**Terrific Time at Timberline**

The reviews are in—the 1993 SBSE Workshop for Teachers of Environmental Technology was a resounding success. “Wonderful, superb, probably one of the best conferences I have attended...a fine group of people, too.” This from a 30-year veteran of architectural education, and just one of the many enthusiastic responses from participants of this meeting-learning event. SBSE comes away from this workshop with solid backing from both the academic community and our sponsoring agencies. Support for future workshops and retreats should be forthcoming.

The weather just above treeline on the south side of Mt. Hood was superb for this threeday event at the historic Timberline Lodge. John Reynolds kicked off the weekend with an overview and discussion session, followed by invited and, unfortunately, concurrent presentations made by Cris Benton (Documenting Physical Performance of Buildings), Barbara Erwine (Lighting Design Labs and How to Get One Set Up), and John McCreery (Innovations in the Artful Teaching of Technical Material). Four daytime workshops were offered during the first two days by Gary Siebein and Associates (Aural Demonstrations of Principles in Architectural Acoustics), Rob Peña (An Exercise Model for Teaching ECS Design Criteria), Marietta Millet and Mary Guzowski (Color and Light: Transcending Boundaries Between Technology and Design), and Bruce Haglund and Joel Loveland (Design and Environmental Technology: Using the Design Workbook, "Insideout"). These were followed by delicious meals in the lodge and lively evening sessions which included slide duplication at the SBSE slide library open house, a laptop computer session, a viewing of The Shining (filmed at Timberline), gravity experimentation on the slopes of Mt. Hood, and thermal comfort studies under the stars in the hot tub. On day three, participants motored through the wet Willamette Valley to Aalto’s Mt. Angel Library, to John Reynolds’ Emerald People’s Utility District building in Eugene, and across the Cascades for a high desert return to Timberline Lodge.

Thank you to our sponsors at the Department of Energy for making this event possible. Thanks also to publishing companies John Wiley & Sons and Van Nostrand Reinhold for sending representatives to explore book ideas with workshop participants and for providing refreshments during our breaks between workshops. Special thanks to John Reynolds for organizing and managing these workshops! [John took a great leap of faith, believing this wonderful event could succeed among doubts about financial support and attendance. His vision in the tipoy canoe at Seahorse Key and his dedication to its realization certainly paid off. Mega-thanks, John! —ed.]

—from the Fall 1993 issue of SBSE News

**Update—1994 Summer Retreat**

**Theme:** Sustainability Curriculum.

**Program Coordinator:**
Mark DeKay, VPI, 703–231–5075.

**Logistics Coordinator:**

**Dates:**

**Location:**
Green Gulch Conference Center, 1601 Shoreline Highway, Sausalito, CA 94965.

**Getting There:**
Van will leave around noon from the National Passive Solar Conference site, San Jose, CA.

**Preliminary Schedule:**

- **Thursday, June 30**
  - 1:30 p.m. Pacific Energy Center Opening and Tour
  - 5:00 p.m. Dinner in San Francisco
  - 7:30 p.m. Opening Session

- **Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2**
  - 9:00 a.m. Morning Session
  - 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Session
  - 8:00 p.m. Evening Session

- **Sunday, July 3**
  - 9:00 a.m. Closing Session

**Getting Back:**
Van from Green Gulch will arrive at San Francisco airport by 2 p.m. [and at San Jose airport by 3:30?—ed.].

—G. Z. Brown

[ACADIA members might find out what the mysterious Z stands for.—ed.]
Letters to the Editor

[Postcard from the edge?]

Yes, it really does get hot in Minneapolis!

It was great to see you at beautiful Mt. Hood—what a wonderful four days! Thinking of you after talking to Mike U. today. We want to propose a dual presidency for SBSE. The dynamic duo—Mike and Mary. Is it possible to share the SBSE presidency? It would be lots of fun. I'm sure you know we were once a great team in Milwaukee, . . . beer capital of the US. Food for thought—let us know. Hope you're well and looking forward to a great year. 

—M. Gagnonki

[The SBSE bylaws don't allow a dual presidency (it could turn into a duel presidency) unless there is a tie in the election. Whoever wins could appoint the other Special Advisor to the President (SAP), I suppose. The membership, no doubt, would enjoy that. Also, I always appreciate postcards—pictures and brevity! ed.]

Another nice job on the SBSE newsletter.

Congrats!!!? on the department head job. Good luck.

—Q. Z. Brown

Curriculum Materials Move to Houston and onto Disks

Greetings from balmy (but drought-ridden) Houston! The curriculum materials are no longer under the stewardship of Gail Brager; they are now in my care at the University of Houston. Thanks, Gail, for all your work and care in maintaining the archives in tip-top shape. Thanks also to Sheila Rajaj for helping transport boxes of materials to the airport after the Mt. Hood workshop and especially for showing me around Portland.

In keeping with our discussions at last year's Seahorse Key retreat, materials will be distributed via electronic media. Please (re)submit all current course material in both hard copy and computer disk formats. Clearly indicate platform, operating system, and file format. If at all possible, submit your materials for use by multiple platforms and file formats. [Both MAC and DOS? Isn't it superfluous to send multiple platforms since most programs import other formats so easily now?—ed.] A new catalogue of materials on electronic media will be forthcoming after a sufficiently large collection has been established. Let me know if you want to swap materials. I have a hundred or so empty double-density 5¼" DOS disks for the cause. Dissemination of materials on disk will be quicker, easier, and certainly less expensive to duplicate and mail. Some graphic material will remain in hard copy format only while authors decide on file formats, drawing program, and a scanner. As an interim measure I will continue to fill orders for printed material until the new system is worked out to everyone's general satisfaction. [Ooh, that could take millenia.—ed.]

