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SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH FACILITIES RESEARCH

The Fifth Annual Conference sponsored by the Chapter's Hospitals & Health Committee was held Oct. 22-23 at NYU Medical Center's Alumni Hall. Approximately 150 attended. Thomas J. Kupper, Conference Chairman, made a plea for a reasoned, comprehensive approach to health facilities research based upon need, sponsorship (the imminence of a national health insurance program), funding, performance, evaluation, and dissemination. David Ginsberg, H&H Committee Vice-Chairman, urged professionals to combine their resources—the economic waste of rediscovery can no longer be tolerated.

Speakers explored new directions in program and facilities planning here and abroad. Dr. Albert W. Snoke, Coordinator of Health Service for Ill., said a national health insurance program would emphasize the continuum of care rather than crisis-oriented facilities, comprehensive and community-wide health programs, and the importance of program rather than facilities. John Boehringer, an industrial designer, pointed out that health facilities must use labor-saving devices to improve productivity so that hospitals can compete for funds on the capital market. Jan-Erik Lundeberg, Swedish architect, described Sweden's mathematical model, using the computer, to project the need for health facilities to year 2030. Robert Radford, ARIBA, Assistant Chief Arch., Dept. of Health & Social Security in London, discussed the potential of CUBITH, a computer-aided system for constructing flexible, predesigned health facilities. An interdisciplinary team from Johns Hopkins talked of health facilities planning for Columbia, Md., a new town for 50,000; and Dr. J.J.A. Reid of the Buckinghamshire County Council spoke of the comprehensive health care system for Milton Keynes, a new British city of 250,000. George J. Mann, Dir. of Research of Texas A&M School of Arch., talked about graduate team projects in health and mental retardation. Architects Robert H. Chapman & Robert Hyde Jacobs discussed their solution to the changing needs of the McMasters Univ. Med School in Hamilton, Ont., a 600' x 600' megastructure with long structural spans, interstitial spaces for horizontal mechanical distribution, and 21' main vertical clusters of mechanical and structural supports.

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Photo by: Lance Rubin
Marilyn Milkulsky, Giorgio Cavaglieri, and Roger Spross enjoy a light moment at the CUNY Graduate Center.

OVER 600 ATTEND WAA BENEFIT

Mrs. Saul Edelbaum, Chairwoman of the Women's Architectural Auxiliary Scholarship Committee reports that the tour of the City University Graduate Center on Nov. 18th was a great success. As a result the WAA Scholarship Fund "was greatly swelled".

Dean J. Marilyn Mikulsky, CUNY Coordinator for Campus Planning and Design was presented with the WAA Award of Honor for her "outstanding contribution to the enhancement of the urban environment".

SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH DPW SET

A special Chapter committee consisting of Leon Brand, Harvey Clarkson, and William A. Hall met with DPW Deputy Commissioner John Hornsey, Director of Building Design Joseph Hautman and Director of Construction Nathan Rutkin on Nov. 17th. The meeting was requested by Commissioner Maevis to provide a means for discussion and communications between the DPW and architects doing projects for it with a view to improving relations and procedures. Specific areas that will be reviewed at future meetings include: The DPW A/E Guide, realistic budgets, Building Department procedures, plan and specification review, responsibility, coordination and programming. Fees will be discussed with the Fees and Contracts and Public Agencies Committees.

Meetings will be held monthly. The next is scheduled for Dec. 16th at Chapter headquarters.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS: NOV. 4, 1970

- Approved the budget for fiscal year Oct. 1, 1970 to Sept. 30, 1971, including committee budgets.
- Authorized the Chapter's General Fund to receive funds for the ultimate benefits of The Architects' Technical Assistance Center (TATAC) pending its incorporation.
- Authorized the Office Practice Committee to recommend members to form a special Task Force on Professional Liability Insurance which would report directly to the Executive Committee.

