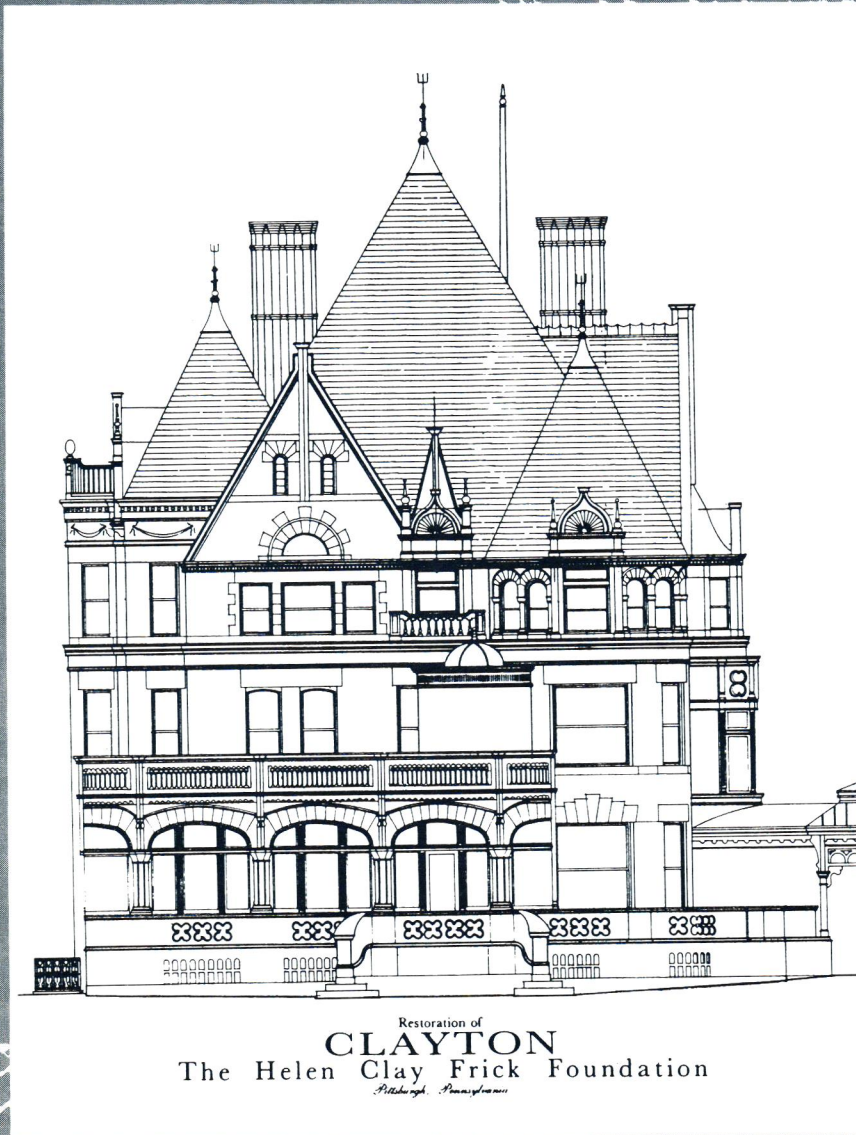
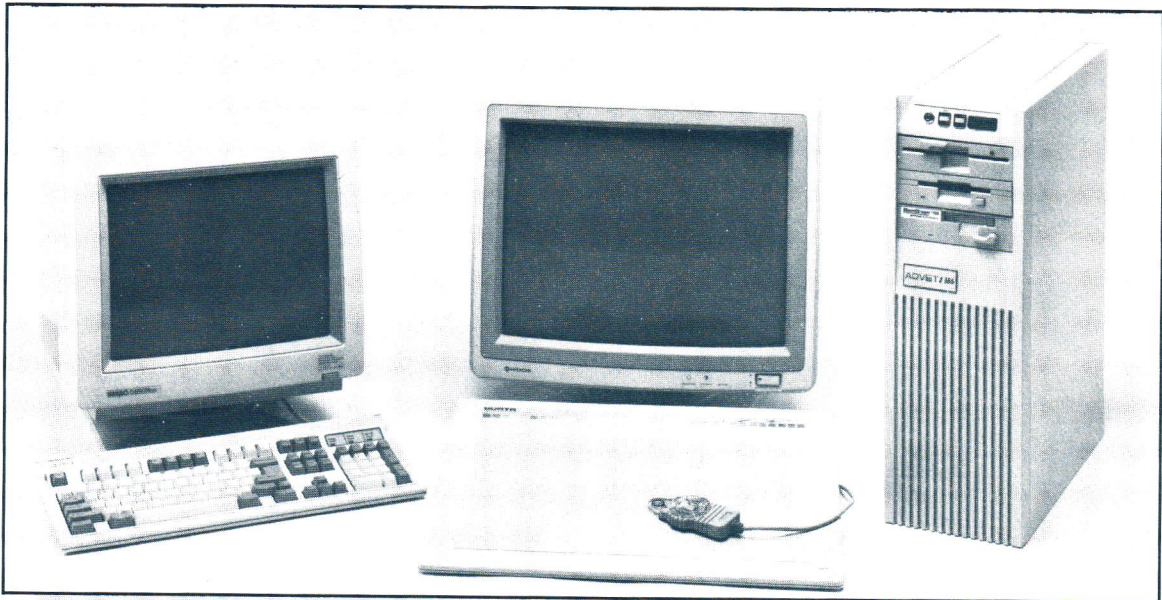


