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The A.I.A. starts debating goals for architecture—and for America

It is great to learn (from a little advance information, since this must be written before the A.I.A. Convention) that the Detroit convention will discuss the first draft of the A.I.A.'s first statement on national policy—a statement that will be, hopefully, a strong force for quality and direction as the industry builds and rebuilds the environment of man.

The policy statement—which next year's president, Max Urbahn, says "will not be, cannot be, and should not be a 'finished' document at any point in time," but which rather "must be a continually developing prospectus for public and private action in the interest of the nation, the community, and the individual"—is being developed by a Task Force on National Policy, which has the mission of "making an intensive study of U.S. land-use, settlement patterns, growth prospects, and housing and community needs." Task force head is Arch Rogers of RTKL, Baltimore; and Paul Ylvisaker, Princeton University sociologist-planner, is its professional consultant. Members include A.I.A. executive vice-president Bill Slayton, Ieoh Ming Pei, Jacqueline Robertson of New York City's Office of Midtown Development, and (ex-officio) Urbahn and A.I.A. president Bob Hastings.

Says Urbahn: "We have no idea that the task force will produce 'a solution' or 'the solutions' to the environmental crisis. But we do believe that the kind of evaluation we are attempting can offer a new perspective on the nation's environmental choices, and a new and more humane context for the public decision-making process."

What kind of list of goals is emerging from the task force meetings? Here is a summary by Urbahn, presumably the basis for convention discussion and comment:

- "A.I.A. must learn how to involve itself in helping shape national policy on environmental matters."
- "A.I.A. must learn how to initiate as well as react to legislation, and especially at the national level. It should provide its chapters with tools for equivalent action at state and local levels."

If I may comment on these in advance: Taken together, these two goals seem the most critical and important developments that the architects could undertake. Not long ago, such "political activism" would have seemed unseemly for an august professional body. But times they is a 'changin', and this kind of activism is exactly what is required these days—for activism (and legislative and administrative response to activism) is certainly the way most national, state, and local legislation—for good or evil—is developed.

I'd like to go a step further and use the not-altogether-respectable word "lobby". John Gardner forthrightly calls his Common Cause a "People's Lobby", and it is beginning to move mountains. The "conservation lobby"—though there is some evidence of overprotectionism at the cost of products (like wood) and services (like power) that we need—has indeed developed a real and generally admirable and valuable voice in helping shape government policy. So why can't the A.I.A.—just as individual architects serve as the agents of individual clients—become the agent of all the people in matters of environmental design? For as I wrote on this page last month, "If—in the matter of how we are to live—the design professionals cannot come up with an agreed upon set of goals and techniques to reach those goals, then who can?"

This kind of activism is not unseemly; it is essential. Just one example: It's my view that the process developed by the New York State University Construction Fund to get high quality architecture built in volume (RECORD, January 1971) might well be adopted by other states. I'm encouraged in that view by the number of requests for tear-sheets of our article, and the number of queries 'phoned in after a brief mention of SUCF's accomplishments in a recent speech. There's a need for promotion of this kind of successful client/architect collaboration on behalf of the people—and why shouldn't A.I.A. (if it agrees) be the lobbyist for the idea of upgraded quality across the country?

Another example (new past): I think the people—all the people—would have profited and perhaps had more and better housing if the A.I.A. had taken a much stronger stand and role in Operation Breakthrough. Mind you, I don't insist that the A.I.A. (or anyone else, individually or as a group) agree with my view, expressed in many earlier editorials, that 1) the big need is not for a new technology, and 2) the system used for choosing the winning proposals was shockingly weak. All I feel is that when the government—and the involved consortiums of architects, engineers, planners, manufacturers and other corporations—are going to get that deeply involved in a nationwide program affecting (or possibly affecting) so many people and so much need, the A.I.A. ought to be a lot more involved than it was involved.

So hooray for the proposal that the architects as a group ought to get involved in shaping national policy.

The next two goals listed by Urbahn are also related:

- "A.I.A. should take housing and land-use policy as first priorities for action. They
should be—as in public and political discussion they seldom are—considered together as well as separately."

"A.I.A. must strengthen its commitment to social concerns. It should enlist the active support of mature professionals for the dedicated and trail-blazing efforts of students and young professionals in community design centers around the country. . . ."

Well, indeed the A.I.A. should and must. . . . Its commitment to social concerns, through the Task Force on Professional Responsibility to Society, has come a long way since the Chicago convention (RECORD, February, page 9).

But the commitment to housing and land-use policy as "first priorities" would be a new and important commitment. The "land-use" part, of course, relates strongly to the commitment for intervention in the policy-making and legislative area. I think it is appropriate and possible—certainly on the local chapter level, though preferably on the national level—for the architects to take a stand—or at least make recommendations—on the merits of new towns, highway planning (and the Federal Highway Trust Fund), population distribution, the growth of middle-sized existing communities, mining and forestry, air and water pollution, home rule over zoning, green belt recreation areas, and so on and on. The President, in his 1971 State of the Union Message, said "I will propose programs to make better use of our land, and to encourage a balanced national growth—growth that will revitalize our rural heartland and enhance the quality of life throughout America."

With that kind of a lead, surely the assembled architects and other design professionals have a few suggestions to make—and ought to make them in the strongest possible terms before we get legislation (which others will have no hesitancy in advising on) that we really don't like very much.

On the matter of greater involvement in housing, what more can any one say? There's so much bad history behind us, so much lack of involvement by architects (partly the architects' fault, and partly not), so much need, and so much possibility for not just housing but better living for people at all economic scales if the design professions do get effectively involved.

There are three other "goals"—relating to the A.I.A.'s internal communications, to architectural education, and to the role of smaller architectural firms (which properly are recognized "as the backbone of the Institute"). But these subjects, critical as they are, are quite separate, and will be the subject of separate comments later.

Goals—and action to meet those goals. That's what the A.I.A. leadership is calling for. My plea would be for all architects to help study and debate those goals, and when they are agreed upon, do everything they can—as individuals and as members of a large and prestigious organization—to implement them.

For as Max Urbahn told the annual conference of the Gulf State Region in a speech last month:

"It is time for us to remember that human beings have needs other than physical, and that great nations have needs beyond the political and economic. . . ."

"It is time for us to recognize and accept our responsibility for exercising public leadership on all of the issues relating to the designated—that is to say the man-made-environment. It is true that architects do not have all the answers, but it is also true that, as the generalists of environmental design, we are better equipped—by training, experience, and perhaps by instinct—to ask the right questions than are the politicians, or the economists, or the scientific specialists, or the technical specialists."

Right on, Max. —Walter F. Wagner Jr. (For a press-time summary of Convention activity on the subject of goals, see News Briefs, page 33.)

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News in brief

The A.I.A. Convention in Detroit took a hard look at "The Hard Choices" proposed by President Robert F. Hastings in directing urban growth, use of our resources, and "What we have to give up to create a livable environment." Clearly moved by the concerns expressed and actions suggested by an extraordinarily good group of speakers and panelists, the Convention voted on the last day of the meeting (June 25th) for resolutions with strong implications for increased social action and political action by A.I.A. For example, in an omnibus resolution on national priorities, the delegates accepted (after three years of rejection) a clause urging "the President and Congress to accelerate the reduction of our military commitments and involvements abroad to the absolute minimum consistent with our nation's security and restore, expand, and make more effective our national programs for the amelioration of life in all its aspects." Delegates also urged, through resolutions passed, the release of all money for housing appropriated by Congress but being withheld by the President; urged a stronger commitment (with trust-fund financing if needed) to meet the national goal of six million low-income housing units; and, in recognition of "the disaster character of minority high unemployment rates in ghetto areas . . . calls upon the Federal government to declare such areas 'disaster areas' and provide public service employment . . . ."

The Building Team Conference, sponsored jointly by A.I.A. and Producers' Council, was well-attended and sparked the sharpest audience participation of the convention. The house was packed on opening day, but on Tuesday, when this program was in competition with business sessions of the A.I.A., architect attendance did fall off, leaving the discussion more in the hands of the 351 non-architect "Building Team" registrants and representatives of the exhibitors.

The tightness of the schedule resulted in poor attendance in the exhibit area, and much will be heard of this problem from manufacturers.

In the Institute business sessions, the Board reorganization that has been under study for several years was turned down, though the matter will clearly be resubmitted next year.

In sharp contrast to the last two years, student attendance was down (207) and there was little student activity. The speech by ASC/AIA Joseph Siff in tone and content reflected his philosophy of working "within the system" (Record, May) and his closing line provided one of the Convention's best reminders to architects: "Never be satisfied." Total attendance, predictably, was smaller than in recent years—a total of 3,300, including 1,138 corporate members.

Louis I. Kahn's moving speech accepting the Medal of Honor closed the convention on a philosophical note; speaking of the problems and changes and divisions within the profession and in the processes of building, Mr. Kahn set this final note: "To be an architect is quite sufficient."

Complete convention coverage will appear in the August issue.

Construction wage settlements moving back within reason, new Labor Department figures show. Last year, increases averaged 18 per cent, but 21 contracts approved by President Nixon's Construction Industry Stabilization Board this month contained annual increases ranging from 5.2 per cent to 8 per cent, with an average of 6.1 per cent. One contract turned down (see Perspectimbs, page 10) called for 51 per cent.

A National Domestic Development Bank to provide a major new source of capital funds and technical assistance for cities, towns, school districts, and other local government bodies has been proposed by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. The purpose of his bill, he said, is "to help relieve the shortage of funds confronting nearly every government jurisdiction and provide them with the capital to move ahead on vitally needed public projects; to facilitate economic development . . .; and to help promote better balanced rural-urban growth."

The 1971 Bard Awards for excellence in architecture and public design, given by the City Club of New York, went to the Graduate Center Mall of the City University of New York, Carl J. Petrilli, architect; and Technology Building II, New York University's University Heights campus, Marcel Breuer and Hamilton Smith, architects. Both were Awards of Merit. Jurors: Lewis Davis, Romaldo Giurgola, Sidney Katz, and Richard Meier. The New York Chapter awarded an honorary associate membership to Mayor John V. Lindsay "for his understanding of the significance of imaginative architecture and planning to the quality of life"; its Medal of Honor to Edward Larrabee Barnes; and a special citation to builder (HRH Construction Corporation) Richard Ravitch "for his vision and determination to overcome obstacles and to break the patterns of the past in accomplishing publicly financed housing of the highest quality." Boston's Harleston Parker Award "for the most beautiful piece of architecture, building, monument or structure within the city" went to Benjamin Thompson and Associates for their Design Research building in Cambridge (RECORD, May 1970).
Minimal sculpture inside and out; the new Walker Art Museum

by Edward Larrabee Barnes

A new museum for the Walker Art Center of Minneapolis was opened on May 15, 1971, in Minneapolis. Edward Larrabee Barnes was the architect for the museum, which replaces an older building constructed in 1927 that had gone through several remodelings, and whose foundations and walls were becoming irregular through settlement. The new Walker Art Museum was a prestigious commission, as the Center has been prominent in Minneapolis since 1879, and is considered by some critics to have the pre-eminent collection of modern art in the Mid-West. The Walker Art center has been effective in reaching young audiences, in placing before the public the best modern painting and sculpture, and in broadening the social and urban concerns of the community.

The museum was officially opened with a huge party Saturday evening of the 15th at which time about 4000 guests circulated through the exhibition spaces and viewed the art; a stunning test of the building's circulatory abilities. It worked well; a viewer could see the paintings and sculpture that night, circulate slowly but comfortably from the beginning of the spiral route through the museum to its end, and still enjoy the party. A group of large-scale commissioned works were done especially for the new building, and were presented in the seven largest galleries and at the sculpture terrace on the roof. Twenty-two artists predominantly from New York, Los Angeles, and Minneapolis, participated in this commissioned series. Lynda Benglis' omi nous polyethylene foams pieces jutted out of one long white gallery wall like huge black wings in descending series, and Larry Bell produced a shimmering two-panel glass form that sometimes allowed the viewer to see himself, and sometimes seemed not to be there.

