Investment Tax Credits Threatened

In the Chicago Metropolitan area, over $300 million of historic renovation has been proved by the State Historic Preservation Office since the act of 1981 was passed. It is estimated that another 00 million of non-historic hab has been initiated using tax credits contained in '81 tax act. Without these incentives, a great number of these projects would not exist. The revival of many architectural firms did and does depend on these incentives. More importantly, the revitalization of our city through reuse of existing building stock is begun. As the public observes actual projects, there is a growing awareness of the benefits of maintaining the bric of the city through renovation.

Unfortunately, members of ingress lack information as to how important these incentives are. Witness the successful attack launched by Illinois Senator Dixon and Minnesota Senator Boschwitz when they added a "real estate" amendment at 3 a.m. on Friday the 13th (of April) to HR 2063. This amendment, which has passed the Senate but not the House, makes the following changes:

- The ACRS depreciation schedule is extended from 15 to 20 years with a roll-back to 18 years over a 3-year period.
- Rehab tax credits are reduced to 10 and 15 percent on 15 and 40-year old buildings, which is a reduction of one-third and one-quarter respectively.
- Although the tax credit for historic renovation remains at 25%, the law would subtract 100% of the credit from the basis.
- It is ironic and telling that the sponsors of this amendment are both from northern industrial states where the tax incentives have done so much for construction, employment, and the tax base.
- Illinois Congressman Rosestenkowski is 100% in favor of saving the existing incentives and will probably be able to kill this particular piece of legislation; however, it is obvious that this is only the beginning.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? You can be an important arm to a lobbying group called "Preservation Action" and to The National Trust for Historic Preservation, by providing specific financial data on tax credit projects. The Trust has initiated a Campaign to Save the Investment Tax Credits, and is preparing information necessary to inform the Congress about the benefits of the investment tax credits (the ITC). One of the major components of this effort is an analysis of the impact of alternative tax policies on the internal rate of return on tax credit projects of various types and sizes. To determine how different types of projects and investors will be affected by proposed changes in the tax law, information is needed on projects of every type and size that use any of the investment tax credits (15%, 20%, or 25%). The projects may be

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President's Message

The Chicago Chapter and You

The American jurist, Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "I find that the greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving." In looking over the first six months, your Board of Directors believes it is accomplishing the goals set in January: first, to educate our members, and, second, to enrich the cultural and environmental vitality of the communities we serve. Following is a brief recap of your Chapter's activities for the first six months. There have been:

- 63 meetings and programs of various Chapter committees;
- 29 Chapter programs;
- 5 juries for awards programs;
- 5 programs for allied arts and affiliated groups;
- 2 major conferences ("Electronic Office," and "Architect as Developer);
- 2 position papers (World's Fair and 63rd Street);
- 1 design charrette on 63rd Street;
- the establishment of the Neighborhood Planning Task Force with the City of Chicago Department of Planning;
- the establishment of an Advisory Council to assist the younger architects of our profession.

These activities have involved the volunteer assistance of over 310 members of our Chapter. Without their help, these activities would not have been accomplished.

The strength and value of the AIA is in the Chapter. We can all complain about the National AIA, but there is little, if anything, we can do. There is, however, something you can do at the Chapter level. We realize that 310 of our members have assisted us in planning these programs, but we need your volunteer efforts to maintain the momentum and direction of the Chapter. Over the next six months we are focusing on the following major activities, in addition to the committee programs:

Participation with Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. in recognition of Chicago architecture. We will be assisting Carson's in helping promote the work of the Chicago Architecture Foundation, the Department of Architecture at the Art Institute, and the Chicago Historical Society's architectural department;

- A conference in November on "Marketing of Architectural Services;"
- A workshop over four weeks in October on "How the Architect can use Personal Computers," with hands-on demonstrations - open to AIA members and students;
- An awards ceremony at The Art Institute in September and the national opening of the exhibit, "Honor and Intimacy, the Drawings of the AIA Gold Medalists;"
- The writing of two more AIA position papers to be issued in October and November.

- We need your assistance and constructive criticism. The Board of Directors is committed to serving you.

New Bylaws Drawn

In order to assist the future Board of Directors, your current Board has undertaken the task of completely rewriting the Chapter's bylaws. These bylaws have been approved by the National AIA; the voting on the new bylaws will occur at the December Annual Meeting. The substantial changes in the bylaws are noted below.

