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Engineering is a dynamic profession that continually implements the products of basic research as fast as new concepts and ideas become available. Keeping up-to-date involves being grounded in the past, coordinated with the present, and an appreciation and constant awareness of the future. It is comparatively easy to steep ourselves in the methods and techniques used in the past. It is more difficult to stay abreast of the changes going on in the present. To make accurate estimates of what the engineer will need and use in his professional work of the future is a formidable task indeed.

Tomorrow, science will have moved another giant step forward and we of the Division of Engineering Graphics must keep pace. In this era of rapid change and development there is a definite need for a thorough understanding of the basic fundamentals of engineering graphics. Engineering graphics serves as a spring board for individual advancement by furnishing an effective means of communication which can be used extensively by both the engineer and scientists. But the new tools used in engineering today may change the approach and even modify fundamental principles. What was once important in engineering graphics may become a mere by-product of the profession tomorrow.

Knowledge with ability, systematic and logical thinking, and the capacity to make proper judgments or deductions provides the engineer with the means of successful performance in engineering practice. There must be more to education in engineering graphics than the mere use of pencils, instruments and drawing equipment. However, scientific knowledge alone will not build a better mousetrap. Analysis of the needs in graphics by the engineer cannot adequately be undertaken until we examine recent developments in industry.

Industry and engineering education have mutual stakes in our future.. Every thinking man must seek after new sources of knowledge and document his findings in order that he may not only understand any event that takes place, but his knowledge will help him in doing his part of the teamwork required in industry.

The engineer must be able to communicate his ideas to others. Written and spoken language alone often possess connotations and overtones which suggest more than they usually say. Because an employee misunderstands instructions is no sign that he is stupid, but rather that there is a lack of complete communication. There must be a matching of educational background and knowledge for an effective meeting of minds between individuals on the production team. If the scientist wishes to take us to cloud nine, he must be able to communicate with us in terms which we can understand simply, accurately, and unmistakably. Engineering graphics can and must provide this means of communication.

In his long and unfinished struggle to master the universe and its natural laws, man has progressed by processing a steady stream of knowledge. Great discoveries are rarely the work of a single individual, but rather the culmination of the work of his predecessors who have faithfully documented their findings. Past knowledge and developments often give the recognized individual a basis for discovery.

Strict chronological order of events mixes great and small incidents and combines undesigned happenings that occur only once with permanent truths and nature's laws. The engineer is also confronted by man's prejudices, fads and fancy, and the engineer must untangle this disorder of events and happenings. He must rearrange materials by design with selected shapes, sizes, finishes and quantity to produce a product which man will recognize as desirable and accept as a part of his necessary personal needs.

The engineer must be able to make many practical applications of his knowledge. The more completely we are able to educate each man or woman, the greater will be our productive capacity for competing with other nations of the world. Every innovation in manufacturing starts with an idea. The closer an idea comes to solving a current problem, the more quickly it will come to be implemented and accepted. Furthermore, the engineer who has just solved a technical problem has not completed his job until he has convinced his supervisor of its validity and worth. The proper use of engineering graphics will help him greatly in communicating with and convincing his boss.

Improvement in the design of machines and processes depends primarily on detailed and accurate drawings of the designer's concepts. Often the designer himself is required to follow his concept from the inception of the idea until it comes off the production line in its final form.

JAMES S. RISING GETS 1966 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

of the Engineering Graphics Division, ASEE



JAMES SINCLAIR RISING, son of Jay and Cora Sinclair Rising, was born in Kanona, New York, on June 7, 1903. After receiving his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1925, he taught at his alma mater until 1945, meanwhile receiving an M.S. at New York State Teachers College and practicing engineering at the Eddy Valve Company and Ford Motor Company. In 1945 he was appointed professor and head of the Department of Engineering Drawing at Syracuse University A move to the middle west followed in 1951 when he became professor and head of the Department of Engineering Graphics at Iowa State University where he still serves in that capacity. He is currently chairman of the American Standards Association Sub-committee on Projection Standards and Space Geometry.

Through his authorship of books on engineering graphics, and his activities in the Engineering Graphics Division of ASEE and the parent society itself, Professor Rising's influence has been felt far beyond the limits of his own campus. The Engineering Graphics Division has been fortunate to have an academic statesman of his caliber in its membership. He has served the Division with great effectiveness on numerous important committees, and ultimately as Chairman of the Division in 1958-59. At a time when all engineering disciplines, including our own, have been undergoing searching self-examination, his voice has been one of authority and wisdom.

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CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Hammond, formerly assigned at the U. S. Military Academy as an associate professor with the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences, retired here recently after more than 25 years in the Army. He taught at the Military Academy since 1951.

Colonel Hammond, awarded the Legion of Merit at the retirement ceremony, served as Chairman of the Division of Engineer Graphics of the American Society for Engineer Education (ASEE) from 1964-1965. He is also a member of the Executive Committee, Council of Technical Divisions, ASEE.

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Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Hammond, left, accepts congratulations from Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, Dean of the Academic Board at the U. S. Military Academy, after receiving the Legion of Merit medal at retirement ceremonies. Col. Hammond, formerly and assistant professor in the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences, retired from West Point recently after more than 25 years in the Army.

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by H. LANE CALENDAR and W. J. BROWN, Rutgers University.

With Solutions Manual.

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APPLIED PROBLEMS FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESCRIPTIVE GEOMETRY by ROBERT SEID, Bronx Community College of the City University of New York.

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Publication: Spring, 1967

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For too many years our engineering profession and colleges have experienced a steady decline in the percentage of young people attracted to engineering. This trend has materialized in spite of the fact that the quality of engineering education and the financial rewards of engineering employment are second to none. If the product is sound, then the advertising must indeed be faulty.

It is time that the engineering profession begins to realize that its rusty public image needs much polishing if it hopes to acquire the public esteem warranted by its accomplishments. It is time, also, and it is essential that our engineering colleges expand their efforts to attract the qualified students needed to meet the insatiable requirements of our industrial complex. Above all, the major spokesman for engineering education, our American Society for Engineering Education, must be strengthened in order that it can exercise more effectively its public relations function.

Other engineering disciplines have interests in more than one national engineering society, while the Engineering Graphics Division has directed its complete support to ASEE. Since the welfare of the Engineering Graphics Division rests in good measure on the strength of the parent society, our support must not waiver but must be expanded when needed, Now, perhaps the parent organization has not always seemed mutually solicitous but a substantial measure of that difficulty could well be ours. For example, we have not yet made available for a top elective position on their administrative council one of our own experienced educators. That situation must and shall be rectified soon.

In a broader sense we must all, at every level, provide our experience and advice at the policymaking councils so that we are not always left at the starting gate, only to react to the well-meaning but ill-conceived guidelines promoted by harrassed administrators and goals directors too far removed from beginning undergraduate education and the realities of our specialty. They are apparently unaware of the innovations already introduced in our engineering orientation and graphics programs; or perhaps they are wiser than we think and are merely attempting to stir the apathetic and the weary.

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Ford Sponsors Faculty Residences in Engineering Practice

The Ford Foundation has announced that a program enabling young engineering professors to gain high-level experience in industry through oneyear residencies will be expanded and continued through 1970.

The program began in 1964 on a three-year trial basis with \$300,000 in Foundation funds. It has already proved sufficiently successful to warrant expansion, said Carl W. Borgmann, director of the Foundation's Science and Engineering program. An additional \$940,000 has been provided for the new phase.

About 150 faculty members will be awarded residencies in the second period, beginning in June 1967, for "clinical" practice in industry and in government installations engaged in nonmilitary engineering work. A total of some sixty residencies were provided for in the first three-year period.

The program is designed to counterbalance a growing tendency toward abstractness in techno-logical education. "There was a time when engineering education lacked sufficient emphasis on mathematics and the physical sciences; now the need is to learn how to apply the new sophistication," Mr. Borgmann said.

"Newly graduated engineers (and their teachers) are better equipped than ever in the sciences and mathematics and for research. But they are often too far removed from engineering practice that is affected by considerations of cost, design, competition, employee relations, and marketability -especially in that sector of industry dealing with civilian goods and services.'

Under the program, each resident serves a year to fifteen months as a paid employee in a company working under a senior engineer who serves as a "preceptor." The preceptor assigns the resident to essential company tasks that also strengthen the faculty member's professional growth by bringing him into intimate touch with the execution of projects and with decision-making analyses leading to final engineering judgments.

