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AIA NEI Building Tour: Renewing the Main Campus at IIT: The McCormick Tribune Campus Center Wednesday, August 13, 2003

AIA Northeast Illinois will be touring the newly completed McCormick Tribune Campus Center at the Illinois Institute of Technology on Wednesday, August 13, 2003. The facility is located at 3300 S. Federal Street, Chicago.

This new student center, designed by Rem Koolhaas, represents the first new building on the main campus in 25 years. The campus is known for its master plan and completed projects that were implemented by the internationally recognized architect Mies van der Rohe. As Blair Kamen wrote in his book, *Why Design Matters*, "Koolhaas' challenge is to heed that legacy so God is in his details."

Rem Koolhaas, of the Office of Metropolitan Architecture (OMA), Rotterdam, was announced as the campus design center competition winner on February 5, 1998. Since then, Koolhaas created consulting partnerships with Holabird & Root for the development of the designs and structural engineering. Also included on the project were Skidmore Owings and Merrill for mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection engineering, Terra for civil engineering, Peter Lindsey Schaudt for landscape architecture all from Chicago



and 2x4 from New York with McGinty from Boulder for graphic design. Ove Arup of London was involved for structural design engineering and TNO of Eindhoven and Kirkegaard Engineers of Chicago for acoustical design. In related work, the

OMA team designed the acoustical structure surrounding the elevated tracks above the campus center. Negotiations with the Chicago Transit Authority in spring 1999, led to redesign and provisional acceptance by CTA engineers of the revised concept for the acoustical structure. Taking all

these things into account, the job of constructing this facility was awarded to Gilbane Building Company.

Jeff Masters, Project Executive for Gilbane, will be present to lead the tour of the facility and discuss the project history with emphasis on the construction delivery. Frank Castelli, AIA, of Holabird & Root will discuss the design and address the project's relationship to the campus and city master plans. Through these presentations, those attending will have the opportunity to examine a design solution that interacts with a

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am on summer vacation for this month's message. The deadline is here and I am not. Now I know you have come to rely on me to update you on all of the burning issues affecting architects and professionals throughout the construction industry; but this month I am giving myself a break.

This month you will have to fill that gap elsewhere. You won't be able to reach me, as I will most likely be on the golf course, beach or just sitting on the terrace sipping on a cool drink reading the current issue of *Fishing & Hunting*. Maybe it's time that you took a break also. There will be plenty of work for you to do this fall, so finish up what you're doing, pack up the kids and head out for that camping trip that you have always been planning.

Statistics show that Europeans take at least twice as much vacation time as Americans. This country was founded on a strong work ethic and its legacy carries on today. I think it would be safe to say that architects lead the pack when it comes to putting in long hours. We all know that there never truly is an end to the design phase and that every extra hour that we spend detailing our drawings will improve the overall project. It is really at our discretion when to stop working and ultimately it is the final deadline that stops us. The fact is that we must rest ourselves at some point or else suffer from total mental and / or physical breakdown.

Working smarter, not harder, leads to the path of success. Rational thought was the underlying basis for the modern architecture movement. Form following function was how we were trained to design. We need to apply these same concepts to the way we work and relate to the construction industry. Instead of trying to reinvent the wheel on every project, we need to identify what works and what doesn't, then streamline the process of bringing the best building concept to our clients. Whether we like it or not, providing architectural service is a business as well as a profession. If we are not competitive, effective and efficient we will not survive.

The Illinois Institute of Technology brought rational thinking to architecture. Its campus, sensibly laid out on a formal grid, provided a solid back drop for its students of the modern movement to learn and grow. The strict adherence to the straight line conveyed the importance of logical linear thought. The clean look of steel and glass dominated the school buildings and set the tone for clear reasoning, free of any distraction caused by frivolous ornamentation. These buildings from the 1950's reflected simpler times than what we are experiencing today. Our culture has shattered into an array of complex

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL AIA/NEI GOLF OUTING PAIRS UP WITH THE

NEI SCHOLARSHIP TO FORM A WINNING COMBINATION

Early morning clouds blew away providing a picture perfect July afternoon at the Villa Olivia Country Club for over one hundred chapter members, affiliates, friends and supporters to enjoy the Chapter's sixteenth annual Golf Outing. Strong support from many sponsors assured that this fundraiser was a success, with special thanks to our Patron and Platinum Sponsors *Larson Engineering of Illinois*, and *Turner Construction Company*. Our Special Contributor, *Pella Windows and Doors*, once again provided golf towels to all participants.