- The Annual Meeting will occur in May of each year.
- The term for officers will be from June 1 to May 31.
- The fiscal year for financial reporting will be on a calendar year.
- The Nominating Committee will be comprised of nine members, five of which must be non-board members.
- Nominations must be reported to the members by April 1 of each year.
- The Board at the September meeting must adopt an annual budget for the succeeding year, and dues levels must be determined at that time for the succeeding year.
- Dues are payable on or before December 31 of each year.

These bylaws, if approved at the Annual Meeting in December, will become effective January 1, 1985.

Thomas J. Eyerman, FAIA

I'm Glad You Asked!

In the May FOCUS, our President, Tom Eyerman, asked, "What do you as a member receive for $85 paid to the Illinois Council?" Although I plan to publish a budget summary in our forthcoming Illinois Council newsletter, I feel a summary of the domain object, history, and current status of the Illinois Council is appropriate.

Unlike a local chapter, the Illinois Council, AIA represents and acts for all the chapters in the State, as well as for The Institute, on statewide matters. The range and
Tent of services provided by the Illinois Council vary, but basically the Council promotes the profession of architecture and influences the direction of change in the environment. Through its legislative program, the Council has been influential in protecting legislation that effects the architectural profession and the public good.

Amendments to the Statute Limitations Act were a direct result of Illinois Council sponsorship under the guidance of Executive Director Shirley Norvell. Our modest budget, in comparison to state chapters of similar size, is used primarily to: monitor legislation that would affect the Architectural Act; review the Illinois Register for proposed changes in state agency rules and regulations affecting the general public, to determine if there is a detrimental impact on the profession; and, to negotiate, communicate, and act as a clearinghouse for state government activities relating to the profession of architecture, as well as the many agencies formulating rules and regulations.

In addition, the Illinois Council, AIA, in conjunction with allied state organizations, is overseeing the rewriting of the Architecture Act. This coordination and input will assure a smooth passage of the Act in next year's Legislature. The Accessibility Standards, currently nearing completion, are being rewritten in conjunction with numerous allied professionals, municipalities, and agencies to insure that our professional interests will, this time, be a part of the standards.

With a two-member staff office, the Illinois Council, AIA continues to develop policies for legislation that will serve the State's architects most effectively.

Richard Cook, AIA
President
Illinois Council, AIA

Too Great to be Forgotten

Presented with a Bronze Medal in the 10th Annual Excellence in Masonry Awards was Chicago Chapter member Jay Leavitt, whose firm, Leavitt, Matheson & Lenet, Ltd., was cited for their addition to the Elmhurst National Bank. The detailed stone work of the existing 1926 main building was sensitively and faithfully reproduced.

The judges noted, "This is a dignified choice that doesn't have to 'proclaim.'" It states that a quiet option for quality can and should be made. One senses the energy that was there to make the handsome, asymmetrical facade work.

The FOCUS editor apologizes for the omission of this project in the June issue article on the Awards. As a Bronze Medal winner, this project should have occupied front page photo space.

Tax Credits

Completed, underway or in the planning stage. The form has been designed so that most information should be available from existing project pro-formas. All the information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. You do not need to directly identify the project; all reports will discuss the data only in aggregate form.

This information will strengthen The Trust's ability to immediately respond to direct threats to the investment tax credit on Capitol Hill. Copies of the forms may be obtained from the Chapter office. Further guidance may be obtained from Margaret Drury, Director of Research at the Trust, by calling 202/673-4254.

Additional strength can be gained by writing to members of congress. Information for taking action against the amendment is available at the Chapter office.

Our members can be an important force in saving the tax incentives.

Paul Hansen, AIA
1984 Interior Architecture Awards

HONOR AWARD
Project: Painted Apartment
Architect: KRUECK & OLSEN ARCHITECTS
Jury Comments: Original...creative...nice, but cold...absolutely consistent...workmanship is exquisite...gave the client what was requested: "living in a painting instead of hanging them on the walls."

Project: Ponderosa
Architect: ISD INCORPORATED
Jury Comments: High marks for neatness and order...well detailed.

Project: Jordano Residence
Architect: PAPPAGEORGE HAYMES LTD
Jury Comments: Photographer’s home...sensitive to owners work.
Project: Willaim A. Robinson, Inc.
Architect: MURPHY/JAHN
Jury Comments: Orderly...elegant moldings...very attractive

Project: Architects Offices
Architect: MURPHY/JAHN
Jury Comments: Very subtle...lighting works well... red line effective as accent and unifier of elements.

