Desk, designed by architect Steven Holl, is available in natural or ebonized ash, with a leather top. The legs are finished with a patinated brass cap, and the panel of sandblasted glass is backlighted for dramatic effect.

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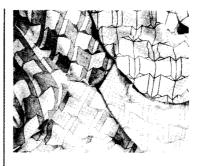
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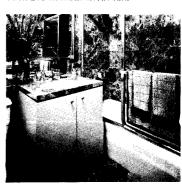
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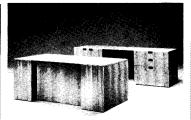
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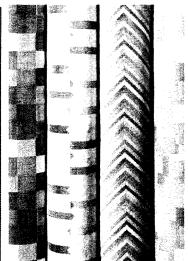
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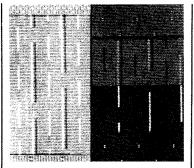
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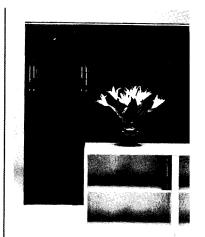
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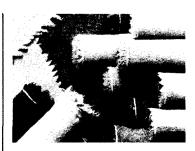
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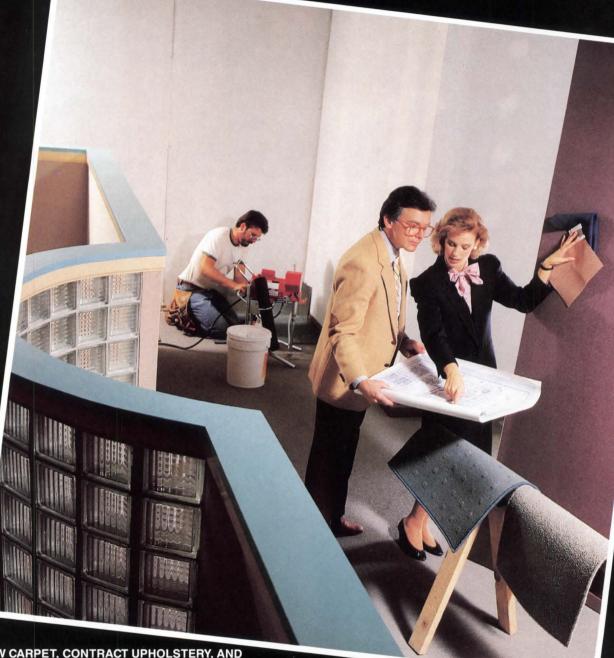


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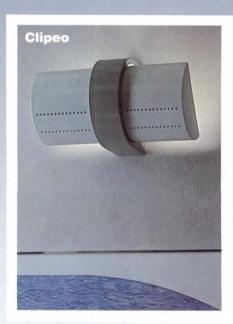












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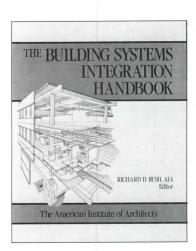
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Books

The Building Systems Integration Handbook, edited by Richard Rush. The American Institute of Architects, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1986, 450 pp., illus., \$89.95.

Housing As If People Mattered, Site Design Guidelines for Medium Density Family Housing, by Clare Cooper Marcus and Wendy Sarkissian with Sheena Wilson and Donald Perlgut. The University of California Press, Berkeley, 1986, 336 pp., \$55.00.

Behavioral Issues in Office Design, edited by Jean Wineman. New York, Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1986. 364 pp., \$40.00.



Vers Une Integration

"What's the big deal?" was this reviewer's initial impression of *The Building Systems Integration Handbook* after scanning flyleaf and publisher's blurb. It required reading almost half the book to fully realize its implications. This was not because these are not stated clearly at the beginning, but because the idea of "integration" appears to be so deceptively simple.

The authors of this book were themselves integrated. The book is the combined work of consultants, reviewers, panelists, authors, assistants, contractors, and four primary panelists: Joseph Loring, John Pile, Irwin Cantor, and the late Bill Caudill. The project was sparked, managed, and massaged by Richard Rush.

The authors (all of them) state as their intention "to do for building systems integration what Graphic Standards did for building systems." They did.

Graphic Standards and Sweets Catalogs have been landmarks in the practice of architecture for over half a century. Their popularity has been due, in no small measure, to the industrialization of architectural components and architectural design. Rush and his group propose a professional development beyond industrialization. If "God is in the details" of industrial building, He or She, will be in the integration of post-industrial architectural components.

With the computer now embedded in every facet of our technologies and our personal lives, the *Zeitgeist* of our time is clearly shifting. This book proposes that architects turn their attention from industrial products to the full consequence of their assembly.

Building integration is difficult to define, and for good reason. We all think we know what it is. But do we? A shift of vision, similar to that proposed 15 years ago by Richard Bender¹ describing the industrialization of building, is essential. He

wrote, "... an optical illusion, familiar as a parlor trick, in which as one looks at the drawing of a familiar object, suddenly changes. A vase becomes two faces. Once you see the faces, it is hard to see the vase again. Your mental set shifts, and suddenly you see things in a new and unexpected way." A shift of vision is proposed in The Building Systems Integration Handbook (BSIH), but this time the move is from industrialization to integration. Once the reader realizes what is meant, and most will not be as slow as this reviewer, they will see the act of building design quite differently.