Participants are nominated by deans of engineering schools, screened by a committee of advisors from industry, and selected by the Foundation when a suitable position is found in industry. The companies pay the residents' salaries and the Foundation pays for travel to interviews, moving costs of the residents and their families, and other administrative costs of the program. Residents must be American or Canadian engineering faculty members under the age of forty who hold the Ph.D. or equivalent degree and have taught at least one year after receiving the doctorate.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Membership Committee of the Division of Engineering Graphics met in Pullman, Washington on June 22, 1966 to discuss activities that would stimulate memberships in the ASEE. Those in attendance were: Chance, McDonald, Oppenheimer, Rogers, Knoblock, and Earle.

Many suggestions were offered that would be helpful. The major conclusions reached by the committee are outlined below:

- 1. It was generally agreed that membership recruitment should be confined to junior colleges and technical institutes rather than high schools.
- 2. The Journal of Engineering Graphics appears to be the best means of introducing prospective members who are uninformed to the Division's activities. Therefore, it is believed that a subscriber to the Journal would be a better prospect for membership into the ASEE than a nonsubscriber. Consequently, the Membership Committee recognizes a dual role of recruiting subscribers as well as members.
- 3. Publications that serve the junior college and technical institute teachers should be contacted for possible news items that would stimulate interest in the Division.
- 4. Mailing lists of prospective members will be sought from the available sources as a means of contacting individuals by direct mail.
- 5. A proposal will be made to the Executive Committee of the Division in March which outlines a plan for developing and distributing a brochure that describes the Journal and the Division. This will be used to contact prospective members.

The meeting adjourned with the understanding that all were willing to actively participate as members of the committee. All agreed to give thought as to how the committee could function more effectively during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, James H. Earle Continued on Page 46

Chairman, Membership Committee



It is apparent that the work of the skilled designer continues to be as much in demand, if not more so, than ever before because of our rapidly expanding technology. It has been stated by people knowledgeable in the field that the technology developed in the last ten years equals that developed in the previous fifty years and that our total technology will double in the next ten years.

As a result of this demand, the engineering designer has developed and is presently developing new ways and means in meeting this challenge. Some of the more important developments are (1) automated drafting with computer graphics, (2) use of scale models, (3) photodrawings, (4) simplified drawings, and (5) a wide variety of minor drawing aids such as templates, curves, adhesive lettering and symbols.

AUTOMATED DRAWING. The advent of the computer and numerically controlled, highprecision drafting tables such as those produced by the Gerber Scientific Instrument Co., Faul/ Coradi, Visual Inspection Products, Universal Drafting Machine Corp., and others; with the assistance of T.V., light scanning devices, CRT, digital and analog computers, and now lasers, have done much to lighten the load of the designer and enable him to bring his ideas and dreams sooner to actuality than was possible a few years ago.

Associated with this new technology is the need to define certain terms which will be used.

- 1. Drawing is a graphic method of associating the geometric form of a part or component with the numbers which specify the magnitude and relationship of its elements.
- 2. Master dimensioning is, basically, measuring the distance of all required points on an object from one point of origin.
- 3. Numerical control is a manufacturing technique which automatically manipulates the movement of plotting arms, machine tool slides, or tables through certain specified distances and in the desired directions.
- *Presented at Michigan State University, October 22, 1965, Mid-Year Meeting of the Engineering Graphics Division of ASEE

4. Computer Graphics is a technique that takes input coordinates or data and through a built-in computer logic and subroutines transforms this information into the required output.

The use of this equipment provides a reversible path for the presentation of ideas, or for the production of the finished product. An orthographic drawing may be placed on the table -- as large as 5' x 20' -- of the automated drafting equipment, and through a scanning device -- light beam, T.V. camera, or laser --, coordinate information is fed to the computer. Then by means of computer graphics this data may be used to produce a perspective drawing, a scale or full-size model, or shown on the CRT (cathode ray tube) screen where changes may be made by light-pen or programmed intervention. The process may then be reversed to produce new drawings accurate to \pm 0.001 of an inch. Designs have been produced by this method in about 30 minutes that normally required as much as 3 months for completion. See Figure 1.



Figure 1. Sample Part Drawing.

Interest in this new technology of automated design and computer graphics has its major impetous in the automotive field, but other industries are also doing experimental work in this area. A noted architect is experimenting with its use in the design of apartment houses, office complexes and ideal communities; A major bridge builder has shown interest in automated drafting equipment; The Chemical Processing Industry (CPI) has made use of the computer and a display mechanism such as CRT or numerically controlled drafting machines to reduce considerably the time and toil necessary in making piping drawings. This type of drawings account for 30-50 per cent of the total engineering drafting and design effort of a plant involved primarily in the handling of fluids. The designer prepares a freehand isometric sketch based on information from a scale model and from this he prepares data to be fed to the computer. Another approach is for the designer

working with flow diagrams, and plot plans to place on punch cards the design conditions and other essential data. The computer then computes and generates a drawing complete with dimensions.

The electronic designer is a combination of computers, light-scanning or laser-scanning measurement techniques, with numerically controlled drafting machines or display mechanism (CRT). It would seem conceivable that automation and new scientific developments would eventually eliminate the need for drawings in many areas. Such is not the case, as numerical control simply introduces a new type of drawing with a consequent change in information presented thereon. Here lies a need for the establishment of new drawing standards for numerical control. As was stated in the May, 1965 issue of Graphic Science, "the numerical-control tape communicates only with the machine, while the drawing communicates with everybody." If anything, numerical control adds another person who needs a drawing -- the programmer.

SCALE MODELS. Scale models are another design aid for the engineer, particularly in CPI. However, the design group must prepare piping sketches, drawings in flow chart style of main piping runs, and orientation drawings of equipment items before the modeling group can begin installation of piping and electrical lines on the model. At the Procter & Gamble Co. -- where one of my staff, Professor Gurbach, was employed this summer in the modeling shop -- the following drawings are used in building a model of a plant containing considerable piping.

Building Drawings - Showing structural and architectural details.

Process and Equipment Flow Chart - A schematic, usually freehand but may be made with instruments, showing general routing of pipe between major pieces of equipment and proper sequence for locating valves and instruments in the lines. It is prepared by the engineering staff in charge of various phases of the project and is the official document used in installing piping in the model.

On large projects, separate sets of flow charts are made for individual piping systems in the plant, such as steam, process air, instrument air, process water, etc. in addition to the regular more comprehensive set.

Detail Drawings - These are drawings of nonstandard equipment such as tanks, bins, etc., and are made by the company's engineering department or by the supplier of the equipment.

Standard Drawings ~ Such drawings or catalog sheets of standard items, such as may be required of pumps, valves, instruments, etc. These are usually supplied by the manufacturer of these items.

A model makes it possible to see an unlimited number of views of the planned project and thus eliminates the need for space perception of those not accustomed to thinking spatially. Hence, agreement among the various groups involved is hastened. A model is of greatest value when the complexity of the process or object warrants their construction. As most of you know, it also has high value as a teaching aid.



Figure 2. Sample Part Numerical Drawing.

Some CPI's feel that models are too expensive and that the job can be done equally well by threedimensional drafting techniques, essentially those using isometrics.

PHOTODRAWINGS. Photodrawing techniques are not widely used but are combined with modelmaking in an attempt to reduce engineering design man-hours. Special photographic techniques are now under experimentation and study for producing complete and accurate drawings from the model. Photos of the model are taken with a long focallength lens camera and copies are then distributed to the many interested groups such as designers, isometricians, material take-off men, etc., rather than shipping the model around for their perusal. It would seem that the use of a television camera could be used here very conveniently for transmitting pictures of model to interested in-plant groups, or possibly over greater distances.

SIMPLIFIED DRAWINGS. Much work has been done in the area of simplified drafting in recent years to eliminate unnecessary detail and views. However, its greatest usage has been for in-plant production rather than with drawings which must be sent to sub-contractors where there may be a misunderstanding of these concepts. Drawings which are now being prepared for use in programming for numerically controlled machines could be placed in this category.

INEXPENSIVE DRAWING AIDS. Finally, all types of devices, which are relatively inexpensive compared to numerical controlled drafting machines and scale models, are now available on the market to reduce tedious and time-consuming drawing details. Lettering templates, overlays of standard items or lettering with adhesive backing, tape overlays, and a variety of miscellaneous templates have gained wide acceptance in industry.



THE THOUGHT-MODEL METHOD OF TEACHING SPATIAL VISUALIZATION*

by Professor A. S. Levens University of California Berkeley, California

In developing solutions to real engineering problems, the creative act of conceiving a physical means of achieving an objective is the first and most important step. Analysis of the possible solutions is the second step. Stated simply, synthesis in conception precedes the analysis required to refine the conception.