The architecture is a back drop and shelter for the art inside, and outside it presents itself as a man nerly, simple, almost back-of-the house addition to the Guthrie Theater, a flamboyant structure designed by R. & N. Rapson in 1967. The new museum and the theater form a very compatible whole aesthetically, with a new entrance to both through the glass-walled connecting link between them. Both the architect and the client wanted a structure that did not overwhelm or even compete much with the art inside, and that is what they achieved. The new museum represents a gain of more than 50 per cent in the exhibition space for the Art Center, and the Barnes' office also supervised some slight additions to the Guthrie Theater, expanding its existing white-panel facade screen without change.

Private enterprise plans new town

On June 3rd, five corporations and a bank jointly unveiled plans by Philip Johnson for a 50-acre, private enterprise development covering 22 blocks in central Philadelphia not far from City Hall. The sponsors are: Smith Kline & French Laboratories, I-T-E Imperial Corp., Butcher & Sherrard, The Korman Corp. and Philadelphia Electric Co. The Girard Bank and other financial institutions will participate.

The master plan calls for 4,000 residential units, both rental and sales, from townhouses to high-rise apartments; offices and shops totaling four million square feet and employing 20,000 people; 1,700 hotel rooms with convention facilities; enclosed parking for employees, visitors and residents; restaurants, theaters and cultural centers on a wide, tree-lined boulevard; and a two-acre town square. Twenty per cent of the new community, called Franklin Town, is to be open space. When construction is complete, in ten years, it will be used by 27,000 people during the day and 13,000 at night.

No Federal, state or city redevelopment subsidies will be requested so there will be no waiting for Washington. Franklin Town will privately finance all land and building purchases as well as relocation and demolition costs. The sponsors hope their project will stimulate the private sector's participation in the national effort to rebuild city cores. It is expected that twenty-eight times the current real estate tax return amounting to $10 million will be realized by this venture; and that over 1,000 new jobs a year will be created during construction. As the area is now occupied mainly by obsolete factories and parking lots, relocation will be at a minimum. And as over seventy per cent of the area is now streets or owned by Franklin Town, only 11 acres will have to be acquired.

For several years one of the sponsors, Smith Kline & French Laboratories, has been working with the community north of the development area to provide housing rehabilitation, job training, educational counseling, scholarship assistance and similar programs. The other sponsors are joining with Smith Kline & French in a non-profit corporation which will continue and expand these programs.

In 1969 Jason R. Nathan, former administrator of the Housing and Development Administration of the City of New York, accepted responsibility for planning and developing Franklin Town as its president and chief executive officer. He says, "Franklin Town is an act of faith in Philadelphia. It is the vision of five corporate citizens who believe in Philadelphia's future. Their commitment to making Franklin Town a reality is the most tangible kind of corporate citizenship."

On June 4th the city gave tentative agreement to the proposal and authorized a relocation study which is now in process.
A.I.A.-Ford Architectural scholarships awarded

Of the thirty 1971 winners of the American Institute of Architects and Ford Foundation scholarships awarded to students who would otherwise have no opportunity for a professional education there are twenty-one blacks, four Mexican-Americans, two whites, one Hawaiian, one Indian and one Puerto Rican. Three of them are women. They were nominated by architects, high school counselors, civic organizations, community design development centers and government-aided programs such as the New York City Urban Renewal program.

The A.I.A. and the Ford Foundation each pledged $500,000 in 1969 to support three separate groups of students. With present funding the last group will be selected in 1972. The amount of aid varies according to each student's needs and is renewable for five or six years until he gets his first architectural degree.

Among this year's winners is Armando Garza III whose parents live in a farm labor camp near Walla Walla, Washington. He redesigned downtown Walla Walla as a high school project. Josiah Hoehnlin, from one of Hawaii's most depressed areas, has designed a day-care center for his community. The final plan, based on his drawings, includes the ideas of many members of the community. Franklin LaRose, from Fond-du-Lac, Indian Reservation, Minnesota, wants particularly to work with Indian housing groups. In 1970, the first year of the program, only two of the twenty-three winners dropped out, fewer than expected.

Seven more students were chosen this year because A.I.A. chapters contributed more matching funds to individual students.

Two unique close-to-the-city national parks underway ... and a private park planned

Legislation to create Gateway National Recreation Area on the fringes of New York Harbor (photo above and dark area, map below) is under active consideration by Congress with strong Administration support. It is the largest urban recreation complex ever proposed by the government. Almost 23,000 acres of land and water are involved, all but 443 of them already publicly owned. Cost of land acquisition will be about $39 million; development cost, just under $100 million. Interior Secretary Morton noted that the new recreation area would "serve millions of persons who do not own automobiles and who only infrequently escape crowded city conditions ... . A ferry transportation system is planned which would connect with terminals of existing bus and subway lines."

Morton, discussing the three major areas planned for inclusion in the park, pointed out that: "Sandy Hook is one of the most famous of East Coast landmarks. The nation's oldest operating lighthouse stands there. This area would have eight miles of ocean and bay beaches."

Jamaica Bay, one of the few natural areas left near New York City, is, Morton said, "an ecological treasure ... . Breezy Point offers four miles of ocean beach and enough room to build extensive recreation facilities. This unit will be the most intensely developed of the three."

Stretching out from the heart of Washington, D.C. 185 miles to Cumberland, Maryland, The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (center photo), created in the last days of the 1970 Congress. Justice William O. Douglas, writing 16 years ago when the park area was to be converted into a highway, said: "The people of Maryland, D.C. to Cumberland, Maryland, is one of the most fascinating and picturesque areas in the nation. The river and its islands are part of the charm. The cliffs, the streams, the lakes, the trees and beaches and beaches, the swamps are another part. The birds and game, the blaze of color in the spring and fall, the cattails in the swamp, the blooming of the flowers in winter—these are some of the glory of the place." The thin ribbon of land, generally only 100 yards wide, had for many years did not satisfy Congress' image of a national park. But therein, a new action makes available at long-distance hikers, Sunday strollers, canoeists, and bicyclists a truly beautiful and readily accessible recreation area.

At a totally different scale, but a real service to the urban scene, is the pocket redwood park (above) planned adjacent to the Transamerica Pyramid building in San Francisco. The park, covering a half-acre strip, will provide a woodland pedestrian walkway through the middle of the block. Its designer, landscape architect Anthony Guzzardo, says that more than 100 redwood trees will be planted in the park. The largest that can be transplanted will be about 20 feet when installed, but since they can grow four to eight feet a year, "In 50 years we may have some 200-foot trees in there."

Noise abatement study launched

The Environmental Protection Agency has established an Office of Noise Abatement and Control to investigate the causes and sources of noise and determine the effects on the public health and welfare in the United States. The Noise Pollution and Abatement Act of 1970 directed the EPA Administrator to set up such an office. Alvin F. Meyer, a former HEW official, has been named acting director of the new office which will determine effects of noise at various levels, project growth of noise levels in urban areas through the year 2000, the psychological and physiological effects on humans, effects of sporadic and extreme noise as compared with constant noise, effect on wildlife and property (including values), effect of sonic booms on property, etc.

The results of the EPA investigation, which will include public hearings, are to be reported to Congress, together with recommendations for legislation or other action, not later than December 31, 1971.

A.I.A. launches three new professional programs

The new Government relations program, to be headed by Lawrence S. Stinchcomb, will assist local chapters with legislative problems at the city, county, or state levels by acting as a clearinghouse for information from all states and the Federal government. At first, the program will concentrate in the field of professional practice, in such areas as statutes of limitation.

The second new program—Continuing Education—will be headed by Dr. Stuart W. Rose, and will work toward preparing professionals for their roles in areas of research, housing, project and construction management, development, and urban and regional planning.

The third—a new Codes and Regulations Center—will be headed by James R. Dowling, who will be responsible for developing A.I.A. as a clearinghouse for information, and for promoting architects' involvement in effecting code and regulation changes.

James D. Morgan

Symposium honors M.I.T.'s Dean Anderson on retirement

To honor Lawrence Anderson's retirement from a forty-year tenure at M.I.T.'s School of Architecture, a symposium entitled Art in Civic Scale was held at Kresse Auditorium recently. Fifteen speakers, including long-time M.I.T. faculty members John E. Burchard and Gyorgy Kepes as well as sculptors Louise Nevelson and Claes Oldenburg, examined the major topic in three separate discussion panels. The most heavily attended session, which included Kepes, Oldenburg, José Luis Sert, Dean Emeritus of Harvard's School of Design, and Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, M.I.T. Provost, was also the liveliest. After a clash between right action and right action is beauty," Lawrence Halprin, on the same panel, closed the session with a neat epigram: "Lifeless art is no good, artless life is no good." A later reception honoring Dean Anderson, shown with former secretary Barbara Porter Schofield, wife of New York City architect Robert H. Schofield, brought over two hundred alumni and other architects together ranging from graduates of Beaux Arts days to men deeply involved in programs of computer-assisted design.
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In its first architectural review in three years American Telephone and Telegraph Company—which claims to have the next largest building construction program after the Federal government—has chosen five honor award-winning buildings from 406 entries including equipment and office buildings, garages and renovations. Jurors were architects Joseph Amisano, Hugh Stubbins and Oswald Thorson. Not shown is a repeater building in Johnson, Arkansas by Dan Cowling and Assoc., Inc. With a flood condition necessitating a two-story structure, eight steel columns were handsomely used to support the exterior stairs and walkways and overhanging roof. The Jury, free to give many or no awards, gave 14 merit awards and 18 honorable mentions.

The Central Office, Willowdale, Ontario, Shore & Moffat & Partners, architects, has an exposed structure of rough finished, poured concrete. Scale was reduced by varied massing of service elements. The infill brick was chosen to blend with surrounding residences. Expressed floor lines will enable vertical expansion to be integrated into the design.

The District Plant Office and Garage, Detroit, Mich., by Smith, Hinchman and Gryllis, Assoc., Inc., architects, occupies a highly visible, downtown urban renewal site. Its sculptural qualities were attained by expression of vehicle ramps, stairwells, garage levels and the general office area. The poured concrete was sandblasted.

The Data Processing Center in Don Mills, Ontario by Webb, Zerafa, Menkes, architects of Toronto, is a steel structure with 20- by 40-ft. bays providing the flexibility required for large computers and open offices. Bronze Laurentian granite aggregate used in precast concrete above the entrance contrasts with grey bush hammered concrete below.

The Overseas Operating Center, South Jacksonville, Fla., Reynolds, Smith and Hills, architects, is located in a suburb near its supply of labor. A large atrium provides the spacious, outdoor atmosphere characteristic of the area, and permits a minimum of openings on the exterior for maximum security. An additional floor is planned.
Center City Fire Station, Wilmington, Del., by Dollar, Bonner & Funk, architects, now under construction, houses two independent fire stations, one on top of the other and facing in opposite directions on a sloping site. For visiting school children there's a gallery corridor off the mezzanine offices which overlooks the apparatus room.

Westgate II, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Hugh Stubbs and Assoc., architects, will house 400 graduate students. The 24-story tower overlooking the Charles River, with community facilities on bottom and top floors, has two-, three-, and four-student apartments with living rooms in the chamfered corners of the building.

Loew's Hotel, Luxury Apartment and Convention Complex, Monaco, Dr. Herbert Weisskamp, chief architect with Neue Heimat International, and Jean Ginsberg and Jean and Jose Notari, architects, will be a seven-tiered structure overhanging the shore in front of the Monte Carlo Casino which will retain its unobstructed view of the Mediterranean.

Art will adorn construction of the Arlen Realty and Development Corp. building in New York City. Nassos Daphnis and Tania, artists from City Walls Inc., have used geometry and primary colors on the construction walkway—with a mylar ceiling—and tower. The designs will be executed by Environmental Design Associates which not only paints walls but finds and raises funds for them.
Library and Cultural Resource Center, Huntington Beach, Calif., Dion Neutra & Assoc., architects, is Dion Neutra's first major project since his father Richard's death. Reflective glass and lake waters will mirror each other. The Center will have facilities to attract the whole family: art gallery and workshops, natural history and play areas, community room and food, etc.

Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahony & Zvelebil/Kenneth DeMay (of Sasaki, Dawson, DeMay) associated architects, on a wooded site, displaced few trees and reflects remaining ones in walls of mirror glass. Slate covers stairs and mechanical cores. A systems approach reduced construction time by over a year.

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Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Assoc., Inc., architects, will have nine closely related buildings linked by enclosed pedestrian bridges and surrounding a mall. The master plan received an Award of Merit in the Community and Junior College Design Awards program co-sponsored by A.I.A., A.A.J.C. and HEW.

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By ERNEST BURDEN

For many years architects have been asked to make presentations to describe their services to potential clients, school boards, or other public agencies. By utilizing slide projection as their means of visual communication some architects have achieved surprisingly successful results.

When you decide to give a slide presentation for the first time some advance planning will be in order. First, you must determine the size of your audience, and some of the physical aspects of the room you are going to use, and finally, the size of your budget. With these in mind you are in a position to carefully plan and program your approach.

The visual aids that accompany most talks are either difficult for an audience to read or cumbersome to move about. They are generally quite inflexible. Slide presentations, on the other hand, are so versatile as to encourage the use of many diverse elements to tell the story. In short, slide presentations can become a totally creative tool in the hands of an imaginative person.
Planning the storyboard
You can begin to plan your show with a device used for many years by the movie and television industry, called the storyboard. This device makes it possible to plan an entire show in any amount of detail and for any number of slides prior to shooting.

First you will need a master sheet to guide you in programming your show. The best way to make one is to rule off a sheet with two- by two-inch frames and draw within these frames both the horizontal and vertical slide formats.

With this as an underlay sheet, begin to plan your show. Start with the opening sequence—for the most important parts of the show and the most difficult to plan are the opening and closing sequences. Then fill in between. Once you have completed a rough storyboard, you will see slides that can be changed around and some that should be eliminated. The storyboard shown here was set up for a double image projection shown side by side. Therefore, the storyboard was laid out in pairs of slides and each frame could be planned in relationship to the other. This storyboard also facilitated the numbering of the slides for their respective left and right projectors, and for writing and keying of the script.

Planning the script
Your script is the mortar that will hold your slides together. Before you actually begin writing, project all the slides in the order you plan to show them. Look at them alone the first time through. Then ad-lib a commentary about the slides as you project them. This will get you involved with the material, and you will begin to see how long each slide should be left on the screen. At this stage, the overall pattern of your show will begin to emerge. All this should take place before you have written a word.

There will be times when you will not want, or need, a caption for a particular slide. Once you have all the captions written, read the script aloud. It will sound choppy at first. Smooth out the writing by analyzing the slides as you read. Strive especially for clarity and continuity.

Building continuity
There are many ways to achieve continuity. Perhaps the most effective is to build a series of slides revolving around a central idea. Shown here is a series of plans depicting various stages of development of a multiple-use land development. The series includes the existing contours and trees, new grades with proposed landscaping, a land use plan showing dwelling units, and a parking diagram. Finally, two stages of a presentation model were shown. These were all in full color using lap dissolve projection. The entire sequence, including commentary, took less than two minutes of a fifteen-minute program.
Creating a story

Behind every good presentation is much experimentation, some selective analysis, and a lot of imagination. For when these shows are brought before the public they must be polished to meet the occasion. The story line must be clear, concise, and convincing. There should be an introduction, a statement of ideas, a development of these ideas and a conclusion.

Preparing the artwork

It is always a good precaution to prepare a sample of artwork at a reduced scale and have it photographed to determine how the art will look when enlarged. Any defect on the original, or in the slide itself, will be greatly enlarged upon projection. Lettering on architectural plans will be too small to read. The plans should be reduced to 11 by 14 inches and larger lettering applied on that size. The slides must be very carefully photographed—as out-of-focus, poorly cropped or improperly exposed slides are of course distracting. It is important to work out a shooting schedule early in the program, by working backwards from your presentation date. However, unless you allow time at the end for re-shooting, editing, reviewing and re-hearsals, you will be in a rush at the end.

Presenting the show

In planning a slide show to present before an audience be sure you are familiar with the physical arrangement of the room. All equipment should be in good working order and the operation of all systems should be second nature. It is a wise idea, when possible, to rehearse your show in the same room a few hours before presenting it. An unrehearsed program will be full of minor flaws which can embarrass the speaker and upset the audience.

Multiple projection made easy

The slide presentation “Facade” was designed for entry in a competition. Therefore, competition rules dictated its form. The subject matter was selected for its timelessness in the ever-increasing war on community ugliness. It depicted the story of a group of buildings slated for destruction and the eventual construction of new buildings to take their place. To portray this amount of material on the screen would have required multiple projection, but the competition rules did not allow this. Therefore, all the photographs selected were rearranged, cut out, and mounted on black cardboard. Then the composite was rephotographed onto one single 35mm frame. This allowed up to 250 pictures to be shown on 80 single 35mm slides. Certain parts of the slides were carefully masked to crop off any area not wanted on the composite slide. The end result was a multiple-image presentation using a single projector and a single slide each time. The possibilities of combinations using this approach are endless.
Co-ordinated presentations

The slide show entitled "San Francisco's WILDFLOWER, the Palace of Fine Arts" was presented to the A.I.A. Slide Show Competition in 1976, where it received a special commendation award. It was later shown in its entirety at the first joint New York/New England Regional A.I.A. Convention. The show was a color version of a book published previously by the author under the same title.

The slide presentation told the story of the construction of a temporary fair building, its eventual demolition, and ultimate reconstruction in permanent materials. The show was programmed as a single, lap dissolve projection, set up within an automatic framework. A tape recorded musical background was interspersed with narration to provide the story line.

Any presentation can be enhanced by the addition of a tape recorded narration and musical background. Oftentimes a criticism is raised that a "canned" talk is inferior to a live lecture. This may be true if the lecturer is a professional speaker—but most architects are not professional speakers. The recorded narration has the benefit of sounding professionally executed. Use your own voice only if you are certain it records well.

The best type of recorder to use for this type of presentation has two recording channels, one for the speech and triggering mechanism and one for the music background. Any portion of either may be erased and re-recorded without affecting the other. This makes any show easy to set up as an automatic show. Many projectors have variable automatic timers built in, which is very useful if the show does not have to coincide with the narration. The main thing to strive for is a clear portrayal of your idea and the best way to achieve this is by a practiced, controlled and professional-as-possible presentation.
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Construction outlook 1971: second update

As a gauge of recovery from 1970's recession, this year's early GNP data gave you a choice of interpretations. At face value the numbers for 1971's opening quarter were a considerable improvement over anything 1970 had to offer. In current prices, the rate of GNP finally made it over the trillion dollar hurdle (to $1,021 billion). After adjustment for the substantial amount of inflation still packed in this total, there was $12 billion of real growth. You have to go all the way back to the beginning of 1968 to find as big a gain.

The other side of the story is that when you take GNP apart, it turns out that too much of this growth came from special situations—makeup for last fall's auto strike; buildup in anticipation of this summer's probable steel strike; and a heavy volume of subsidized housing. What was lacking was the spontaneity or thrust of a self-generating expansion. The consumer, on whom much depends this year, was still playing it close to the vest; the Federal government was spending a bit more at home and less in Vietnam, but there was no net increase; businessmen, unhappy with 1970's profits and uncomfortable about 1971's excess capacity, began cutting back on their investment plans. Between December (when the auto industry went back to work) and April industrial production crept mostly sideways while unemployment stayed above six per cent. That's no way for a recovery to behave. In fact, the best that can be said for 1971's flimsy recovery is that it needs all the support it can get through the critical summer months.

Here's what we expect during the rest of 1971 for those areas of economic activity that bear most directly on the demand for construction:

**Federal Government:** the deficit-conscious Administration will reluctantly step up its spending soon (a tax cut is a less likely alternative). Blocked funds are coming forth, but proposed $2 billion Accelerated Public Works Program is meeting stiff resistance.

**State/Local Government:** most of the benefit from last fall's decline in bond rates has been felt; recent surge of state and municipal borrowing will subside as the interest rate structure edges upward in 1971's second half.

**Business Capital Spending:** latest survey of investment intentions still promises a small gain this year, but the margin is narrowing. Early 1971 contracting for business construction shows utilities booming, commercial building perking up, industrial construction weak.

**Housing:** no problems in sight. There's more than ample mortgage money around, and with the economic recovery as tenuous as it is, the Administration isn't likely to pull the rug from under one of the few strong sectors by cutting corners in its housing subsidy program.

At the end of four months, 1971's total of construction contract value was four per cent ahead of last year's amount for the same period. Not a big gain, it's true, but it carried special significance. The first four months were 1970's best. The big gains will soon begin to pile up as 1971's strengthening construction demand is matched against last year's spring and summer slump.

A big housing year is already in the bag. By spring the rate of housing starts had already reached—even surpassed—the 1.8 million level anticipated for the year as a whole. A more or less steady volume of homebuilding through the second half—close to the strong current rate—will result in a 26 per cent gain in residential building contract value this year and a 20 per cent increase in physical volume (square feet).

While the housing outlook has not changed materially since our First Update (April), it's time to recognize some new developments in the nonresidential building markets. The recent caution in business investment planning is especially evident in manufacturing industries and our forecast of 1971 industrial construction has been modified accordingly. Contracting for hospitals and health facilities, which declined sharply during 1970's credit squeeze, recovered nicely through last year's second half and appeared headed for a good gain in 1971. Disappointing first quarter results have reduced that potential, however. Several other important building types in the nonresidential group—commercial buildings, schools, and public buildings—are coming along according to earlier expectations and need only minor upward adjustments at this point.

The net effect of those interim adjustments on the total of the nonresidential building group is negligible, reducing the previous forecast from +4 per cent to +3 per cent. A generally stronger second half of 1971 is expected to turn the first half decline into a gain before the year is out.

For 1971 as a whole, construction contract value is now estimated at $76.7 billion—a gain of 13 per cent over last year's total. The seasonally-adjusted Dodge Index is expected to average 138 in the third quarter and 141 in the fourth, bringing the annual average to 139 (1967=100).

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The information presented in the tables indicates trends of building construction costs in 33 leading cities and their suburban areas (within a 25-mile radius). The table to the right presents corrected cost indexes for non-residential construction, residential construction, masonry construction, and steel construction. Differences in costs between two cities can be compared by dividing the cost differential figure of one city by that of the second city.

The table below presents historical building cost indexes for non-residential construction; future costs can be projected after examining past trends.

All the indexes are based on wages rates for nine skilled trades, together with common labor, and prices of five basic building materials are included in the index for each listed city.

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Cost differentials compare current local costs, not indexes.

### Historical Building Cost Indexes—Average of All Building Types, 21 Cities

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Costs in a given city for a certain period may be compared with costs in another period by dividing one index into the other; if the index for a city for one period (100=1) divided by the index for a second period (150=1) equals 139%, the costs in the one period are 39% higher than the costs in the other. Also, second period costs are 75% of those in the first period (100=0:200=75%) or they are 25% lower in the second period.

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THIS MUSEUM IS MAINLY FOR KIDS

These Ohio children are heading back to their schoolbus having just been given a sophisticated yet exciting exposure to the history of their state. Located in Columbus, near the center of Ohio and adjacent to the interstate highway connecting Cleveland and Cincinnati, the new Historical Center was conceived by the Ohio Historical Society primarily as a teaching device. The Society saw the need to show—and dramatically—young citizens that Ohio is more than just a place one passes through to get from East to West. And that point of view explains their courage in commissioning the young, vigorous firm of Ireland and Associates to do the job. The client's choice has been fully justified: 300,000 visitors will come here this year, almost ten times more than visited the old museum in a year. And in the bargain, they got what is no doubt the most architecturally significant public structure built in Ohio since the State Capitol building of 1841.
The Historical Center is, in fact, more than a children's museum. The most visible portion, which seems almost to hover above its podium, above, is the state archives and historical library. As the section, opposite page, shows clearly, the soaring library structure and the horizontal, nearly invisible, museum share a grand common space, the Hall of Fame, in which renowned Ohioans are commemorated.

