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YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

This opening issue of OCULUS carries a complete listing of Committees and their Chairmen. Save this listing - you will need it for they all want to hear from you. The Editors of OCULUS want to hear from you too. Chapter news, professional information, personal opinions, announcements, all are welcome, all are needed. Write or telephone the Chapter Office - do it before the fifteenth of the month to meet the deadline for the following month's issue.

The OCULUS goes to press this fall without the delicate hand of Richard Boring Snow who as its Editor for the past three years gave its pages their fine measure of style. He tried to retire a year ago but was prevailed upon to continue. This year his no was adamant.

THE SEASON OPENS

The evening of October 4th brought together the members of the New York Chapter, the Architectural League and the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design at a jointly sponsored opening dinner at the League. Walter C. Granville of the Container Corporation of America and Director-Chairman of the Committee on Color Specifications for the Inter-Society Color Council entertained with an illustrated talk entitled "The Theory and Use of Today's Color."

If the turnout for the dinner is any indication for future meetings it will be doubly necessary to heed the Meeting Notices which read "Please notify the Chapter Office (MU 9-7969) whether or not you will attend." There were several "stand by" places at the dinner.

BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, is accepting applications for the 1956 Brunner Scholarship. The grant for an amount up to \$2,400 for advanced study in a specialized field of architectural investigation is awarded annually by the Chapter. Candidates, who are required to be American citizens with advanced professional backgrounds and currently active in architecture or related fields, should file applications by November 15th. Full information may be procured from the Chapter office at 115 East 40th Street, New York City. L. Bancel LaFarge is Chairman of the Brunner Scholarship Committee.

PRATT INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP

Olindo Grossi, A.I.A., Dean of Pratt Institute, School of Architecture, has announced the awarding of a graduate scholarship to Radoslav L. Sutnar of 246 West End Avenue, Manhattan. This award is made annually by the firm of Katz Waisman Blumenkranz Stein Weber, Architects Associated, to a student at Pratt Institute selected for ability and character, to enable him to complete study for the master's degree in architecture at Pratt.

FACULTY SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Roger C. Davis of the University of Virginia's School of Architecture and Alexis Yatzwitch of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Architectural Department were the recipients of the \$2,000 Faculty Summer Fellowship established by Voorhees, Walker, Smith & Smith. These Fellowships, the first of their kind, provided for the two recipients spending the Summer in the donor's offices studying the structure of the organization, gaining insight into the methods of approach to design and presentation, production of drawings of all kinds, and through field trips, practical information on methods of construction. All for future use in the classroom and for gaining better understanding of those qualifications needed by the student upon graduation.

F.A.I.A.

Election of the following members of the New York Chapter to Fellowship in the A.I.A. was announced at the Convention last June in Minneapolis.

Elisabeth Coit
Frederick G. Frost, Jr.

Lloyd Morgan
Julian H. Whittlesey

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A group of hand-picked experts on public relations techniques will participate in a series of workshops, seminars, round table discussions and talks before the New York Chapter early in November. Selected are leading representatives of New York newspapers, a prominent public relations counsel, members of the architectural press, and the advertising profession whose subject matter will cover special angles of architectural public relations. Speakers and dates will be announced in the near future by card. Responsible for this outstanding series are J. Gordon Carr, Chairmen of the Public Relations Committee, and his Co-Chairmen, Robert Allan Jacobs and Robert Carson.

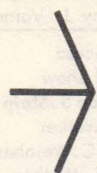
The chapter has prepared a useful aid to you in your releases of photographs. Printed gummed stickers provide space for Architect's name, release date, project name, location, owner, caption and descriptive material with the seal of the Institute in the corner. This year's best buy at \$1.03 for a pad of 50 through the Chapter office.

HOUSE CONSULTING COMMITTEE - Philip G. Bartlett, Chairman

For several years the Chapter's Committee for Houses has operated a House Consulting Service to answer the many questions concerning small house problems which come to the Chapter Office and to make partial architectural service or advice available to people unable to employ full services.

