

shops, offices, and libraries. The role of the administrator, the physics staff, and the architect are discussed, and the special problems of high-school physics facilities are considered. The general emphasis is on teaching needs; teaching laboratories for the various stages of a physics course are dealt with in great detail, and a wide variety of floor plans and laboratory layouts are described and analyzed. The discussion of lecture room design is particularly interesting, and contains a number of excellent examples of recent practice. It is pleasant to note that at least some authorities now favor comfort in the lecture room. The almost unanimous opinion recorded in favor of departmental physics libraries also is worth noting.

The section on research laboratories is rather short. Here one would have welcomed a more detailed account and a somewhat more statistical approach to the problem of space requirements. However, the authors claim with some justice that any figures quoted would all too easily be chosen as "maximum" or "minimum" requirements by one group or another.

This is a very useful volume, and anyone involved in the design of a new laboratory is strongly advised to take a good look at this book.

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