This year the festivities were enlivened by the addition of a special betting hole courtesy of Chuck Bennett (PHN) and two raffles featuring a variety of golf prizes as well as an assortment of prizes from the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio. The Grand Prize in the raffle was a \$500 cash award won by Will Swain (PSA). Members of the Low Scoring team Kelly Ward (Pella), Jack Krezel (FGM), and Tony Pintozzi (NIPDI) each won dinner for two at a Lettuce Entertain You restaurant. The longest drive contests were claimed by Craig Patterson and Jim Hurckes (B&H), who hit a towering 280.1-yard tee shot measured courtesy of our friends at Marchese & Sons, Inc. John Conway won the Closest to the Pin contest. Prizes were also awarded for the second low scoring team, and the highest scoring team was awarded gift certificates for a round of golf (for more practice) and lift tickets at Villa Olivia (if they decide to try another sport).

Many chapter members volunteered their time to make the event run smoothly, but special recognition goes to the Golf Committee; Jack Krezel (FGM) the event Co-Chair, Chuck Bennett (PHN), Carol Reeser (FGM), and Kristen Palmer (FGM).

Of course, the main purpose of the outing is to raise funds for the AIA/NEI Scholarship Awards Program. Dorothea Martin, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, along with our partner, The DuPage Community Foundation, were on hand to introduce this year's recipients. A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Alison Hamm, \$500 to Jennifer Chellappa, and \$500 to Kathleen Herzog.



Alison Hamm lives in Hinsdale and plans to receive her undergraduate degree in architectural studies from University of Illinois Urbana – Champaign (UIUC) in May, 2004. She recently received the Ricker Award in History from UIUC. This award recognizes excellence in architectural history courses. During the school year Alison has
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Jennifer Chellappa resides in Woodridge and plans to receive her Architectural Masters degree from Judson College in the spring of 2007. During her freshman year one of the studio projects was to design a series of murals in Moody Memorial Church, Chicago. After the designs were completed, Jennifer led a team of volunteer students to paint and
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Kathleen Herzog lives in Geneva. She received her undergraduate degree in architecture from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and plans to pursue a MArch degree with a focus in structures from the same university. She is actively involved in Alpha Rho Chi, a national professional and social co-ed fraternity for architecture and the
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high profile campus master plan from Mies van der Rohe; view the solution in its context of current planning and architectural design of the campus and city; and be able to describe the project delivery and construction delivery methods used in this project.

Check-in will be at the Private Dining Room of the McCormick Tribune Campus Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Attendees should meet on the west side of the building on State Street and look for a person from Gilbane (or signs) to direct you to the meeting location. A box dinner will be available at 6:00 p.m. and the presentation and tour will begin at 6:45 p.m. Dress for job site conditions. This program qualifies for 1.5 LUs. See page 11 for meeting details.

President's Message continued

beliefs and behaviors. These shards of society come together at IIT's new deconstructivists campus center designed by renowned architect Rem Koolhaas. Join us for this month's chapter meeting and building tour of this extraordinary building.

Finally, remember that when you are on vacation less is always more, more or less.

Daniel Bryan

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Sixteenth Annual AIA/NEI Golf Outing continued

Alison continued

volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. For the past several summers she has interned in the Chicago area and through these experiences has gained new and important perspectives of architecture. Through her designs Alison hopes to create profound experiences that interact with people. Her future plans include graduate school where she hopes to refine her architectural and designing skills and ultimately wants to have her own practice. In addition to architecture she enjoys tennis, reading, painting, and traveling.

Jennifer continued

execute the six 4' x 10' murals, giving countless Saturdays to complete the project. She is very community minded and hopes to leave a bit of greatness behind for people to share. One of her professors expects her to be a holistic designer and a strong leader in the profession. Jennifer has been involved with church missions, traveling to Bolivia. Her other interests include traveling, singing, playing the piano, soccer, and ultimate frisbee.

Kathleen continued

allied arts, where she has held several executive board positions including, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and New Member Leader. Kathleen was also involved in many successful chairmanships including communications chair while participating in the Versailles Study Abroad Program during her junior year. She was able to experience European Architecture while traveling to 18 different countries, improving her sketching and photographic skills. Kathleen was recently awarded the Edward C. Earl Prize for Excellence in Structures. She has spent two summers as an intern in an architectural office and plans to do so this year as well.

