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Educatorium

Netherlands

Type:
University of Utrecht

Date:
1997

Square footage:
45000 sq ft
- 1000st
cafeteria
- 800st
examination halls
- 650 st

Structure:
Steel and concrete

Parking:
1100 bicycle space

Concept:
A factory of learning

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Circulation
Circulation is organized around a cruciform of two corridors, which subdivide each plan into quadrants that function as the main connectors.

- Basement level - 1.8m bicycle parking
- Ground level +0.0m entrance hall and cafeteria
- First level +4.0m
- Second level +8.0m two auditoriums
- Third level +12.0m examination hall
Form
Two sheets to
and accommodat-
the programs.
One is soft, fun-
ed, active. One is
hard, rectangular,
passive. The two
pieces interlock
and use multi-
ple study spaces.

Program
Cafeteria - as a
study area and
venue for large
ceremonies.
Auditoriums
allow a variety
of candidate
based on the
individual school's
discipline. Examination
halls - sporting
with flexible floor
plan.
Structure
The lines of columns are denser to the south, disappear to the north into the landscape behind. Random columns generate "boxes" within a larger room.

Special Organization
The programs are divided into quadrants by the circulation system. Users are free to "drift" using nodal strip exits or shortcuts from space to space.
Special elements:
In contrast with the mundane program, the existing piece has generated special situations such as different shapes of auditoriums, a spherical control room, and a cafeteria with a sloped roof.