The first items in the electronic collection are my materials on thermal, lighting, acoustics, water and waste, electricity, and systems integration [Lotus 1-2-3 (v 2.4)]. My files all have CCM format graphics (generated in Lotus Freelance 4+), which can be converted to PCX or BMP format. The text files can be exported to other formats (Word for Windows, ASCII, WPS, F1). With all the windows applications available, converting to different formats is getting as easy in DOS as it is on the MAC. In the college we have a "Super Disk" on a MAC. Please send me tips on its best uses. I used to swear I would never do windows. [Cuter.] Having given that up, maybe an Apple is NeXT? [Cuter.—ed.]

Thanks to all the folks who made the Timberline workshops such a success through their planning and participation. Wish everyone could have been there! See y'all in the mail.

Send me your orders, questions, and materials—University of Houston; College of Architecture 4451; Houston, TX 77204-4431; tel 713-749-1181; fax 713-861-6034. To save reimbursement time, make your checks for orders payable to me. 

—L. Bachman

Northwest Nuke News

Go figure. Four utility companies planning to build a wind-power farm in the Rattlesnake Hills near Richland, Washington, have run into NIMBY opposition from their prospective neighbors.

Opponents argue that the wind turbines will destroy their scenic "view shed," threaten birds, and interfere with TV and FM-radio reception. Part of the proposed site sits within the federally owned Hanford nuclear reservation. Opponents of the wind farm hail from surrounding communities which are pro-nuke. The largest employers in the area are companies that contract with Hanford.

—Garage Feb/Mar 93
Killer Sustainable Design Slides

Submit your best, attention-getting sustainable architecture slide for publication in the winter issue (December) of SBSE News. All slides will be returned unless you indicate they be donated to the SBSE slide collection. Send them to Bruce Haglund; SBSE News; Department of Architecture; University of Idaho; Moscow, ID 83844–2451; tel 208–885–6781; fax 208–885–9428.

Ecological Architecture Curriculum Materials

Teaching materials (syllabi, reading lists, bibliographies [including video tapes, case studies, textbooks, general literature, and periodicals], networks [electronic mail, bulletin boards, organizations]) from courses that address sustainability and ecologically-responsive architecture will be used to identify a framework of sustainability issues for the 1994 Summer Retreat. A synopsis of activities underway at all contributing schools will result from this first round of information gathering. In addition, a recommended reading list may be published by SBSE. Funding will be sought for developing these materials into a teaching reference for environmental technologies faculty. Send materials to: Margot McDonald; Department of Architecture; California Polytechnic Institute; San Luis Obispo, CA 93407; tel 805–756–1298; fax 805–756–1500; e-mail (internet) mmcdonal@ooboe.calpoly.edu.

New Site Design/Analysis Educators Society

Is there interest among ACSA faculty to create a national organization of those who teach site design and environmental analysis? This group of educators who share similar curricular concerns might form a network to exchange course materials and organize paper sessions at national and regional ACSA meetings. Please pass this request on to a colleague who may be interested. Tell them about the success of similar organizations, like SBSE. Send inquiries to: M. Joe Numbers; Department of Architecture; University of Idaho; Moscow, ID 83844–2451; tel 208–885–7935; fax 208–885–9428.

Participation in Vital Signs

Candidate Buildings for Case Studies: What historically significant buildings, well-known contemporary projects, energy efficient buildings, or representatives of a building type (e.g., dormitory, office, church) are of interest to you or your students? Include questions regarding physical performance.

Examples of Field Studies: What projects carried out in your classes or independent work were successful in evaluating existing buildings? Include full documentation of the building and its evaluation.

Equipment and Techniques: What are your handy-dandy measurement techniques or equipment suitable for data collection for level 1, 2, or 3 protocols (brief visits, extended visits with hand-held equipment, or annual in-depth studies)?

Contact Cris Benton; The Pacific Energy Center; 851 Howard ST; San Francisco, CA 94103; tel 415–973–2487; fax 415–896–1290.

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Treasury Notes

Ballots and dues have been slow in reaching the secretary/treasurer. A separate dues solicitation and ballot will be sent all you nonresponsive members. Beat the dues notice and save our coffers an unnecessary expense—send in your ballot and dues now! The deadline for ballots is October 31; the new officers are installed following All Hallows Eve, appropriately enough. The 1993 SBSE Membership Directory will be sent to you when you pay your dues.

Welcome three new members to SBSE:

☆ Mario Grosso, Polytechnic University of Turin, Turin, Italy. [Mario is interested in organizing a European chapter of SBSE. European members, keep your eyes peeled for updates.—ed]
☆ Lisa Heschong, ADH Associates, Sacramento, California.
☆ Robert Ashley, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

—D. Berding

In Case You Missed It

In late August, Joseph Bilello, AIA education programs director, surveyed deans, chairs, and other so-called authorities about “current environment-related course offerings” at their schools. He was inspired in this effort by the recent World Congress of Architects (AIA/UIA) in Chicago on “Design for a Sustainable Future.” He’ll present the results October 15–16 in Seattle at the Architects in Education forum, at the ACSA Administrators Conference in San Antonio on November 20, and on paper to all participating schools later this fall. I suggested he mail the survey to SBSE members. I guess he didn’t want to hear from us. Take matters into your own hands! Ask him to send you a survey. Write or fax him at: AIA; 1735 New York AV NW; Washington, DC 20006; fax 202–626–7518.

—F. Haglund

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Design and Technological Innovation for the Environment

The 1994 ACSA National Technology Conference will be held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on 27–30 January 1994. Even though the calls for papers and proposals expired with the fall equinox, come participate in a memorable and valuable ACSA event. Balmy weather is guaranteed.

—J. J. Kim

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