**CHAPTER COMMITTEE AIDS
PREPARATION OF TV PROGRAMS**

The NYCAIA Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education will act as consultant for part of a series of teacher training programs on television. The series, entitled "Man and his Environment" will be shown early in 1971.

Alan Schwartzman, Chairman, and John C.B. Moore represented the Committee at a meeting earlier in the year with the New York City Board of Education's Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Education. At that time, they helped establish the format for 14 one half hour TV programs which will be shown as part of the regular teacher training seminar on Channel 25. The Committee will act as consultant on three programs which deal with "man-built environment," and it is anticipated that the three programs will have been taped before the end of December.

Schwartzman's Committee will be given copies of the tapes in order to review their content for establishment of similar programs for teacher, student and public education. The Chapter will also be given the opportunity to contribute to the training manual which will be used by the teachers.

The three programs on which the N.Y.C. Chapter will act as consultant are entitled: THE THINGS WE SEE AND HEAR (Awareness of the Man-made Environment), THE COMMUNITIES WE LIVE IN (How cities function; what the individual can do to help improve his community), THE WAY WE PLAY (Planning for leisure; parks and recreation facilities).

HEALTH CONFERENCE (Cont. from page 1)

Joseph B. Mann, Exec. Dir. of Cumberland Hospital in Brooklyn, talked about advocacy in health. The professional advocate planner advises the consumers (the community of users) of available program and facilities; the consumers, incorporated into the political process, guide the development of their own hospital by setting policy & priorities and allocating funds. Hermann H. Field, AIA, AIP, Dir. of Long-Range Planning for Tufts-New England Med Center, told of an interdisciplinary study for evaluating in-patient environment, a program for housing inner city residents with health-related handicaps, and community participation on a multi-use urban core—a condominium of recreation, housing, school, facilities for the handicapped, school and family health clinic—as a total community activity center.

Nowhere today, many speakers pointed out, does one central body exist to coordinate and act as an information bank to aid the many researchers. At the conference closing, Howard Juster reported on the progress being made in the establishment of a Health Facilities Laboratory, an independent agency to be financed at least initially by foundation grants. It will be dedicated to a continuing program to improve the quality and efficiency of health facilities through, in part, promotion of basic and applied research for innovative and experimental approaches to facility planning and design, publication and dissemination of studies on significant developments, by encouraging manufacture of pertinent products and assemblies not now available. The HFL, inspired by the Educational Facilities Laboratory and created four years ago, has gained the support of complementary organizations and reached national AIA Task Force status a year ago, obtaining initial funds from EFL and retaining consultants. A first report is being developed.

The Proceedings of the Conference, prepared by Herbert Bienstock, with help from Kupper, are available at the Chapter in digest form.

OCULUS RECEIVES AWARD

An "Award of Merit" was presented to OCULUS by the AIA 1970 Component Editors' Publications Competition Jury. The awards were announced at AIA headquarters in Washington Nov. 16th at the Components' Conference.

ENVIRONMENT SYMPOSIUM: DEC. 16th

A symposium entitled "Long Island Sound: A Test Case for Environment" will be presented on Dec. 16th at 7:30 at the Chapter headquarters by the Natural Environment Committee chaired by John Grifalconi.

Two speakers, Albert C. Jensen, the Assistant Director of the Division of Marine and Coastal Resources of the N.Y. State Environmental Conservation Department and Howard Pastor, Special Assistant for Environmental Matters to Congressman Lester Wolfe will discuss the situation in the Long Island Sound area.

URBAN PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW MASTER PLAN

The Chapter's review and recommendations on New York City's Master Plan will be made by the Commission on Urban Planning, James Rossant, Chairman. The Urban Design Committee, chaired by Walter Rutes, will coordinate gathering of information from the Urban Planning Committees which also includes Historical Buildings, Housing, Parks & Recreation, and Traffic & Transportation.