Four massive columns, containing various services, support the breathtaking overhangs of the library. Forty-foot-high shear walls form a two-way, post tensioned grid that carries the weight of almost six miles of library shelving. Including the museum and reception level, the total floor area of the Historical Center is 271,762 square feet. The exterior walls have been sheathed with salt-glazed creme tile, an Ohio masonry product used principally in farm buildings.

As the busloads arrive, the children directly enter the auditorium for a briefing before being conducted through the exhibits. Then they come up onto the main level to see the changing exhibits around the Hall of Fame and return to their buses past the statue of the World War I doughboy, left. "A few stragglers always have to be pulled off the statue before the bus can leave," chuckles architect Ireland.
The free relationship of the diagrid museum structure to the foursquare library geometry is obvious, above, as skylights placed above essential exhibits seem to meander in like sheep grazing near an ancient temple. The edges of the triangular museum form glazed office walls behind which curators and interested scholars work to classify and study the treasures of the museum and to prepare new exhibits. Working with Herb Rosenthal, the Oakland Museum exhibits consultant, the architects devised the cruciform columns as a matrix into which displays can be placed. Three small theaters, each accommodating exactly one busload, present short films and students are able to walk into a full-size replica of a house of the Adena culture, a high point in Ohio’s prehistoric Indian civilizations. Historical forms of transportation, bottom left, opposite page, form an exhibit in the history section. Two hundred Civil War battleflags dominate the Hall of Fame and its grand staircase.

HISTORICAL CENTER, Columbus, Ohio; Client: The State Department of Public Works for the Ohio Historical Society; Architects: Ireland and Associates—W. Byron Ireland, partner in charge; George S. Balford and Walter S. Withers, project architects; structural engineers: Korda and Associates; mechanical engineers: Kramer, Comer and Passe; acoustical consultant: Dr. Perry Borchers; exhibit consultants: Herb Rosenthal and Associates; exhibit lighting consultant: H. A. Williams and Associates.
One of the five history teachers who serve as museum guides is briefing four or five groups of students who have just arrived at the museum, left. With her colleagues she will then take them through the exhibits, one of which, a giant mastodon, is shown below. The coffered roof of the auditorium forms the mound on which the doughboy statue stands. The reading room of the library, below left, is formed by four shear walls.
Why not build factories people can enjoy?

Granted that industrial buildings must be economical to build and maintain and that the first design priority is operational efficiency, why can't they also be pleasurable to work in and enjoyable to look at? Must human values be ignored in order to maximize technological benefits? Of course not. On the fifteen pages which follow, ten projects are presented which go beyond economy and efficiency to satisfy architectural criteria as well. Each of them has made use of an inexpensive idea or an intriguing design approach that could have application elsewhere.

The examples chosen fall into basic categories: those that deal with improved human environment, and those that enrich the natural environment. Some of course do both—for instance, on the next page, the winner of the 1971 Reynolds Memorial Award. An elegant Swiss industrial building with a beautifully detailed curtain wall, it was given the following citation by the jury: "The project demonstrates a sensitive response which includes both good design and an esthetic solution to a major human problem, a good working environment. The jury was pleased that a project had been submitted the nature of which will become an increasing challenge to our society, and it hopes that this award will encourage both architects and industry to devote greater attention to this type of building."

Another outstanding example of economical design is the Gordon Engineering Company, above and page 98. For ten dollars per square foot, architect Elroy Webber has provided excellent working quarters set so gently onto the site that the abundant natural beauty of the Massachusetts landscape is heightened, not destroyed.

Finally, since many of the buildings shown are located in the suburbs, the nicely-done plant for Westinghouse's Electric Vehicle Plant in Homewood, Pennsylvania, by W. L. Roberts, page 100, points to still another problem—one that is perhaps more important than any others mentioned here. If blacks are going to continue to be denied free access to housing near suburban industries, perhaps it is up to industry to build new factories on appropriate sites in the inner city.—James D. Morgan
Why not make a curtain wall to see through?

The winner of the 1971 R. S. Reynolds Memorial Award, a Swiss industrial building, was cited more for its humanistic and environmental qualities than for its innovative use of aluminum. In its report, the Reynolds jury emphasized its pleasure at finding a well-designed factory that takes both the exterior and interior human environment into account. Many aspects of the care in planning for an optimal working space are evident in the design. All production workers, for instance, are located on the second floor, where views outside are best. The open layout of manufacturing departments encourages a feeling of close interrelationship between employees in various areas.

Aside from the more intangible benefits of an insulating wall through which workers can keep in touch with the outside world, the architects noted some solid economic facts: "Complex investigation showed in this case that if all factors were considered—such as the ratio of floor area to perimeter, operation expenses, maintenance and installation costs—and if all these factors are weighted in an optimal solution, the price of such a curtain wall is no longer a disturbing factor and can be justified." Aluminum seemed a natural material to the architects for the lightweight cantilevered solar glass sun-screen which also serves as a maintenance platform and fire escape.

Although some of the technical concepts in this building may not be applicable in American industrial construction, there are obvious lessons in the way the building relates to its site. As more and more plants are built in rural areas, the designers would do well to consider the advantages of opening the walls to sunlight and natural vistas.

MASCINENFABRIK HEBERLEIN AND CO. AG, Wattwil, Switzerland. Architects: Professor Walter W. Custer, Fred Hochstrasser and Hans Bleiker.
Why not use color and bold graphics?

The use of bold graphics and color on a large scale—city walls for instance—has become quite common. But, except for color-coded utility systems, they are seldom found in industrial buildings. The graphics department at Albert C. Martin and Associates, a Los Angeles firm which does many large industrial buildings, has found opportunities to remedy the lack in two recent projects, one of which is shown here.

Walter Brucker, an interiors project director at ACMA, finds that the wall designs have several advantages. “Not only do they serve functional needs such as identifying areas within huge buildings and locating exits, but they provide human scale and psychological identification for the workers.” In essence, the supergraphics provide a kind of status symbol. “They identify the worker’s job area and give him an environment he can relate to,” said Brucker. The graphics department feels that employees form personal and subconscious attachments to the designs and areas do acquire a unique personality because of them. They emphasize that the technique should not be used merely as a decorative device, but should be an integral part of the interior space planning.

To be sure their designs really do relate to the workers in a particular environment, the ACMA designers have, on some projects, solicited employee response through questionnaires after the facility has been in use for a while. The next step, of course, is to encourage employees to design and paint their own murals on the factory walls. If the lay designers were given a simple statement of objective goals the work should accomplish, a program in effect, a competition within each plant might produce excellent results, functionally and psychologically.

The Facelle Company's new tissue products manufacturing plant in Oxnard, California has 940,000 square feet or 21 acres of enclosed space in one building. And that may be doubled as the site plan, above left, indicates. Thus the need for a bold means to identify the various areas of the facility. The architects have provided, in this first stage of construction, over half an acre of graphics designed both to identify areas and to help workers in those areas feel at home there. To provide both rhythm and scale in a 300-foot-long passage connecting the office and the manufacturing area, the designers have spelled out the company name over the entire length, above left. Five other examples indicate the variety in color and form found in the graphics throughout the space. An attempt was made in every case to capture the essence of the process near which the mural is located. This exuberant one, left, is in the disposable diaper department. Exit signs, right, can be seen from 200 yards away.
Why not build an entrance that benefits everyone?

So often in industrial buildings the visitor's entrance, with severe chairs, aerial photos of branch factories on the wall and some back issues of trade magazines on a table, seems a forgotten corner of the plant. No one but the receptionist is there and the vitality of the production operations inside is certainly not expressed. Partly because of the very tight economic program for the Fagersta Steels building ($16.50 per sq ft), but also because they wished to avoid a similarly dead reception area, Architects Bohlin and Powell made sure it was thoroughly integrated with the rest of the facilities.

Furthermore, by making it a bold element in an otherwise severely straightforward building, the architects have provided a working pivot point around which the building always will revolve, no matter how much it expands. In this case the room serves many functions. Office and factory employees both may use it to enter each morning and to pass through on the way to lunch. Visitors have little trouble, of course, finding the entrance. Passersby, both day and night, have a landmark which becomes a living symbol. Thus the additional cost is more than justified by intangible benefits conferred upon employees and the community.

The real accomplishment is larger still, however. The architects have faced the problem of the low-budget industrial building, have extracted the humanistic aspects and have used them with great assurance to produce a building built of the most economical materials yet with great and enduring style. Which is—at $16.50—a great deal indeed.

FAGERSTA STEELS INCORPORATED, Mountaintop, Pa.; Sponsoring agency: Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority; Architects: Bohlin and Powell; structural engineers: Vincent B. Styzman, Inc.; mechanical and electrical engineers: Roushey Associates.
Fagersta Steels Incorporated, a Swedish company which makes carbide-tipped drilling bits for mining and heavy construction, needed a building which could expand easily to five times its original size. The design, above, with the skylit entrance lobby as the only unchanging element, makes it possible for every other element to grow as needed. The formal clarity of the scheme is apparent in the exterior photographs. The liveliness necessary to relieve such restraint is supplied by the solar gray acrylic roof which has varying degrees of transparency throughout the day. The indoor foliage and the lively banners, designed by Annie Bohlin, are always visible from the road, slightly higher than the building. Unpainted concrete block bearing walls and exposed steel beams and roof deck are the structural materials throughout the entire building. The floors in the office are carpet, in the lobby, brick pavers.

Frank Burnside Jr. photos
Why not tie into the landscape?

Although architects have been trained for many years to analyze the site thoroughly, how many really bother when designing an industrial plant? And there are those, of course, who see the building as a man-made object set into nature and so refuse to bother. But with "ecology" on everyone's lips today, it is a question which must be considered even when designing factories.

There are many advantages to modifying the building to fit the site rather than the other way around—as the Gordon Engineering Company complex shows. Using three identical structures (each involved in a separate phase of electronic component design and manufacture) connected by steps inside the links, Elroy Webber was able to respond to very subtle changes in grade without aggressive grading. Thus the building, although clearly not trying to blend with nature, seems far more sympathetic to its site than most factories ever do.

The economic advantages are also impressive. Grading costs include not only the initial shaping of the land, but the reapplication of topsoil and replanting. And the less the earth is moved, the easier that will be. Furthermore, water runoff problems, not always completely foreseen, can of course be minimized if nature's patterns are disturbed as little as possible. Finally, by keeping parking away from the building, as Webber did here, the effect of paved parking lots on groundwater conditions around the foundations is minimal. In this case, slightly more than five per cent of the total project cost was spent on site work and landscaping, yet the result seems very rich indeed.

GORDON ENGINEERING COMPANY, Wakefield, Massachusetts; Architects: Elroy Webber Associates; structural engineers: Loomis and Loomis; landscape design: Elroy Webber Associates.

The Gordon Engineering Company's building is not only beautifully related to its site, but is an outstanding example of economic industrial building design. In order to meet package-builder prices — $9.50 per square foot in 1969—architect Webber chose to build three small identical buildings rather than one larger one. Short steel spans, simple masonry bearing walls, flexible mechanical equipment, low fire ratings all resulted from his decision. Seen from across the neighboring marsh, a bird sanctuary, above, the horizontality of the buildings is especially apparent. The terrace outside a conference room, right and on page 91, also helps to integrate building and site.
Why not put the factories where the workers live?
Community involvement has produced seventy-five new jobs and a sense of pride for Homewood, Pennsylvania. When Business and Jobs Development Company, a black organization in Homewood, was assigned 14 acres of urban renewal land, they approached several large corporations proposing to build industrial facilities which local people could reach by walking. Westinghouse accepted the idea and then went out of its way to provide a showplace for future development. Not only did the corporation, through its Corporate Design Center, assist architect Roberts budget-wise to produce a handsome building, but they initiated production of an electric vehicle which definitely seems a product with a future.


Why not do a playful building?
"Someone in the office suggested that a bright blue cube would look nice on the corner of the building," says Jasper Ward explaining the genesis of the design. The round windows, the human-scale rainspout and the rich surface textures were all fairly easy to accomplish in reinforced concrete. Such architectural humor, rare in any type of building, can be especially important in industrial buildings where blank, unrelieved walls stretch for hundreds of feet. As problems of motivation for workers on assembly lines become more apparent, perhaps it is the architect's job to suggest visual techniques which will relieve the sense of bleakness and inhumanity that industrial buildings so often convey.

