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BRIGHTON BEACH COMPETITION WINNERS

Mayor Lindsay announced the winners of the Brighton Beach Competition sponsored by the Housing and Development Administration.

First Prize \$5000. - Wells/Koettler, Ithaca, N.Y.

Second Prize \$3000. – Berman, Roberts & Scofidio & Stromsten, N.Y., N.Y.

Third Prize \$1000. - Venturi and Rauch, Philadelphia, Pa.

Fourth Prize \$1000. – Donald and Marja Watson, Guilford, Conn.

Honorable Mention – Bentel and Bentel, Locust Valley, N.Y.

This is the first housing architectural design competition held by the City to introduce imaginative new design standards in City housing and to focus attention on many promising young architects.

B. Sumner Gruzen, Professional Advisor, expressed his appreciation to Jason Nathan and the Mayor for sponsoring the competition which has brought recognition to five new teams of young architects.

Commissioner Samuel Ratensky, Assistant Administrator of the Housing and Development Administration was recognized by Mr. Gruzen for his central role in this competition. Representatives of Brooklyn and New York

"ARCHITECTS OF A CAREER"

Part of a program of the Chapter is to interest school children in the profession of Architecture. Recently eight students from Haaren High School visited the office of the architectural firm of Gruzen & Partners.

"I wish I had designed that" - "Wouldn't that be great to build" - were some of the comments overheard in the hour-long visit directed by Bill Wilson, Past President of the Chapter, and now a partner with Gruzen & Partners. The picture shows Bill and Chapter Member Norval C. White, who is also a partner in the firm, explaining the Model Cities Program to the group. Gruzen & Partners are the coordinating architects for this program in New York.

The students were most interested in the drafting rooms where final construction drawings were being prepared. The boys, all from neighborhoods where there is a dire need of improved conditions, asked questions about a career in architecture. They were advised that the future is full of challenge. Community participation is the keynote of the future planning of neighborhoods.

Chapters were recognized by Mayor Lindsay for their sponsorship and assistance. The jury consisted of Philip Johnson, FAIA, Romaldo Giurgola, Donlyn Lyndon, J.L. Sert, FAIA, Charles Abrams, and Richard Ravitch.

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PLAN AHEAD - FOR FALL PROGRAM . . .

Plans are being made now for a stimulating program at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Association of Architects, to be held October 9th-13th at Whiteface Inn, Lake Placid. Members of the committee are Donald Faragher, FAIA; Howard Juster; Morris Ketchum, Jr., FAIA; Robert Lundberg; D. Kenneth Sargent, FAIA; W. B. Tabler, FAIA; and Max O. Urbahn, FAIA (AIA Regional Director). Earnest Fuller is Chairman.

GRAPHICS COMPETITION-NYSAA . . .

For the first time in its long history, our state organization is sponsoring a competition to develop a symbol for its annual meeting (see above). The theme is "ARCHI-TECTURE – EMERGING TECHNIQUES". Study the details and send in your design. You may submit as many entries as you can design. Surely most architects think they are expert in graphics – here is a chance to prove it as well as to generate interest in the organization and its meeting. Winners will receive full publicity and cash prizes. Apply for entry blank at NYSAA, 441 Lexington Avenue, telephone 697-8866.

The gulf separating 1965 from 1943 is as deep as the gulf that separated the men who became the leaders of cities from stone age men.

-Margaret Mead

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LET BY-LAWS BE BY-LAWS

The By-Laws Committee of the Chapter has completely revised the existing By-Laws acting in accordance with instructions from the Executive Committee. Members are invited to study these, comment and attend a special meeting at NYCAIA Hq. (3rd floor) 20 W. 40 Street on April 10 at 5 P.M.

In this instance, the changes have been such that it is impractical to present a version in which additions and deletions are noted. The committee has prepared a report on major points for your study. This committee has worked long and hard to accomplish these new By-Laws and will be present at the special meeting to hear your comments. They are David F.M. Todd (Chairman), C. Gates Beckwith, Harmon H. Goldstone, Geoffrey N. Lawford, FAIA, Gillet Lefferts, Jr. and Frederick J. Woodbridge, FAIA.

DRAFTSMAN IN ED STONE'S OFFICE AWARDED STEWARDSON FELLOWSHIP

The Chapter announces that the \$2,000. travelling fellowship has been won by Rodica M. Brunu. She received her Bachelor in Architecture at the University of Architecture, Bucharest, Roumania in 1958, came to this country in 1963 and is presently with the office of Ed Stone. Mrs. Brunu will travel in the countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea searching the area for relationships of forms used by the ancient and the modern architect.

William Maurer and James B. McLeod with the office of Richard Foster were runners-up.

Candidates for this fellowship are eligible if they are between 30-50 years of age, employed as an architectural

NYCAIA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LeRoy E. Tuckett is in charge of the project team for Petroff and Jones Associates in the design of a shipyard for the world's largest ore carrying ships.