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Illinois Architects Political Action Committee (IAPAC)

By Walter Hainsfurther, AIA, AIA Illinois Treasurer and NEI Chapter Delegate

I've written many times about the importance of the legislative efforts of AIA Illinois. The work done by our staff and lobbyists in Springfield affects our practices on a daily basis. Issues like Design Build, Mandatory Continuing Education, School Safety, Building Codes, Licensing Act, Statute of Limitations on Hazardous Materials, and Funding for Capital Projects all influence our bottom line, either directly or indirectly.

One single issue, however, seems to elicit more response than any other... Structural Work Act. So here are some facts about this legislation that you should know.

FACT: The repeal of the Structural Work Act ten years ago was the first action passed by the newly Republican-controlled legislature.

FACT: According to NEI Affiliate member Melissa Roberts of Euclid Insurance, Errors and Omissions insurance premiums declined immedi-

ately following the repeal.

FACT: In 1994, the Democrats became the majority party in the State House. The House has passed a re-instatement of the Structural Work Act every session since. The bill did not become law because it was unable to pass the Senate.

FACT: In 2002, the Democrats took control in both the House and Senate. Reinstatement of the Structural Work Act became a top priority of organized labor and the trial lawyers. Governor Blagojevich has pledged to sign a re-instatement of the Structural Work Act if it comes to his desk.

FACT: In 2003, AIA Illinois and their coalition partners were able to prevent the Structural Work Act from coming to a vote in the Senate.

FACT: AIA Illinois estimates that there are five "swing" votes in the Senate that will determine

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Young Architect's Group (YAG)

Young Architect's Group Lecture Series: Frank Heitzman, AIA

The AIA/NEI Young Architect's Group held the second lecture of their lecture series at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lombard on May 20, 2003. Frank Heitzman, AIA, was the speaker and the topic for the event was the Intern Development Program (IDP), Licensing, and the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE). Mr. Heitzman is the Director of the Architecture Department at Triton College as well as the IDP Coordinator for AIA Chicago and AIA Northeast Illinois.

Mr. Heitzman first spoke about the five professional branches of our profession and how each contributes to our profession in distinct ways. They are: AIA (The American Institute of Architects), AIAS (AIA Students), NCARB (National Council of Architectural Registration Boards), ACSA (Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture), and the

NAAB (National Architectural Accrediting Board).

Specific to the discussion was NCARB and the IDP process. IDP started in 1978 and is currently required in 49 states. It is also required by 23 states for reciprocal licensing.

The four main elements of the IDP program are:

1. Training
2. Advisory System (Employer/Mentor)
3. Record Keeping
4. Supplementary Education

A typical licensing process is as follows:

1. Education (5 Year Bachelor of Architecture Degree or 4+2 Master of Architecture Degree is required)
2. Submit an application for a council record (Students are eligible after their 3rd year)

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the fate of the Structural Work Act in upcoming legislative sessions.

FACT: Over the past ten years, the AFL-CIO has donated over \$1.2 million PAC dollars to candidates that support their positions. The trial lawyers have donated over \$2.4 million in the same period. This organization only has 2300 members, as opposed to AIA Illinois' 3400. AIA Illinois has a PAC worth, in any given year, between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

FACT: We need to thank our friends for their continued support. We need to ensure their continued political success and their support of our critical issues. Contributions from our PAC to their campaign is one vital method of supporting our friends and showing them our appreciation in a very tangible way.

FACT: Your dues do not support PAC activities. Only voluntary contributions fund these vital efforts. Contributions to the PAC have decreased

since it was removed as a line item on your dues invoice in 1998.

In May, you received an appeal from Illinois Architects PAC for a contribution. I am pleased to report that a number of you have responded, and the state is about a third of the way towards its 2003 goal. I am equally pleased that each member of the AIA Northeast Illinois Board has contributed a minimum leadership donation of \$100.00 to the PAC in 2003. Many of them and their firms have pledged substantially more than that amount. They join me in asking you to consider the appeal carefully, and make a donation of significance to IAPAC today.

Because it's a

FACT: This single issue can cost you a lot more than \$100 this year and in years to come. Please, have your name counted as a supporter of our efforts.

Please mail a check today to AAILPAC, One Old State Capitol Plaza North, Suite 300, Springfield, IL 62701-1323.