City Blue Print of Louisville is an unexpectedly lively building. The decision to build on inexpensive urban renewal land combined with the location at a prominent intersection gave the architect an opportunity to propose a far more ebullient design than the client had originally planned. A two-story display space looks out through the round windows of the principal facade, right. The wall with the slightly over-stated rain gutter, left, runs along the blue print room which of course requires no fenestration. A large storage room on the second floor is reached by an exterior ramp as well as by interior stairs. The indented circle in the blue cube could be used for another advertising symbol should City Blue move.
Why not create a human-scale environment outdoors?

In order to attract scientific personnel of the highest caliber to Charles City, Iowa, the Salsbury Laboratories have built a research center that provides a remarkable degree of human amenity. More like an elegant university building than anything else, the structure nonetheless is designed to facilitate vigorous study toward increased poultry production. But the company’s philosophy stems from more than the pragmatic need to keep its work-force happy. The company’s founder, Dr. Joseph Salsbury, had nurtured an attitude of community service and increased knowledge as part of his business of providing products to make the raising of chickens easier.

Thus a scheme which was developed around a beautifully-planted courtyard with flowing water meant for quiet, contemplative times, for lunch on sunny but windy days, even for concerts, seems entirely appropriate. Not only the architectural focus, the courtyard becomes a symbol with which the employees can identify. One works not in a building, but next to a garden. The present head of the firm, Dr. John Salsbury, has also encouraged constantly changing exhibitions of current art by Midwesterners. Since he feels the building is the best piece in his art collection, Dr. Salsbury certainly includes the architect when he says: “The work of the modern artist stimulates many questions. He experiments. He is an innovator. Art hopefully will help us remember that in our business lives we too must be creative and innovative.”

SALSBURY LABORATORIES RESEARCH CENTER, Charles City, Iowa. Architects: Perkins and Will—Philip Will, Jr., partner in charge; Robert Sultan, project architect; Mozhan Khaden, designer; structural and mechanical engineers: P & W Engineers, Inc.
Salsbury Laboratories' Research and Administration Center is surely one of the most urbane spots in Iowa. Set out on the prairie, the new complex contains not only the interesting architectural spaces shown here but facilities for sophisticated research to improve poultry production. A two-story cruciform structure on the south side of the courtyard contains research labs and a library. Wrapping around the courtyard on the north side are the one-story administrative areas, largely open plan, and on the northwest corner, a 250-seat auditorium. Most of the people working in the administrative wing can easily look into the courtyard from their desks. The laboratories themselves represent a high standard of technical planning. Modular planning within labs permits easy modification. New one-story lab buildings can be added with ease to the existing complex because of the free-form plan and the large site. To provide visual unity yet minimize the dominance of buildings over the natural environment the exterior walls are cast-in-place, sandblasted concrete and the window frames are charcoal gray.
Why not build a berm to help hide the building's bulk?

Malcolm Wells, noted architect-conservationist, would ask why not put it entirely underground—arguing that until the vast roof areas of most industrial buildings are covered with vegetation, environmental benefits will be negligible indeed. But if the berm cannot be said to provide substantial ecological advantages, it certainly does provide visual ones.

In the case of Parkway West Technical School by Campbell Green Cunzolo, the principal result is to minimize bulk. Sited on a hill, the berm makes the building seem to grow out of the hilltop, rather than seem a structure placed there by a conscious intent. The earthworks of ancient fortresses, built with a completely different intent of course, are what makes them seem so much a part of the landscape. When the architect is faced with a completely flat site, however, the berm is a very handy design tool indeed. Even a two-foot-high berm around a building placed at an angle to nearby streets will make it seem to have been built on a pre-existing mound and therefore to belong there (RECORD, February 1969, pages 160–161). Vincent Kling, architect of the RCA building, by increasing the berm until it almost meets the sloping fascia, produces a compelling symbiosis between structure and site.

Nothing could be more economical than a berm, after all, because the topsoil removed during excavation for the floor and foundations of the building must be disposed of in any case. Not only is it cheaper to mow a lawn than paint a wall, but the consistent temperatures of earth next to occupied spaces can help reduce air conditioning loads also.


The Graphic Systems Division of RCA produces electronic equipment used in newspaper and magazine printing. Placed on very nearly level farmland, the berm and the sloping fascia of corrugated steel, left, make the 56,700-square-foot building seem very much a part of the site. A continuous band of windows between the two elements gives everyone a sweeping view of the countryside. A sheltered courtyard leading to the lobby and the showroom for the division’s products, above and right, provides an obvious but welcoming entrance to the simple, elegant building complex.
Parkway West Technical School near Pittsburgh has problems similar to an industrial building, one of them being a size definitely out of proportion with neighboring farmhouses. Behind the grassed slope and the rhythmic concrete sunshades, are flexible spaces for teaching a wide variety of technical subjects, including housebuilding, right. Classrooms near the entry, left, are used for courses in marketing research and accounting as well as medical technology and electronics. Panel-formed concrete surfaces with carefully-placed lug holes providing an additional counterpoint seem appropriate for a technical school.
Why not put a garden between plant and offices?

Many small and medium-size industrial buildings have an office building standing in front of the main structure because, however much the designer might wish to integrate them, the budget won’t allow it. Architect Ron Yeo has turned that problem into an asset by putting tiny gardens between the two buildings. Instead of large windows facing the road, a brick wall with high windows greets visitors to Acme Wire. The flying laminated beams provide a suitable accent. But once inside, the tops of trees in the gardens are visible through high windows on the rear of the office wing. Everyone working there shares in the changing patterns of foliage and shadow on the cinnamon-colored steel fascia of the plant.

Partly because his client was a family business and gardens seemed appropriate, but also because he has been tucking small gardens into other projects, Yeo had no trouble using the spaces with assurance. In southern California’s arid climate, the protected garden works very well, although anything will grow out in the open, including the lush lawn, top, if the ground is irrigated. These gardens have jacaranda trees which shade the ferns and other low plantings. Plantings obviously will vary in other parts of the country. But even in the coldest climate, evergreen shrubs, trees and groundcover will make a handsome low-maintenance garden. On the other hand, employees with a green thumb may wish to use their talents at work as well as at home thus providing everyone there with the delights of nature close at hand.

Acme Wire/Dura Coal, Inc. got its new plant for $7.65 per square foot including furniture and landscaping, says architect Yeo, mainly because a negotiated contract with Saffell and McAdam, contractors, kept costs down. Stressed skin roof panels on a laminated wood beam system, used both in factory and offices, made structural work go very fast. The factory walls are tilt-up concrete panels with exposed aggregate topped by a deep fascia of weathering steel corrugated sheet material. Four offices share the garden with water, above, while others look into a long, narrow garden, left and below. Still a third garden is adjacent to the employees’ lounge. Two elements, containing offices, restrooms and corridors connect the plant and office wing.

Acme Wire/DURA COAT INC., Garden Grove, California; architect: Ron Yeo; structural engineers: Steinbrugge and Moon; landscape architects: Lang and Wood.
For Ulrich Franzen there are no general solutions. Each of the four projects shown here and on the pages that follow is shaped by a specific set of programmatic and environmental circumstances and respects the limits these circumstances impose. For Franzen, this means trying to seek out and respond to what is unique about each new locality and project before seeing what he can carry over from the last. "Context architecture" is his phrase for describing both this process and the result it yields.

For the First Unitarian Congregation of Richmond, Virginia, (see page 108), he has designed a church that is more than a church. For Cornell University's School of Veterinary Medicine (above and page 114), he has designed a laboratory tower that, more truly than most, organizes the program's complex, multiple functions into legible, architectural forms. An innovative housing scheme in Utica for New York's Urban Development Corporation and a bank in Binghamton, New York, complete the portfolio.

What carries over from project to project is not esthetic baggage. Franzen travels light. It is a consistent sensitivity to human needs (whether or not they are expressed in the program), a keen sense of the purpose and an obvious, non-apologetic delight in spatial excitement and sculptural detail.
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

It was quickly apparent when the Church building committee met with its architect that what was wanted was no ordinary church. Sensitive to the changing nature of religious instruction and worship itself, the committee wanted a structure that would act as a community focus all week long. The program that emerged from these discussions was admittedly experimental. It called for a large meeting room supported by a series of spaces that are inviting for uses not directly related to worship but keyed to the congregation's social and creative values. The result (see plan) is a series of open-plan studios for painting, ceramics, wood working, sewing, and similar pursuits. On weekends, these studios are to be used for small-group religious instruction. These spaces open to a common, landscaped court so the functions can spill outdoors when the weather is appropriate. The large meeting room, used Sundays as a sanctuary, can double during the week as a space where the community can gather for concerts or discussions.

Then general character of the building finishes will be informal and the structure itself scaled to the surrounding residential community.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HOUSING FOR UTICA, NEW YORK

Part of a major urban renewal effort, this appealing scheme will provide 300 units of moderate income housing on an urban site close to the city's commercial center. The project contains a seventeen-story tower and two similar five-story apartment structures grouped to enclose a pedestrian plaza and oriented so that the low-rise elements visually engage the adjoining residential street. The grounds surrounding the buildings will be developed for parking and for recreation.

The apartment plans use space economically but provide some unexpected amenities in the form of offset corridors into which natural light is introduced at various intermediate points. All buildings will use flat plate construction. Exterior walls will be built in an outsized (8 x 8 x 4 in.) brick, laid up in a single withe using high-strength mortar.

The whole composition is strongly articulated. The individual elevations, advancing and retreating, opening and closing, never seem "worked" or lose their rectilinear sturdiness.

FIRST CITY NATIONAL BANK OF BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Circulation is an important key in the intelligent development of this handsome riverfront site for a small city in the western part of New York State. Franzen has concentrated much of his attention on creating an inviting pedestrian scale and environment. Parking and drive-in banking services are provided below plaza level with access confined to one end of the site. Pedestrian approaches from all directions form part of the generous plaza ambulatory. The main banking room is located in a double-height space overlooked by an executive mezzanine that provides the scheme’s only vertical spatial tie (see perspective-section). The two upper floors are rental space. The design’s strong horizontal emphasis is intended to bring it into sympathy with its low-rise surroundings. The visual alternation between window wall and parapet forcefully stripes the long elevations. End walls, solid and buttressed by enclosed stair-towers, close the composition decisively.

MULTICATEGORICAL AND ANIMAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, ITHACA, NEW YORK

The extraordinary drawings above and on page 107 reveal a building that will be shaped to an unusual extent by a multiplicity of competing functions and a heavy requirement for mechanical equipment. Carefully fitted to an existing science complex, this laboratory and research building consists of an eleven-story tower attached to a single-story base. The organization, by function, is quite clear. The base, partially below grade, contains water chillers, laboratory animals, and those lab spaces that require radiation shielding. The ground floor and first floor house administration, dining, kitchen and teaching spaces. The tower above is divided into glass-walled offices to the north overlooking Lake Cayuga, and laboratories along the blind wall to the south. The laboratory spaces are linked by a mechanical service corridor with vertical distribution of utilities along the south wall.

Franzen clearly welcomes the opportunity these mechanical exigencies present. From air intakes outside the building through all its internal capillaries, to air exhaust ducts on the penthouse, the building is lovingly sculptured to its task.

Three elevations reveal the building's complex functions. Seen from the west, along Ithaca's Tower Road, the building will appear as a tower with a solid masonry side at right enclosing the labs and a glass-walled side at left housing the offices (top photo). From the south (middle photo), mechanical equipment shafts animate a solid facade. From the southwest (bottom photo), skewed stair tower and air supply shaft lend a powerful, expressive vertical accent.
CIDOC: Alternatives in Design and Education

by ROBERT M. GOLDER

A controversial experiment in education has been underway in Cuernavaca, Mexico, for eight years, and this year the subject is architecture. Ivan Illitch, who leads the school, is being much discussed for his advocacy of radical alternatives in education, with articles in several recent journals, a television seminar about his work, and the inevitable notice in Time. Architect Robert Golder was at the school in March to witness its first investigations into design, and participate too, analyzing a new film project of his own. For those who are curious, as we were, about CIDOC, here is Golder's first-hand report and his conclusions about the school.

