1992 SBSE Curriculum Retreat Update

The response for the retreat has been excellent. A Minnow-ful of SBSE members will be launched for a three-day stay on an uncharted desert isle off the Florida Gulf Coast. (You might want to take your passports so the US Coast Guard doesn’t deport you to Haiti!)

Fuller Moore and Gary Siebein have colluded to discover yet another SBSE Retreat Paradigm/Paradise—an elusive and isolated meeting place. The island is usually used for marine biology field trips and features an 1820s lighthouse with bunk beds (four people to a room), electricity, grueling sun, no air-conditioning, and F-15-sized mosquitoes. (Stop at Ron Jon’s in Cocoa Beach for proper supplies. -ed.)

The agenda features three days of intense meetings, relaxed “networking” time, and memorable meals à la SBSE—all centering on Goals for the 1990s (we’d better hurry; we’ve already lost a couple of years). Small and large group scrimmages will tackle the topic. If your ears burn at 10 p.m. EDT, Friday, June 19, it may be caused by the Second Annual SBSE Campfire Joke Session.

Suggestions for next year’s retreat venue are welcome.

SBSE Hospitality Suite/ASES ’92

Keep an eye on the ASES bulletin board for the exact location of the hospitality suite at the Howard Johnson Plaza. The suite will feature the SBSE slide exchange, curriculum materials, browsing bookshelf, and shop talk.

SBSE Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the ASES National Passive Conference in Cocoa Beach, Florida, but who knows where or when? Check the ASES bulletin board.

Call for Slides—SBSE Slide Exchange

We’re looking for a few good slides that depict particular climates—images that are qualitative or experientially evocative. Image sources can range from fine artwork to crass advertisements, to home movie/vacation/gotta have it slides. We hope to build a 20-slide collection exemplifying each major climate.
Letter to the Editor

Nice job on the SBSE newsletter.

G.Z. Brown

[Thanks, and you’re welcome, Charlie. It’s our first and only letter—can it be that Charlie is the only one of you who knows how to write/suck-up?]

T-bills: Notes from the Treasurer

I just deposited $1,450 in dues into the SBSE account. It increases our treasury to $4,735.07. A quick accounting of our membership’s enthusiastic response to the 91–92 dues shows 59 members current through 1992 (45% of the 123-person mailing list, which includes those less than 3 years in arrears in dues). [Hey, another Goal for the 1990s.]

I received a check from Carnegie-Mellon; to whom should I credit the $25—V.H. or V.L.?

Lance was that your UofM check?

Jack K. and Gary S.—thanks for your observations.

Yes, Georgia, $25 for ’92 is correct; sorry for the confusion.

Rick D. and Charlie H.—you have prepaid $15 toward ’93.

GZB, Mary G., and Sombat—you have prepaid for ’93.

I am pleased to welcome three new members:

- Chris Morgan, UNC-Charlotte
- Howard Heemstra, Iowa State
- David Clarke, Kansas State

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Retac Effort in the Pacific Northwest

A Regional Education and Training Advisory Committee (RETAC) has been funded and formed by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to devise a comprehensive, ten-year plan for regional training and education in energy-conserving design. A draft plan is due in June, and a final plan is due in September.

One component of the plan is undergraduate and graduate education in professional schools of architecture.

“In the commercial conservation field, with its predominant reliance on engineering and architectural expertise, the four-year educational level probably offers the most promising institutional target for coordinated regional education/training efforts. . . . In addition to the practical benefits of advanced research, a research program organized around a program of graduate study addresses the needs of educators who depend upon continuing research activities to achieve their own goals. This is especially important within the four-year university environment, where an active research career is a necessary part of faculty life. . . . The existing educational curriculum in regional universities with the greatest impact on the commercial sector—mechanical engineering and architecture—is woefully short on energy-efficiency focus.” (BPA Regional Conservation Education/Training Project Commercial Sector DRAFT Discussion Paper, July 1991)

Joel Loveland and Bruce Haglund have been appointed to this advisory committee. What do you think about this BPA proposal? Let us know.

J. Loveland/B. Haglund
help wanted

CALL FOR INNOVATIVE ECS TEACHING TECHNIQUES

Do you know killer, hands-on, visual, graphic, or performance-based methods for teaching environmental technology in lecture or studio format? Your great ideas will be compiled as an SBSE Sourcebook of Innovative Teaching Methods. Please send your information to Mary Guzowski, Department of Architecture, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53211. Or phone her at (414) 229-4014 or transmit a facsimile to (414) 229-6976.

m. guzowski

help available

LUMINATION I—DAYLIGHTING SPREADSHEET AVAILABLE

This software for IBM-compatible PCs calculates daylight from both sidelights (better) and skylights (worse). It assumes a shaded window. The direct sun component is available in AAMA Skylight Handbook. Lumination I is free; contact Barbara Erwine, Seattle Lighting Design Lab, 400 E Pine St., Seattle, Washington 98122.

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AVAILABLE RESOURCES

• Lightscapes Demo Video—15 minutes of lighting animation—free. Ask Bruce Haglund.
• Insidewout, 2nd edition, hot off the press. Published by John Wiley and Sons.
• Two-page descriptions of lighting/daylighting projects. See Joel Loveland.
• DOE 2 User News—Everything you ever wanted to know about simulation software, but were afraid to ask. Free from Kathy Ellington, editor, The Simulation Research Group, Energy and Environment Division, LBL, 1 Cyclotron RD, Berkeley, CA 94720.
• Sun, Wind, and Pedestrian Comfort: A Study of Toronto's Central Area. An exemplary case study of environmental concerns in urban design. Ed Arens contributed to the research. $10 Canadian funds only. Call Helen Logan (416) 392-1132 in Toronto, Ontario.

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SUSAN UBELHOHDE TIDBIT

(If Susan wasn’t a naive 2-year-old, it woulda been Folks and Energy—ed.)

SBSE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

• Rob Pena moves to Oregon this summer.
• Margot MacDonald goes to Cal Poly SLO.
• Rick Diamond goes to Harvard.

EDITOR BEGS AND PLEADS

The SBSE Newsletter desperately needs your input. Whatever fits, we’ll print! Anything you think SBSEers need to know or might want to hear about is appropriate for the newsletter—faculty position openings, calls for papers, stuff you need, stuff you have to share, book reviews, opinions, whatever. Volunteer op-ed or how-to columnists are among you; look in the mirror. Write volumes on the joy of being in this field under our first self-acclaimed environmental/education president. And what effect has Murphy Brown had on your life? Send me stuff or tell me stuff—Bruce Haglund, Department of Architecture, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843, (208) 885-6141 or leave messages with Cheryl Wheaton at (208) 885-6781.
Despite the moderate turn-out (to put it mildly), I enjoyed the SBSE Focus Session. It would seem that the issue of interest and support (or lack thereof) from colleagues would be worthy of discussion at the SBSE summer retreat. I'm convinced there are ways to integrate these issues on a broader scale.

O. Guzowski

I would like to thank the [Focus Session] team who, for the most part, were also the audience—John Reynolds, Gary Siebein, Mary Guzowski, and Fatih Rikbi. Thanks, also, to those few others who showed up.

O. Brentrup