Identifying the creative person is not a simple matter. Many researchers have studied this problem for years. As yet, there exists no definitive tests for creativity.

Professor Harrison G. Gough, Professor of Psychology and Associate Director, Institute of Personality Assessment and Research, University of California, Berkeley, states in his paper, "Identifying the Creative Man," that the creative personality is intuitive and empathic, perceptually "open," i.e., not judgmental, aesthetically sensitive, emotionally and socially sensitive, and a complex personality. He concludes that:

"Testing for creativity is not the same thing as testing for intelligence or school achievement, and in fact tests of aptitude and achievement have proved to be of little or no use in identifying creative talent. There is a pretty obvious implication here for any selection program which seeks to find and to encourage creative potentiality. But although we cannot use these older and well-established tests directly, we can apply methodological skills gained in their construction to the building of tests which can identify creativity. Our hope lies with the future, but, I would add, a realizable future. We can now specify some of the aspects of personality relevant to creative work, and certain tests and scales within those categories already possess a limited validity. Complete validity is an impossibility, but we are moving rapidly toward a level of practical utility and accuracy in this significant domain of evaluation.

Professor Donald W. MacKinnon, Director, Institute of Personality Assessment and Research, University of California, Berkeley, in his paper, "Fostering Creativity in Students of Engineering," says:

"We have no certain knowledge as to how to foster more effectively the potential creativity of engineering students. This is not to say however, that we know nothing about the creative process and creative persons. Recent investigations, like those in the Institute of Personality Assessment and Research on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, have shed considerable light upon the nature of creativity and the distinguishing characteristics of highly creative persons. But to make inferences from these findings as to how to identify creative potential in engineering students and how best to develop their creativity, is a precarious undertaking.

"The difficulties are several. Most of the subjects in our investigations have been mature persons in a number of fields of endeavor: engineering and scientific research in industry, mathematics, architecture, writing, etc. Whether or not or to what extent we can generalize from our findings with mature, creative, productive individuals to students in schools and colleges of engineering, I do not know.

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"What to me is most strongly suggested by our findings is that we should seek to develop in students a capacity for intuitive perception and intuitive thinking, immediate concern for implications, and meanings, and significances and possibilities beyond that which is presented to the senses. This is not to suggest a slighting of facts, for there is a great wealth of information which every educated person must possess. Without a richness of experience, which includes a considerable body of fact, and especially so in engineering, intuitions may be original but are not likely to be very creative. But I would urge that in our instruction and in our training we never present a fact for its own sake, and that in our testing of our students' knowledge we shun questions which require no more than identification of facts and formulas. I am convinced that we can measure information which students have learned more reliably, more validly and more economically by objective tests than by essay examinations. But it remains true, I believe, that a student's preparation for

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and actual writing of an examination which requires dealing with problems forces him to exercise his intuitive perception.

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"More specifically I would suggest that no course or seminar deserves a place in a college curriculum unless it requires of the student the solution of some problem -a research project, a term paper, etc. The requirement, stated in only the most general fashion, permits the student to determine what specifically his own problem will be. Thus he chooses, he sets the problem, and having done so, he might well be left to solve it in his own way. Thus we would provide the student with what I believe to be one of the necessary conditions for creative achievement; the undertaking of the solution of a problem where the degree of difficulty and frustration is great and the drive toward accomplishment is persistently strong."

In view of the above statements, I believe that the inclusion of conceptual design projects -- the open-ended types -- in our graphics courses is a most significant step forward.

Engineering as a profession is concerned primarily with design, which in the broadest sense includes circuits, machines, structures, processes, and combinations of these components into systems and plants.

Surely the professional engineer must be capable of predicting the performance and cost of the components, systems, and plants to meet specific requirements.

Designing is a conceptual process which is done largely in the mind, and the making of sketches is a recording process, a reliable memory system which the engineer uses for self-communication -talking to himself -- to help him "think-through" the various aspects of his project. Graphics is an integral part of the conceptual phase because, more often than not, the making of a simple sketch to express a design conception does of itself suggest further items of a conceptual nature.

Engineers who have developed the ability to form a visual image of geometrical and physical configurations and to "think graphically" have a tremendous advantage in creating a physical means of achieving a technological objective.

How can we help our young engineering students to develop effective powers of visualization and "imagineering"?

Exciting and stimulating teaching of the fundamentals of orthogonal projection and their application to a variety of space problems affords an excellent means to develop in this respect.

Over the years many experiments in visualization have been tried. Professor Mary Blade of the Cooper Union did a fine job in her paper, which was published in the Journal of Engineering Drawing, November 1949.

Rather than debate the pros and cons of the findings by investigators in the field of psychology and of engineering, I believe that there is considerable value in the thought model method as a means for developing power in visualization.

Before describing the approach used at the University of California at Berkeley I should point out that the teaching technique used in our experiment is, most likely, one of several that could produce good results.

Our method, called the "Thought Model" method, consists of tracing and describing related points, lines, planes and surfaces, in the air, by use of the hands. The construction of imaginary figures is accomplished by verbal descriptions. The orthogonal representation of these figures is made on the blackboard. The two-dimensional representation, however, is made only after the student has the experience of "seeing" and "manipulating" the visualized three dimensional configuration. In this way it is possible to create geometric space relations which are so fully visualized that the students can come forward and add items, describe elements, analyze and solve problems -- employing the imaginary figure.

Students with high aptitude for comprehension of spatial relationships undoubtedly accomplish this automatically regardless of the method used to teach engineering graphics. However, when the thought model method is used by the instructor at the beginning of the course, it provides a shared experience in visualizing an imaginary figure for all members of the class. The thought model greatly facilitates communication among the students who can now discuss imaginary figures with confidence.

On the other hand, students of descriptive geometry trained conventionally often spend a great deal of time working with two dimensional representations or projections until they finally "see" what the problem is. "Seeing" of course, r results in the familiar "Aha!" experience described by psychologists. In one sense the thought model method can be described as a means of providing the beginning student with the "Aha!" experience at the very outset of his engineering education -providing it in such a natural manner that the student never imagines that engineering graphics could consist of anything more difficult. With confidence in his ability to visualize a problem the student is then prepared to advance to ever more complex problems requiring visualization and employe graphic techniques to problems not ordinarily though to be susceptible to such methods.

I believe that widespread use of the thought model method would significantly improve the synthesis and analysis abilities of both engineering and science students and would probably have important applications in other disciplines as well. I won't burden the reader with the details of the Continued on Page 30



FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS OF THE GEOMETRY OF FOUR DIMENSIONS

by



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The geometry of four dimensions is not a subject taught in engineering schools in spite its connection with several engineering problems. Only the main fundamental concepts will be explained in the simplest possible manner in this article.

Suppose that at the corner of Nassau and Olden Streets one is asked, "Where is the main Library?" The response will be: go ahead along Nassau Street for some hundred feet. (Figure 1).



Figure No. 1

But if the inquiry is: (Figure 2) "Where is the McCarter theatre?" The information required will be: go ahead along Nassau Street to the corner with University Street and then go to the left for some hundred feet.





(Lecture Presented to a Class in Engineering Graphics, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Princeton University) February 2, 1966 But if (Figure 3) a more specific question is asked: "Where is the McCarter theatre and the manager's office in it?" To the second information must be added: when you arrive at the building go upstairs to the second floor. All this proves that there is information that requires only one indication, others requiring two indications and others three indications. It is worthwhile to notice that in the first case we had two fundamental points: the starting point and final point; in the second case three fundamental points: starting point, intermediate point and final point; they do not lie on a straight line; in the third case, four fundamental points; starting point, intermediate point, door of the elevator, final point; they do not lie on a plane.



Figure No. 3

If we translate these examples in an abstract language we can say that there are entities that depend on one, two, or three elements. Their geometrical representation is given by: a straight line, a plane, a space. The line is determined by two points, (Figure 4) a plane is determined by three non-collinear points (Figure 5); a space is determined by four non-coplanar points. (Figure 6).



A plane contains infinite lines and each line has all the properties of a single isolated line but because there are several lines on the plane, this



Figure No. 5



Figure No. 6

plane has its own particular properties that are not due to a single line. So a space contains infinite lines and planes; each one of them has all the properties that are specific to it but the space has its own new properties.

In order to generalize the geometry we say that the lines and planes are also spaces: the line is a space of one dimension D_1 ; the plane - of two dimensions D_2 ; the space of three dimensions D_3 . The point is considered as a space of zero dimension D_0 .

But now suppose the same request for directions is made from the same starting point not to a mortal but... to God. Because He knows the instant in which He has created the universe to my information He certainly will add another indication: the time that has elapsed from that moment of creation.

