
Finding aid for Art Center (Europe) records

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Descriptive Summary

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Pasadena, California 91103

Abstract: Art Center (Europe) opened in the fall of 1986 with 39 students from 13 countries. It offered a preparatory program, a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication Design, and a Bachelor of Science in Product Design and Transportation Design. The school closed just before its tenth anniversary in March 1996. This collection consists of correspondence, administrative files, blueprints, and clippings that document Art Center (Europe)'s creation, operation, and closure.

Physical location: Art Center Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: EnglishFrenchGermanItalian

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Chronology : [Compiled from "History and Highlights" in Series 9 - Public Relations]

1981-1983 At the initiative of European industry and business, Art Center began researching the feasibility of establishing a European campus. The Château de Sully at La Tour-de-Peilz, Switzerland was selected as the future home of Art Center (Europe).

1984 Interim offices established in nearby Vevey, Switzerland.

1985 December David Brown appointed third President of Art Center.

1986 Senior Vice President of Art Center, Joseph R. Henry, appointed Director of Art Center (Europe). Initial ten-year lease signed on the Château de Sully. A Committee of Advisors established to advise on the educational program.

1986 October 6 Art Center (Europe) opened its doors to the first 39 students from 13 countries. Uwe Bahnsen, Vice President of design at Ford of Europe, is appointed Education Director.

1987 Completion of farm building with studios and workshop. The first Transportation Design workshop held at the Geneva International Motor Show and becomes an annual event. First scholarships awarded to three students from new Scholarship Fund.

1988 Publication of three brochures View, Involvement and Catalog aimed at promoting Art Center (Europe).

1989 Accreditation granted by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

1989 August 12 First graduation held with guest speaker Camillo Pagano, Executive Vice President of Nestle.

1990 Joseph R. Henry retires. Uwe Bahnsen appointed Director.

1991 New photography studio and Graphic Production laboratory opened.

1992 First Art Center (Europe) Alumni Reunion.

1994 Art Center (Europe) and Art Center joint Alumni Reunion held at the American Centre in Paris.

1995 Uwe Bahnsen retires. John Littlewood, former Advertising Department Chair at Art Center, appointed Director. An aggressive fundraising and recruitment campaign is put into operation.

1996 March Art Center and the Board of Trustees announce withdrawal of all fiscal support of Art Center (Europe), forcing the school to close its doors at the end of the spring term.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Art Center (Europe) collection documents campus administration and student activities throughout the school's ten year history. The bulk of the collection is correspondence and administrative files which document the creation, operation and closure of the school. The Administrative Files in Series 2 also contain files on establishing a European campus. Series 3 includes general information about Admissions, including the course catalogs. The remodeling and construction phase of the school is well documented in the Buildings/Facilities files in Series 5. The chronological files in Series 6 were created by Art Center (Europe) and include correspondence, reports, memos, and clippings regarding classes, students, and recruiting. Public Relations materials in Series 9 document Art Center (Europe)'s media presence through the clippings and media summaries. This collection is an amalgamation of materials created by staff and faculty at both Art Center and Art Center (Europe). The files from Art Center (Europe) were sent to Art Center after the closure of the school.

The collection has been arranged alphabetically into ten series. The earliest material consists of files on proposed campus sites in the Administrative files, but the bulk of the collection dates between 1986 and 1995. Oversized items, including the publications, are housed in Box 12.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Art Center College of Design (Pasadena, Calif.)

Art Center(Europe)

Chateau de Sully (La Tour-de-Peilz, Switzerland)

Bahnsen, Uwe 1934-

Brown, David R.

Henry, Joseph R.

Pepper, Virginia

Separated Material

Photographs removed to photograph archives.

Series 1: **Accreditation**

Box:Folder 1:1	Self-study Report to NASAD and WASC (copy 1) 1987
Box:Folder 1:2	Self-study Report to NASAD and WASC (copy 2) 1987
Box:Folder 1:3	Appendix to Self-study Report (copy 1) 1988
Box:Folder 1:4	Appendix to Self-study Report (copy 2) 1988
Box:Folder 1:5	Visitors Report 1988

