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## WAA FESTIVAL AT JUILLIARD — NOV. 28TH

The WAA annual wine-tasting Festival, in aid of its scholarship fund, will be held Friday, November 28th, from 4 to 8 P.M. at the new Juilliard School, Lincoln Center. The school will not be in session, so a welcome chance to see areas normally out of bounds is offered to Chapter members, their guests, and the interested public. Architectural students will be on hand to show the way to the Lila Acheson Wallace Library, Juilliard Theater, Paul Hall recital room, drama workshops, class and practice rooms, and, of course, Alice Tully Hall. Strolling musicians (Juilliard students) will provide the ambiance appropriate to good wine and joyful surroundings.

The Chapter's opening meeting, customarily held in a noteworthy building, has been postponed from its earlier arranged date of November 19th to join the WAA's Festival.

Mrs. Rolland Thompson, Chairman, Mrs. B. Sumner Gruzen, Co-Chairman, and Mrs. Saul Edelbaum WAA President, ask that all Chapter members invite guests and also tell non-architectural friends of this unprecedented affair, with confidence that there will be a hearty welcome and accommodation for as many as a thousand participants. Tickets, all tax-deductible, are \$7.50 for Chapter members and their invited guests; \$25.00 for Sponsors (four tickets included) and \$10.00 to others. All tickets sold at the door, November 28, will be \$10.00

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

On Wednesday, Oct. 29th representatives of the candidates for the Mayor of New York were asked questions prepared by the Chapter. In the December issue of "Oculus" the winner will be known and we can report on his replies.

The questions asked of John Lindsay, John Marchi and Mario Procaccino were written by a special committee appointed by President David F.M. Todd. They were about housing, the master plan, community participation in planning, and the extent of government planning involvement in such projects as Co-op City, Lefrak City and Lincoln Center. They were asked for opinions on reassembling land for housing the new code, fees and cost of lending money.

The special Committee members were Leon Brand, Giorgio Cavaglieri, Allen Dennison, John Dixon, Saul Edelbaum, Sidney Katz, Herbert Mandel, Herbert Oppenheimer, Walter Rutes and William Shopsin.

## 18 OFFICES PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING PROGRAM

The second phase of the second year in the NYCAIA-ARCH Training Program is well under way, with students now working in offices during the day and attending classes at night.

The following are the offices who are now employing these students, whose names are given in parenthesis: ARCH (Joseph Brown); Marcel Breuer & Associates (Charles Bobb); James Doman (Lee Galvin); Gruzen & Partners (Aaron Nicholas); Haines, Lundberg & Waehler (Willie C. Brown); Housing and Development Administration (Curtis Kinard); Lord & Den Hartog (Robert Harrison); The Moore & Hutchins Partnership (Alexander Brooks); I.M. Pei & Partners (Ronald Tillies); Port of New York Authority (Leon Cooper and Kenneth Howard); Alfred Easton Poor (Nathaniel McGill); Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (Robert Adderley); David Todd and Associates (Raymond Lettsome); Max O. Urbahn Associates (Manuel Cristina); Urban Design Group (Victor Wilberkin); and Jonas Vizbaras (Gustavo Argueta). Gordon Griffis, a first-year student who is attending college in New York City, continues in the office of Davis, Brody Associates. Representing the Chapter in its co-sponsorship of the Training Program are Marcus Caines, Martin Growald and George Lewis.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS: OCTOBER 8**