That means the information is composed of four indications and this leads to five points not belonging to the normal space D_3 because the element time is not a thing that can be measured by means of the first three distances.

According to this answer we deduce that our normal space is immerged into an amplified new space called space of four dimensions D₄.

Indeed this is the space that is used in physics but because the physicists are men and they cannot refer to the precise moment of the creation of the world they refer the time to a certain fictitious origin and from this comes the name "relativity" given to this branch of physics.

But this is not the only way for creating a space of four dimensions. For example: a team of doctors studies the causes of a certain illness. They find that it depends on:

- a. the age of the inhabitants
- b. the climate
- c. the quantity of iodine dissolved into the water
- d. the quantity of a certain food eaten by the inhabitants.

This is a problem depending on four variables that can be related to a space D_4 of four dimensions that are not distances and time.

Hence we can state: each problem depending on four variables must be related to a space of four dimensions.

But then the first obvious question that comes to our mind is: in what manner can we handle this kind of problem?

The simplest thing is to denote by x, y, z, t the variables of the problem and to solve it by means of calculations without giving to it a concrete representation.

This solution was made by several mathematicians and this topic is discussed in a very short chapter in the book "Higher Geometry" by Frederick S. Woods.

This could be the end of the story but really it is the beginning because one of the peculiarities of the human being: is the need of representing all events that happen in their world.

This representation can be made in several ways: the pictorial way is generally chosen as its best and clearest expression, because in this regard poor sight is better than good hearing.



Figure No. 7

And because our imagination is very, very limited these pictures have to be similar to things to



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A nomogram is a graphical computational aid for evaluating one of the variables in an expression of the form F (x, y, z, ---, w) = o given the values of the others. Nomograms have long been used by engineers and physicists to facilitate their computations.

Another device in common use as an aid in performing various computations is the slide rule. In examining the relative merits of these two devices, one finds that the slide rule has several advantages over the nomogram; namely,

- 1. The slide rule generally gives more accurate readings.
- 2. The slide rule is easier and quicker to use in that no straight edge is required
- 3. There is no need to mark up a slide rule as is usually done in the case of a nomogram so that it may be used over and over again indefinitely.

In view of these advantages it would seem desirable to have available methods for constructing slide rules which would do the same computations as certain nomograms, and the present paper provides several such constructions.

In a three-parallel scale chart such as illustrated in Figure 1, three variables x, y, and z are laid off at distances f(x), g(y), h(z) along each of three vertical scales starting at the bottom, and the collinearity of the three points x, y, and z means that F(x, y, z) = 0 or as is seen by Figure 1 that

$$\frac{g(y) - f(x)}{h(z) - f(x)} = \frac{a}{b}$$

This is reducible to

$$\log f(x) + \log \begin{bmatrix} b - h(y) \\ g(y) \end{bmatrix} = \log \begin{bmatrix} a - h(z) \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 3



Figure 1



Figure 2

The resulting slide rule is shown in Figures 7 and 8.

The more complex nomograms would no doubt require more elaborate procedures to transpose them to slide rules; however, the same principles could probably be applied in most cases to achieve a slide rule which would do the same job easier, quicker, and more accurately.

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THE SUMMER DRAFTING INSTITUTE AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to report briefly on the drafting institute which was held on the campus at Texas A&M University during the summer session of 1965. The institute was jointly sponsored by the Engineering Extension Service and the Engineering Graphics Department at Texas A&M University.

The course was designed so students might learn or improve the skills which are necessary for employment as draftsmen. The program consisted of three weeks of basic mechanical drawing, three weeks of descriptive geometry, two weeks of steel detailing, two weeks of concrete detailing, and one week of aluminum detailing. A term project was completed during the final week of classes.

Three hundred sixty hours of class work were provided for the twentyfive students who completed the course, and a follow-up study is being planned to determine the overall effectiveness of the institute.

A vocational drafting institute was held on the campus of Texas A&M University during the summer of 1965. It was jointly sponsored by the Engineering Extension Service and the Engineering Graphics Department at Texas A&M and represented the planning and research completed by several members of the co-sponsoring agencies. The program offered the thirty beginning students an opportunity to learn or improve upon skills which could be used to fill existing job vacancies in industry. Such a program had been considered for some time; and after final approval for the institute was granted, a committee was formed to determine, among other things, which drafting specialty was most in demand in Texas.

The Industrial Drafting Training Committee, composed of L. E. Stark (Chairman), S. M. Cleland, and P. M. Mason, all of the Engineering Graphics Department, distributed questionnaires to 184 industrial firms throughout Texas. The eighty-one forms which were returned constituted a 44 per cent response and showed that the need for structural draftsmen far exceeded that for any other specialty. With this particular bit of information to lend guidance, selected members of the cosponsoring agencies started preliminary planning for the institute which was to start June 7, 1965.

One of the first actions taken was to select teachers for the program. After reviewing the qualifications of several prospects, three members of the Engineering Graphics staff were nominated to fill the positions. Based upon their academic preparation and practical industrial experience, N. B. Bardell, C. R. Cozzens, and M. P. Guerard were chosen as instructors. Their qualifications were presented to and approved by the Technical Education Division of the Texas Education Agency in Austin, Texas.

Tentative plans regarding course content were outlined, but final decision was reserved until practicing structural engineers could be consulted. To aid in determining those phases of structural drawing which would be most appropriate for the course, four members of the Engineering Graphics Department visited such consulting engineering firms as Bovay Engineers, Inc. and Brown and Root, Inc. These visits proved to be a wise investment of time and effort and largely confirmed the validity of the preliminary planning.

The final outline for the course provided for 360 hours of class room lecture and practice. This total was divided into two 180 hour sessions lasting six weeks each. During the first six weeks the students were permitted to complete the same general course work required of all beginning engineering students. These offerings included geometric construction, orthographic projection, pictorials, auxiliary views, dimensioning, vector graphics and so on.

The second six weeks provided for study in three major units: steel detailing, concrete detailing, and aluminum structural design and detailing. These offerings required five weeks for completion; the sixth week was allotted for a term project. Figure 1 shows a listing of the general topics covered during the twelve weeks and gives the amount of time devoted to each.

The unit on steel detailing studied during the second six weeks required the students to detail simple square-framed beams, design framed beam connections to withstand given loads, calculate reactions and moments, design seated and skewed connections and detail columns. During this time the students made extensive use of the Manual of Steel Construction. This phase of the course provided the students with lucrative opportunities to gain broad practice in the use of the slide rule.

The unit on concrete allowed the students to study the placement of steel reinforcement bars and to draw and detail such concrete members as beams, girders, slabs, columns, and footings. The recommendations for detailing as outlined in the Manual of Standard Practice for Detailing Reinforced Concrete Structures were observed in the classroom.

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COURSE OUTLINE

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Use of the Drawing Instruments 4	t
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Orthographic Projection	
Sketching	,
Pictorials 9)
Auxiliary Views	l
Sections	ļ
Dimensioning 6	
Shop Math	
Shop Processes 8	i.
Working Drawings	
Use of the Slide Rule 8	,
Point, Line, and Plane Relations 9	ł
Vectors	
Steel Beam Detailing	
Structural Frame Connectors	
Stiffened Seated Connections 6	
Unstiffened Seated Connections 6	
Steel Column Detailing 6	
Concrete Beam Detailing	
Concrete Column Detailing	
Concrete Slab Detailing	
Aluminum Structural Detailing 30	
Term Project	
Field Trips 9	
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TOTAL 360

Hours

THE GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE FOR THE SUMMER DRAFTING INSTITUTE

Figure 1

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The third major unit, that on aluminum, was perhaps the most technical of all. After the students had been introduced to beam design and detailing and had become familiar with graphical truss analysis, they were asked to design and detail certain structural members to carry given tension and compression loads. It became necessary, then, to introduce such new ideas as crosssectional areas, moments of inertia, radii of gyration, and slenderness ratios. Once again the students found their slide rules to be very handy tools. Reference material for this phase of the course was taken from the Alcoa Structural Handbook, a manual provided through the courtesy of the Aluminum Company of America.

During the final week of the course, the students drew details for a covered grandstand which might be built beside a tennis court to accomodate approximately four hundred spectators. The basic design of the roof truss, columns, slabs, seating arrangements, etc., was given, and the students drew details which could be used for the fabrication and erection of the structure.