An Urban Design Policy sub-committee, headed by John Burgee, will do most of the groundwork. Borough volumes were assigned to the following members: Bronx—M. Milton Glass and Charles Platt; Brooklyn—Ronald Kolbe and Samuel Ratensky; Queens—Herbert Shalat; Staten Island—Walter Rooney and Rolf Ohlhausen; Manhattan—all members of the sub-committee.

The main emphasis of the study will be on Manhattan. There will be coordination with borough chapters in the review of the whole plan. Representatives of the Commission intend to meet with Donald H. Elliott, Chairman of the New York City Planning Commission. The final result will be a white paper to be presented as the Chapter's statement on the Plan.

LEARNING ABOUT MASTERSPEC

MASTERSPEC is an automated master specifications system developed by Production Systems for Architects and Engineers, Inc. (PSAE), a separate non-profit corporation established by The American Institute of Architects in April, 1969. Frederick G. Frost, Jr., FAIA, the Chapter's First Vice President, is a member of an Institute Masterspec Task Force, representing the New York State region. According to Mr. Frost there will be a series of meetings after the first of the year conducted by the Technology Committee to tell interested members what it's all about. At present 60 firms in the State subscribe to the system. The Task Force goal is to increase subscriptions to a level of 800 firms by Feb. 1, 1971.

COMMITTEE BUDGETS

The Executive Committee on November 4 approved the budget for the Chapter's General Fund, and this included budgets for committees. Committee chairmen have been given an opportunity to submit budget requests, and most responded. The majority of these requests were approved, and in cases where an amount was allocated which was less than requested, (usually because the request was not very specific), there were funds held in reserve which may be allocated by the Executive Committee later this year. A number of committees were assigned budgets even though their chairmen had not submitted requests.

The purpose of this new procedure is to enable committees to make use of funds, as far as possible, without having to come to the Executive Committee each time an amount was needed.

HOUSING COMMITTEE WORK UNDERWAY

Seymour Jarmul, Chairman of the Housing Committee, reports that this year's activities will be concentrated in four areas, each represented by a sub-committee. Jonas Vizbaras, a planner for the Bronx Model Cities project, will head a sub-committee to study "Turnkey" housing, with emphasis on changes which might strengthen architects' participation. Charles Vogelstein is chairman of a sub-committee on Housing Practice; its goal is to provide back-up information about housing for the Chapter's Committees on Public Agencies and Fees and Contracts.

Another sub-committee on Design and Environment chaired by Nathan Maltz will review the New York City Master Plan's effect on housing, and also study various housing agency policies. A fourth sub-committee for Political and Social Affairs will be involved in communications with housing agencies, community action programs, and plans to meet with union leaders to discuss the systems approach to housing. It also hopes to put the weight of the Chapter and the Institute into action to implement production of Housing. Its chairman is Ronald Kolbe.

FALL MEETING

The Chapter's Annual Fall Meeting was attended by 172 members, wives and guests at the New York Shakespeare Festival Public Theatre.

Work on the Landmark is still in progress. The large south hall, Martinson Hall and the main lobby will be restored as funds become available. Tours of the completed portions of the building including the Anspacher and Newman Theatres were conducted by members of Giorgio Cavaglieri's staff. Cavaglieri is the architect for the rehabilitation.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AWARDS

The Equal Opportunities Awards Program, one of the Chapter's two minority scholarship programs (the other is the NYCAIA-ARCH Scholarship Program), will dispense approximately \$12,000 to minority students in architectural schools this academic year. Bonnell Irvine, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, has announced that the following students are receiving financial support.

City College: Mark G. Barksdale, Alvin I. Ducre, John Morales, Steven Bell, James Corley, Jr., Jean A. Multidor, Lee Harris, Floyd A. Graham, Carole A. Margetson, Wesley E. Williams.

Columbia: Jose M. Coriano, Robert M. Henry, Rolando M. J. Laveist, Stanford R. Britt, Sharon Howell, David J. Kirkwood, Lloyd A. deSuze, James A. Strawder, Jr., Francis L. Turner.