Young Architect's Group continued

3. Complete the required amount of training units (700 total. See <http://www.ncarb.org/idp/idpworkbook.html> for a worksheet to assist you in recording your training units)

4. Apply for admission to the Architectural Registration Exam (You can find the cost for each exam and their associated pass/fail rates at academics.triton.edu/faculty/fheitzman/idp-exam.htm)

5. Pass all sections of the ARE

6. Apply for a license in Illinois within one year

7. Apply for NCARB Certification (Allows easy certification in any other state)

8. Advance to a Professional Member of the AIA (earn 18 Learning Units/year to maintain your AIA professional membership)

Frank Heitzman has developed a website which gives a more in-depth description of the topics he discussed during the presentation. The site, www.idp-il.com, also includes an extensive list of resources to assist in preparation for the exam, a comprehensive FAQ sheet, and a slide presentation of the IDP program.

Additional information is available on the following websites:

- www.idp-il.com - How to Become Licensed to Practice Architecture in Illinois
- www.ncarb.org - National Council of Architec-

tural Registration Boards

- www.are-solutions.com - Architectural Exam Home Review Course
- www.alsonline.com - Architectural License Seminars Preparation Program
- www.pabook.com - Prairie Avenue Bookshop

YAG August Event

The next event of the Young Architect's Group is the August Social Event on August 11, 2003. The group will be meeting at P.F. Chang's (Located in Fountain Square, Lombard, next to Champs and The Weber Grill) at 6:00 p.m.

For more information on the next YAG Event, or to be added to the Young Architect's Group Electronic Mailing List, contact Joe Benesh at joe.b@phnarchitects.com or at 630.665.8400. We hope to see you there.

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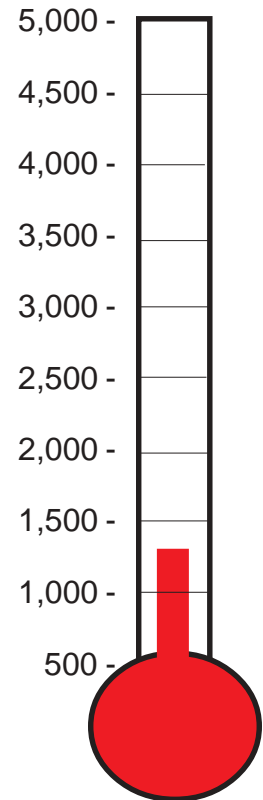
AIA Northeast Illinois will be sponsoring a Sustainable and Energy Efficient Roofs Workshop on Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn.

The day long workshop consists of 5 presentations that address roof insulation for sustainable buildings, cool membrane roofing systems, garden roof systems, and photovoltaic power systems. All presentations are generic and non-sales in content and meet AIA's continuing education requirements.

The workshop is eligible for 5 AIA HSW Learning Units. For additional information or to register for the workshop, see the flyer insert in this newsletter, visit the chapter website, www.aianeil.com or call the chapter office at 630-527-8550.

**AIA Northeast
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 IAPAC
 Goal**

The AIA Northeast Illinois Board has established a goal of raising \$10 per member and \$100 per board member for IAPAC by the end of 2003. The NEI board members have pledged 100% participation. Other members in the chapter are also stepping forward to show their support. Help us reach our goal of 100% participation!



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- 7 NEI Honor Awards Response Deadline
- 7 *Building Information Modeling Seminar* *
Chicago
Sponsor: Graphisoft U.S., Inc.
- 7 Fire Sprinklers and the Built Environment - a three-part teleconference seminar series *
Part 1: Understanding Fire Sprinklers and What's Needed from the Facility
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Sponsor: American Fire Sprinkler Association
- 11 *Architalk* deadline
- 11 Young Architect's Group Social Event
6:00 p.m., P. F. Chang's (located in Fountain Square) Lombard
- 13 NEI Chapter Tour
Renewing the Main Campus at IIT: The McCormick Tribune Campus Center *
3300 S. Federal Street, Chicago
- 14 *Principles of the International Building Code* *
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Holiday Inn – Select, 1801 Naper Blvd., Naperville
Sponsor: Kelly P. Reynolds & Associates, Inc.
- 21 Fire Sprinklers and the Built Environment - a three-part teleconference seminar series *
Part 2: The Impact of Sprinklers on Building Design Options
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Sponsor: American Fire Sprinkler Association
- 26 AIA/NEI Board Meeting
- 26 *Law of Easements: Legal Issues and Practical Considerations in Illinois* *
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Marriott Oak Brook, 1401 West 22nd Street
Sponsor: Lorman Education Services