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Step into Victorian times with UDA Architects, project associate architects for a \$6 million restoration of Henry Clay Frick's Penn Ave. residence. This exterior drawing of Clayton by the Office Thierry Despont, project design architects, is an open-door invitation to a historic moment in time. The tour begins on page 6 with "Clayton Revisited."

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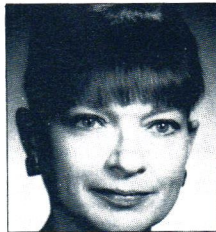
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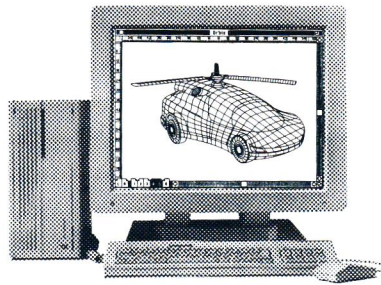


A broad brush approach to architectural history says that the common thread that bound Old World communities together was religion. The major edifice in European cities is the cathedral—situated at the center and on the highest ground. The New World built for a different commonality: democracy. Throughout the United States, the city halls, the county courthouses, the state capitols are visible for miles before one can see the rest of the city. The most impressive example of this planning is the U.S. Capitol. In 1812 Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The Capitol is the first temple dedicated to the sovereignty of the people, embellishing with Athenian taste the course of a nation looking far beyond the range of Athenian destinies."

Architects are licensed to insure the health, safety, and *welfare* of the people who use the buildings that they design. How disturbing, then, to see what has happened to the city in the last century with the accumulation of corporate skyscrapers and the flight of all but the richest and poorest residents. Is our profession to be remembered for the totems that rise from the ground to the gods USX, Shell, John Hancock, AT&T, etc.? What do we cherish and choose to honor? What is our responsibility to historic preservation, community involvement, affordable housing?

I was truly moved by the words of Vaclav Havel when he addressed the U.S. Congress while I was in Washington for the AIA Grassroots conference: "The salvation of this human world lies nowhere else than in the human heart, the human power to reflect, in human meekness, and in human responsibility ... We are still capable of understanding that the only genuine backbone of all our actions — if they are to be moral — is responsibility. Responsibility to something higher than my family, my country, my firm, my success." Δ

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