Classes were scheduled for six hours each day starting at 7:00 a.m. and continuing until 10:00 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. classes resumed and lasted until 4:00 p.m. Generally, the first hour of each session was used for a rather informal lecture and discussion of the topic to be considered. During this period a lesson assignment sheet was distributed to the students. This sheet told what topic was to be covered during that session and briefly stated the main objectives for the lesson. It outlined an assignment and told, among other things, when the assignment was to be returned for scoring. Generally, if an assignment was made during the morning session, it was required of the students by 1:00 p.m. Some exceptions were made, however, if the assignment was unusually lengthy. Figure 2 shows the general format for the lesson assignment sheets, and Figure 3 shows an assignment as it was completed by one of the students.

An estimated 60 per cent of all drawings were completed on tracing paper, and periodically the students were required to make reproductions of



by

DESCRIPTIVE GEOMETRY

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Let it be stated at the beginning of this article, that its purpose is to defend the position of descriptive geometry, which seemed to have suffered rather considerably, from a few definitely critical remarks, made by Prof. V. P. Borecky¹ in his interesting article "Peculiar Lines and Planes"-in the February, 1966 issue of the Journal of Engineering Graphics, Vol. 30, No. 1.

The main part of Prof. Borecky's article, under the subtitle of "Projective Geometry, Axis of Homology," starts with the statement, (p. 20): "Projective Geometry is all geometry.

Today -- it is clear, that topology is logically basis to projective geometry.¹

Another important point, calling for some clarification, is the confusion of the affinity, collineation, and homology-lines, with the peculiar line.

Affinity, (collineation, homology) axes -- belong to projective geometry, they are ideas nearly 150 years old. The "peculiar line" belongs to descriptive geometry, and it is a five year-old idea.

The peculiar line was found independently of projective geometry. It was found by means of 'peculiar points", the latter being purely descriptive geometry ideas (the piercing points of lines with planes containing the HF-folding line).

In other words the peculiar line was found within descriptive geometry, and by its own power alone.

One important point should be made positively clear:

> This is not the only instance in mathematics that the same symbol, or the same line -- stands for two entirely different concepts.

The numeral "5" stands for number "five", or for the ordinal numeral "fifth." The same symbol standing for entirely different meanings, which must not be confused. Any confusion of the two, would be mathematically incorrect.

The graph of the equation 2x + 3y = 4 is the straight line, and the graph of the function $y = \frac{4-2x}{3}$ is exactly the same straight line.

But it is wrong to say that the concept of the equation is the same as that one of the-function. Equating the two would be mathematically incorrect.

A great many similar examples could be cited for the illustration of the problem in question.

It is the meaning of the symbol that makes an idea, and not the symbol itself.

The same symbols and the same lines may represent entirely different ideas.

The affinity, (collineation, homology) lines were found by projective geometry methods, and they are projective geometry ideas.

The peculiar line was found by descriptive geometry method, and it is a descriptive geometry idea.

Though graphically they are the same line, they are not identical ideas.

To confuse the two concepts is geometrically incorrect.

Projective geometry and descriptive geometry are different branches of geometry. They coincide sometimes; they permeate to some degree (as does any other branch of mathematics,) but they are different. Descriptive geometry is a spatial geometry, whereas projective geometry is basically plane geometry in its concept.

There is another essential point for the support of the originality of the peculiar line as a descriptive geometry idea which must not be confused with the projective geometry concept of the affinity line.

The peculiar line, being by its origin and by its nature a descriptive geometry idea, gives rise to new, basic, descriptive geometry constructions which are unobtainable by projective geometry methods, and, which -- independently of their possible practical value, -- have their value in pure geometry.

For this reason alone, the peculiar line enhances the potentiality of the science of descriptive geometry. It proves that descriptive geometry is capable of uncovering new facts on its own. In the light of the above remarks -- the hint "inventing old facts" (p. 20) cannot be referred to the peculiar line, which in reality is a new fact, which has been covered, for a long time by an old fact, in this case, -- by the affinity line.

Also, the dismissal of the hundred year old direct method (American 3-rd angle projection) as "adequate" (p. 54) seems to be at least a controversial opinion.

Much, of course, could be said on this subject from both theoretical and practical standpoints.

From the geometrical standpoint, both the first angle projection and the third angle projection are equally adequate.

The point is that the whole three-dimensional space be adequately accessible and operable.

As far as the theoretical and also a practical aspect of the third angle projection is concerned, successive auxiliary views would be rather strongly in favor of the direct method. One thing is sure -- the real answer to that serious problem can be reached only through an extensive, objective research -- and not by arbitrary judgement alone.

It is generally agreed among the descriptive geometry and engineering teachers -- and it has been recently confirmed by an extensive nationwide study² by groups of experts -- that (p. 8) "The importance and necessity of solid background in the theory of descriptive geometry be recognized." It was affirmed in the study that "the ability to visualize . . . to form a mental image . . . particularly in the area of spatial relations" is the "most basic talent" an engineer should develop "with the help of descriptive geometry."

In other words, the spatial character and the irreplaceable role of the science of descriptive geometry in teaching has been authoritatively reaffirmed.

There was no specific recommendation for abandoning the third angle projection nor for introducing the elements of projective geometry into descriptive geometry. This does not mean that it cannot or even should not be done. The point is that the self-dependence of the science of descriptive geometry has not been curtailed nor diminished in any way by that study.

It is also quite natural that the research in the field of descriptive geometry, when performed by means of the purely descriptive geometry ideas, only serves better the self-dependence of that science.

Therefore, "the peculiar line," being not an "old" projective geometry tool, serves the selfdependence of the spatial science of descriptive geometry -- and well. When treated as an affinity line, imported from projective geometry, it does the opposite. In the present continually critical position of the science of descriptive geometry in the school curriculum, that aspect of the selfdependence of descriptive geometry as a spatial science, seems to be of considerable importance.

The restoration of the role of descriptive geometry in the school curriculum in the space age may come only through practical recognition of that subject as (1) a most efficient spatial geometry and (2) as an irreplaceable self-dependent science.

Melding together the homology, affinity and the peculiar lines, and calling the third angle projection inadequate (p. 54) seems to depreciate descriptive geometry in these two important respects.

The only valid objective point of view calls for a right appraisal of actual values of the subject matters involved, without making them overly important or too negligible.

Finally it should be mentioned that from a purely applicatory standpoint, it may seem of no special importance how clearly one would discern between the affinity line and the peculiar line.

The situation, however, becomes entirely different -- when approached from the theoretical or purely mathematical point of view. Almost inconspicuous differences in the underlying axioms or seemingly insignificant fundamental statements in mathematics make a very big difference in the structures that are based on them and developed from them.

For one of many possible examples, let it be referred to the fact with which this article began.

Topology has one basic underlying axiom, which is: Seemingly, this statement is very simple and rather insignificant. Nevertheless, at the present time science is superior to projective geometry, which has been considered an "all geometry" for a very long time.

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Do you use graphics in your classroom?



For many years teachers of graphics have rightly stressed the importance of engineering drawing and descriptive geometry. It is an established fact that a working knowledge of the universal language of engineering drawing is indispensable for communication of technical data in all fields of engineering construction and industrial production. It is also well known that descriptive geometry methods are often used to advantage to solve three-dimensional problems, especially where vectors are employed to represent such factors as forces, time, and motion. In addition to its utility in communication and problem solving the study of graphics has important educational values which are discussed briefly in this article.

Graphics is the expression of visual thinking by means of views, graphs, and diagrams, which must appear in the mind before they can be drawn on paper. Thus the study of graphics develops mental vision, the ability to see things clearly in the mind. Students who have mental vision learn quickly and easily, because they think in terms of lifelike pictures that reveal their meaning at a glance. Visualizing the different aspects of a subject makes study more interesting and fruitful. This method of enlightenment by visual thinking is so rewarding that every engineering student should be taught how to use it effectively in various ways that will improve his ability to learn.

The visual nature of graphics makes it a valuable aid to teaching and learning. The study of graphics gives the mind a visual way of thinking and comprehending, called graphic insight, which opens up a direct path to complete understanding. Too many students adopt the rote method of study, memorizing facts and figures, rules and techniques, trying to find the true meaning of a problem, but not knowing where or how to look for it. In the study of graphics, the point of view and the direction of sight are vital considerations that must be mastered at the outset. Thus the graphics student acquires a reliable sense of direction and the ability to select a favorable point of view from which the most significant aspects of a problem are immediately apparent. Often several points of view must be taken, one after another, in order to discover and appraise all the facts revealed by different aspects of a situation. This requires a flexibility of viewpoint as the attention is shifted from one aspect to another. It makes the mind alert and nimble, develops keener perception, and gives students a better understanding of principles and their useful applications.