Of course all buildings are integrated but integration is rarely conscious. Design criteria are specific to the building as an entity. The author's premise is that the architect's ability to produce building systems integration is a measure of his and her professional ability. Integration is the creative exercise of assembling the building, or design. As Le Corbusier once said of his "Modulor," it will not make good design automatic, only bad design more difficult.

The authors, panelists, writers, and consultants state they have furnished a clear definition of the concept of "integration." However, they concede, other definitions are possible and eventually will be formulated. But, for the moment, in the absence of competition, they propose "the act of creating a whole functioning building containing and including building systems in varied combinations." A system is defined as a coherent set of physical entities organized for a particular purpose.

The book is organized into seven parts: An Introduction, outlining the concept of building systems integration; A brief roundtable discussion with Cantor, Caudill, Loring, and Pile with Rush moderating and directing; Case Studies of 19 buildings in which Robert L. Miller discusses each in terms of building systems integration. This is in effect a clear illustration of what the book is about through

examples; Generic Examples-In this section, Thomas Vonier refines the concepts by presenting 15 generic examples of building systems integration in his well-researched and clearly written fashion; Products, written by Barbara Heller and Doris King, describes 25 building elements giving excellent, well-illustrated data along with materials, methods, and pitfalls; Volker Hartkopf, Vivian Loftness, and Peter Mill break down building performance criteria on the basis of "performance mandates." This is a continuation of their heroic and valuable effort to define and clarify the building process that has proven so valuable in the field of building diagnostics and a recent ASTM document; Integration Theory in which the work of the AIA task force that reviewed and helped guide the work is discussed by Stubbs and Rush. Integration theory is summarized and once again, clearly, almost painstakingly, reaffirms the ideas proposed in the introduction and elaborates upon them.

Building systems were divided into four categories—structure, envelope, mechanical, interior—with five levels of integration including remote, touching, connected, meshed, and unified. The diagram of integration (BSIH matrix) is based on the tetrahedron with each vertex denoting a building system. This graphic device is used throughout the book.

The effort of the authors, panelists, and consultants was to create a clear, simple, universal vocabulary to define integration, situations, and choices. If architects can do this in their work, they reasoned, they should be able to describe these skills to their clients.

Drawings by Darrell Downing Rippeteau are exceptionally fine. Photographs are well chosen and clear. The authors stated intention of doing for building systems integration what Graphic Standards did for systems building surpasses Graphic Standards in graphic clarity. The book is a happy marriage between the publisher, John Wiley and Sons, and the AIA.

The subject of the book is creativity, from interior design to mechanical rooms, with the building façade a mirror of successful integration, as good nutrition is reflected in the appearance and function of a healthy

The book is about design, but as we all know, design is notoriously difficult to define. Design engineers calculating space frame connections, mechanical engineers sizing ducts, tradesmen tying rebars, decorators picking drapery colors, and façade inventors all consider themselves designers. Apparently BSIH agrees and includes them all.

To place this book in historic context in relation to Sweets Catalogs and Graphic Standards, we could use the excellent metaphor Mike Crosbie² proposed in comparing the intent and purpose of architectural books of the past.

One of the earliest books, Price's British Carpenter, appeared in 1733. It included easily understood plates illustrating the "most approved" methods of connecting timbers. It also showed domes, staircases, and a supplement on Palladian orders. But English books did not suit American practice. Asher Benjamin was probably the first to translate English books to American building needs. His books, Crosbie says, were much like "cookbooks," offering ingredients for a complete building but flexible enough to accommodate local tastes. These books stressed mechanics, science, and stylistic treatment of buildings.

But building practice was changing. Steam-powered sawmills produced milled lumber and nails were machine-made. The "balloon frame," a new framing system, was invented. Building assembly became simpler, faster, and the product lighter. Prefabricated buildings were sent around the world.

Peterson says that shortly after the discovery of gold in California in 1848, entire prefabricated towns were shipped to the goldfields.

Building assembly was reduced to elemental steps, and the labor involved required a much lower level of skill. Architectural education and the appearance of professional architects drastically changed the content and intent of American architectural books. They were no longer addressed to carpenter builders, as one colleague to another, but as the professional architect instructing carpenters and demonstrating his talents to clients. These books Crosbie likened to "menu-style" books. They contained plans, elevations, perspectives, and a variety of surface and finish treatments.

By mid- and late-19th Century, catalogs of building elements from the simplest roofing plate to entire cast-iron building façades, the forerunners of today's Sweets Catalog, appeared. The result was uniformity of architectural style from coast to coast. The complex craft and art of building was simplified to assembly, like today's cake and biscuit preparations that add water and mix.

The consolidation of capital, knowledge, information, and its dispensation took place during the latter part of the 19th Century. Business, industry, and the professions changed. Monopolies were established, building codes and professional ethics proposed, fees set and regulated, architectural services advertised. Architects were trained in universities, and architecture books catered to these changes. Building design, before the legal distinction between architect and builder was defined, was never the predominant consideration of the carpenter builder's work. Carpenter and client both knew what a house was; they discussed size and site. After industrialization, the architect's role was dispenser of a marketable commodity—design. He, and eventually she, exerted firm control over design matters.