Project: 420 North Wabash
Architect: PAPPAGEORGE HAYMES LTD
Jury Comments: Sleek, sleek, sleek...wall sconces well placed.

Project: Chicago Bar Association
Architect: POWELL/KLEINSCHMIDT
Jury Comments: Clean details...sconces positioned consistent with design...overall consistency.
Interior Architecture Awards

Project: Polo/Ralph Lauren Store
Architect: HIMMEL/BONNER ARCHITECTS & LAWRENCE BERKLEY AND ASSOC.
Jury Comments: Departmentalization and finishes very conducive to Ralph Lauren style of merchandising... orderly.

Project: The Reader Newspaper
Architect: PAPPAGEORGE HAYMES LTD
Jury Comments: Plans well ordered... nice juxtaposition of new and old.

Project: Scott Apartment
Architect: Hammond Beeby Babka
Jury Comments: Well executed Meisian approach... tasteful.
**Chapter Programs**

**Firm Profiles**

The Young Architects Committee will sponsor a series of "Firm Profiles," providing young architects an exposure to the organization and operation of a variety of firms through tours and presentations led by representatives of each of the offices, participants will become acquainted with the history, organization, and operation of each firm, giving insight to career options. Each program will last approximately one to one and one-half hours.

Reservations must be placed three days in advance of the session you wish to attend. You may phone your reservation to the Chapter office.

**FIRM PROFILES SCHEDULE:**

- **July 10, 5:30 p.m.**
  - Hasbrouck/Hunderman Architects, 11 S. Dearborn, 2nd floor reception area. Session will be a presentation of a historic restoration and rehab firm; speakers, Wilbert Hasbrouck and Barry Hunderman. Reservations limited to 25; R.S.V.P. by July 6.

- **July 20, 12 p.m.**
  - U.S. Bank, 1 North LaSalle, 17th floor, Suite 473. This session will cover the architecture and construction unit of the bank; speakers, Will Tauber. Limited to 50. R.S.V.P. by July 18.

- **July 24, 5:30 p.m.**

- **August 7, 5:30 p.m.**
  - Kidmore, Owings & Merrill, 3 W. Monroe, 4th floor reception area. Profile on a large, architectural and engineering firm with full scope of services. Speakers: Diane Agge Lohan, Robert Wesley, Dick Weingarten, & Gail Johnson. R.S.V.P. by August 3.

Each of the sessions is free.

**Appreciating our P.A.'s**

On July 11 at 5:30 p.m., the office of Norman DeHaan Associates will be the location for a program coordinated especially for the Chapter's Professional Affiliate Members. An essential component of the Chicago Chapter, this diverse group of professionals will have an opportunity to meet each other, enjoy refreshments, and participate in a special welcome to those who entered the 1984 Neocon Product Display Competition sponsored by Interior's magazine.

This special event is free to Chapter members, potential Professional Affiliates, and Product Display Competition participants. Let us know you can join us by phoning the Chapter office, 663-4111, by Monday, July 9.

**Development Project Detailed**

As a result of the tremendous positive response to "The Architect/Designer as Developer" seminar held in March, the Real Estate Committee will sponsor a detailed study of the Abbey Lane Estates project on Thursday, July 12 at 5:30 p.m. The suburban townhouse development was discussed at the seminar by Kerry Levin, who will, for this program, examine the project in depth.

Attendance for the program, which will be held in the Chapter Board Room, is limited to 35. Please contact the Chapter office by July 11.

**"Work in Progress"**

On Friday evening July 20, from 6-9 p.m. the Chapter will offer its members and their guests a unique opportunity to view some of the original structure of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio exposed for the current major restoration now underway. The project's architects will be present to give accounts of the historical detective work and building restoration techniques employed in the process to bring the building to its appearance in 1909, the last year that Frank Lloyd Wright lived and worked in his Oak Park home and studio.

Following tours of the home and studio, hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served on the

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Chicago at Harvard Reviewed

Over the past three years, seven Chicago architects received an invitation from Harry Cobb, chairman of the Department of Architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, to teach at Harvard in a successful series of design studios. Now, Chicagoans have an opportunity to view the results of these studios in an exhibit at The Rhoda Hoffman Gallery, 215 W. Superior.

The exhibition, containing student design projects from the studios of Tom Beeby, Larry Booth, Stuart Cohen, Myron Goldsmith with Masami Takeyama, Helmut Jahn, Ronald Krueck, and Stanley Tigerman, is an exciting example of the new dimension the presence of these Chicago architects added to the G.S.D. The work ranges from the skyscrapers of the Goldsmith/ Takeyama studio to a museum inspired by the art it contains from the Krueck studio.