CIDOC stands for Centro Intercultural de Documentacion. That rather curious Spanish title, more familiarly known by its acronym, is the name of an experiment in education which has been held for more than seven years in Cuernavaca, Mexico. This focus of experimental educators, architect-planners, and writers, has as its epicenter, the controversial Ivan Illitch, about whom so much has recently been written. Illitch is the former Monsignor Ivan Illich of the New York Archdiocese, now retired from the Church. A somewhat mystifying combination of conservative and radical, he speaks eleven languages fluently and his agile mind quotes the most recent investigations in the use of computers in education, as comfortably as he draws a metaphor from classical mythology. He was still in the church when he founded CIDOC in 1963, as a study and training center in Latin American affairs for clergy and missionaries, with the avowed purpose of "de-Yankeeification." It has changed from an institution for clergymen only, to a lay institution.

The Center has a simple structure, or set of rules that governs its use. Teachers, writers, architects, philosophers, etc., are invited to CIDOC where they propose a "puzzlement." This is a talk given at "El Ciclo," an open seminar held daily from 11 A.M. till noon. During this hour one presents the theme or dialogue of one's interest and invites whomever is interested to attend. CIDOC is considered an opportunity for qualified people to invite others to learn with them. Those who lead the dialogue (teachers) can define the matter and the method. As the catalogue states "dialogue is preferred to lecture and all proselytism or indoctrination is out of place." Illitch describes it as a hotel, a facility. "It's an exchange, a teaching exchange of an international kind. It's run as a non-profit 'hotel,' that is, any time income exceeds expenditures, it's ploughed back into more books or more flowers, but not into increasing the type of services it gives."

The courses fall into three areas. There are continuing classes on a five hour per day, five days per week basis, in Spanish (the language school is reckoned to be one of the best in our hemisphere) and the language instructors feel that if a student is seriously motivated, they can make him fluent in two to three months. Secondly, the Center also houses ICLAS, the Institute for Contemporary Latin American Studies. Both ICLAS and the Language School function on a year-round basis, but the third area of CIDOC is devoted to a theme for international participation. The theme since 1968 has been Alternatives in Education and a new theme that began this winter for February and March is Alternatives in Design of Physical Environments.

These encounters in architecture and planning ranged from two weeks to two months through February and March of 1971, and the topics and discussion leaders included the following: "Housing by People," John F. C. Turner; "Space and the Human-Architecture and Man," Varela & Oliver Marc; "Auto-Generated Urban Housing," Roberto Chavez; "Objects, Values and Space," James Morton; "The Design Process," Sascha Illich; "Design," George Nelson; "Film as a Tool for Visual Education," Robert M. Golder.

One of the best sessions focused on housing created by people, rather than for people. The encounter that perhaps had the most relevance to Latin America was John Turner's "Housing by People." It presented alternative solutions to low-income housing, and was an examination of auto-generated housing or autonomous settlements. These are settlements that ring the boundaries and interstices of Mexico City, Lima, Caracas, Casablanca, Hong Kong, Lagos, etc. It is a phenomenon caused by squatters and illegal developers in rapidly urbanizing countries. Squatters' settlements have become a significant increment of the increasing urban population in the "Third World." Over one third of the population of Mexico City lives in the "colonias proletarias"; nearly half of Jakarta's population of almost two million people lives in "gecekondu" districts—settlements whose names describe housing built overnight; the area of the "villes extracautumiers" of Leopoldville is greater than that of the city itself. This housing or "uncontrolled urban settlement," to use a phrase of Turner's, has been viewed traditionally by planners, architects, and the socio-governmental agencies involved in housing, as a problem. Turner views it as a solution. He looks at the total spectrum of low-income housing in underdeveloped countries and begins to compare the conventional mass-produced, low-cost housing as produced by various combinations of government money, and private capital to these autonomous settlements. He compares these housing "solutions" against a very pragmatic yardstick. In what way do these solutions meet the needs or desires of the users, how much do these solutions cost both to the institution supplying them and the occupant, how long do they take, and what is their effect on the total urban fabric?

In autonomous settlements, the owner-user, or owner-builder makes his own decisions about what he will build, the materials he will use, its design, and the range of priorities in terms of time. The institutions producing housing, however, must respond to very different demands. They think in terms of mass housing because of the economics of building in quantity. It is the bureaucracy of the building institution that makes all decisions. The enormous cost of both supporting the housing bureaucracy, and the construction and maintenance of large-scale housing in countries with very low per capita incomes, is forcing a fresh look at the systems and techniques employed in squatter housing.

The owner-user, typically is a young family with parents under 30 and between three and five children. Their greatest need is felt to be a healthier and more spacious environment where they pay no rent and fear no evictions in a house that contributes to their future security. "Young towns" (pueblos jóvenes) are a common solution that has two common requirements: a fee (not for the land itself which is property of the state, but to defray overhead costs) and compliance with the requirements of the Association. If the family savings have not been depleted by illness or unemployment, they may have enough to begin construction. It is rare that they will have any sources of credit, although in some pueblos jóvenes there are cooperative credit unions that will lend moderate amounts for up to two years. An employee may be able to get a direct loan to roof an area, and relatives may be a source of credit. Building materials are generally easy to come by in small quantities, and some materials are obtained second-hand. Construction laborers come from the pueblos jóvenes, and the owners, the entire family including children, put in a substantial amount of their own labor. The weakest
parts of this system are the design, the legal services, the public utilities and local community facilities.

Except for the above mentioned deficiencies the end product that the user develops in the pueblo joven dwelling is not dissimilar to what the state builds for him in a low-income housing development. There are, however, some rather significant differences in the process. The pueblo joven dwelling costs one-third to one-half the price of its state equal value, housing in the pueblo joven dwelling begins at once, the state-built project will take at least four to six years with countless forms to be filled in the interim. The joven dweller owns his house and may sublet as he pleases; the state-built dwelling is carrying a mortgage, without the possibility of sub-lease. The use of a publicly-built project carries restrictions, the joven dweller may make temporary or permanent conversions to small commercial or industrial use. Turner examines both social and economic considerations very carefully and presents the way in which the government of Peru is beginning to cooperate and participate with certain squatter developments. I found Turner's approach refreshing and constructive. He identifies a new energy source: the labor of the user and his family, or more importantly, illustrates how an existing system or process of housing can be aided with legal and design services, to form a really healthy and economic solution.

Another encounter investigated the ability of film to describe architectural form

I have been working on a series of films for young people, and I wanted to use CIDOC as a forum for this project. The ability to use one's eyes objectively is, of course, of concern to architects, painters and all those professionals within the visual arts. There is within the visual world a system of harmonics, just as there is within the world of music. Harmonics in sound is a system of abstractions which describe individual parts and their relations to one another. This same realm of abstractions in visual terms consists of: form, color, point, line, plane, texture, rhythm, polarity, value, etc. When we pull apart and identify these characteristics we begin to understand how they operate in the visual field.

Most visual education at present still depends on standard art appreciation courses. These are courses which are object-oriented, which identify beauty as an "object." It's an "object" that a painter or a sculptor or a weaver or an architect makes. This attitude of object reverence seldom leads to visual understanding, and its not until one begins to see relationships or not until one begins to understand the components within our visual field that one can begin to use his eyes intelligently.

Film presents a natural technique for the description and exploration of these abstractions. Film allows one to dissect and piece together again an infinite range of visual segments. We can start by removing color for film and viewing it in tonal values from white to black. We can arrest its movement and see it as a still. We can alter the focus so that details become obscured and we begin to see a series of forms. We can explode the image till it becomes a shifting emphasis of light and shadow, or field and polarity. The image can be split, slowed, reversed, altered in numerous ways depending upon the didactic point. These techniques are in fact used consciously by gifted film makers. Antonioni, Resnais, and Bergman are always using the camera to seize the abstraction that works for a particular context. Their films, indeed, all good films, are an education in vision. One can construct exciting films using these techniques, to put in an ordered sequence the elements of these abstractions to give young people an understanding of the operative qualities within their visual experience. A series of such films each treating several of the major abstraction hopefully could lead to some ability to use the eyes objectively, to better analyze the world we see.

Regarding this "puzzlement" of mine about film and the visual arts, I found the exchange with other members of my group, particularly several young Mexican architects, helped to define and form my project still further. This, ideally, is a chemistry that happens naturally when the engagement between leader and students is vital.

CIDOC represents a genuine educational alternative, but it continues to demand maturity and discipline in its participants. Last year most of the excitement generated about Edgar Friedenberg, an educator and writer presently teaching in Canada; Paul Goodman, philosopher, writer, and poet from New York; Van Hentig, an educator from Germany; Carmen Molina, a revolutionary just returned from six years in Cuba; Varena and Iliver Marc, architects from France; John Turner, George Nelson, and of course Illich himself.

There are serious students from Mexico, a number from the United States, and a few from Canada, and many of the students are drop-outs. They are drop-outs from college, from graduate school, and some are simply drop-outs from life (responsibility). Some of them in search of soul, some would like to find the package Answer, and many simply like to play. Many students who would like to participate in the learning process—-are disappointed. Their disappointment often stems from the fact that they are not finding the kind of discussion they feel as relevant, or they are having trouble relating to the current discussions because their background is too flimsy.

CIDOC is rather like a graduate school that has, in addition to a constantly changing student body, a constantly changing group of teachers, and a changing curriculum. It is an institution that gives no credits, no degrees, and asks for none. Like other graduate schools it assumes a certain level of maturity, a certain level of one's own discipline, and a desire to learn. It charges very nominally for its services, and most amazingly, it has been operating in the black for the past few years. Beginning in June and continuing for three months this summer (1971) there are six "areas of interest" being investigated, and not surprisingly, four of them will continue to deal with architectural issues: one interesting title is "Architecture, Planning and Liberation," and John Turner is continuing his puzzlements regarding housing.

CIDOC's distinction from other graduate environments is that it offers to someone who wants to explore an idea—the possibility that a group of people will take that adventure with him. Adventure is indeed part of the atmosphere—and as in all speculation there can be gold at the end of the rainbow . . . or an empty pot. It is of no concern to Illich which resultant occurs—its importance lies in the continuing facility for intellectual adventure.
SHOULD PITTSBURGH SAVE FORBES FIELD?

Seldom is it possible in the super-scale world of university planning and architecture to examine two alternative professional proposals for the same site. Seldom are the two schemes as bold and innovative as these; seldom do they spring from social premises so far apart. In effect the problems the University of Pittsburgh faces are problems faced by institutions all over the country which are trying to expand into communities that suddenly refuse to give way. Such conflicts can be resolved through reasoned public discussion, as in Pittsburgh; especially when architects are ready to explore and present viable alternatives.
Deeter Ritchey Sippel, architects and planners, of Pittsburgh, were asked in 1967 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Properties and Supplies, to prepare a master plan for the expansion of the University of Pittsburgh, which had become a state university in 1966. No new construction was to begin during the period in which DRS prepared its report. Upon completion, the fourteen-volume report called for construction of three times as much net university building area by 1975-6 as existed in 1967 to accommodate a doubled student population: from 20,000 in 1967 to a projected 40,000 by 1975. All new construction was to take place within boundaries agreed upon by the City of Pittsburgh Planning Department. In the Forbes Field area of expansion (site plan, left) which was to contain about one-quarter of the total new construction, a certain encroachment upon existing residential and commercial neighborhoods was agreed upon, but most of the new buildings would be on the site of Forbes Field itself, once the Pirates had left it for their new stadium near downtown Pittsburgh.

The results of the study are thorough and professional by the highest standard. Even though it was understood that Deeter Ritchey Sippel would probably not be the architects for the new buildings in the Forbes Field area, the firm went deeply into a study of the interrelated circulation, space organization and coordinated engineering systems. They hoped in this way to discourage the "monument" approach to university building. Said their reports, "The past practice of building piece-meal individual structures should be replaced with the development of a continuous interrelated learning facility."

