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### RETHINKING THE DESIGN PROCESS

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## "THE PACKAGED SOCIETY" AND ITS ARCHITECTURE

In this piece I should like to develop, in architectural matters, a view of the American scene which I owe to Russell Lynes, managing editor of Harper's Magazine. Mr. Lynes, who has in the past contributed observations on architecture to these pages, wrote in Harper's about "The Packaged Society." While he applied quite broadly the American habit of buying the package without understanding the content, he made only the merest mention of architecture. And I should like (without his knowledge) to show something of how devastating this superficial acceptance of surface values has been in the area of architecture.

Mr. Lynes did include architecture in a list of arts which have contributed to "personal packaging," and he did offer one little warning about superficial thinking in trying to build city housing. But architecture slips easily into his list of things that come in packages—"ideas as well as objects, services as well as places, vices, hallucinations." Also college graduates, Beatniks and business leaders.

First, his warning about housing: "We have . . . learned at least one important lesson about the packaged society in the last 20 years or so. If you package people in mass housing developments that are boxes you create as many problems as you solve. Even so there are a great many responsible men and women who believe that if you can replace physical ugliness with beautiful surroundings, the pretty package will somehow do away with the social ugliness that underlies the troubles of the packaged society. It is not so."

Certainly urban renewal and/or city housing is a great battleground between packaged thinking and social or environmental truth. Or maybe it won't be a battleground; maybe the packaged notions will just take over and proliferate. One would have to be pretty optimistic to think that what Secretary Weaver insists on calling "creative Federalism" will bring us an instant millennium. And it is very difficult, under all of the pressures of time, money, politics or racial strife, to dig for and face the truth.

One can concede that it takes slogans, power, drive and packaging to get any mass action under way. And action is clearly called for. But one may be sure that the packaging will win out, in any contest between packaging and content. It may indeed be that truth will be swept under the rug as in the case of Patrick Moynihan's report on ghettos.

Let's face it: architecture is packaged, just like cookies or cars, is labeled and sold. The models are changed, and the styles and the labels. I haven't seen any architectural packages that say "2¢ off" in the upper corner, or "push here," but the reliance on the packaging technique is just about as plain.

You know the packages. There is the slick metal and glass office tower, hard and shiny and efficient-looking and "modern." Maybe there is some good architecture in these hundreds of new skyscrapers, or was in their predecessors. Maybe they are efficient and practical. But it is still true that about 90 per cent of them are proclamations in the packaging concept. Symbols of the world of commerce and materialism.

There are other familiar packages. The agglomerations of bad taste known as beach hotels, where decorative nightmares speak of noisy and expensive vacations. There is also the split-level ranch house, the symbol of financial aspiration, fecundity and swimming pool cosmetics. There is the little round drive-in bank, with the pleated roof. More forbidding perhaps is the great public housing project, with sterile towers in Corbusian open spaces, barren of stores, amusements, or human pride or interest.

Now Mr. L included architecture among the packaging arts. Obviously architecture is an art, and arts relate to images, or "packaging." And nobody wants to deny that good packaging is terribly important—to a building, to a woman, to society. His protest, of course, was against mistaking the package for the article, which might be said to be a national habit of thought.

Please do not protest that good architecture shuns all those dreadful things I mentioned above. Separate good architecture from bad as you will, what the public understands as architecture is definitely the packaged variety.

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### PERSPECTIVES



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### My own marvelous idea: a subway for bicycles

Having read recently about the comeback of the bicycle in Europe (New York Times), I have been trying to fit it into New York's traffic patterns. The Times tells us that the bicycle, even more than its motorized relatives—the mopeds, scooters, and so on—is gaining new popularity, due to the congestion of automobiles. You always can seem to find a way through the mess of cars with your little bicycle. You can even fold it up and if necessary tuck it under your desk. You can put Junior on the rumble seat, and put the loaves of bread behind him.

The story was quite serious, complete with statistics on increasing sales. There is a theory about commuters who have cars driving to some parking lot, leaving the car there and going on into the city on the bike.

In my own rambles around the city (New York) I have often wondered when to forsake the bus, or the taxi, and walk the rest of the way, to be sure of making the train. How much less effort to unfold the bicycle, and push on—against the traffic, as the kids do, or on the sidewalk. Carry a bike in your dispatch case, and you could get across town in a hurry. I am told bicycles are now made quite light, and collapsible.