The show, curated by Professor Cobb, founding partner of the firm I. M. Pei & Partners, continues through July. For further information please contact the gallery 951-8828.

Recreating Reality
Architecture in Cinema

The Film Center at the School of The Art Institute will offer a lecture and film series tracing the history and development of the use of architecture in cinema. Noted film scholar William K. Everson will open the series on June 7. Other speakers to be featured include Vladimir K. Petric, Carlos Clarens, and Dudley Andrew. The series was proposed by Diane Legge Lohan, AIA and Richard Pena, Director of The Film Center, and is made possible through a grant from the Graham Foundation.

Admission to the screenings, which run through July is $3, $2 for members of The Film Center.

- July 12, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
  "Le Jour Se Leve (a/k/a "Daybreak), 1939, Marcel Carne, 90 min.
- July 19, 5:30 p.m.
  Poetry and realism in French Set Design - lecture and film clips with Professor Dudley Andrew, University of Iowa at 7 p.m.
- July 26, 5:30 and 7:45 p.m.
  "Blade Runner, 1982, Ridley Scott, USA, 114 min.
- August 2, 5:30 p.m.
  New World for Old: Art Direction in the Science Fiction Film - lecture and film clip with film critic/author Carl Clarens at 7:30 p.m.

The theatre entrance is on Columbus Drive at Jackson Blvd. For program information, call 443-3733.

EARLY FOCUS DEADLINE
FOR
AUGUST ISSUE
MONDAY, JULY 2
New Members
AIA

GEORGE CARLISLE, JOHN W. LARK, DAVID COATES, JAN CZARIECKI, RATINDRA DAS, MARY BUSTER, ERIC ERIKSSON, OCELYN LUM FREDERICK, JAMES LAW. JOHN R. MARTIN, ROBERT LSON, TIMOTHY O'MALLEY, DWARD RAAP, ROY RUDENSTINE, ANA STEPHEN SCHAFFER, CRAIG SMITH, MICHAEL STREIG, ILLIAM STYCZINSKI, MASAMI AKAYAMA, GARY WENDT, BARRY ATT, GARY ZWAYER.

Associate

LEIGH BRESLAU, BARBARA FALCNER, FRANK FRANCIOLI, ROBERT EDDIS, MARGARET GILBERT, THOMAS HUTCHINSON, RON IULIANO, ATHANIEL KAISER, ANTHONY KAOLYI, EMILIO MINISCALCO, MARK UERT, KATHY OLSER, STEVEN D. AGE, TERENCE RUSSELL.

Professional Affiliate

WESLEY COATES, RICHARD COBB, DANDAL NOWOTNY, SUSAN O'CONNOR, ENELOPE PAFKS.

Student Affiliate

DANIAL ORSAN

Congratulations to GARO HOLAMIAN who has received his license to practice architecture and has been upgraded to IA membership.

Chapter Programs

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ront lawn of the 1889 origi-
il home, Wright's very first house design, which was for himself and his bride.

The cost for this extraordinary evening is $12 for AIA, I, and SAA members and accompanying guests; $25 to non-members. Reservations and payment must be received at the Chapter office by July 18. Checks must be made payable to the Chicago Chapter, AIA Foundation.

SELECTING COST-EFFECTIVE REPRODUCTIONS

A Mini Seminar presented at no charge by the Huey Reprographics staff for ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING PERSONNEL who request or order reproductions

This will be a discussion supplemented with actual samples of common reproductions, shown for the purpose of instructing on efficient ordering and choosing appropriate reproduction types.

• Advantages and disadvantages of washoff, fixed-line, diazo mylar films; Xerographics, Direct positives, PMT's, etc.

• Relative costs of common reproductions.

• Turn-around times of various processes ... to avoid costly crash printing schedules.

• How to write clear, concise orders using language understood by the reprographic industry.

JULY 17, 18, 19, 1984 9:30 A.M. AND 1/30 P.M.—1 HOUR + RESERVATIONS NECESSARY PLEASE CONTACT SHERRI COZZI

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Roche Scholarships Awarded

Chicago Chapter, AIA Foundation President, C. William Brubaker, has announced the winners of the 1984 Martin Roche Scholarships for the study of architecture abroad. David Carr of Deerfield and Karen Shoup of Chicago were each awarded a $250 grant for study this summer in Italy and France. Both are students at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

U of I, Chicago graduate school student David Nurnberger was the recipient of a $500 award for study in Italy and France.