In the DRS study, a student and faculty questionnaire was carefully evaluated; engineer Richard Gensert's studies of integration between structure and mechanical equipment were impressively flexible; great effort was made to keep buildings as low and as much in human scale as possible; and finally the planners dealt in effect with three clients—the University, the Pittsburgh City Planning Department and the Pennsylvania Department of Properties and Supplies to be certain that they satisfied all the demands in what was even then a very controversial project.

But, since the now-well-understood need for community response was by no means standard practice in 1967, they did not consult the community of Oakland, that district of Pittsburgh which had silently borne much of the pressures of Pittsburgh's previous expansions. The people who lived in the houses destined to be destroyed by the third and fourth stages of the Forbes Field development had trouble visualizing that the models were not accomplished plans, but simply proposals for study. To them it seemed terrifyingly real and immediate. Furthermore, in other parts of Oakland, other facets of the plan to triple Pitt's buildings (but all within the agreed-upon boundaries) were frightening residents of established neighborhoods. Out of these fears grew a community group called Peoples Oakland. A true coalition of people who in the past had little trust in each other—blacks, Italians, small merchants and others—was pulled together by the University's presentation to them, as a fait accompli, of Deeter Ritchey Sippel's expansion plan.

The irony is that perhaps DRS had done its job too well. What were to the planners just suggestions seemed to the community (and to Pitt administrators unfor-
tunately) hard-edged realities—imponderable, inevitable, intolerable. As Michael Adams, a spokesman for Peoples Oakland, put it, "Once again the University unfurled its final drawings for our perfunctory approval; but this time we said no." When Pitt countered by asking for viable alternatives to its plan, Peoples Oakland called Community Design Associates for help. This architectural firm consists of Troy West, well-known Pittsburgh advocate architect and two colleagues from Carnegie-Mellon's School of Architecture, Walter Boykowycz and Richard Britain.

About the same time, newly-appointed City Planning Director, Robert Paternoster, got involved by insisting that further planning decisions be discussed not only by the University and his department, but for the first time with the community as well, in this case represented by Peoples Oakland. The first project on which the community's architects went to work was a proposal for redesign of a dormitory group in another part of the campus which that neighborhood saw as an intrusion on its privacy. As of now, the University has agreed to ask DRS, in this case architect as well, to redesign the building.

The second project is the proposal to save and reuse Forbes Field. Here, around the now-abandoned ball-park ("Pirates—World Champions 1960") is still boldly lettered on the stands facing Pitt), all the symbolism of Oakland's frustration has gathered, and the people see it truly the citadel from which they will make their stand against encroachment.

Their arguments range from the inadvisability of removing further land from tax rolls to destruction of an irreplaceable historic and symbolic structure on to the important question of the community's right to determine its own fate.

The model and drawings shown were prepared by Carnegie-Mellon University architectural students under the direction of West and his colleagues, with virtually no budg-
et for presentation. The colorful model, page 119, which forms the core of the alternative proposal, was constructed from measured drawings made by the students themselves. Another view of the model, left, shows the relationship of the renovated stadium to the existing Hillman Library. A farmer’s market, above, is planned for the first floor arcade, presently bricked-in. Openings directed onto the former ballfield would also be made at the southwest corner of the stadium, below left. The existing three-story ladies’ lounge and refreshment counter, below, is seen as a prototype for housing units that would be built on the second and third grandstand tiers.

Two quite recent factors that further strengthen the Peoples Oakland case are the present costs of building new construction and the perilous financial condition of most public agencies. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declined, so far, to provide the necessary funds for the construction of the new Social Science-Education and Law School buildings, the first phase of the DRS plan. Furthermore, although Vice-Chancellor Edison Montgomery denies that Pitt has any such problems, current softening of enrollment pressures and questions about the future of universities in general make the 1969 master plan seem already a bit out-of-date.

Architect Max Abramovitz, who has been Pitt’s advisor on architectural matters for many years, has been asked to help Pitt determine the potential of the Forbes Field proposal and to evaluate the several alternatives for land use and circulation on the campus that Community Design Associates has prepared in the weeks since the Forbes Field model was unveiled. He in turn must look to experts on circulation, parking and structures to help him prepare his report. Everyone involved, no matter how passionately, seems aware that renovating Forbes Field may not prove an economically feasible project. Yet if, before it is pulled down (as had been threatened), such facts are established by disinterested parties, the community will at least feel it has been heard and the process by which institutions and communities can grow together will have been strengthened. —James D. Morgan

PLANNING FOR FUTURE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Planners: Deetor Ritchey Sippel—Aristides J. Millas, director of urban planning and design; Structural engineer: Richard M. Gensert; Data collection: Pittsburgh Regional Planning Association.

The planning disciplines for audio-visual facilities

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Far-reaching changes are taking place in the realm of audio-visual systems that affect the architect. First, considerable improvements are being made in the wide range of equipment being used, enhancing the performance, and enlarging the role of audio-visual systems. Beyond these lie new developments in the automation of a-v facilities for more sophisticated, error-free, labor-saving presentations, and new concepts in the electronic distribution of audio-visual media throughout buildings, and even from city to city.

If audio-visual facilities are to work as the client envisions they will work, they must be considered in the early planning stages of a building. Furthermore, the architect needs to be aware of the role of the a-v system designer, and the allocation of responsibilities for installation of the a-v equipment and associated built-in components.

Part 1 showed that the visual element of these systems has its own set of planning disciplines—demonstrating the limiting influence of ceiling heights, and the effect of plan shape on space utilization.

Part 2 covers design criteria and planning considerations for sound reinforcement systems, and touches on some of the sophisticated techniques that make possible good sound in difficult situations.

1. GUIDELINES FOR GOOD SOUND

2. A-V SYSTEM AUTOMATION

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Today nearly everyone realizes that audio-visual media are playing a very significant role in the communications process in business and education. The ever-increasing need to assimilate information, to evaluate information, and to react with valid decision-making, depends upon the quality and effectiveness of the communications process—especially that part that relates to seeing, hearing, and being heard.

Why are speech reinforcement systems necessary in the first place?

The large room, hall or auditorium requires electronic voice support to cover the often considerable distances involved, and to provide an adequate sound pressure level at the ears of the listener to ensure good hearing.

Properly designed reinforcement systems can provide good speech intelligibility in most acoustically difficult spaces, even those with long reverberation times, such as concert halls and churches, where the architectural acoustics are optimized to support the musical requirements rather than speech.

It would seem that in most small-to-medium-sized rooms, the unaided voice should be sufficient for oral communication. This is generally true, especially where the architect has established and maintained suitable acoustic guidelines, or even more wisely, retained the services of an acoustics consultant. However, the converse is often true, and the reasons are:

1. even with the best-laid plans, acoustics perfection is an elusive quality because most spaces reflect a number of compromises between functional requirements, aesthetics, space allocations, and budget;

2. some people have difficulty projecting their voices, or they tire easily and cannot maintain adequate loudness;

3. although they are often unaware of the fact, many people have varying degrees of hearing impairment, and it does not improve with age;

4. ambient noise, non-uniform acoustic absorption, and inadequate reflective surfaces within a room can degrade speech intelligibility.

It is not uncommon to experience hearing difficulty even in very small conference rooms where the energy distribution of HVAC noise masks the upper speech frequencies. A voice reinforcement system is not a panacea for room acoustic design oversights. But it can prove helpful when direct remedial action in room design is not esthetically or economically feasible, and it can greatly benefit those whose speaking or hearing ability is a little less than "average."

Speech reinforcement should be seriously considered for any space where effective, effortless aural communication is mandatory. An increasingly important benefit of such a design is its easy adaptability to telephone tie-line conference use, interconnecting two or more conference rooms in the same building or city to city.

A major objective in the design of reinforcement systems should be to make themaurally "invisible." That is, the reinforced speech should be so natural, unobtrusive and effective that the listener will not be particularly aware of its contribution (unless it is inadvertently turned off). Ideally, every listener in a room should hear the person speaking with the same intelligibility and loudness that would occur if the two were conversing face to face. This degree of speech clarity and loudness should be maintained regardless of the actual separation between the person speaking and the listener.

Too often, the typical sound system in use today amplifies the entire sound spectrum rather than just those selective frequencies required to enhance naturalness and clarity. This results in the usual "public-address-system" quality sound: a booming, frequently loud, but indistinct sound usually riding on the very edge of acoustic feedback.

Unfortunately this is the sound quality that most frequently comes to mind when one considers use of electronic amplification, and it is understandably the reason why many facilities, which could have benefited from the use of a properly engineered system, have done without it.

One of the most effective new techniques available to the system designer is the 24-section, 1/3-octave-band equalizer, which permits critical tuning of the entire electro-acoustic system for optimum sound quality and freedom from acoustic feedback.

For optimum directional effectiveness, the reinforcement sound should appear to originate from the person talking. This is
best achieved by means of a single cluster of overhead horn loudspeakers oriented for a 50 per cent dispersion pattern overlap to ensure uniform sound pressure level throughout the seated listener areas. The cluster must be carefully located to reduce acoustic coupling to open microphones, and the inherent loss of gain before feedback. A cluster is suitable for use only in the large room, hall or auditorium, where there is adequate floor-to-ceiling height to permit complete coverage of the audience.

With very long or wide, low-ceiling rooms the designer has to turn to a pattern of ceiling loudspeakers, called a low-level or distributed speaker system. More speakers are required than the architect may realize. The lower the ceiling height, the greater the number of speakers required to provide uniform sound coverage. The reason is that ceiling speakers, like downlights, have a specific included angle of coverage, and, as with downlights, if the mounting centers are too far apart, the resulting pattern will be irregular and the variation in sound level will be excessive.

For critical applications where only a minimum sound pressure variation can be tolerated, a speaker sound dispersion angle of 60 to 75 degrees (depending on the type of speaker selected) is projected for a 50 per cent overlap at ear level (4 ft for seated listeners). An alternate row offset pattern is preferable if the reflected ceiling plan permits. This trends to fill the diagonal holes in the projected sound-cone pattern.

Reproduction of movie sound track and audio tape is different from live speech
When the facility is designed for preset-automatic or remote-control operation, it is often advisable to provide two partially or completely separate systems: one specially equalized for speech reinforcement, and often incorporating separate speakers; the other for wide band program reproduction, possibly including two-channel stereo playback ability.

The main difference between live speech reinforcement and prerecorded music-program reproduction is that the latter, which has no open microphones, is free from acoustic feedback, and therefore is capable of any desired playback level.

It is particularly desirable to maintain a directional effect for motion picture sound. The loudspeaker should be located on-center, as close to the projection screen as possible. Ideally it is located directly behind a stretched perforated screen.

Because of space or other considerations, it is sometimes located directly above or below the screen. In any event, it is important that everyone be able to “see” the speaker location in order to hear the higher frequencies effectively.

Sound for board and conference rooms calls for specially-tailored design
Speech reinforcement requirements for board rooms and conference rooms differ from other communication facilities in that everyone participates and has to hear and be heard. Board and conference table speech reinforcement systems are designed to provide articulate, natural speech. Intelligibility and “acoustic invisibility,” rather than loudness, are the objectives.

Board room tables are designed in a variety of configurations: rectangular, elliptical, round, square, U-shaped, T-shaped, and some even open center areas. This variety is usually based on the desire for optimum person-to-person visual contact while also maintaining good sight lines for viewing projected charts and graphs.

Both for reasons of security and ease of operation (instant rebuttal, etc.), a fully automated system is desirable, dispensing with the need for a sound control operator and any type of push-to-talk microphone switches.

Because a number of speakers and microphones are required for uniform pickup and coverage, there is a tendency for such a system to break into acoustic feedback howl before any usable speech reinforcement is realized, unless all the electro-acoustic variables are meticulously analyzed and controlled.

Several approaches are possible with regard to physical location of components, depending upon the particular design of the table. For example, if the table has an open center it is possible to cover the participants seated around the table by means of an inclined cluster of floor-mounted “sound columns.” Since the table microphones utilized are very directional and also face the participants, excellent gain before feedback is achieved.