Architectural books changed from repositories of on-site building data into presentations and settings for home life. The architect's attention moved from the art of building to orchestrating the various processes that resulted in a completed structure. Sweets Catalog and Graphic Standards were introduced in the 1930s and became the complex menus they are



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The technical change in the proliferation of computer applications, which has increasingly dug into the entire range of end user devices, both technical and personal, has taken place in less than 20 years.

What Rush and his integrated authors propose is the next step in the building process, and they have given us an appropriate book. Using Crosbie's metaphor, we might say that from cookbook to menu we now move to nutrition. This includes cookbook and menu but also much more. Nutrition verges on science Cookbooks are aids to skillful cooking, menus are aids to technical planning of meals, but nutrition considers food abstractly as an essential ingredient of human health.

Quite different foods may have the same or equivalent nutritional worth. When we specify nutritional values we describe essential food elements. Nutrition is to food what performance specifications are to design. The Building Systems Integration Handbook places the technology and

design of buildings in the context of building performance, bringing us one step closer in the move from building lore to building science. This is a step, this reviewer is convinced, that architects must take to preserve their rights and integrity as design professionals. Forrest Wilson

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1. A Crack In The Rear-View Mirror: A View of Industrialized Building, VNR, NY, 1973

2. "Cookbooks to Menus, The Transformation of Architectural Books in 19th Century America," Material Culture, Fall 1985

Housing for People

Housing As If People Mattered is a guide to site design for medium density housing, and it is unlike most such guides. It offers neither the breezy, impressionistic coverage often given the subject by site designers nor the dense, jargon-filled prose that sometimes accompanies the recommendations of social scientists. Instead, the book contains 254 guidelines that are well written, amply illustrated, and easily used, with listings of the various responses a designer might make to each recommendation. The guidelines deal with everything from the form, image, and orientation of buildings to the use of open space by children and adults of various age groups.

The authors state in the preface their biases in favor of the needs of children, working parents, and the handicapped. And they acknowledge that their findings, the result of studying approximately one hundred family housing developments, apply mainly to English-speaking, developed countries. Those qualifications, though, in no way diminish the value of the book, not just as a tool for housing designers, but as a model for design guides. Thomas Fisher

Office Design

Near the end of Behavioral Issues in Office Design, editor Jean Wineman identifies four requirements that reappear in most of the research: "individual choice and control; environmental diversity; worker participation; and closer liaison between (sic) professionals in the field."

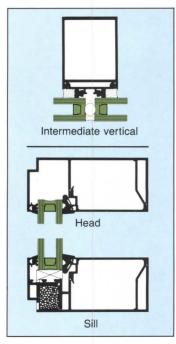
The need for individual control is most strongly related to control over ambient conditions such as lighting, heating, and cooling. Research also shows that a diversity of status indicators, despite efforts at making the workplace more egalitarian through open office landscape, still counts to most workers, as does participation in decisions about offices.

The book indicates several areas in which more research is needed, including the effect of the office on worker health and of specific environmental factors on productivity. But the book makes clear the need for greater worker control and participation and the conflict that exists in companies that want greater productivity from employees and yet cannot make the organizational changes necessary to bring it about. Thomas Fisher



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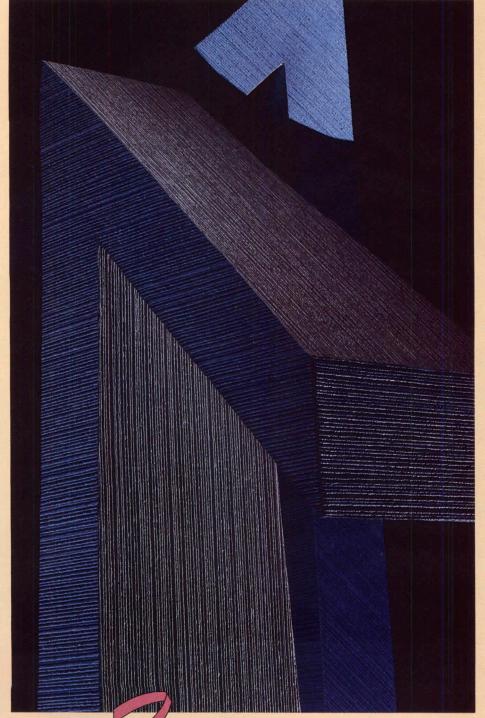
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New Products and Literature

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Rask sintered iron plate, developed by Nippon Rask Company of Japan offers a new alternative for sound absorption, sound insulation, vibration absorption, thermal conductivity, and electromagnetic shielding. Produced from cast iron sheets, the material has a porous surface structure and a dense interior.

In many building applications, the material is lighter or less

bulky than materials now generally used. In some areas, it offers exceptional performance-in low-frequency sound absorption, for instance, in efficient heat exchange, and in fire resistance.

AlumiRask, a comparable material made from aluminum, has similar properties, but is far lighter. PULNiX America, Inc. Circle 220 on reader service card



Deep Relief ceramic tiles can be used for exterior or interior installations. The glazed and high-fired tiles are available in several designs and in 11 stock colors. Custom colors are available with minimum orders of 1000 tiles and an additional service charge. The firm will also work with clients to develop designs, corporate logos, and special glazes. M² Designer's Studio.