Pratt Institute: Bark-Chom Lau, David H. Lee, Clarence D. Perkins, Albert H. Massop, Archibald F. Johnson, Neville D. Reynolds, Delia A. Blanco, Errol E. Crawford, Wendell T. Smith.

Cooper Union: Latif Abdumalik

University of Cincinnati: Miss Soo Sung Wong

POWER AND POLLUTION PROBLEM ATTACKED

Natural Environment Committee members have taken action on several fronts in the battle for cleaner air. Following earlier chapter stands on the need for environmental planning and public investigation into the hazards of atomic conventional power plants, the Committee has formed a task force on Power & Pollution Alternatives headed by Franklin Alexander. Architects and their consultants are invited to participate in this work in which both a report and an open meeting are planned in the near future. Methods of reducing waste and consumption of electricity will be among the subjects considered in this effort.

On November 18 at a City Council hearing, Committee Chairman John Grifalconi submitted the Chapter's position on environmental planning and power plants. Herbert Lippman also represented the Committee at this and previous hearings. Testimony on other pollution problems were presented at earlier public hearings on the subjects of pesticides and asbestos hazards.

SKETCHES

A/E Conference Scheduled: Officials of many Federal Agencies will meet in New Orleans on January 7-8 with members of the A.I.A., C.E.C. and N.S.P.E. They will examine current government contracting practices for A/E services as well as new agencies and programs in the environmental field. Information is available by contacting A/E Federal Programs Conference, Suite 713, 1155 15th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005.

Chapter Members Honored: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development presented Honor Awards for superior design to: Edelman and Salzman, for the 9-G Cooperative in New York; Conklin and Rossant for Two Charles Center in Baltimore; and to Richard Meier for Westbeth Artists Housing in New York. The Westbeth Housing also received an award of merit in the awards program for non-profit sponsored low and moderate income housing sponsored by the A.I.A., the National Center for Low and Moderate Income Housing, the National Urban Coalition and the U.D.D.C.

Funnye Children Fund Established: Chairman George Raymond has announced the the Department of City and Regional Planning, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, has volunteered to receive contributions to an education fund established for Clarence Funnye's children. Funnye an architect and planner was killed in a plane crash August 3rd, he was 38. Checks may be made payable to "The Funnye Children Fund".

White House Appointment: Joseph Douglas Weiss has been appointed by Elliott Richardson, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to serve on the Technical Committee on Housing for the 1971 White House Conference on Aging for a term beginning immediately, and ending May 31, 1972.

WAA MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

Since its founding in 1958 by five architects' wives the WAA membership has steadily increased. Membership is open to wives and distaff relatives of NYCAIA members and to other women similarly dedicated to WAA objectives. The 1970-71 roster to be published this month lists 213 names including these newest members: Mmes. Lowell Brody, Fred Ginsbern, Lester Glass, Henry Horowitz, Stephen Miller, Peter Ogden, Carl Petrilli, Der Scutt, Paul Silver, Ian Smith, and Miss Barbra Snepp.

A special holiday treat for the children of WAA members has been planned for Dec. 29th, "Calder Circus" a film fantasy created by Alexander Calder around a miniature circus he has constructed of steel wire. The film will be shown continuously between 1 and 3 at the Chapter Headquarters. Refreshments will also be served according to Mrs. Theodore Musho and Mrs. Lee Pomeroy Co-chairwomen for the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Sat. Dec. 5**—Hospitals & Health Field Trip
- **Tues. Dec. 8**—Hospitals & Health Discussion Meeting at Chapter Headquarters 5:15 P.M.
- **Tues. Dec. 15**—Technology Lecture at Chapter Headquarters 5:15 P.M.
- **Tues. Dec. 29**—WAA Children's Film "Calder Circus" at Chapter Headquarters 1 P.M.
- **Fri. Jan. 15**—Meeting to Nominate the Committee on Nominations at IIE, 809 United Nations Plaza 12 noon.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Information received by the Secretary of NYCAIA regarding the qualifications of candidates for membership will be considered confidential

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