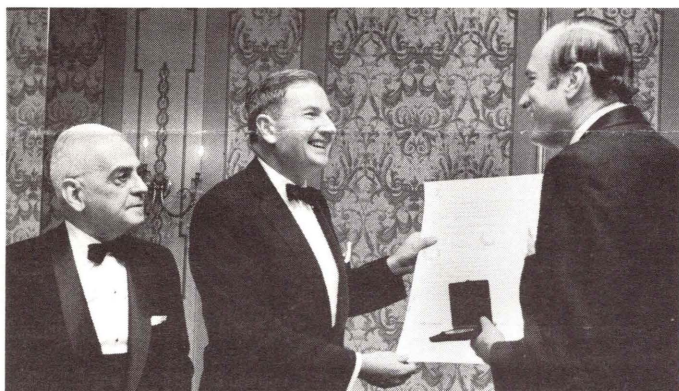


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## AN AWARD FOR DAVID ROCKEFELLER

It was neither the first or the last award this remarkable business man received. On November 19th David Rockefeller, president of the Chase Manhattan Bank, member of a wealthy, culturally aware family was presented the Medal of Honor for City Planning by the N.Y. and Brooklyn Chapters, AIA, the Metropolitan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the N.Y. Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The award had been presented only five times since it was initiated in 1938; his father, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., sponsor of Rockefeller Center, was the second recipient of the medal in 1942.

A jury of representatives from each organization, chaired by E. James Gambaro, FAIA, of the Brooklyn Chapter, selected Mr. Rockefeller "for his distinguished contribution to the plan of the City of New York." The medal was presented at a formal dinner held in his honor at the Plaza Hotel.

In 1965 Mr. Rockefeller received an Award of Merit from the NYCAIA for his leadership in helping to revitalize the historic section of downtown Manhattan. He is currently Chairman of the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association.

The 185 dinner guests were also honored with the presence of Mrs. Hilde Scheuck de Roda, President of the Institute of Architects of Peru, who is on a short tour of the U.S. as a guest of the State Department.

## MAYOR SIGNS CODE — WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

The new building code signed into law by Mayor Lindsay becomes effective Dec. 6th. It gets published once more in the City Record as a Local Law (Copies available for \$3.00 at the Municipal Building). Plans are now being made by the Department of Buildings and the editors of the Record for publication in an improved format. Latest word is that more City Record Copies will not be available until mid-Dec.

Samuel Kurtz, AIA, President of the N.Y. Society of Architects reports that the Society will not publish the new code until fall of 1970. The present code with its latest additions and amendments will be published in the Society's 1969 Manual, expected to be distributed early in January. This final edition of the present code will be important because for a period of 1 year either the old or new code may be applied or sections of the old code may be combined with sections of the new code. However, if a section is so selected it must be used in its entirety. Alternations costing less than 30% of the value of the building, at the option of the owner, may also be made in conformance with the old code.

The Architects' Council is organizing a series of seminars on the new code in conjunction with other professional groups, including the Chapter.

The NYCAIA supported the final version of the code but recommended to the City Council that a commission be established within the Department of Buildings to facilitate amendments and that special consideration be given in the code to historic buildings.

Among the many differences between the old and the new code are requirements of making public buildings accessible to the physically handicapped and more stringent noise control provisions. Experimental and demonstration construction will be permitted. Nationally recognized performance standards for materials are incorporated by reference. The new code also requires that the Commissioner of Buildings be a Registered Architect or a Professional Engineer.



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### TOURS TO NEW TOWNS IN EUROPE, 1968

Urban America, Inc. offered planners and architects 3 tours to visit "New Towns in Europe." The second, led by Mr. Don Lief and Mr. & Mrs. Irving Gerick, provided visits to Amsterdam, Glasgow, Stockholm, Helsinki, and Berlin. The pattern was to see the parent city through half-day guided tours, and to spend a full day or more visiting its new towns.

Amsterdam keeps her canal-threaded center as a lively monument for those who can afford to live "in town" and adds housing developments on the city's fringes.

Glasgow is building new towns, of which Cumbernauld is the prototype, its urban center on a long ridge surrounded by housing on the moors below and light industry on its edges. All residents reach the center, a truly urban complex, by pedestrian paths.

Stockholm has "land-banked" outlying areas since 1904. All its new towns are on present or proposed subway lines. They illustrate Swedish understanding of the interplay of buildings and natural surroundings.

Helsinki's Tapiola, the most charming of those visited, is, unlike the others, the product of a private organization. Competitions were freely used, the differing solutions separated by forests, parks and ponds.