Circle 221 on reader service card

Sentrex[™] Swing Door System has infrared sensors on each side of the door frame to detect presence, not movement. Since no guard rails, door bars, or control mats are required for its operation, entrance clutter is removed. Magic-Swing operator, which opens and closes the door upon command from the Sentrex System, features a computerized Pozi-Trac encoder to calculate exact door position at all times. An emergency release allows manual operation of the door in the event of a power failure or other emergency. Stanley Magic-Door, Div. of The Stanley Works.

Circle 222 on reader service card

Classico® concrete paving stone imitates natural stone. The five shapes provide for a strong structure and a smooth overall appearance. It is recommended for pedestrian areas and areas with low vehicular traffic volume. Paver Systems, Inc.

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Dri-Dek floor system of polyvinyl chloride interlocks to create a portable surface of any size. The 12" x 12" x ½16" perforated units snap together quickly to install in minutes. Colors are yellow, gray, blue, black, tan, and red. Accessories include a 12" x 2" beveled edge piece to be used as a safety border and a 2" x 2" corner. Soli-Dek, also 12" x 12" x ½16", provides a solid surface for use in dry areas. Kendall LI S A

Circle 224 on reader service card

Insul-8 skylights of twin-wall construction have eight times the impact resistance of acrylic, 200 times that of glass, according to the manufacturer. The material will not ignite or spread flames. There are two styles: Model F is a four-inch insulated flush-mounted unit; Model C is a two-inch insulated or noninsulated curb-mounted unit. Both are available in 2' x 2' and 2' x 4' sizes. Polygal USA.

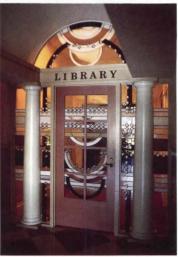
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Amofoam-SL extruded polystyrene insulation board has a shiplap edge to help decrease air infiltration. The edges fit together snugly at the seams with a decrease in air infiltration equal to ordinary tongue-and-groove products. It is available in several sizes and thicknesses to meet a variety of insulation needs. Amoco Foam Products Co. Circle 226 on reader service card



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Circle 227 on reader service card



Sidelites, door, and transom by Shelley Jurs for Larkspur, Calif., main library.

'The Guild: A Sourcebook of American Craft Artists' is a source of craftspeople for architects, interior designers, and other design professionals. It consists of full-color composites of the work of 320 artisans in 13 distinct categories. Some have production lines; many produce limited editions of their work. All do individual commissions and work with designers and architects. The Guild will be updated annually. Copies, at \$75 each, are available from Kraus Sikes, Inc., 19 E. 95 St., New York, NY 10128.

Fibertite single-ply roofing membrane is an ethylene interpolymer alloy made from Du Pont Elvaloy resin modifiers and Dacron polyester fiber. Using Elvaloy as a modifier results in an alloy that is durable in harsh environments and resistant to rain, wind, ultraviolet radiation, and temperature extremes. The material will not shrink or become brittle from plasticizer migration. Seaman Corporation, Shelter-Rite Div.

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'The Designer Software Series' structural analysis and design templates for woodframe building projects save analysis, calculation, and structural member design time for architects, engineers, and other building design professionals. Volume I—Gravity Load File includes templates for determining gravity loading criteria and the analysis/design of wood rafters, floor joists, various beam configurations, and support posts. Volume II—Lateral Load File includes templates for determining lateral loading criteria and the design of horizontal diaphragms and shear walls. Sheehan and Associates.

Circle 229 on reader service card

Phoenix aluminum door frame meets or exceeds ASTM E-152, UL 10B, NFPA 252, CSFM 43.7, UBC 43.2, and CAN 4 S-104 specifications for 90-minute rated assemblies. It is a freestanding bimetal system of 16gauge steel subframe and aluminum alloy outer frame. Units utilize single doors up to 4' x 8' x 101/2" and double doors up to 6' x 8' x 10½". Finishes are clear, bronze and black anodized, and a variety of electrostatically applied baked-on paint finishes. Alumax/Magnolia Div.

Circle 230 on reader service card

The LP 3700 Plotter can do small check plots or produce a high-quality drawing on larger media for presentations. Media size is continuously adjustable up to full-size E drawings. The plotter can use either cut sheet or roll stock to a maximum size of 37½" x 81". Plotting speed is selectable from one to ten axial inches per second. Ioline Corp. Circle 231 on reader service card

'The Timeless Beauty of Cast Stone' describes the use of cast stone for repairing or restoring eroded or deteriorating stonework. The eight-page color brochure shows a cast stone finial on a church in Bloomfield, N.J., replacing one of four 16th-Century natural stone finials that were carved in Naples. W.N. Russell and Company.

Circle 232 on reader service card



Amplimesh grilles made from aluminum are suitable for interior and exterior use. As door grilles replacing burglar bars, they are attractive yet provide a measure of safety. Many patterns lend themselves to a variety of grille applications. McNichols Company.

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As nearly all architects are now aware, TCS (Terne-Coated Stainless Steel) is chromenickel stainless coated on both sides with an 80% lead/20% tin alloy.

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Disc, Glasgow (shown), and Metro glass railing systems are stanchion-supported handrails with intermediate glass panels. Both stanchions and railings are constructed with no visible connections. The stanchions are side-mounted for easy installation. The aluminum alloy components are finished with Duranodic, Tnemec, or nylon powder coatings. Glass is onehalf-inch tempered plate. Livers Bronze Co., Inc.