Now, more than ever, young engineers must have imagination and the ability to use it effectively when they meet the challenge of our dynamic technology. The wonderful engineering achievements all around us today are the products of creative imaginations put to work a few years ago by forward-looking engineers. But a fertile imagination must have its roots deep in rich experience. Nothing takes the place of actual experience. Not found in textbooks, this real experience is gained on the job in industry, on construction, or at a research center. Engineering students and their instructors should get this firsthand experience in summer jobs. This background of knowledge concerning how things are accomplished where the action is should be supplemented by intensive reading in the technical journals with the regard to many different kinds of engineering projects. When it is nourished by experience and stimulated by the interest that experience generates, the imagination is developed by training so that it will grow and bear fruit in the form of bright, new ideas about better ways to satisfy needs. As graphics provides the best outlet for these ideas, a ready facility in graphic expression is the perfect partner for the creative imagination.

Invention is the useful contribution of a working imagination whenever progress demands a better way to get things done. Where the new idea involves only a change in method, the improvement is called an innovation, but if the idea is entirely original, unlike anything ever done before, it is a discovery. In any case, some knowledge of what is known as the prior art, gained by a study of similar applications already planned and tested, is a helpful guide to the creative imagination. When a new idea appears in the mind, it should be transferred immediately to paper in the form of a sketch in a notebook. This is the first step in

^{*}Editor's Note: This was the last literary production of Professor Heacock, now deceased. He wrote it especially for the Journal of Engineering Graphics Division of Engineering Graphics.



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ON AN APPLICATION OF DESARGUES' THEOREM

by

Robert W. Bosmo

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The "Can You Solve This" problem of the Spring, 1965 JEG issue is admirably suited to solution using Desargues' Theorem of the projection geometry. This theorem may be stated as follows:

> "If corresponding points of two coplanar figures lie on concurrent lines, then the points of intersection of corresponding lines of the figures lie on a straight line."

The given problem can be analyzed as follows. The intersection of the V-block with plane ABC is the same as the parallel projection of face DEF on ABC. Therefore, in the plane of Figure 2, corresponding points of two coplanar figures, one being face DEF and the second the section on ABC, lie on parallel lines. If the axis of affinity for these figures can be established, the section on ABC can be constructed.

The axis of affinity can be determined as follows: Points A and E are corresponding points of the two figures as are points B and G. Therefore, the intersection of lines AB and EG locate point H on the axis. Point C of plane ABC is also a point of face DEF. As a result, C is necessarily a point on the axis. The axis of affinity is the line passing through points H and C.

The section cannow be obtained in the following manner:



Figure 1 pictorially represents the theorem. The straight line referred to above is labeled as the "axis of homology" in Figure 1 since P, the point of concurrency, is a real point of the plane. The point P can also be an ideal point of the plane, i.e., the point in which parallel lines intersect. In this latter case, the straight line is called the "axis of affinity."

1. Line EF intersects the axis of affinity at point J. The corresponding line of the section must pass through J and A since A and E are corresponding points. The line AK of the section results.



Figure 2

- 2. Line FG of the fact intersects the axis at L. F and K are coresponding points, therefore KM of the section can be drawn. Observe that this line passes through B.
- 3. Line DE of the face intersects the axis at N. Line AN of the section corresponds to EN of the face.
- 4. Line DQ of the face intersects the axis at C. M and Q are corresponding points, therefore MC of the section can be drawn.
- 5. Line RU of the face intersects the axis at V. U and W are corresponding points, therefore WT of the section can be drawn.
- 6. Connect points B and T, N and C to complete the section.

Notice that steps 1 through 5 describe identical and very simple procedures. The determination of the axis of affinity was also easily accomplished being essentially the inverse of the succeeding five steps.

Desargues' Theorem is entirely general for problems of this type. The faces of the object being sectioned need not satisfy special conditions such as parallelism. In addition, the object can be represented in either axonometric or perspective projection and the solution procedure remains unchanged.

The point that is intended to be made with this paper is the recollection of -- and perhaps in some instances, a first exposure to -- the beauty and simplicity of Desargues' Theorem. Of importance, however, is the realization that this theorem is not restricted to obvious problems in projection such as the example worked here. The February and November, 1962 issues of this journal contain articles by V. P. Borecky that show proof of Desargues' Theorem and some engineering applications that are not strictly projection type problems.



Answer to problem "Can You Draw the Rightend View?" contributed by E. W. Knoblock, The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, February, 1966, Vol. 30, No. 1.





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A drawing is first a thought before it is recorded.

Those who resist the idea that their writing needs improvement are often the first to object if they are assigned readings in poorly written books.



James S. Rising, Cont.

In his distinguished career as a classroom teacher and administrator, Professor Rising has touched the lives of thousands of engineering students in the formative years of their professional education. The esteem in which he is held by former students and the loyalty of his staff are evidences of his warm personality and effective leadership.

Jim and Mildred Rising are the parents of two sons, Edward J. and Donald M. The former is Assistant Dean of Engineering at the University of Massachusetts.

Robert H. Hammond, Cont.

He is the principal author of the textbook and workbook, "Engineering Graphics for Design and Analyses," widely adapted in engineering schools.

Colonel Hammond is presently living in Raleigh, N. C., with his wife, Shirley, and two children, Terry Lee, and Robby. He has one other son, Harry (Steve) Hammond, a third classman (sophomore) at the U. S. Military Academy.

Following his retirement, Colonel Hammond accepted a position as assistant director of the Freshman Engineering Division at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N. C.

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Professor Heacock was a recognized authority on the graphical solution of technical problems in the fields of Science and Engineering. He was a frequent contributor to technical publications and the author of several books. Other honors included membership in Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Beta Kappa. He served the Engineering Graphics Division, as well as the American Society for Engineering Education in many capacities, including membership on the General Council, Chairman of the Division of Engineering Graphics, and Editor of the Journal of Engineering Graphics. In 1957 he received the Distinguished Service Award of this Division.

He was a devoted husband and father and was loved by all who knew him. He was a distinguished gentleman in bearing and manner whose presence lent dignity to any occasion.

The Engineering Graphics Division recognizes its great loss of a devoted friend and wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Heacock and children.

It is recommended that this Memorial be placed in the minutes of the Division and that copies be sent to his family.

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IN MEMORIAM

The staff of the Department of Graphic Science of Northeastern University submits the following resolution to the Engineering Graphics Division of the American Society for Engineering Education concerning the death of James J. Devine, Associate Professor of Graphic Science, on March 19, 1966.

Professor Devine received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Rhode Island State College in 1927 and his Master of Science Degree from Brown University in 1936.

After receiving his Bachelor's degree he was employed for a short period of time by the Telephone Company but then returned to the profession of teaching to which he devoted his greatest efforts. Professor Devine came to Northeastern University in 1937 where he taught Engineering Drawing and Civil Engineering until 1939. Since 1935 he has been associated principally with the Drawing Department and was a member of that Department -- now the Graphic Science Department -- until his death.

In 1939 Professor Devine was appointed to the faculty of Lincoln Institute, which is an evening technical school at Northeastern University serving as a member of its Academic Program Committee and as Assistant Department Chairman of the Department of Engineering Drawing. His contributions to Lincoln Institute, now Lincoln College, have been many with the reputation of having a sincere manner, quiet competence and the highest dedication to his students, placing him among those who in the highest sense are known as educators and gentlemen. The twenty-nine years of service to Northeastern University were continually marked by a keen sense of loyalty and devotion to the school, his work, and especially to his students. Professor Devine took great pride in his career as a teacher and was constantly aware of his responsibilities which he discharged with enthusiasm. He delighted in the accomplishments of his students and was always ready to help those who stumbled which indicated his full committment to the needs of young people who attended his classes.

His colleagues in the Graphic Science Department of Northeastern University attest to his spirit of cooperation and support. Many new young teachers were helped and advised by this experienced professor. Professor Devine was constantly active in investigating new developments in Graphics and passing them on to his colleagues and students. We will miss him.

James J. Devine was also active in his community particularly in his church where he served in many capacities including the administration of the sunday school. His summers were characterized by attendance at various summer institutes and conferences in his academic field. He was active in national and local levels of the American Society for Engineering Education as well as Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholastic honor society. He was a member in good standing of the Boston Society of Civil Engineering.

Professor Devine was the author of short articles published in the ASEE Journal of Engineering Graphics as well as of a text in the graphical presentation of statistics as taught by his colleagues for several years.

Submitted by Staff of the Graphic Science Department

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By means of this resolution, the members of the Engineering Graphics Division of the American Society for Engineering Education wish to express their deepest sorrow at the loss of so valued a colleague.