Any Chapter member whose practice includes residential work or who is otherwise qualified to answer questions on small house problems is invited to join the panel by sending his (or his firm's) name, address and telephone number, his home address and telephone number, and the states in which he is registered to the Chapter Office together with \$1.00 to defray the costs of operating the service. Existing members of the panel who wish to continue to serve are asked to send \$1.00 to the Chapter Office also, and to notify the office of any change in their home or office address or telephone number, or in the states in which they are registered.

COMMITTEES FOR 1955 - 1956



On the next two pages are listed the Committees which will be serving the Chapter for the coming year. Please save this for reference. The more these Committees know the thoughts and the will of individual members the more effectively can they serve the Chapter. Chairmen and committeemen will be glad to hear frequently from the Chapter membership.

| COMMITTEE | CHAIRMAN | MEMBERS | | |
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| ADMISSIONS | Eldredge Snyder | Wm. F. R. Ballard Arthur S. Douglass, Jr. | Olindo Grassi L. Bancel La Farge | Richard Stein Alonzo Clark |
| AWARDS | Robert W. Cutler | Philip C. Johnson Lorimer Rich | Henry Dickson McKenna | |
| BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP | L. Bancel LaFarge | Elizabeth Coit Arthur S. Douglass, Jr. | William R. Huntington Gelal Kent | John W. Ogg G. E. Kidder Smith |
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| MEETINGS | Roger G. Spross | Arthur S. Douglass, Jr. John S. Fountain | Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott Mr. Walker O. Cain | Jeffrey E. Aronin |
| MEMBERSHIP | David L. Eggers | Robert L. Bien John S. Fountain | Charles E. Hughes Robert S. Lundberg | Walter McQuade Elijah Enoch Tompkins George Eugene Via, Jr. |
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| PUBLICATIONS | Geoffry Noel Lawford | Gillet Lefferts, Jr. Richard G. Stein | George E. Via, Jr. Mary T. Worthen | |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS | J. Gordon Carr Robert I. Carson Robert Allen Jacobs Co-Chairmen | George D. Brown, Jr. Bradford Norman Clark | John P. Jansson Ira Kessler | Eleanor Pepper Emanuel N. Turano |

*Sub-Committee - General Objectives

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| COMMITTEE | CHAIRMAN | MEMBERS | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| TECHNICAL | Howard H. Juster | Jeffrey S. Aronin Isaiah Ehrlich Robert E. Fischer | Federico H. Freitas Earl H. Strunk Seymour A. Goldstone | Laurence Scacchetti John Hancock Callender Gannett Herwig Anthony J. Varnas |
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| PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE | Jonathan F. Butler | Clarence B. Litchfield Max Abramovitz | | |
| FELLOWS | Lorimer Rich | Leopold Arnaud Robert B. O'Connor | L. Andrew Reinhard Walter H. Kilham, Jr. | Francis Keally |
| NOMINATIONS | Benjamin Lane Smith | C. Dale Badgeley Douglas Haskell | | |

LIAISON BETWEEN COMMITTEES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | ← | Robert S. Hutchins, President |
| AWARDS COMMITTEE | ← | Robert W. Cutler, Vice President |
| FIFTH AVENUE ASSOCIATION PUBLIC RELATIONS | ← | Harmon H. Goldstone, Secretary |
| HISTORICAL BUILDINGS BY-LAWS COMMITTEE | ← | Ronald Allwork, Treasurer |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE HOUSE CONSULTING | ← | Max Abramovitz |
| EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE | ← | Walker Cain |
| OFFICE PRACTICE PUBLICATIONS (OCULUS) | ← | Ralph Pomerance |
| FEES AND CONTRACTS TECHNICAL LEGISLATIVE | ← | Roland Wank |
| LE BRUN VISITORS | ← | Alonzo Clark |
| ADMISSIONS BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP | ← | Roger Spross |
| CIVIC DESIGN COMMITTEE ON MEETINGS MEMBERSHIP | ← | |

MAYOR'S PANEL

November 10th is the deadline for filing applications for the Mayor's Panel of Architects for 1956. If you have not received an application it may be obtained at the offices of The City of New York, Department of Personnel, 96 Duane Street.

New York Chapter members selected by the committee of nine to serve on the Jury for 1956 are Geoffrey Platt and Harold Sleeper.