Circle 234 on reader service card

Lumiflon fluoropolymer resins, developed by Asahi Glass for use in high performance paint and coatings applications, provide a weather-resistant finish that retains its original appearance for many years.

These products cure at ambient temperatures, allowing architects more flexibility and making maintenance easier and less costly. Lumiflon resins are soluble in most solvents and can be applied by spraying, brushing, dipping, or rolling. They adhere to a wide range of substrates. ICI Americas, Inc., Chemicals Division.

Circle 235 on reader service card

Polaris SL surgical light, 34inch diameter, is designed to be used alone or in combination with the 22-inch Polaris. It is exceptionally shadow-free and requires relatively little repositioning during operations. Light from eight lamps is blended and directed to the surgical site with consistent color rendition. Intensity is adjustable up to 9000 footcandles, and the passive heat pump principle directs heat away from the patient and the surgical team without mechanical devices. AMSCO/American Sterilizer Company.

Circle 236 on reader service card

Upholstery book, designed to use limited shelf space in designers' libraries, offers nine

upholstery fabrics, most of which are 100 percent wool or wool blends. Grouped in this collection are Jazz, Firth, Concerto, Opera, Deep End, Grand Prix, Savoy, and Festival. Ben Rose Incorporated.

Circle 237 on reader service card



Geotech vinyl wallcovering, designed by Patty Madden, consists of five textured patterns in more than 40 color-coordinated colorways. The wallcoverings are 36 inches wide and have a Class A fire rating according to ASTM-E-84. Innovations in Wallcoverings, Inc.

Circle 238 on reader service card

A shutter brochure illustrates in color and describes several shutter styles, shutter doors, panel doors, and shoji panels. It provides specifications and installation details and shows slat profiles and hardware available. A color chart is included in the brochure. Pinecrest.

Circle 239 on reader service card

Seating/planters provide seating for areas such as shopping centers. Benches are either oak or redwood around a fiberglass planter that can contain either live or man-made foliage. The units are available in 24 standard colors. Pouliot Designs Corp. Circle 240 on reader service card

Therm-O-Lite retrofit windows transform or convert singleglazed windows into energy-efficient insulating windows. These permanently installed interior vinyl-framed windows retain hot or cold air and reduce condensation and ice buildup. They are available in stationary and operable styles and are removable for easy maintenance. Therm-O-Lite, Inc.

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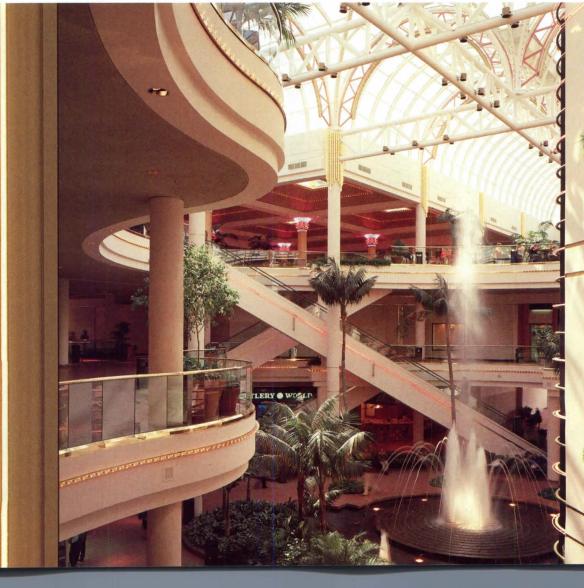
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Circle 242 on reader service card

Railings of tubular molded nylon over a steel core are aesthetically pleasing, yet strong and tough, durable, yet smooth to the touch. They are available in two diameters and a choice of 15 fade- and scratch-resistant colors. The railing system combines with trim and other elements from Normbau's nylon builders hardware. Applications include areas for the handicapped, schools, hospitals, offices, shopping malls, nursing homes, and residences. Normbau, Inc.

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Water System I provides complete, sodium-free nonchemical water conditioning and pure water in one package, according to the manufacturer. The first phase takes the place of salt-additive water softeners to condition water without adding sodium. The second and third phases trap sediment, remove heavy metals, chlorine compounds, and pesticides, and provide 99.75 percent bacteria-free water. The conditioner needs no service except for replacement of Phase 1 and 2 cartridges twice a year. Aqua-Flo, Inc.

Circle 244 on reader service card



Stairways and Stair Parts

brochure provides guidelines for stairway planning. The 12page catalog illustrates newel posts, newels, balusters, railings, and other stairway components. A stair manual included with the catalog provides starting and landing details, rise and run tables, and information required to build durable, dimensionally correct stairways. Morgan Products Ltd.

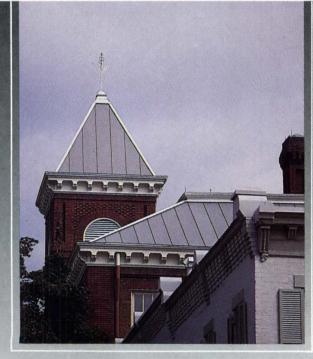
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Prefabricated ceramic tile panels, described in the brochure "Construction with Ceramic Tile Panelization," offer an attractive, lightweight, durable wall system at a cost saving over competitive exterior systems. The brochure discusses possible applications for the panels and the techniques used in panel construction. They consist of metal lath framed in steel studs and covered with a base coat of latex-modified Portland cement to which the tile is affixed. H.B. Fuller Co. Building Products Div.