- Authorized printing of revised Fee Schedule for distribution to the membership in November.
- Appointed Jeh Johnson as Chapter representative to NYSAA.
- Agreed to recommend to the Mayor that Richard Roth, Sr., be appointed Chapter representative to the Mayor's Building Construction Advisory Council, replacing David Todd.
- Agreed to support the West Village Housing Project on the grounds of appropriate architectural and planning response to local community wishes. Approval given on the understanding that this was a particular solution in a particular part of the City. Similar solutions might not be applicable in other parts of the City.
- Reaffirmed Chapter position on Battery Park City, but with strong reservation that the plan be carried out in the spirit intended, and not be modified or watered down on grounds of expediency.
- Discussed the October 15 Moratorium. Agreed to meet, as individuals, in Bryant Park, with announcement to membership accordingly. Decided to place as a one-eight-page ad in the New York Times of October 15 the National Priorities Resolution passed at the 1969 AIA Convention. This Resolution had been placed by the Institute in the "Times" of July 8.
- Discussed duties of Commissions and individual Committees, particularly with respect to assignments and structure. Agreed to restudy method of committee appointments, years of service, and methods by which greater participation can be promoted throughout the entire membership.

**PRE-CONVENTION MEETING**

A "sense of the meeting" resolution recommending that the NYCAIA delegates to the NY State Association of Architects Convention support a \$10 increase on Association dues was voted at the October 2nd meeting. The \$10 increase had been recommended by the Executive Committee, Chapter President David Todd reported. NYSAA President Rippeteau made a plea for approval of the proposed \$20 increase. Accomplishments of the Association and the holding of conventions upstate were questioned.

**NYCAIA SURVEY ON CHAPTER GOALS**

*by Lathrop Douglass, Immediate Past President*

Last May, in response to what appeared to be a widespread ferment in the Chapter and claims that the Chapter was irrelevant, we decided on trying to find out just what the membership really did think about the Chapter's activities and goals. A simple list of questions was mailed to the 1551 members of the Chapter, and we waited expectantly for the revelation to come.

From the 1551 mailing, we got back exactly 195 returns; and, of these returns, only 159 were filled out sufficiently to be statistically usable, thus representing only 10% of the membership. The first and most obvious conclusion from the returns would seem to be that 90% of the membership either was satisfied with the way things were going — or just plain not concerned enough to bother to mail back a reply. Considering all the apparent ferment, this was surprising.

An analysis was made of the returns, which presumably represented those members who had enough interest in their Chapter's affairs to express themselves. It was assumed that any question left unanswered indicated no opinion one way or the other. The only clear conclusions were that:

- 85% favored more emphasis on Communication (Public Relations)
- 83% favored more emphasis on Urban Design & Environment
- 73% favored more emphasis on Influencing of Legislation

Individual comments on the questionnaires could be summarized in a very general way by saying that they emphasized the importance of AIA's aid in technical aspects and in public relations. Comments on the social rather than technical or professional aspects of the Chapter were negligible, and there were virtually no complaints concerning dues and the costs of NYCAIA functions. What does it all add up to? Perhaps the best words to describe the situation are "an appalling lack of interest" on the part of far too many Chapter members.

**NEW NYCAIA FEE SCHEDULE AVAILABLE**

Robert F. Gatje, Chairman of the Fees and Contracts Committee, informs us that the new Schedule of Compensation will be available early in November. Last Fall the Institute produced a standard "Statement of Professional Services" for nationwide use. The Chapter's Schedule is meant to complement the brochure with what the Institute believes are best left to local option. The new Schedule is divided into three parts:

- a) A Schedule of Building Types, now divided into five categories rather than the previous ten;
- b) A recommended minimum Schedule of Compensation with a graph showing a sliding scale in accordance with cost of construction; and
- c) Notes to the Schedule of Compensation.

The Schedule can be purchased at Chapter Headquarters.

## UDC AND THE ARCHITECT

Many members may wonder how the State's new Urban Development Corporation selects its architects and what is the working arrangement if commissioned. The Corporation is a public development similar to the Port of New York Authority and the Triboro Bridge and Tunnel Authority in terms of their quasi-legislative powers. UDC is structured for a broad range of public actions. Its power of eminent domain for example, exceeds that of the City. Its actions can obviously have an impact.

Mr. William Chafee, an architect formerly with I.M. Pei & Partners, heads the Research & Development Department. He receives brochures and interviews prospective architects and then makes recommendations to Edward Logue, President and Chief Executive Officer, and the final selection is made. There is no "Mayor's List." There is no selection by seniority. If an architect has been retained by a developer whose project is encompassed by a larger UDC project, the Corporation has the right to stop the project, revise the plan to meet its own, or use an architect selected by UDC to execute the project.