No, it wouldn't work. It would take just about a dozen bicycles on 42nd Street to work frightful confusion among the pedestrians. So while we're building a new city, let's remember a subway level, or an elevated roadway, reserved for bicycles. No scooters or motorcycles —too much noise, too much air pollution, too many young kids with tight pants and loose hair.

### Develop the parks and develop the kids

This newspaper reader was interested in a recent item about a Negro riot which started because the street hydrants were shut off. The boys had been cooling themselves in the heat of the street, and having a barrel of fun. When authorities talked it over they decided they could spare the water, for that much recreation in the ghetto.

It doesn't seem too far from that thought to reports of the thousands who sat in Central Park or Prospect Park to listen to summer park concerts by Leonard Bernstein and the Philharmonic orchestra—75,000 in Central Park, 50,000 over in Brooklyn.

New York's Mayor Lindsay has led a campaign to lead kids and parents to clean up empty lots for playground use. And a healthier use of youthful energy can scarcely be imagined.

Empty lots, pocket parks, huge city parks, and great response. Mix in a little participation, and there you go.

### Secretary Udall's idea: urban recreation trails

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall was not kidding (as 1 was elsewhere on this page) about bicycling in urban areas, and trails for it. He has announced a program of trails in 12 urban areas with Federal and state funds. The trails would differ according to location, from several hundred feet to many miles. Purposes would include bicycling, hiking, horseback riding. And generally they would be put in scenic areas.

"I detect an awakening on the part of many urban areas, as they seek to counterbalance buildings with open spaces, to provide cleanliness instead of clutter, and to develop walkways, and trails, as well as highways," Secretary Udall stated. "The trail plans announced today are indications of this growing desire for recreation and natural beauty within our cities."

### Speaking of new levels, let's cover the airport

Architect Paul Rudolph has an idea about building some new levels for better transportation, with a side effect of doing something about architecture. He points out that we have overdone the abuse of the automobile, and should see if we can't find some constructive purpose for it, in addition to using the thing.

Talking recently to a student design competition he said: "I have come to the following conclusions, that only the automobile and its configurations give one element large enough to really break up and define certain areas in cities, and that it might well be used to correct some slight little faults which we find on all sides:

"To give an example, the Kennedy Airport has been described, not by me, but others, as an architectural zoo and I'm inclined to agree with them about that. I would like to propose that since one quite often misses planes at the Kennedy Airport because you park right in the middle and have to walk for twenty or thirty minutes to your plane, you know, that one solution would be to build four or five layers of parking over the architectural zoo. You not only would get to your plane much faster, but you would then have a gateway to a city -E.G. worthy of the name."



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### Going under for the third time

"Bury the wires!" is item one on the beautification agenda of almost any community which sets out to fight the war on ugliness. Yet few have been able to do anything about the overhead wiring which makes a ceiling over streets and weaves a net in front of urban vistas. For the incontrovertible fact is that it costs money—someone's money—to put existing wires anywhere but where they already are.

Nevertheless, three residential districts in Seattle have accomplished the feat of undergrounding the existing overhead power, communication and television lines. The latest and largest district to do this is East Laurelhurst, where 357 homeowners are sharing the cost of a \$300,000 wire-burying job. It took the residents four years to find an acceptable way of achieving what they wanted. In the end, a committee of the residents dealt directly with the utility company and, instead of an assessment based on square footage, used a "one-house, oneprice" method of financing the job.

While these three Seattle neighborhoods were offering an example of citizen responsibility toward community appearance, the Seattle chapter, A.I.A. was also setting an example. When Seattle City Light, the city-owned utility, proposed a rate cut, the chapter went on record as opposing the cut and urging the use of the monies to implement the program of undergrounding to which the present city government, and the utility, are pledged.

Per person, the rate cut isn't much. But in the aggregate it could go far toward undergrounding yet another of Seattle's residential neighborhoods.

#### WHAT'S THE LIMIT?

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You, the architect, have to be the judge of these limits. Sometimes the boundaries set by a client are too circumscribed and, as architect, you have to extend them. But sometimes the boundaries are restricted by budgeted public (and private, too) monies, and the realization of the projects depends on strict adherence to the budget.

In the design world, the words "limit," "boundary," "finite" strike a certain

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terror to the heart—a terror that it may be the imagination that is limited, bounded, defined. Is it lack of courage that brings such terror—or lack of discipline in the exercise of talent?

What extends the imagination like a boundary? What compels a solution like a definite problem? What goads the mind like a limit? Where there is no definition there can be no solution. And for architecture, if there is no solution, there is no realization.