We agree with Shermon Schneider, architect in charge of the new Madison Square Garden for Charles Luckman, FAIA quoted in the New York Times – "Quite obviously you can't design a perfect seat that will hold a 5 foot woman or a 6 foot 4 inch man."

Arthur Rosenblatt is the recipient of a citation for outstanding professional achievement from Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

Mrs. Ida Webster has been elected Secretary of Citizens' Housing & Planning Council.

Paul G. Lips and **Edward J. Meyer** are new partners with J. Gordon Carr & Associates.

Richard Roth, Sr. recently was the guest of honor at a construction industry dinner on behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

The New York Times divulged (on request) the architects' names for the New Seamen's Institute, published anonymously. Most Chapter members are aware that the building is the work of **Eggers & Higgins**, but Oculus is compelled to prod the press when it departs from its policy of identifying architects.

Nathan Silver, now in England, the author of "Lost New York", recently reviewed Wolf von Eckardt's book "A Place to Live" in the New York Times Book Review.

draftsman and not the recipient of any previous travelling prizes. Interested persons should contact the Chapter at 20 West 40 Street, New York, N.Y. 10018.

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MEN'S COMMITTEE OF WAA SCHOLARSHIP BALL MEETS – Front row - left to right: Richard Roth, Jr., Ronald Allwork, Max O. Urbahn, William B. Tabler. Standing left to right: Roger Spross, George Schwarz, Minor Bishop, Earnest Fuller, Charles Hughes, Jack Smith, Edgar Tafel, Robert Jacobs. This distinguished group will assist WAA in plans for the 1968 social event of the Chapter.

NYCAIA COMING EVENTS

- SPECIAL MEETING-NEW CHAPTER BY-LAWS, NYCAIA Headquarters, 20 West 40 Street, Third Floor, Wednesday, April 10, 5:00 P.M.
- OPEN HOUSE on April 19, Friday, NYCAIA Headquarters, Third Floor, 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.
- OPEN HOUSE SPECIAL EVENT AT 6 P.M. APRIL 19 – Presentation of special citation to Nathan Walker, Esq. honoring his twenty years as legal counsel to the Chapter. Mr. Walker is coauthor of ``Legal Pitfalls in Architecture'' with Theodore Rohdenburg. Both will be present to autograph your copies of this book.
- OPEN HOUSE on Friday, April 26 from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M.
- LECTURE-TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Symposium of Systems Approach – will be moderated by Professor Richard Bender with a panel consisting of James Marston Fitch, John Mascioni and Barry Jackson. Monday, April 29, 5:15 P.M., Assembly Room – Ground Floor – 20 W. 40 Street.

COMING EVENTS-GENERAL INTEREST

- SYMPOSIUM sponsored by N.Y. Chapter, American Institute of Interior Designers. Panel discussion by members of NYCAIA and AID. All day Saturday, April 6, Kaufman Auditorium – I.I.E. 809 U.N. Plaza, N.Y. For information telephone PL 1–0258.
- CONFERENCE ''Computer Graphics and Architecture'' – Dept. of Arch. – Yale Univ. April 18–20. For details write to P.O. Box 1605, New Haven 06520.
- MEETING "Constructive Programs Versus the War Budget". Speakers will include Lewis Mumford, Albert Mayer, FAIA, Mario Salvadori, Paul Davidoff, Garrett Eckbo, Max Bond, Chairman, Percival Goodman. Sponsored by Comm. of Planning Professions to End War in Vietnam. Friday May 3, 8:00 PM, Auditorium, Society for Ethical Culture, 2W. 64 Street. Admission is free; all are welcome.
- SEMINAR "Architectural Law An Intensive Briefing," sponsored by Crowell Collier Institute, Inc., Friday, April 18, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. First Registration \$95.00 (additional registrations \$60.00). Auditorium, 866 Third Avenue. Telephone number: (212) 935–3250.
- DINNER Testimonial to Albert B. Bauer, FAIA, Tuesday April 23, 6:30 P.M. Tavern on the Green. Tickets \$10.00 p.p. Contact Mr. Solomon Dengrove, Dept. of Public Works - Rm. 1416. Municipal Building, N. Y. 10007.
- EXHIBITION Environment VI, ``Light Floors'' by Lila Katzen. A light experience. April 18-May 11, Architectural League, 41 East 65 Street.

- TOUR All day tour including New Canaan, Conn. residence of Philip Johnson, FAIA, 1st Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Conn., and Jumel Mansion, N. Y. Tuesday April 9. \$25 p.p. all expenses. Telephone 686–2244.
- SEMINAR Robert L. Geddes, Dean of School of Architecture, Princeton University. Tuesday April 23 – 8:30 PM, Architectural League, 41 E. 65 St.
- DINNER ``Anonymous Color Slides'' submit your favorites for prizes. Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM cocktails and wine included. For information telephone 628-4500. Architectural League, 41 E. 65 St.

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

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