ITT undergraduate student Stephen Long was awarded $250. Mr. Long will participate in an exchange program with the Robert Gordon Institute of Technology at Scott Sutherland School of Architecture in Aberdeen, Scotland October 1984 through May 1985.

The Roche fund was established in 1926 by Martin Roche to fund the study of architecture abroad. Prior to their deaths, the fund was administered by John A. Holabird and John W. Root, and is now administered by the Chicago Chapter, AIA Foundation.

New SAA Chapter in Active Operation

Since its inception early this year, the Chicago Chapter of the Society of Architectural Administrators has been busy getting itself into operation.

The SAA National Convention was held concurrently with the AIA National Convention in May in Phoenix, and Chicago was represented by a voting delegate. Programs have included a visit to the Tribune Tower to view the multi-media presentation of the 1992 Chicago World's Fair, a learning and exchange session with the National SAA President, Micki Powell, the unique opportunity to view the Art Institute's current exhibit, "Chicago an New York," which was personally conducted by John Zutowski, Curator of the Architecture Department, and in June, a look at Records Management for the Architectural Office.

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THE CHICAGO ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANCE CENTER was featured in an article in the spring issue of Home Again. CAAC provides design/ planning services to community groups and individuals who could not otherwise afford them. Recent projects include the Ada S. Niles Senior Citizens Center, a solar greenhouse for a church group, rehabilitation of 15 day-care centers, building up to 38 facilities for community groups or social service agencies in 1983 alone.

THE WAL CHOLARSHIP were presented at the WAL 25th Anniversary Party, receiving $900 each were: Louise Tunner and Matthew Wylie from the University of Illinois at Chicago; Tommas Ellis, Jr., and Julie Mary Wray from University of Illinois at Champaign; Elizabeth Kunin and Richard J. Foster from Illinois Institute of Technology. The major source of funding for these scholarships comes from the sale of the holiday gift cards.... JAN SEITZ is the newly elected WAL president. Her officers recently elected are Donna Whateley, 2nd v.p.; Carol Maggio, 3rd v.p.; Bonnie McEldowney, corresponding secretary; and Marilyn Kiergaard and Carol Brejcha, directors. ASHRAE ANNOUNCES 1984 ENERGY AWARDS PROGRAM. Illinois Chapter Energy Awards competition entries are available. For more information, call Jim Shuk at 312-1600. THE PRESERVATION LEAGUE OF EVANSTON announces its EVANSTON DEPOT DESIGN competition to design an adaptive use for the Davis Street station Evanston and the building's sur

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and "Furniture Conservation." The workshops are arranged so that part of the event will enroll in the first session of one of the major tracks and continue throughout to the end will have an integrated and cumulative educational experience. Participants may also arrange their own sequence of workshops from several curriculum areas. The setting of the workshops is an additional plus. Both the campus and the central section of Mount Carroll, the count seat town in which the Center is located, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For further information contact Mano McLaughlin, Registrar, Campbell Center, P.O. Box 86, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053; phone 815/244-1173. THE GRAHAM FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN THE FINE ARTS awarded The Art Institute of Chicago a multi-year grant of $225,000 for the construction of the Ernest R. Graham Study Center for Architectural Drawings. The Art Institute has received a total of $525,000 for the rapidly expanding Department of Architecture. The new study center and adjacent gallery space will add at least 2500 square feet to the department. It will be constructed within the present Art Institute complex, and will be in operation in five years. THIRTY YEARS AGO THIS SUMMER the chapter located at that time in the Monadnock, as it is now called, ined Honor Awards program, to recognize distinguished accomplishment in architecture and outstanding creative work in Fine Arts in conjunction with architecture." Entries were due September 7, 1954. That November the Chicago Chapter Bulletin reported that the Honor Awards Program was postponed until spring "in the interest of encouraging a more representative submission of entries." And, indeed, our Distinguished Building Awards archives show six winners in the 1955 Honor Awards: Sawyer Biscuit Co., Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Village Market, Mittlebusch & Tourtoretto; St. Patrick's H.S., Bells and Bells; Veterans Administration Research Hospital, Schmid Garden and Erickson; Lake Meadows Apartments, SOM; and American Bar Center, Hotabird & Root. Today, years later there are 89 entries vying for the awards.
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