Mr. Logue has expressed an interest in open competition for large scale planning or building to promote quality design. Up 'til now, the policy has been to allocate work in proportion to the size of the firm — large firms/large projects; small firms/small projects.

Once selected, unlike Model Cities or the Mitchell-Lama Program, the architect's sole client is UDC. There is little or no community involvement or problems of multiple sponsors. UDC writes the program. Its operation is similar to that of the State University Construction Fund, but it's young enough not to have built up a bureaucracy.

Some of the architects doing work for the corporation now include Philip Johnson & John Burgee, Carl Koch, Roger Glasgow, Hoberman & Wasserman, James Polshak, Silverman and Cika, Prentice & Chan, Giovanni Passanella, Richard Meier and Paul Rudolph. The New York State Urban Development Corporation's New York City Headquarters are at 666 Fifth Avenue, 10th Floor, N.Y. 10019.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

*Robert C. Weinberg* begins his fourth year as critic-at-large for architecture and planning at WNYC-FM (93.9). He can be heard on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:40 A.M. and repeated at 8:40 A.M.

*Olindo Grossi*, FAIA has been appointed Director of the newly established Department of International Progress at Pratt Institute. A major project is already underway — the planning and execution of a large housing development, Reunion City, near Tel Aviv, Israel.

*Jose R. Bernardo* has received a \$3,000. Cintas Fellowship for travelling given each year to creative artists of Cuban citizenship or lineage by the Institute of International Education. Bernardo was the only architect of 10 artists to receive the award.

*Joseph Douglas Weiss*, past Chairman of the Institute's Committee on Housing for the Aging, is the author of a book "Better Buildings for the Aging" published by Hopkinson & Blake. Besides text it contains about 75 plans of housing, nursing homes, and other facilities for the aged by about 77 architects in the U.S. and abroad. Currently Mr. Weiss is giving a course of lectures at The Center for Instruction in Care of the Aged, sponsored by D/HEW at The Jewish Home and Hospital for Aged, 140 W. 106 Street. Information on the courses can be obtained at that address. Mr. Weiss is a member of the firm of Weiss, Whelan, Edelbaum & Webster.

## A MEMBER'S OPINION

I was very proud to be a member of AIA when I saw the full page ad in the N.Y. Times calling for a re-ordering of national priorities from the destruction of people and property in Vietnam toward the restoration of cities and social well-being at home. I was likewise pleased to read the resolution pledging a \$15 million fund to implement some modest first steps toward the above objective. While I found most of the resolutions to be very constructive and meaningful, I must however dissent from Res. No. 2 which asks the AIA Board of Directors to consider the issuance of a policy statement against the endorsement of candidates by any AIA component. Such a policy would be totally inconsistent with several other excellent resolutions through which we committed ourselves to an aggressive policy on a variety of political questions. If, for instance, the response of NYC Mayoral candidates at our Chapter's Oct. 29th forum should show only one of the candidates to adequately support our positions, would it not be stupid not to endorse such a candidate?

The October issue of "Oculus" was good, as this publication has been for some time now. But the paragraph on the dinner meeting of the Architectural Education committee with the heads of local architectural colleges was disappointing. In just one more sentence the key matters discussed could have been identified. This omission allows me to wonder whether the following recommendations of the Equal Opportunities Committee were taken up:

1. Encourage the exchange of exhibits, programs, etc., between the NYC and southern black architectural schools. (July 8, 1969 EOC meeting)
2. Try to persuade the NYC architectural schools to reorganize their own systems to enable those who have to work full time to obtain accredited architectural degrees. (June 12, 1969 EOC meeting)

The importance of this second item cannot be overstressed. If the four NYC schools offered complete degree programs at night (as the late NYU school of Architecture and Allied Arts did for nearly twenty years) far more black and other minority youths would be enabled to enter the field than do all the present AIA-supported scholarship and training programs combined.