ANNUAL ENGINEERING GRAPHICS DIVISION

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Presentation by I. L. Hill

Washington State University Pullman, Washington - June 22, 1966

The Descriptive Geometry Award Committee is pleased to announce that the award this year which includes a certificate and a \$100 cashprize goes to Dr. Luisa Bonfiglioli for her paper entitled "Parallel Projection for Euclidean Geometry of

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Dr. Bonfiglioli is a visiting Research Post-Doctoral Fellow to the Department of Graphics and Engineering Drawing of Princeton University. She is a leading world authority in the field of Descriptive Geometry and is now on leave from the Israel Institute of Technology. She is doing research in theoretical graphics and in descriptive geometry of higher spaces plus a series of lectures and seminars. In addition, she is engaged in research using projectors and motion to develop visual concepts involving descriptive geometry.

In addition to the certificate, the cash prize of \$100 is made possible by the generosity of a most loyal friend of the Division -- Mr. Frank Oppenheimer of the Gramercy Co. who made the presentation. The Division is most grateful for his continued support.



Engineering Graphics - Static or Dynamic, Cont.

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Great technical skills in the practice of creative design is difficult to contain within a single definition. The designer's work may begin with research and study of the customer's needs. Research and design require essentially different approaches and attitudes of mind. Research is divergent; it begins with a glimmer of an idea and enlarges as the idea takes form and direction. Research opens the way to progressively larger problems; development and engineering design reduce the magnitude of the problem and evolve practical applications as progress in research is made.

Engineering graphics is one means of closing the gap of misunderstanding often occurring between the research scientist and development engineer. We of the Engineering Graphics Division must keep alert to new developments in both the science and engineering areas. Our college courses in engineering graphics must change with these developments if graphics is to continue to be the dynamic force for progress which it has been in the past.

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study* since copies are available upon request. Suffice it to state that the results of the study indicates that a significant change in student performance can be brought about by the use of the thought model method in teaching the fundamental principles of orthogonal projection and their application to the solution of space problems.

Since the completion of this study in 1962, we have continued our experimentation using television. During this school year (1964-1965) 12 T.V. lectures were developed and used in our freshman graphics classes. Each lecture of approximately 30 minutes was followed by 20 minutes of "live" discussion.

In the first three weeks of the fall semester, 1964, the first six lectures (two per week) were presented via television. These lectures included the following topics:

- 1. "Introduction" -- the engineering profession; the rapid development of technology; the need for thorough prepparation in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and graphics; the engineering sciences; and humanities; and the role of graphics in engineering design.
- 2. The two fundamental principles of orthogonal projection.
- 3. The determination of visibility of solids; and the interpretation of orthographic views.
- 4. True length, grade and bearing of line segments; applications.
- 5. Intersecting, skew, parallel and perpendicular lines; applications.
- 6. Point view of a line; edge view of plane surfaces; connector problems; and applications.

Each T.V. presentation was followed by "live" discussion.

During the next three weeks, six lectures were presented "live" (no T.V.). Included were the following topics:

- 7. True shape of plane surfaces, and applications.
- 8. Angle problems; applications.
- 9. Developments.
- 10. Intersections -- basic problems.
- 11. Intersections of solids.
- *Supported by a grant from the U. S. Office of Education.

12. Vector quantities and vector diagrams; concurrent noncoplanar force systems.

A report of this experiment has been prepared, but is not ready for distribution at this time. Nevertheless, a few highlights are appropriate:

As the students see it with respect to T.V.:

- a. The T.V. method is better for the simpler material.
- b. There are mechanical advantages in making it easier to hear and see.
- c. More material can be covered in the time available.
- d. The additional planning for a T.V. "performance" motivates the instructor to produce especially clear sketches and well organized lectures and thus aid in the presentations.

Now with respect to the "live" presentations the study revealed the following:

- a. The "live" method is better for the more difficult material and is more helpful in pointing out the areas for more concentrated study.
- b. The live method allows for immediate questions related to the difficult material.
- c. The instructor can sense when students are having trouble absorbing what he is saying just by noting that there are blank looks, coughs, shuffling feet, and no notes taken; he can then back up and review the material until the symptoms disappear.
- d. The presence of live students also motivates the teacher to throw out clues as to what is really important, often doing so in a very informal way, again something which may not be done easily during the "formal" T.V. presentation.

In both the T.V. and live presentations, the Thought Model method was used to further the development of visualization.

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- 1. The use of the thought model method greatly enhances the student's ability to visualize geometrical and physical configurations.
- 2. The performance of students in dealing with the fundamentals of orthogonal Continued on Page 46

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Therefore take the five fundamental points of the new space and connect them in this manner: Three of them two by two in order to generate (Figure 7) a triangle 1-2-3 and after that these three points to each one of the remaining two points 4 and 5.

The Figure 1-2-3-4 is nothing else than a pyramid whose edges can be prolonged to infinity. But we know that four non-coplanar points determine a space of three dimensions; therefore the points 1,2,3,4 and in the same way 1,2,3,5 determine two spaces D₃ named cells that have the base in common but are not identical because the point 4 is distinct from the point 5.

At this point we can summarize the following facts:

I. a. A line is determined by means of two points (Figure 8).

Figure No. 8

b. A plane is determined by means of two lines (Figure 9).





c. A space D₃ is determined by means of two planes (Figure 10).



Figure No. 10

- d. A space D₄ is determined by means of two cells (See Figure 7).
- II. a. The elements of a line are points.

- b. The elements of a plane are points and lines.
- c. The elements of a space D₃ are points, lines, and planes.
- d. The elements of a space D4 are points, lines, planes and pyramids determining spaces D_3 called hyperplanes. (Figure 11). Two hyperplanes are identical if and only if they have their four fundamental points coincident.



III. Elements embedded in the space D_4 keep their own peculiar properties; i.e., points and lines belonging to a certain plane, behave according to the laws of the plane geometry only on this plane and points, lines and planes belonging to a certain hyperplane, behave according to the laws of the solid geometry only inside this hyperplane. But the space D_4 , as an amplified space, has laws of its own different from the laws known to us.

Only very few of them will be discussed here.

We will determine the space D_4 by means of the two cells $1-2-3-4 = C_1$; $1-2-3-5 = C_2$ or by means of three fundamental planes; 1-2-3; 1-2-4; 1-2-5. (Figure 12).





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Suppose that the two points belong to C_1 ; then r must intersect the base 1-2-3 at a point that belongs also to C_2 . (Figure 13).



Another point of intersection between C_2 and r cannot exist otherwise C_1 and C_2 will have four points in common and will be coincident.

This proves the first part of the theorem. If the points belong one to C_1 and the second to C_2 (Figure 14) then r cannot intersect C_1 or C_2 in other points (even point of the base 1-2-3) for the same reason explained before.



Theorem II. A line and a plane not belonging to the same hyperplane do not intersect.

Suppose that r belongs to C_1 and α to C_2 (Figure 15). If r could intersect α at a certain point R then C_1 and C_2 would have four points R, 1, 2, 3, in common and would be coincident.

Theorem III. Two planes not belonging to the same hyperplane intersect at "one" point.

*Remark. All the theorems are proved taking the cells as examples of hyperplanes; but each theorem can be generalized taking a new system of reference and using the previous cells as general hyperplanes of D_4 .



Figure No. 15

Suppose that α belongs to C₁ and β to C₂. (Figure 16). Then α must intersect the base 1-2-3 aln



Figure No. 16

Suppose that α belongs to C₁ and β to C₂. (Figure 16). Then α must intersect the base 1-2-3 along a line and β along a line b. a and b are coplanar, therefore they intersect at a point P. Besides P there are no other points in common to α and β because otherwise the cells are coincident.

In addition the lines a and b cannot coincide otherwise the two planes α and β determine a hyperplane to which they belong.

Theorem IV. Two hyperplanes intersect along a plane. The two cells C_1 , C_2 give the proof for this theorem. From the previous theorems it follows that: a plane and a hyperplane intersect along a line; three hyperplanes intersect along a line and four hyperplanes at a point.

The concept of perpendicularity is introduced as an extension of known definitions.

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In case of coplanarity a line is perpendicular to another line when it intersect the second one and forms with it an angle of 90° degrees.

A line is perpendicular to a plane when it intersects two lines of the plane and forms with them angles of 90° degrees.

So a line is perpendicular to a hyperplane when it intersects three distinct non-coplanar lines of the hyperplane and forms with them angles of 90° degrees.

Theorem V. All the perpendiculars to a line at one point of it belong to a hydroplane. (Figure 17).





Refer the given line r to the three fundamental planes 1-2-3; 1-2-4; 1-2-5 and suppose that it intersects the side 1-2 at the point R.