September

- TBD NEI Chapter Program
Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity Education and Work Day
- 4 Fire Sprinklers and the Built Environment - a three-part teleconference seminar series *
Part 3: The Impact of Building Options and Features on Sprinkler Installations
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Sponsor: American Fire Sprinkler Association

- 9 *Sustainable and Energy Efficient Roofs Workshop* *
7:39 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., College of DuPage, Open Campus Center, Rm 128, Glen Ellyn
Sponsor: AIA Northeast Illinois
- 10 *Architalk* deadline
- 10 NEI Honor Awards Submittal Deadline
- 11 NEI Chapter Meeting
- 18 New Member Invitation/Program Planning
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Graue House, Oak Brook
- 18 *Better Understanding of Roofing Systems Institute) BURSI Seminar* *
9:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows
Sponsor: Northern Illinois Chapter CSI
- 18-20 Restoration & Renovation Exhibition and Conference
Preserving the Metropolis: Legacies of the Twentieth Century *
Chicago Navy Pier, Festival Hall B
Sponsor: Restore Media, AIA Historic Resources Committee and Small Projects Forum, Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, The Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers
- 23 AIA/NEI Board Meeting

October

- 9 NEI Chapter Meeting
 - 10 *Architalk* deadline
 - 28 AIA/NEI Board Meeting
- * Visit www.aianei.com or call the chapter office for additional information regarding continuing education programs.

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Renewing the Main Campus at IIT: The McCormick Tribune Campus Center Wednesday, August 13, 2003

LOCATION: Illinois Institute of Technology,
3300 S. Federal Street, Chicago
McCormick Tribune Campus Center Private
Dining Room

DIRECTIONS: From the Loop, take I-90/94
(Dan Ryan Expressway) south in the local lanes.
Exit at 31st Street. Go east on 31st Street to State
Street. Go south on State Street. The building will
be on the left (east) side of State Street. Metered
parking is available in a lot just north of the
Campus Center which has a turning lane on State
Street. Meet on the west side of the building on
State Street and look for a person from Gilbane (or
signs) to direct you to the actual location.

COST:	Pre-Paid	at the Event
AIA Members and Others	\$15	\$20
Non-member		
Licensed Professionals	\$25	\$30
Student AIA Members	\$10	\$10
Student Non-members	\$15	\$15

AGENDA: 5:30-6:00 Registration and Social
6:00-6:45 Announcements and Dinner
6:45-8:15 Presentation and Tour

AIA/CES: Attendees will examine a design solution
that interacts with a high profile campus master
plan from Mies van der Rohe; view the solution in
its context of current planning and architectural
design of the campus and city; and describe the
project delivery and construction delivery methods
used in this project. (1.5 LUs)

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

12 NOON Monday, August 11, 2003

RESERVATION POLICY:

Pre-payment of reservations may be made by check,
Visa or MasterCard. Cancellations must be made
no later than noon on the Monday before the
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The 2003 AIA Northeast Illinois Honor Awards Call for Entries has been mailed. You won't want to miss this opportunity to "Celebrate Architecture!" The response deadline is August 7 so don't delay in returning your entry form.

The 2003 *ArchiPages* has been sent to all chapter members. Please call the chapter office if you have not received your copy.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members.

Architect: **Kenneth Hall** (ARCON Associates, Inc.); **Tom Pitman** (Guy Thomas Pitman, Architect);

Bruce O'Brien (Anderson Mikos Architects, Ltd.)

Associate: **Taku Ito** (Takenaka USA Corp.)

Affiliate: **Matthew Mazza** (Cardinal Structural Design, Inc.); **Rodney Pensinger** (Rock Cast)

Student: **Nanette Andersson** (UIC)

MEMBER NEWS

The Durrant Group has been identified as one of the 100 fastest-growing architecture, engineering, planning, and environmental consulting firms in the United States, based on an annual national survey by ZweigWhite. Durrant ranked 82 on the list and will be honored at the fourth annual The Zweig Letter Hot Firm Conference in October.

Wednesday, August 13, 2003 - Reservation Form

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COST:	Pre-Paid	at Event
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