### THOUGHTS ON THE CITY

"The city was born in Babylonia . . . In its time, Babylon rose against the sky in solitary grandeur. In our time, hundreds of immense cities spread out over all the continents . . . Tomorrow Babylon will be everywhere." Wolf Schneider, in "Babylon is Everywhere: The City as Man's Fate."

"There is a growing uneasiness about the degree to which cars have become the real population of our cities, with a resulting loss of human scale, both in power and in distance. The town planners are planning ways and means to buy back our cities for the pedestrian from the big transportation interests." Marshall McLuhan in Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man.

"Cities have tended to develop in concentric rings with their business areas at the center. Residential rings have grown about the center, constricting the heart of the city. If the growing heart of a child were encased in steel, that child would die within a short time. So with cities." Constantinos Doxiadis, in interview at Aspen.

-Elisabeth Kendall Thompson

### WESTERN BUILDINGS IN THE NEWS

Wilshire Square, a \$20-million office building complex on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, will be built in two phases: the first, a 12-story building, will be completed in late 1967; construction on the second will start after completion of the first. The two-acre site is part of the Chapman tract across Wilshire from the Ambassador Hotel. Architects: Langdon & Wilson; contractor: C. L. Peck.





This design for a \$15.5-million multi-purpose Activity Center for Santa Clara, California has been approved by the city's Council. Included in the Center will be a 15,000-seat arena; a 3,000-seat auditorium; an exhibit hall; a children's theater and a little theater; and a water tower with a restaurant on top. Architect: Mario Gaidano.

A \$4-million addition to the engineering materials laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley, is under construction and due for completion in 1968. The seven-story building will house laboratories for a variety of materials testing equipment on six of its seven floors, with offices on the seventh. A testing slab is located in a two-story room 168 feet long and 50 feet wide located behind and one level below the berm which surrounds the building. Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; contractor: Continental Construction Company.





A central mall or "Alameda" will tie together instructional spaces, gym, library and a little theater on the all-new campus of the Peralta Junior College in Alameda, California. The first buildings will house liberal arts and vocational programs; later, library and student center will be built. The new college is to be ready for use in the fall of 1969. Architects: Stone, Marraccini and Patterson, San Francisco, and Perkins and Will, Chicago.

This branch office for First Federal Savings and Loan Association is located in the semiresidential Makiki area of Honolulu. The puilding stands on a podium two feet above the street, with the principal business rooms on the podium level. A second level contains two large offices. Architects: Lemmon, Freeth, Haines and Jones, Joseph Farrell, associate.



A "university of the air" is under construction by United Air Lines on a 13-acre site at Stapleton International Airport, Denver, Colorado. The \$7-million Flight Training Center, scheduled for completion early in 1968, will permit the training of 750 pilots for United and for other airlines and for business firms. Architects: Perkins and Will, Chicago, and Paul Reddy, Denver.





For overnight visitors to Sea Ranch on the Sonoma Coast of Northern California, these 14 guest-house units will provide accommodations. The design of the building allows for conversion of the guest house units to eight condominiums for sale to private owners. Sea Ranch is a second-home community of condominiums and private homes. Architects: (condominiums): Marquis & Stoller. WESTERN REPORTS





#### **Music Center**

Two theater buildings—one for experimental and "intimate" theater, the other for legitimate theater—will be ready for use early next year and will complete the \$33.5-million Music Center in Los Angeles' Civic Center Mall. The Mark Taper Forum is a circular building with a thrust stage and seating for 750. The Ahmanson Theater is square, seats 2,100 on three levels, and has a stage without proscenium. The two kinds of dramatic facilities complement the 3250-seat Dorothy Chandler Music Pavilion. A colonnade surrounds the Forum and the Theater. The wall of the circular Forum building is made up of curved panels of concrete precast in foam plastic molds to provide an integral high-relief sculpture on the exterior surface. Its abstract design repeats every seven panels but permits a view of only one section from a vantage point and so achieves visual variety. Architects: Welton Becket & Associates; contractors: Peter Kiewit Sons Co.

### Building big in Los Angeles: two projects progress apace



#### **Century City**

Residential and commercial development in the \$500-million city-in-a-city, Century City in Los Angeles, will be further diversified by inclusion of townhouse apartments and an entertainment center, according to a new land-use study for the development, just completed by Charles Luckman Associates. Additional stores in the Century Square regional shopping center, more underground parking and an airlines terminal will also be added. Already completed are two office buildings (Welton Becket & Associates, architects); two apartment buildings (I. M. Pei, architect); the Century Plaza Hotel (Minoru Yamasaki & Associates, architects); and a number of smaller office buildings. Nearly finished are two more high-rise apartment buildings (Charles Luckman Associates, architects). A medical office building will be built in the next year.