Then r connected to each one of the three fundamental planes forms three distinct hyperplanes.

It follows that inside the hyperplane determined by r and the face 1-2-4 there exists only one line u of 1-2-4 perpendicular to r and so inside the hyperplane r; 1-2-5 only one line ω of 1-2-5 perpendicular to r and inside the hyperplane r; 1-2-3 only one line v of 1-2-3 perpendicular to r.

The three lines $u,\,v,\omega\,$ determine a hyperplane which is perpendicular to r according to the definition.

If we take a line r_1 parallel to r and through any point of it we draw lines correspondingly parallel to u, v, ω we get the generalization of the theorem.

This theorem can be reversed and then:

Theorem VI. Through a certain point of a hyperplane there is one and only one line perpendicular to it.

Definition I. Let α be a plane determined by means of two concurrent lines a and b (Figure 18).



Figure 18

Through P draw the hyperplane A perpendicular to a and the hyperplane B perpendicular to b. They must intersect along a plane $\alpha *$ passing through P. Because all the lines of $\alpha *$ are perpendicular to all the lines of α , the plane $\alpha *$ is defined as the absolutely perpendicular plane to α .

 α and α * do not belong to the same hyperplane.

Definition II. A hyperplane A is perpendicular to a plane α when it contains the plane α * absolutely perpendicular to α .

Each plane of A which pass through the line of intersection between α and A is perpendicular to α .

Theorem VII. Two perpendicular planes belonging to a same hyperplane and their absolutely perpendicular planes determine four concurrent noncoplanar lines perpendicular to one another.

Let α and β be two planes belonging to the hyperplane Φ (Figure 19). Inside it they are perpendicular to each other in the sense of the solid geometry.

Through any point R of the line r common to α and β draw the absolutely perpendicular planes $\alpha *$ and $\beta *$ of α and β . They must belong to the hyperplane Λ perpendicular to r at R, therefore, they intersect along a line r*. Through R draw the line a of α and the line b of β , both perpendicular to r. Because of this perpendicularity a belongs to $\beta *$ and b to $\alpha *$. It follows that α, β ,



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 $\alpha *, \beta *$ intersect along the four lines a, b, r, r* mutually perpendicular.

This theorem leads to the statement:

Through any point of the space of four dimensions pass four distinct non-coplanar lines perpendicular to one another.

Definition III. The angle between two planes α , β , not belonging to the same hyperplane, is the angle whose sides are the lines of intersection between α , β and a plane perpendicular to both of them (Figure 20).



Figure 20

Theorem VIII. Given two planes not belonging to the same hyperplane there are "two" planes simultaneously perpendicular to them. (Figure 21).

Let α and β be the given planes intersecting at the point 0 and r be any line of α not passing through 0. Each point of r connected to determine a hyperplane inside which only one perpendicular to β can be dropped from the given point.

This perpendicular and all the other ones dropped through the points of r determine a hyperplane that intersect β along a line s.

The same construction applied to the points of s and the perpendiculars to α through them leads to a line r_1 of α that does not coincide with r.

Relating the points A, B... of r to the points A_1 , B_1 of r_1 by means of a projectivity can be proved that there must be two segments such as RR_1 . Therefore there are two planes perpendicular to α and β .

For the sake of shortness, the proof of the projectivity is omitted.



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the most efficient and successful method of invention and design, -- thinking with a pencil. It is the same time-tested method used in the famous notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), who was a leading engineer as well as a great painter.

When the inventor's first sketch is examined, it usually reveals mistakes to be corrected, and it shows where to make improvements in the initial plan. Often a series of sketches may be needed to develop an idea, including functional sketches to show a principle of operation, flow sheets if successive steps in a process are involved, feasibility sketches to verify the validity of a method, and a layout sketch to check the relation of components, all of which are helpful in refining the idea to make sure that it will accomplish its purpose. Invention is frequently part of a design project or the goal of organized research. Then it may involve the joint efforts of several persons working together as a team in a deliberate search for better products or methods, and frequent communication among associates requires the constant use of graphs and sketches.

There is currently much concern about the proper teaching of design in our engineering colleges. It is said that design is the application of scientific principles to the synthesis of a system, which is a sophisticated approach. From an engineering point of view, design is the ingenious development of an original or existing project which is conceived, perfected, and defined for physical realization with the aid of graphics, technical knowledge, and good judgment based on experience. It requires originality, ingenuity, resourcefulness, and complete understanding of the entire design project. These essential capabilities cannot be taken for granted. Unless engineering students are properly prepared for the design function during their first two years in college, departmental design courses at the junior and senior level will not be successful. The updated engineering graphics course, which is design-oriented and enriched by new material from current technological developments, provides the most helpful introduction to engineering design.

After students have learned how to use graphics for communication and for problem solving, they welcome the opportunity to develop their creative talents which is afforded by simple open-end problems in conceptual design. The first requirements are complete understanding of the entire project and realization that several satisfactory designs are possible, due to the influence of such factors as materials used, methods of manufacture, cost, weight, and space limitations. The stimulating challenge to create something new and useful, to take the initiative on their own responsibility, to make the right decisions based on their limited experience and all the pertinent information they can find, and to work out independently a design to be proud of, gives students strong motivation for the diligent study of engineering.

Productive research now plays an important role in engineering education, and faculty members who are actively engaged in research projects give seminars describing their technological achievements. Unfortunately, when freshmen and sophomores attend research seminars in which they are interested, the sophisticated language employed is usually over their heads. However, the graphics instructor can arrange informal visits to research laboratories for small groups of students having special interests, and satisfactory explanations can then be given where the research is in progress. Here is a rich source of new material for conceptual design problems. These contacts also provide good opportunities for useful cooperation between research and graphics personnel, because graphics has many helpful applications in research.

One of the most useful tools in productive research is the visual interpretation of experimental data by means of graphs. When tests are conducted to determine the behavior or performance of variables under differing conditions, the resulting data are plotted and curves are drawn to show clearly the response, trends, and growth. Then these curves are used as the reliable basis for studies in depth to derive empirical equations which define the true relationship of the variables, whether it conforms to a standard pattern or not. The graphs also provide data for graphic analysis and for computation by nomographs, calculating charts, and graphical calculus.

Graphic analysis is the systematic visual investigation of physical relationships by means of graphs, vectors, diagrams, and geometric constructions, to interpret their true meaning and to solve problems involving them. Every engineering student should be given an adequate introduction to graphic analysis, including actual experience in using it to solve design problems within his grasp. This experience will help to develop graphic intuition, which is the ready ability to apply the graphic solution best suited to the task at hand. The ability to use graphics to advantage has been demonstrated by many engineers, designers, and

researchers who have benefited from graphic analysis, devised useful graphic solutions, and published articles in the technical journals explaining these solutions. The new reading guide, Graphic Solutions of Technical Problems, a bibliography with abstracts, which is now available in engineering college and public libraries, is an invitation to read technical literature describing graphic procedures in a wide range of useful applications. It illustrates by many examples that there are opportunities for graphics instructors to reach out into the unknown and apply their talents to the solution of challenging problems in new fields, such as laser optics and orbital transfer in space flight. This experience will enrich their graphics courses.

The versatility of graphics enhances the value of its contribution to engineering education. The expanding scope of useful applications of graphics in a wide spectrum from computers to jet propulsion accelerates the growth of visual thinking to keep pace with the development of new forms of graphic expression. We need a more comprehensive definition of graphics that mentions some of its important functions, including its aid to teaching and learning. Accordingly, engineering graphics is the expression of visual thinking by means of views, graphs, and diagrams for the purpose of communicating and interpreting technical knowledge; for use in design, analysis, and computation; and for enlightenment to make study meaningful.





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Dean Weidhaas has been an active member of the Engineering Graphics Division of ASEE since 1950 and served on the Board of Directors since 1961.

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REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee has prepared proposals to be submitted to the Awards Policy Committee, ASEE for two new awards. The awards are to be known as THE KREIDLER AWARD FOR GRAPH-ICS RESEARCH and THE FRANK OPPENHEIMER AWARD.

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By way of conclusion it might be said that there is every indication that more courses of this nature should be offered. These vocational classes should not, of course, be limited to drafting, but should branch out into such areas as welding, piping, automotive mechanics, and electronics. These courses should be as thorough as possible and should go as deeply into the subject as the students' ability will permit. These tasks will not be easy. With the constantly changing technology we are privileged to witness today, the vocational teacher will find it rather difficult to "dig out", assimilate, and teach subject matter which is new or foreign to him. The task, however, must be completed if the obligation of training mechanics, draftsmen, and technicians is to be fulfilled.





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