*Harold J. Levy*

## SKETCHES

**Publicize Your Interiors.** The "Architectural Record" invites you to submit examples of interior work for "Record Interiors 1970" to be published in January 1970. Citations will be given for the best architect-designed interiors. Write to Herbert L. Smith, Jr., Senior Editor and a fellow NYCAIA member.

**Le Brun Fellowship For Travel.** The NYCAIA, trustee under the will of Napoleon Eugene LeBrun, will award a stipend of \$3000 for travel outside the United States for the study of architecture. Qualifications include U.S. citizenship and residence, age 23 through 30 years, architectural experience of at least 1½ years, beneficiary of no other traveling scholarship, and nomination by a Corporate member of the AIA. The subject of this year's competition is the "Prefabricated Modular Unit". Those interested should request Nomination forms from the new Chapter Headquarters after November 15. Program will be available January 15, 1970 and the Rendu on March 11, 1970. Address all enquiries to Chairman, LeBrun Committee, New York Chapter AIA, 20 West 40 Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10018. This year's chairman is Edward Knowles.

**Zoning** — A sub-committee of the Urban Design Committee has been meeting informally with representatives of the City Planning Department concerning proposed revisions of the Zoning Resolution of 1961. On the sub-committee are Richard Roth, Sr., Tiido Piirimae (Harrison & Abramovitz), Allan Labie (SOM), Leonard Battaglia (Brown Guenther Battaglia & Galvin) Richard Rosenthal (Grunzen & Partners), Harry Harman (Emery Roth & sons), and George Lewis.

**Slides Needed** — The WAA is collecting slides to be used by Mr. Marcus Caines, of the Equal Opportunities Committee, for lectures in elementary and secondary schools. If you will donate slides of your buildings, it will help build an adequate library for Mr. Caines' use. Any type of building, at any state of construction. Please label and explain slides as to type of building, method and materials used in construction, name and location, and any other important or necessary data. All slides properly identified may be sent to AIA, 20 West 40 Street, Chapter Headquarters.

**Angry?** Oculus again invites you to sound off. Whatever the subject, we are interested.

**Exhibit** — If you stop by Chapter Headquarters, you can see an exhibit of urban design proposals and studies prepared by the City Planning Commission's highly heralded Urban Design Group. Exhibits Committee Chairman Paul Willen tells us it will run through November 16.

**The Technology Committee,** Bertram L. Bassuk, Chairman, continues this season's series of meetings on Thursday, November 20th at 5:15 P.M. Joseph D'Amelio, Architect and Vice-President for Development, Sweet's Construction Services, will talk about Sweet's Research and Development of New Research Information Systems.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

"New Architectural Drawings", by Helmut Jacoby, published by Frederick A. Praeger, 103 pages, \$14. A new selection of Mr. Jacoby's renderings of the designs of outstanding architects developing the thesis that, in addition to the architect's design, the integrity and personal style of the professional renderer has much to do with a drawing's success.

"American Architecture and Urbanism", by Vincent Scully, published by Frederick A. Praeger, 275 pages, \$18.50. Mr. Scully presents a history of architecture, not from the viewpoint of individual buildings in a vacuum, but rather architecture as an inseparable part of the total environment having both physical and social significance. "There is no difference between architecture and city planning; all must now — or rather, again — be treated as one".

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Thurs. Nov. 20** — Technology Lecture, "Sweet's Research and Development of New Research Information Systems" by Joseph D'Amelio, Architect & Vice-President of Development, Sweet's Construction Services, at 5:15 P.M.
- **Fri. Nov. 28** — Architectural Tour of Juilliard School (Lincoln Center, NYC) and Wine Tasting, arranged by WAA for the benefit of Scholarship Fund.
- **Wed. Dec. 3** — National Institute for Architectural Education Annual Meeting. 6 P.M. to 9 P.M., 4th Floor, 20 W. 40th Street.

## 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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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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