I. M. Pei. 1901 Building, third major office building. Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum. Century Park Apartments. Architects: Charles Luckman Associates.

Included in Century City are Century Towers,

first high-rise apartment buildings. Architect:



Shadle Park Reservoir, Spokane, Washington. Engineers: The City of Spokane Public Works Department.



Valley View Reservoir, Lafayette, California. East Bay Municipal Utility District. Designers: Cornelius Sampson and Associates.



Golden Plant Reservoir, Pacentia, California. Engineers: Southern California Water Company Engineering Department.



Stanton Reservoir, San Leandro, California. East Bay Municipal Utility District. Architects: Anderson, Hyde, Anderson.

### New structural forms for improved public relations

These four reservoirs show the new concern of utility districts and water companies for the effect of their structures on "community esthetics." As one company says, "Our engineers now ask not only, does it work? and, is it economical?, but, is it attractive?" Three of these reservoirs are in residential neighborhoods; the fourth is on a hilltop in an undeveloped area. The City of Spokane built a 73-foothigh welded-steel tank in a city park, and improved its appearance with a ring of tapered steel pilasters, an overhanging roof, a two-color paint job, and spotlights. Southern California Water Company put most of its Golden Plant reservoir underground, with a flat-roofed rectangular prestressed concrete structure. East Bay Municipal Utility District used traditional tank forms and camouflaged them with non-structural forms.

### WESTERN TOPICS

Nathaniel Owings will head the sevenman Governor's Jury on Good Design and Beauty for the State of California which will nominate significant buildings and projects in eight categories, recommend "the greatest over-all contribution to conservation and enhancement of natural beauty," and propose the names of two "environmental leaders" in a new program of awards just established by Governor Edmund G. Brown. The program is intended as a "powerful catalyst for better design and for meaningful consideration for beauty throughout the state." Other jury members will be structural engineer T. Y. Lin; Mrs. Helen Reynolds, president, California Roadside Council; Dean Sam Hurst of USC's School of Architecture; Allan Temko, writer; Harry Ashmore, Center for Study of Democratic Institutions; and Cesar Pelli, director of design for Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall.

The Platte River Valley beautification and redevelopment plan, to which members of the Colorado chapter, A.I.A., gave many hours of volunteer time and effort and which was exhibited in Denver at the recent national convention of the Institute, has received the backing of 21 civic groups. The proposed plan resulted from the destructive floods of June 1965, and is based on the construction of dams along the river valley. The redevelopment plan recommends a 20-year construction program to include a historicalcultural park, a hotel-motel complex, a stadium, and a college complex in the area surrounding downtown Denver; a technical-vocational high school, two new industrial parks, and new recreational parks. Total estimated cost is \$630 million in private and public funds.

The Pacific Northwest's newest industrial developments-Boeing's \$300-million central fabrication plant in southwest Auburn, Washington and Northwest Aluminum's \$100-million aluminum plant on Guemes Island near Anacortes, Washington-are changing the face of these communities as well as the way of life of their residents. Auburn, especially, has been hard-hit because of the suddenness of its population growth. By the end of 1966, some 5,000 persons will be employed at the Boeing plant. Tight money has slowed construction of residential projects both in Auburn and in surrounding Green River Valley communities which are also feeling the impact of the new plant. Guemes Island's population of 250 will be guadrupled when the aluminum plant opens, and planning for increased public utilities and facilities is already under way.

A mass transit study for the island of Oahu, Hawaii, prepared by Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, recommends a 21-mile fixed-rail line on the Honolulu side of the island, with express feeder buses at either end. The transit line would run underground for 2.3 miles through the downtown section of Honolulu; the remainder of the line would be on an overhead structure. The recommended plan is designed to serve the island's needs up to 1985.

### WESTERN EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

**10-15** 35th annual national conference, Northern California Chapter, American Institute of Interior Designers. Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

**25-30** National convention, Prestressed Concrete Institute. Rice Hotel, Houston.

**27-30** Third Institute for International Engineering. University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

#### OCTOBER

**6-9** 21st annual convention, California Council, American Institute of Architects. Monterey County Fairgrounds, Monterey, California.

**12-15** "Design for People," 15th conference, Western Mountain Region, American Institute of Architects. La Fonda, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**13-15** Annual convention, Structural Engineers Association of California. Ahwahnee Hotel, Yosemite, California.