Circle 246 on reader service card

The LGB commercial atmospheric gas boiler is available for water or steam in 18 sizes, with net I-B-R water ratings from 457,400 to 2,013,900 Btu/hr: 1645 to 7490 square feet steam. A six-page technical brochure has complete descriptive information and specifications on the boiler, which has an operating efficiency of 81 percent. The brochure highlights the boiler's design features and has complete I-B-R ratings, dimension drawings, a table of standard control tappings, and diagrams of recommended piping connections. Weil-McLain.

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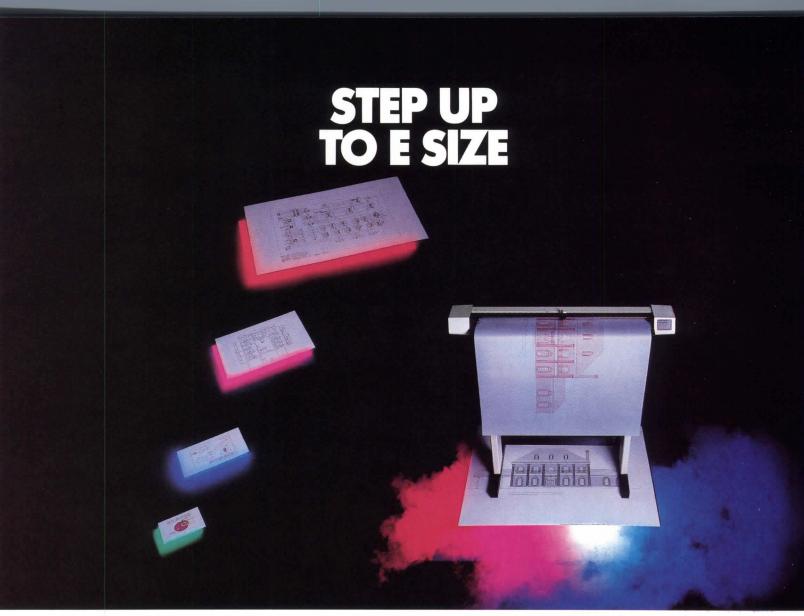
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Trac-Master® mini-spotlights, using 12-volt MR16 lamps, allow precise beam control, and have excellent color characteristics and energy-saving capabilities. The group includes five distinctive styles: open back, notch back, round back cylinder, cube, and an adjustable pendant. Finishes are white, black, gray, polished brass, and polished chrome. Accessories include barn door and snoot attachments and color filters. Juno Lighting. Circle 249 on reader service card

'Dock Seal and Shelter Selection Guide' presents a line of tough, durable seals and shelters for truck and rail loading docks. The eight-page catalog details four basic product groups: seals, rigid frame truck shelters, spring-loaded truck shelters, and rail shelters. Handy reference charts simplify selection. Tufseal Corporation, Subs. of Kelley Company, Inc. Circle 250 on reader service card

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use as flush water. The Cycle-Let system can reduce water use and wastewater discharge by 95 percent. The technology has enabled development in areas where it might otherwise be prevented because wastewater disposal facilities are unavailable or inadequate. Thetford Systems. Circle 251 on reader service card

Onyx railing fittings are made from translucent stones quarried in the foothills of the Himalayas. They are individually hand turned and polished and are available for use with two-inch brass, chrome, KolorTube, or Designer-Tube tubing. Color ranges from light green to brown and green. Ship'n Out, Inc. Circle 252 on reader service card

Building Materials

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

Middleton Inn, Charleston, S.C. (p. 83). Architects: Clark & Menefee (formerly W.G. Clark), Charleston. Cast-in-place concrete: Giant Cement; steel reinforcement:

Florida Steel. Brick and cmu cavity wall: Richtex (brick); Concrete Products (block). Wood trusses: Alpine Engineered Products. Wood flush siding and trim, interior cypress paneling, wood lower doors, windows and ash paneled ceilings: Montgomery Woodworks. Ceramic tile: American Olean. Operable windows: Andersen Corp. Glass block: Pittsburgh-Corning. Hollow metal doors: Ceco Corp. Flush wood doors (ash): Ipik Door. Brick paving: Southern Brick Co. Carrara marble: Westchester Marble & Granite. Select red oak floors: ZineGraf Hardwood Co. Painted stucco: Ball. Gypsum board: United States Gypsum. Single ply EPDM: Gates Engineering. Bentonite: American Colloid. Silicon sealants: General Electric. Rigid Styrofoam board insulation: Dow Chemical. Fiberglass batts: CertainTeed. Terra-cotta chimney pots: Gladding-McBean. Dampers: Vestal. Paint: Sherwin-Williams. Hardware: Hager (full mortise spring hinges); Stanley, Schlage (pivot hinges); Rixson-Firemark (floor closers); Knape & Vogt (rolling door (continued on page 192)

Small Golf Firm's New "S" Ball Takes Distance Title In Ohio Competition

Outhits 11 Top Pro-Line Balls by up to 28 Yards

AKRON, O - It stands to reason that only one golf ball can be the longest. But a half dozen of the top makers, including TopFlite, Titleist and Pinnacle, have publicly claimed the distance title. One company — MaxFli actually calls its DDH "the longest ball in history.