Series 2: **Administrative Files**

Box:Folder 1:6	Board of Trustees 1991
Box:Folder 1:7	Budget 1987-1989

Box:Folder 1:8	Budget 1984
Box:Folder 1:9	Budget 1985
Box:Folder 1:10	Calendar 1993
Box:Folder 1:11	Campus Proposals - Switzerland 1982-1984
Box:Folder 2:1	Campus Proposals - Turin, Monaco, Antibes 1981-1983
Box:Folder 2:2	Committee of Advisors 1991-1993
Box:Folder 2:3	Committee of Executives 1991-1992
Box:Folder 2:4	Corporate Donors 1983
Box:Folder 2:5	European Campus Position Paper 1983
Box:Folder 2:6	European Campus - Proposal and Planning 1981-1982
Box:Folder 2:7	European Campus/Switzerland, Vol. 1 1978-1983
Box:Folder 2:8	European Campus/Switzerland, Vol. 2 1984
Box:Folder 2:9	European Campus/Switzerland, Vol. 2 1984
Box:Folder 2:10	European Campus/Switzerland, Vol. 3 1985-1988
Box:Folder 3:1	Faculty 1988-1995
Box:Folder 3:2	Finances 1984-1988
Box:Folder 3:3	Finances 1991-1992
Box:Folder 3:4	Founding Council Minutes 1987
Box:Folder 3:5	Founding Sponsors, "An Invitation to Participate" 1986
Box:Folder 3:6	Fundraising 1991
Box:Folder 3:7	Library 1990-1992
Box:Folder 3:8	Map undated
Box:Folder 3:9	Monthly Reports 1984-1985
Box:Folder 3:10	Open House 1986
Box:Folder 3:11	Opening 1986
Box:Folder 3:12	Organization Chart 1992
Box:Folder 3:13	Pasadena Advisory Committee 1987-1990
Box:Folder 3:14	Prometheus Workshop 1988
Box:Folder 3:15	Reports 1984-1987
Box:Folder 3:16	Reports 1988-1993
Box:Folder 4:1	Sponsored Projects 1991-1994
Box:Folder 4:2	Staff Meeting Minutes 1987-1988
Box:Folder 4:3	Student Lists and Photos 1995-1996
Box:Folder 4:4	Switzerland Visit 1982
Box:Folder 4:5	Syllabi undated

Series 3: **Admissions**

Box:Folder 4:6	Academic Programs Information 1987-1988
Box:Folder 4:7	Application Forms [Blank] undated
Box:Folder 4:8	Catalogs [Reference Copies] 1988-1996
Box:Folder 4:9	Catalogs 1988-1996
Box:Folder 4:10	Recruitment Brochures 1986-1996
Box:Folder 4:11	Recruitment Buttons undated
Box:Folder 5:1	Recruitment Folders circa 1986
Box:Folder 5:2	Recruitment Folders circa 1988-1996
Box:Folder 5:3	Recruitment Posters 1986-1990
Box:Folder 5:4	Recruitment Team Report 1991
Box:Folder 5:5	Student Handbook 1990

Series 4: **Alumni**

Box:Folder 5:6	Directories 1990-1996
Box:Folder 5:7	Reunions 1991-1994

Series 5: **Building / Facilities**

Box:Folder 5:8	Building History undated
Box:Folder 5:9	Gallery 1992
Box:Folder 5:10	Grand Council Session 1993
Box:Folder 5:11	Karl Steiner, Ltd. 1991

Box:Folder 5:12 **Lease on Chateau de Sully 1985**
Box:Folder 5:13 **Lighting Design Program 1985**
Box:Folder 5:14 **Plans and Specifications -- Chateau, Attic and Roof 1985**
Box:Folder 5:15 **Plans and Specifications -- Chateau, Cellar 1985-1990**
Box:Folder 6:1 **Plans and Specifications -- Chateau, Exterior and Grounds 1988**
Box:Folder 6:2 **Plans and Specifications -- Chateau, First Floor 1985-1990**
Box:Folder 6:3 **Plans and Specifications -- Chateau, Ground Floor 1985**
Box:Folder 6:4 **Plans and Specifications -- Chateau, Second Floor 1985-1990**
Box:Folder 6:5 **Plans and Specifications -- Farm House, Attic and Roof 1985**
Box:Folder 6:6 **Plans and Specifications -- Farm House, Cellar 1985-1990**
Box:Folder 6:7 **Plans and Specifications -- Farm House, Exterior and Grounds 1983**
Box:Folder 6:8 **Plans and Specifications -- Farm House, First Floor 1985**
Box:Folder 6:9 **Plans and Specifications -- Farm House, Ground Floor 1985-1988**
Box:Folder 6:10 **Plans and Specifications -- Floor Surfaces 1991-1994**
Box:Folder 6:11 **Plans and Specifications -- Furniture and Furnishings 1986**
Box:Folder 6:12 **Plans and Specifications -- Work Schedule 1986**