THE STATE CONVENTION

The New York State Association of Architects held its annual convention at Albany October 13-15. The New York Chapter was represented by 15 delegates including its President, Robert S. Hutchins.

Officers for the year 1955-1956 are as follows:

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| President: | Trevor Rogers, Buffalo - Western New York Chapter |
| 1st Vice President: | Harry Prince, New York Chapter |
| 2nd Vice President: | John W. Briggs, Central New York Chapter |
| 3rd Vice President: | Frederick H. Voss, Westchester Chapter |
| Secretary: | Simeon Heller, Queens Chapter |
| Treasurer: | Martyn N. Weston, Brooklyn Chapter |

During the State Convention the presidents of the constituent organizations met with Matthew W. Del Gaudio, the newly elected Director of the New York Region, and voted for a Judiciary Committee to serve for 1955-1956. Lewis G. Adams of the New York Chapter was elected to this Committee. Other members are Egbert Bagg, Central New York Chapter, and Adolph Goldberg, Brooklyn Chapter, with Joseph Watterson of the Long Island Society Chapter, as Alternate.

RESTORATIONS IN JERUSALEM

Brother Cajetan Baumann O.F.M. has just returned from Jerusalem where he went, at the request of the Jordan Government, as the Architectural representative from the United States on an international committee to study the possible restoration of the Basilica of Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre. He joined there the representatives from Belgium, England, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain.

FACULTY APPOINTMENT

Bruno Funaro, A.I.A. has been appointed assistant Dean of Columbia University's School of Architecture. He formerly had been in charge of the School's evening courses.

ARCHITECT-ENGINEER AGREEMENT FORMS

The New York Association of Consulting Engineers writes that an error was made in the printing of one of the Standard Forms of Agreement Between Architect and Engineer (A-E Form #2, Rev. 10-1-53) and that a new printing of this form has been made. A.I.A. members having a supply of the old forms in their files may have the corrected form substituted by mailing them the old forms together with their name and address. Copies of any of the five standard forms are available at the Association's office. The price is 25¢ per copy.

VISITORS

"Getting to know you" is as important for architects as for Anna and the King of Siam. The New York Chapter being at the crossroads for touring architects, foreign and domestic, is in an ideal situation to foster closer relations among them. The Committee on Visitors - Hugh Ferriss, Chairman - would like to be notified through the Chapter Office, as far in advance as possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to receive visitors. The Committee maintains close liaison with the Committee on Meetings, which is always seeking outstanding personalities who can tell us of architectural activities in other climes.

During the Summer the Committee was host to Willem Marinus Dudok returning to the Netherlands after having received the A.I.A. Gold Medal at the Convention in Minneapolis.

NEW BOOKS

"Building Planning and Design Standards" - by Harold R. Sleeper -
John Wiley and Sons, Publishers - \$12.00

This compact handbook contains material for programming, making schematic and preliminary drawings, and estimating areas and cubage for twenty-three basic building types, and for each type it includes data on special requirements, planning suggestions, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other working details. This new volume, with the previous Sleeper handbooks, rounds out a comprehensive trilogy covering architectural, engineering, and building practices.

Also received in the Chapter Office:

"Technical Supplement To The Bomb, Survival and You"
Reinhold Publishing Corporation - \$2.50

CANDIDATES

Information regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for membership will be considered confidential by the Admissions Committee:

Corporate Membership

Samuel Mandell Brody
Joel Howard Cooper
Araldo A. Cossutta
Lewis Davis
Jack L. Follett
Milton Frederick Kirchman
Edward J. Kuntz

Thomas Joseph Kupper
Walter McQuade
Yusuf Meer
Irving Donald Shapiro
Henry Steinhardt
Rolland Dinwiddie Thompson
Chester J. Wisniewski

Associate Membership

Harry A. Anthony
Sydney Samuel Blumer
Leon Robert Hatch
Henry Wright

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Sponsors: John H. Thiesen and J. Gordon Carr
Sponsors: Geoffry N. Lawford and Hugh N. Romney
Sponsors: Wallace K. Harrison and William Lescaze