Recently an independent testing organization pulled the rug from under those advertising claims.

Using a mechanical hitting device (to be sure each ball got the same swing force), the Rubber Development Laboratories of Akron, Ohio compared eleven of "the world's longest balls," plus a newcomer submitted by a small golf company in Connecticut. The new ball outhit them all - Titleist, TopFlite, Pinnacle, Wilson, Hogan, Dunlop and five others — by up to 28 yards.

Elated by their success, the winning company is now seeking professional endorsements for their ball, and is taking steps to expand their production. In the meantime, news of the new ball's distance title has people flocking into their executive offices. "We're thinking of getting a cash register for our receptionist," quipped the company's president.

Twenty-eight extra yards from a golf ball is extraordinary because major manufacturers (Titleist, Top-Flite, etc.) purposely restrict how far their balls can go,

making a golfer's skill the determining factor on distance.

The "S" ball disregards these self-imposed and it. ball disregards these self-imposed restrictions on distance. As one pro observed after playing 18 holes with it, "The thing is so hot it could drop scores into the 50's. It not only takes off like the Concorde, it gives you a steadier roll on long putts and grabs a green on an approach shot like a dropped cat. Frankly, it's a hustler's dream. A player could cut 10 strokes and his opponent wouldn't have a clue why.'

The company refers to the ball publicly only by its code name, "S". Only a buyer knows the name actually on

To encourage golfers to try the ball (for fun or profit) the company guarantees it will outhit any ball by at least 30 yards. If it doesn't, buyers can keep three "S" balls free, and return the rest of their order for a full refund (less

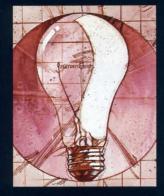
If you want to shoot a score that will terrify your competition, you can order the "S" ball direct. One dozen cost \$21.95 (plus \$1.75 shipping) ... two dozen cost \$39 (Save \$8) ... six dozen cost \$99 (Save \$42). Shipping is free on orders of two or more dozen. Send a check (or cc number and expiration date) to National Golf Center, (Dept. H-247), 500 S. Broad St., Meriden, CT 06450. Specify white or Hi-Vision™ yellow. CT and NY add sales tax. No P.O. boxes please. All orders are handled on a first come, first-served basis. Or call (203) 238-2712.

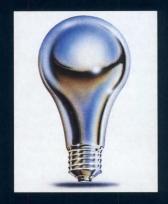
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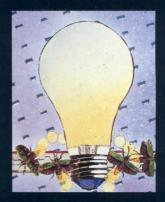
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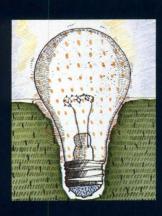


















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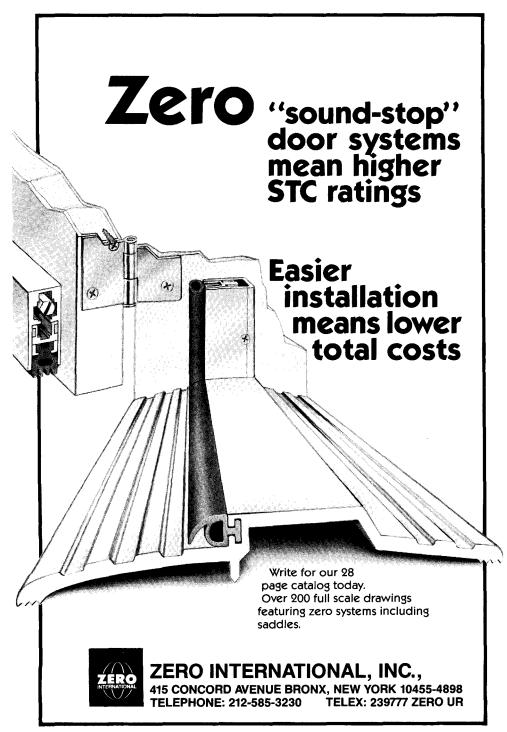
hardware); Pemko (thresholds); Baldwin (hooks, bolts & pulls). Dishwasher: Hobart. Guest room refrigerators: U-Line. Fire alarm equipment: Simplex Time Recorder. Office spiral stair: Boston Design Corp. Marble risers and treads: Westchester Marble & Granite, Custom steel handrails: Able Iron Works. Lighting: Leviton (exterior); Halo, Leviton (interior). Custom tile tubs: H. Tezza. Lavatories and water closets: American-Standard. Tub/shower scald guard: Delta Faucet. Showerheads: Speakman. Bathroom accessories: Bobrick. Water fountains: Halsey Taylor. Electric heat pumps: Carrier Corp. Sewage treatment plant: Hydrosystems. Braided rugs: Schumacher. Wall, floor, and desk lamps: Nessen Lamps. Custom furniture: Dian Boone, design; JMO Woodworks, Montgomery Woodworks, fabrication. Sofas: Metropolitan. Chairs: Lombard, Lowenstein. Fireplace accessories: Middleton Place blacksmith Luther Ramsey. Wood louvered shutters: Joanna Western Mills. Chair & sofa fabrics: Boris Kroll. Custom rugs, pillows, and bedspreads: Dian Boone Interior Design; Manuel Canovas, Clarence House (pillows); Schumacher (bedspreads).