Series 6: **Correspondence**

Box:Folder 6:13 **Correspondence 1981-1983**
Box:Folder 6:14 **Correspondence 1984**
Box:Folder 6:15 **Correspondence 1985-1986**
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Box:Folder 6:17 **Correspondence January-May 1988**
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Box:Folder 7:1 **Correspondence 1989-1992**
Box:Folder 7:2 **Correspondence 1993-1996**
Box:Folder 7:3 **Chronological File August 1986**
Box:Folder 7:4 **Chronological File March 1987**
Box:Folder 7:5 **Chronological File April 1987**
Box:Folder 7:6 **Chronological File May 1987**
Box:Folder 7:7 **Chronological File June 1987**
Box:Folder 7:8 **Chronological File July 1987**
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Box:Folder 8:1 **Chronological File October 1987**
Box:Folder 8:2 **Chronological File November 1987**
Box:Folder 8:3 **Chronological File December 1987**
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Box:Folder 8:5 **Chronological File February 1988**
Box:Folder 8:6 **Cummings, Pat 1984-1985**
Box:Folder 8:7 **Henry, Joseph 1986-1987**
Box:Folder 8:8 **Telexes 1987**

Series 7: **Graduation**

Box:Folder 9:1 **First Graduation Commemorative Sketches 1989**
Box:Folder 9:2 **Grad Book 1990**
Box:Folder 9:3 **Grad Book 1991**
Box:Folder 9:4 **Graduation Students Exhibitions (Degree Shows) 1991-1995**
Box:Folder 9:5 **Invitations 1989-1995**
Box:Folder 9:6 **Pencils and Pins 1992**
Box:Folder 9:7 **Posters 1989-1992**
Box:Folder 9:8 **Programs 1989-1995**
Box:Folder 9:9 **Speeches 1989-1995**

Series 8: **Printed Materials**

Box:Folder 9:10 **Business Cards undated**
Box:Folder 9:11 **Design Associates Brochure 1996**

Box:Folder [Oversized - Removed to Box 12]	Diplomas [Blank] undated
Box:Folder 9:12	Exhibitions 1987-1995
Box:Folder 9:13	Fundraising Brochures circa 1995
Box:Folder 9:14	Holiday Cards 1988-1993
Box:Folder 9:15	Letterhead/Stationery undated
Box:Folder 9:16	Scholarship Competitions 1992-1995
Box:Folder 9:17	Special Events 1989-1996
Box:Folder 10:1	Workshop and Lecture Programs 1987-1996

Series 9: **Public Relations**

Box:Folder 10:2	Calendar of Events Posters 1990-1992
Box:Folder 10:3	Clippings 1981-1985
Box:Folder 10:4	Clippings 1986
Box:Folder 10:5	Clippings January - April 1987
Box:Folder 10:6	Clippings May - December 1987
Box:Folder 10:7	Clippings 1988
Box:Folder 10:8	Clippings 1990-1991
Box:Folder 10:9	Clippings 1993-1993
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Box:Folder 10:11	Clippings 1995-1996
Box:Folder 10:12	Clippings undated
Box:Folder 11:1	Graduates at Work 1991-1995
Box:Folder 11:2	"History and Highlights" 1987-1996
Box:Folder 11:3	Mailing List Update Cards [Blank] 1993
Box:Folder 11:4	Media Summaries January 1990 - June 1991
Box:Folder 11:5	Media Summaries January 1990 - August 1991
Box:Folder 11:6	Media Summaries January 1990 - December 1991
Box:Folder 11:7	Media Summaries January 1990 - February 1992
Box:Folder 11:8	Media Summaries January 1990 - March 1992
Box:Folder 11:9	Media Summaries January 1990 - May 1992
Box:Folder 11:10	Media Summaries January 1990 - August 1992
Box:Folder 11:11	Memos 1987
Box:Folder 11:12	Press Releases 1984-1987
Box:Folder 11:13	Press Releases 1987-1996
Box:Folder 11:14	Sponsors Lists 1991-1994
Box:Folder 11:15	View Book Project 1988

Series 10: **Publications**

Oversize	Art Center (Europe) in Pictures October 1988
Box:Folder 12:1	
Oversize	At Art Center (Europe) [Reference Copies] 1985-1993
Box:Folder 12:2	
Oversize	At Art Center (Europe) [17 issues] 1985-1993
Box:Folder 12:3	
Oversize	Inside Art Center (Europe) [Reference Copies] 1989-1991
Box:Folder 12:4	
Oversize	Inside Art Center (Europe) [6 issues] 1989-1991
Box:Folder 12:5	
Oversize	Inside Out 1995
Box:Folder 12:6	
Oversize	Review 1993-1995
Box:Folder 12:7	
Oversize	Diplomas [Blank] undated
Box:Folder 12:8	

Oversize
Box:Folder 12:9

Building Plans 1988