Berlin, after the war, had to build block after block of living quarters, public buildings, schools and parks on its bombed-out sites. Now West Berlin is concerned with replanning city areas that still contain old, miserable tenements, and plans housing, playgrounds, light industry, and community buildings.

Granted a 2 week tour through 5 countries cannot deliver a depth charge in housing lore to the participants, but one is grateful to Urban America for assembling knowledgeable experts to discuss the problems involved, and its easy travel arrangements.

*Elisabeth Coit*

### RISE IN SUSTAINING FIRM DUES APPROVED

Nov. 14th Chapter Meeting: Members present voted to amend the By-Laws by increasing the dues to be paid by each Sustaining Firm to \$15 per person and make the membership of the firms mandatory instead of voluntary. This is the first time Sustaining Firm dues have been raised.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS: OCT-NOV

- Gave President power to appoint a committee, interview and select a new Executive Director.
- Heard report by Edgar Tafel. Authorized program be studied for Joint action on Minorities Program between N.Y. and Chicago Chapters.
- Requested Headquarters Committee and Dave Eggers to make recommendations for Permanent Chapter Headquarters.
- Accepted resignation of Martin H. Cohen (see "Members") and appointed William Shopsin as Chairman of the Historical Buildings Committee.
- Authorized printing of Membership Directory, Summer 1969.

### SKETCHES

**Speed in planning & construction** is one way to achieve lower costs according to Milton Musicus, executive director of the N.Y. State Health & Mental Hygiene Facilities Improvement Corp. In an address to the NYCAIA Conference on Health Facilities in NYC (Oct. 21-22) Musicus cited figures showing the effect of delays with today's rising construction costs.

**\$6000 Award** for architectural research. It's Brunner Scholarship time. NYCAIA makes this grant for advance study in a competition open to any U.S. citizen engaged in the profession of architecture. Applications available at the Chapter Headquarters and received until January 15th.

**Correction:** Your copy of the 1968-1969 Chapter committee organization should read "Commission on Urban Design: Leon Brand, Chairman." John L. Belle, Robert C. Weinberg were incorrectly listed.

**Now available:** "N.Y.-N.J. Guide Listing of Groups and Individuals Concerned with the Environment" by the Natural Environment Committee. The Committee has also scheduled a Symposium, "Architects Role in Protecting the Natural Environment," Feb. 25th at the Museum of Modern Art.

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## GETTING TO KNOW THE CITY UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION FUND

The City University Construction Fund was created by the State Legislature in 1966 to aid the senior college and graduate center capital construction program. The University consists of 8 senior colleges, 6 two year community colleges and a graduate center all administered by the Board of Higher Education. The Fund is a separate legal entity administered by a Board of Trustees one of whose members is the Chairman of the City Planning Commission, ex-officio. It approves facilities recommended by the Board of Higher Education to be built or acquired by the State Dormitory Authority for use by the City University. The Authority issues long term bonds and charges the University rentals sufficient to cover debt service costs. The rentals and other payments due to the Authority from the Fund are financed equally by the State and City governments. Financing for Community College construction is a direct capital budget item shared equally by the City and State and does not involve the Construction Fund. The City University Construction Fund has no connection with the State University Construction Fund. The City Fund has a limited staff. Preliminary construction plans are developed in coordination with the Board of Higher Education's Department of Design and Construction Management and with the College. Construction documents are completed under Dormitory Authority supervision.

The 1968 Master Plan commits the University to offer tuition free higher education to every NYC high school graduate by 1975. Enrollment in 1967 was 144,000, by 1975 it is expected to be 258,000. Dr. Seymour Hyman, Vice Chancellor for Campus Planning and Development, has recommended to the Fund that Architectural/ Planning firms be assigned to each of the senior and community colleges on a long term basis to plan for a projected 600 million dollar expansion program. These firms will also design some of the new buildings for their assigned campus. They are nominated by the college president

An Architectural Advisory Committee chaired by Herbert Epstein, president of the Architects' Council advises the Fund on relations with the profession. The committee consists of 8 members including William Tabler, FAIA, of the NYCAIA and Thomas Galvin of the NYSAA. William F. R. Ballard, FAIA, the Consulting Architect to City University reports that questionnaires regarding Architects' interest in the University's expansion program were sent to all the members of the Mayor's Panel last year. They are available to firms not having submitted as yet.

12 firms are now engaged in overall development planning including four assigned to community colleges. The Master Plan projects 4 new community colleges by 1975, in addition to the 6 now operating.