Residence Hall, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York (p. 104). Architects: Davis, Brody & Associates, New York. Brick: Merritt Brick Co. Aluminum windows and doors: Zimmcor, Hollow metal doors: Biltrite. Hollow wood doors: Paniflex. Wood floors: Circle Floors. Vinyl tile: Armstrong. Ceilings: sprayed acoustical paint. Roofing: rubber. Polyurethane sealant: Dymeric. Polystyrene insulation: Dow. Partitions, gypsum board on metal studs: Gold Bond and Marino Industries. Coating, aluminum canopy and windows: Kynar 500. Interior paint: Benjamin Moore. Locksets and door

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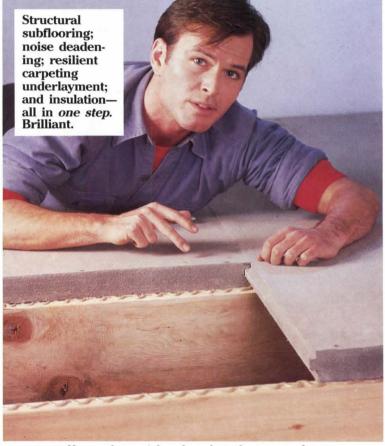
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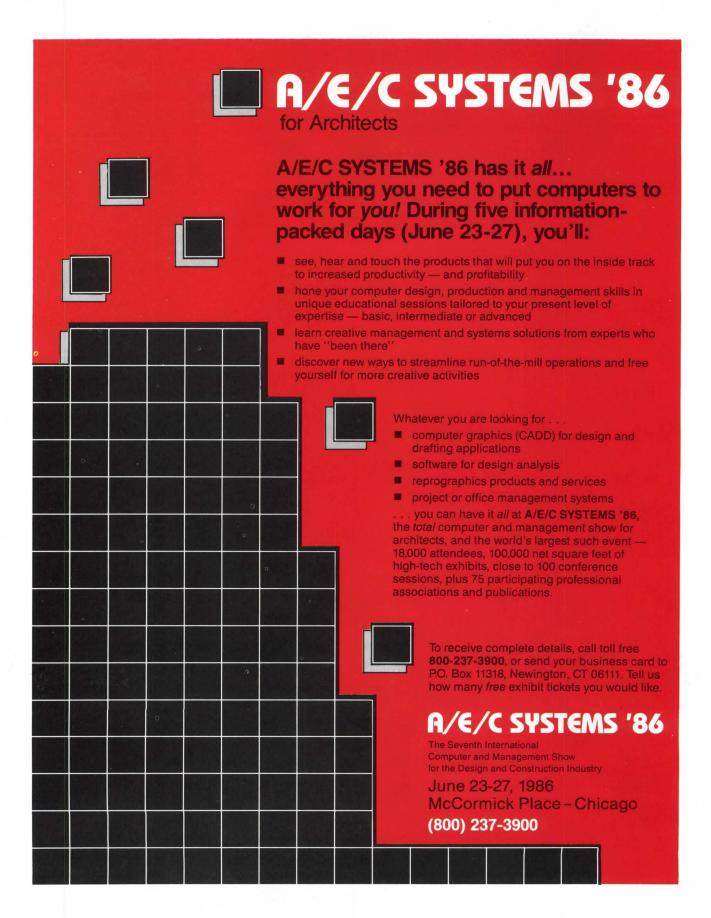
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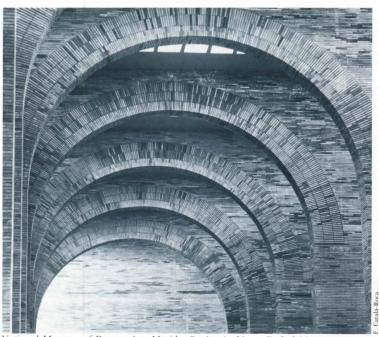


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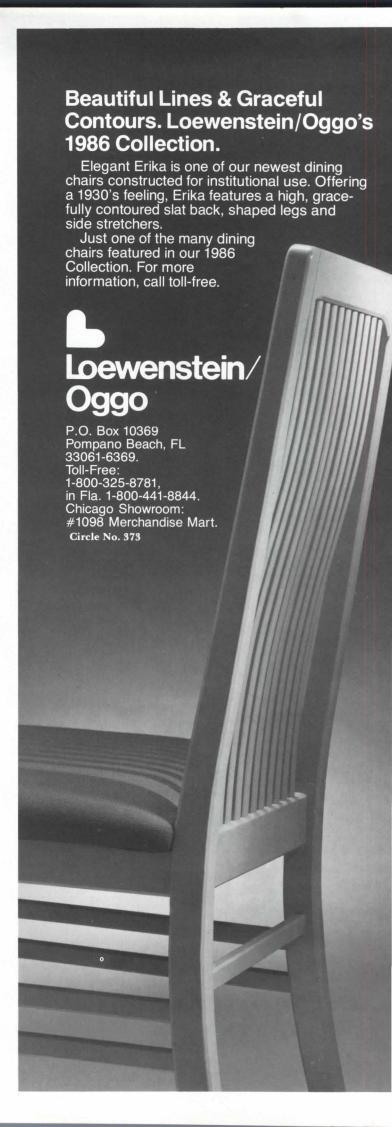
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