Another effective location for reinforcement speakers is in the table edge. This requires an internal acoustic vane to deflect the sound more directly to the ears of the participant. With a speaker located in line with each chair arm, each participant has the use of two speakers, each of which he shares with his neighbors.

The most sophisticated systems utilize a technique called differential amplification, wherein the table is divided into zones, each with its own amplifier for its microphones and its own speakers. The zone amplifiers are interconnected via a mixing matrix which provides little or no amplification into its own speaker zone, but increasingly higher levels of reinforcement for more physically remote zones. One-third-octave-band equalizers are incorporated into each amplification channel to permit a high degree of system sound quality and stability.

People noise—paper shuffling, etc.—can be annoying in a board room with a considerable number of open microphones.
Electronic distribution systems should be planned early

- Figure 5
- Lateral wireways (above hung ceiling)
- Communications closet
- Terminal equipment room
- Vertical riser

Large buildings with numerous audio-visual facilities require a shaft for cables carrying electronic signals. Horizontal distribution (preferably located above the ceiling) originates at a communications closet on each floor. Adequate cable-supporting devices should be provided in the shaft to avoid possible damage to delicate cables. Figure 7 indicates this support and typical shaft space in large buildings.

- Figure 6
- Over ceiling lateral distribution
- EXEC office
- BOARD room
- DISTRIBUTION CENTER
- CONF Room (Typ)
- COMMUNICATIONS Closet (Typ)

3. PROVIDING FOR ELECTRONIC SIGNAL DISTRIBUTION

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Space requirements for electrical distribution have grown tremendously in recent years, and, now, a similar situation is occurring with electronic signal distribution. Services requiring such distribution grow almost daily. They include not only the more usual intercom, paging and public address systems, background music, and fire and security warning systems, but also the more complex systems for computers, cathode-ray-tube (CRT) display, open and closed-circuit television, facsimile, picture phones, and information retrieval.

While a number of these systems may not be installed initially, their use in the future will be precluded if provisions are not made in the base building design for shafts, for horizontal distribution, and for the origination and distribution of signals that are to be sent throughout a building or to remote buildings. The following discussion is an overview of the various approaches being taken for electronic distribution in large, high-rise buildings. Nonetheless, the basic considerations covered apply to buildings of all sizes and shapes.
For expandability, the communications network first requires a vertical shaft

Fundamental to an efficient and expandable communications network is an adequate vertical communications shaft running the full height of the building. Communications closets on each floor provide, first of all, space for terminal equipment as required by the various systems, and, secondly, the means by which the vertical cable runs enter the horizontal distribution network.

For efficiency of space utilization, all electronic systems should use this communications shaft for vertical cable distribution. If proper attention is paid to electrical isolation between the different services, and to adequate space allocation in the closets for terminal equipment, there should be few objections to a "shared-facility" approach. While telephone companies have been reluctant in the past to accept shared facilities, it would appear that this reserve is changing. These companies' prime concern—security of equipment and cables—often can be handled by using locked terminal equipment in the closets.

The size of the vertical communications shaft is determined by several factors: Is the building occupied by one, a few, or many tenants? What is the present and projected use of computer and CRT facilities? Will the telephone company use shared facilities? What is the ratio of private to non-private closed-circuit television use? Typical shaft sizes for large buildings are shown in Figure 7 (these particular shafts do not include telephone company cables).

The optimum location for the communications shaft is in the center of the core, but sufficiently separated from electrical power distribution. Careful consideration must be given to the means of access to the horizontal distribution system from the closets.

The shaft should run straight up through the building. Horizontal offsets or jogs become particularly troublesome as the number of cables increases. The number of cables in a communications shaft can, for instance, exceed one thousand in a large building.

Adequate cable-supporting devices must be provided in the vertical shaft. Requirements for this support are far more stringent for communications cables than for power cables. The problem is a serious one for two reasons. First, communication cables are delicate, physically. For example, the inner insulation of coaxial cables may cold-flow when the cables are tightly strung, or put under continuous longitudinal stress. This cold flow will modify the electrical characteristics of the cable, making it unfit for use. For this reason, special cable-supporting devices should be installed on at least every floor level.

Secondly, the various types of signal systems carried in the common shaft must be physically isolated and electrically shielded from each other to maintain signal integrity between systems. Otherwise, signal contamination or cross-talk may occur. Results: computers may mis-register; privacy may be violated with audio systems; and television signals may interfere with one another.

Conduits or raceways in the vertical shaft can provide protection from signal contamination, but they do not provide adequate vertical cable support. Continuous steel cable ladders, on the other hand, provide not only a good degree of electrical isolation between the various cable groups, but also afford excellent physical support for the cables.

Requirements for horizontal distribution: electrical isolation, and easy access

There are two possible locations for horizontal distribution: in underfloor duct or above the hung ceiling. Because of the sensitivity of the electronic signals, it is not advisable to run the wiring for these signals in the same series of underfloor duct cells that carry power and telephone wiring, unless the electronic signal wires are run separately in conduit within the cells. If separate cells are provided for electronic distribution, enough runs must be provided to allow sufficient flexibility in location of outlet boxes in a room. It is quite common to have four or five different types of signals terminating in one location in a room.

Horizontal distribution of electronic signals via space above hung ceilings permits virtually unrestricted flexibility in location of outlet connection boxes. Further, this method permits signal integrity, either by physical separation of the various cable groups that are run openly, or, better, by separate conduit or wireway systems for each of the groups.

Conduit method provides for designed-in signal integrity that cannot be degraded by inadequate workmanship. And conduit may be required soon, in any case, as code authorities become more concerned about the fuel contribution of cable insulation. All wiring, including low-voltage signal circuits will be required by many code jurisdictions to be in conduit, raceways or duct cells.

A combination of underfloor duct for power and telephone and above-ceiling conduit for electronic systems provides the ultimate in flexibility and signal integrity for all systems.

Distribution centers for communications should be located centrally

With electronic communications, there will be one or more distribution centers for originating and distributing signals to
This audio-visual complex is for the corporate headquarters building for Standard Oil Company (New Jersey). It has been planned for a high degree of spatial flexibility, with audio-visual capability following the flexibility of space arrangements. (Figure 8). Ceiling lighting in the large meeting room(s) can be controlled automatically to give a variety of lighting "contours" to suit different types of presentations (Figure 10). Plans have been made for automated operation of screens and panels, and for activation of audio-visual equipment from a remote control panel (Figure 9). Microphone cables can be plugged into any of the junction boxes shown in Figure 8.

The control room serves the TV studio, and, furthermore, permits operation of TV cameras in the main meeting room(s). All kinds of media can be transmitted throughout the building from the distribution center: film, TV, video tape, audio. Architects for interiors: Welton Becket & Associates.

Various locations within a building, or to remote buildings.

In the case of television systems, this center may include television studios, video-tape and film equipment, and a switching center for the closed-circuit television system. In the case of computer systems, the center may include the main computer facilities plus ancillary equipment for tie-in services.

In order to keep the size of the vertical shaft as small as possible, the distribution center should be located—all other considerations aside—on a floor that is vertically in the center of the floors having communications facilities. This way, the number of cables up and down will be more nearly equalized. A distribution center at the top or the bottom of a building may result in there being nearly twice as many cables in the shaft as there would be if it had been located in the center of the building.

4. PRODUCING AN A-V FACILITY THAT SUITS THE CLIENT

by Edwin Hodder,
audio-visual systems engineer

The planning of an audio-visual facility is far from a stereotyped procedure. The designer of such a facility will disappoint the client if he either overestimates or underestimates the client's requirements—on the one hand, giving the client more than he has capacity for, or, on the other hand, limiting his capabilities. Thus, the designer should be sure to interview those people ("audio-visual coordinator," "training director," etc.) who will accurately reflect the client's real needs.

Presentation of budget also can lead to difficulty, particularly if the client does not understand exactly how the money is to be spent. Many audio-visual systems never get beyond the talk stage because clients assume that projected costs are too high. Separate itemized lists of audio-visual equipment and of related, built-in equipment will make clear how the money is to be spent. Assuming that the client's needs have been properly analyzed, the designer must hold fast in budget discussions for the built-in equipment, and let the client be guided by his over-all budget as to how much of the audio-visual hardware he wants to buy initially.

Which contractor is responsible for what in installing the audio-visual facility?

After the plans are finished, the designer will need to designate what is to be installed by the general contractor and what by the audio-visual sub-contractor. There are certain advantages in having the general contractor responsible for installation of built-in audio-visual equipment. By the same token, there are advantages in having the audio-visual sub-contractor responsible for packaging the non-built-in pieces.

Some items of equipment must be installed long before the audio-visual sub-contractor is involved in the project. One example is projection screens, whether they be glass, in-wall screens for rear projection, or electrically-operated or manually-operated roll-down, front projection screens that must be recessed in the ceiling.

The audio-visual system sub-contractor installs the audio-visual system package which includes the projection equipment, the custom control systems, projector supports, mirrors, etc. Because of the nature of his work, he is usually one of the last subcontractors on the job—he cannot set up delicate projection equipment in the midst of carpenters, plasterers and painters. Further, he sometimes requires total darkness to align the projected images.

Because the audio-visual sub-contractor may not be awarded his contract until very late in the course of the job, and because his own work takes place at this time, the screens should not be in his contract. Even if he had the contract in time, his manpower is better utilized, from his
own standpoint, in assembling the equipment package, and in occasionally visiting the site to take vital measurements. Installation of screens and other built-in equipment is better left to the general contractor. Should the audio-visual contractor be obligated to install this built-in equipment, he will be apt to charge a premium for his manpower.

Just as with built-in screens, there are other items best suited for inclusion in the general contract. These include: plaster rings required for ceiling-mounted speakers, ceiling mounts for television monitors, optical glass for projection ports, studio lighting grids, chalkboards, and display panels.

All conduit, outlet boxes, power and lighting panels should be installed by the electrical contractor. But the conduit necessary for the audio-visual system for audio and control wiring should be installed empty. The audio-visual sub-contractor is better able, in most cases, to provide the various multi-wire and shielded cables. The audio-visual sub-contractor also should provide all required multi-pin connectors and receptacles.

The audio-visual sub-contractor should provide projector support tables, especially for rear-projection systems where the height dimension is critical. Further, he should be responsible for the installation and alignment of the mirrors often used in rear projection systems.

To help ensure successful completion of the project, the designer should be certain that his plans clearly indicate which contractors are responsible for providing the major audio-visual items.

Timing is an important factor in the design of the audio-visual facility. The result of any contract let too late is all too obvious: confusion, ill will, unhappy compromises. The a-v contract let too early may have certain disadvantages as well, the main one being the inability to use the latest technical and design advances in the state of the art.

Within the past few years there have been many improvements in available projection equipment and solid-state circuitry; more are on the way. Projectors are now available with improved light sources, better lenses and automatic focusing. In order for the client to take advantage of improvements, the designer should make sure the project is not bid too early.

The audio-visual contract awarded late poses problems as well. As already mentioned, the a-v supplier/installer, by the nature of his work, must be one of the last trades involved in the project. Many times the audio-visual contract stipulates a schedule for completion of the facility. While the client was aware of this date in the beginning, he may forget it and insist that the a-v facility be ready on a certain date, in time for an annual meeting or other important presentation. He refuses to take no for an answer. This problem may occur because the designer waited too long to have the a-v contract awarded, and also perhaps neglected to establish priorities for the various a-v facilities with the client and the a-v supplier/installer.

The a-v contractor must be made familiar with the completion timetable and know that conference room "B" must be ready for use "X" months ahead of conference room "A." The a-v contractor should be given a thorough briefing of the project schedule with the client's representatives on hand to confirm dates. The a-v contractor left to his own resources may begin fabrication of systems intended for areas which are of lowest priority.

During the course of the project, the a-v contractor should be kept informed of any changes that may affect his portion of the work. Very often, screen sizes are changed at the last minute, or projection rooms are reduced in size. The a-v contractor should not be surprised by these revisions when he arrives at the site to install his equipment.
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