## NYCAIA ENDS ITS THUNDEROUS SILENCE

At this year's National A.I.A. Convention, Whitney M. Young, Jr., challenged the profession to end its "thunderous silence" in the field of civil rights. Recently, 25 members of the Chapter requested a meeting to express their strong feelings that the Institute should not convene in Chicago in 1969. The subject was included on the agenda at the Nov. 14th Chapter Meeting.

The rational viewpoint presented by Illinois Regional Director Jack Train (S.O.M. Chicago) concerned with major commitments having been made since 1966 for a joint convention with the Royal Canadian Institute of Architects, the 100th Anniversary of the Chicago Chapter, and 3,000 hotel reservations, did not prevail. The belief of the members present was that we should simply not convene in a city tainted with police actions so widely publicized during the 1968 Democratic Party Convention.

Discussion revealed a concern for the members relationship to themselves as architects and as human beings participating in the community. Belief that architectural students and younger members of the profession committed to moral issues could not comprehend a disregard of the human values involved in the compliance expressed by convening in Chicago led the majority of members present to recommend "that the Institute take all necessary steps to remove the 1969 A.I.A. Convention from Chicago."

## WATCH YOUR DUES

Many NYCAIA members are on the annual AIA list of unpaid members. Failure to pay personal and/or Supplemental Dues by Dec. 31st will terminate your membership. Some listed have not paid Chapter dues, which will also terminate membership in the Institute.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

*Harmon H. Goldstone*, FAIA, is the new Chairman of the N. Y. C. Landmarks Preservation Commission and replaces *Geoffrey Platt*, FAIA, who will remain as Vice-Chairman. *Martin H. Cohen* has been newly appointed and *L. Bancel La Farge*, FAIA, reappointed to the Commission.

*Edgar Tafel* appointed to the 4 man GSA Advisory Panel on Architectural Services, Region 2. *Charles H. Warner, Jr.* is a Panel member.

*Sidney L. Katz*, FAIA, appointed National Chairman, Committee on Student Affairs. Also member of Annual Reynold's Aluminum, AIA Student Award Jury 1969.

*Barry Jackson* speaker at Nov. 22nd meeting of Central N. Y. Chapter AIA & Syracuse Society of Architects AIA.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### **Computers In Architectural Design,**

By David Campion, Elsevier Publishing Co., 320 pp.

Writing from the vantage point of a pioneer in application of the computer in architecture, the author surveys its usefulness in all aspects of practice; introduces the reader to computer technique, covering input-output equipment, including a review of a computer-oriented language (ALGOL) used to solve architectural problems; and then describes applications in detail. Computer fundamentals are clearly explained, in terms comprehensible to non-specialists; and the detail is dealt with in a context which offers guidance and encouragement to exploration of computer usage in architecture. Nevertheless, the author points out that much further study and understanding is required to realize the computer's potential as a design aid. The content is well organized, adequately illustrated, and well-written.

### **Computer Applications In Architecture And Engineering**

Edited by G. Neil Harper, McGraw-Hill, 227 pp.

Dr. Harper introduces the reader to computer fundamentals in clear, non-technical language, as prelude to a series of articles by architects, engineers, and educators based upon their experience in computer usage. The organizational prerequisites to computer-aided practice are outlined, followed by expert descriptions of the approach to engineering, specification-writing, cost-estimating, management-technique and accounting; each chapter reflecting the experience of its author. The last three chapters philosophize about the effect of computers on education, research and practice. As a whole, the book is well-organized in form and content. Its format and graphics are attractive.

Together, these books provide a comprehensive view of the state of the art. A major implication by both is a deeper understanding of the design process.

*Bertram L. Bassuk*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sat. Dec. 7 — Society of Architects Annual Dinner Dance, Biltmore Hotel.
- Fri. Dec. 13 — NYCAIA Christmas Cocktail Party at the Jefferson Market Regional Branch of the N. Y. Public Library, 425 Ave. of Americas at 10th St. 6—8 p.m. \$7. The Landmark has been converted into a handsome library by Giorgio Cavaglieri.
- Sat. Dec. 14 — Hospital & Health field trip to Bellevue Hospital, 1st Ave. 10 a.m.
- Tues. Dec. 17 — "Esthetics in Health Facilities Planning" by Richard Miller and Abraham Geller. Chapter Headquarters, 5:30 p.m.
- "Murals in Architecture" exhibition of Prize Winners in NYC High School Competition. Through Dec. 20th, 41 E. 65 St. NYCAIA one of sponsors.

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