**18-20** Western Motel Exposition, sponsored by California Motel Association. Sahara Hotel, Stateline, Nevada.

**23-27** "The Search for Total Architecture," 15th annual conference, Northwest Region, American Institute of Architects. Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

**25-28** 43rd anniversary congress, Building Contractors Association of California. Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu.







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### Western construction trends

June construction contract value in the Western states totaled \$972,574,000 almost exactly the amount tabulated in the same month last year. But while the two Junes produced comparable totals, the similarity pretty well ends there. This year the June contracts tell a story of a vigorously expanding nonresidential building market—up 20 per cent over the year-ago amount—and further deterioration in an already depressed housing market. The current June's residential value fell 23 per cent below last year's.

At mid-year, total Western construction activity was still lagging behind the six-month pace of 1965, although gains recorded during the second quarter went a long way toward closing the gap. The year's cumulative total of \$5,084,042,000 for the half year was 6 per cent short of 1965's contracts, and that represented a big improvement over the picture at the end of the first quarter when 1966 was running 15 per cent behind.

In June, nonresidential building turned in its largest monthly gain of 1966 in the Western states. Educational and science building, public building, and social and recreational structures all scored advances of better than 20 per cent. Commercial building contract value was also strong in June with a 10 per cent increase.

Residential building value in the West, on the other hand, has been slipping further behind its 1965 total with each successive month. The year-to-date gap in housing was 14 per cent at the end of the first quarter, and by mid-year had widened to 17 per cent. Multi-family building accounts for by far the largest part of the decline.

Even a wind this ill has to blow some good, and it's to be found in the latest vacancy statistics. Rental vacancies, which on a national basis have been holding very steady for the past five years or so, have at last shown a significant decline. Most interesting, though, is the fact that the West was responsible for just about all of the drop in the national rate. In the West, where higher-than-average vacancies are the norm, the second quarter decline was especially sharp-and welcome. In contrast to the same threemonth period of 1965, when the rate was up around 12 per cent, the latest reading stands at a much healthier 9.9 per cent. It appears that at least one of the impediments to a recovery in Western residential building-the backlog of unoccupied housing left over from the last boomis finally being absorbed.

FOR ANALYSIS OF CONSTRUCTION TRENDS NATIONWIDE SEE PAGE 44

James E. Carlson, Associate Economist F. W. Dodge Company A Division of McGraw-Hill, Inc.

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### **Estimator's Guide:** San Francisco Bay Area

The Estimator's Guide alternates monthly among four Western areas. These prices have been compiled from average quotations received by LeRoy Construction Services for commercial work of approximately \$100,000-\$250,000 total value. Except as otherwise noted, prices are for work installed including all labor, material, taxes, overhead and subcontractors' profit. Material prices include local delivery except as noted, but no state or local taxes.

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Common 21/2 x 33/4 x 81/4"	M 59.00
Jumbo 31/2 x 3 x 111/2"	M 103.00
Roman Red 3 x 2 x 111/2"	M 84.00
Norman Red	
3 x 21/2 x 111/2"	M 87.00
Norman Buff	M 116.00
Antique (used) Brick	M 69.50
Paving Brick	M 90.00
MANTEL FIRE BRICK	
21/2 x 91/2 x 41/2"	M 142.00
GLAZED STRUCTURAL U	NITS
2 x 6 x 12" Furring	SF .60
4 x 6 x 12"-1 side	SF .91
6 x 6 x 12''-1 side	SF 1.32
4 x 6 x 12"-2 sides	SF 1.00
Add For Color	SF .25
CONCRETE BLOCKS	
4 x 8 x 16"	EA .23
6 x 8 x 16"	
8 x 8 x 16"	
12 x 8 x 16"	
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All sizes in	bulkCY 6.80

### **BRICKWORK & MASONRY** BRICK WALLS

Back Up Common 8" SF 2.70	l
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4" RomanSF 2.10	l
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### **BUILDING PAPER & FELTS**

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1 ply per 1,000-ft roll	4.20
2 ply per 1,000-ft roll	6.40
3 ply per 1,000-ft roll	8.75
Sisalkraft, reinforced,	
500-ft roll	

#### SHEATHING PAPERS

Asphalt sheathing, 15-lb
324 SF roll
30-lb 216 SF roll2.93
Dampcourse, 216-ft roll3.30
FELT PAPERS
Deadening felt,3/4-lb, 50 s.y. roll 3.00

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### **ROOFING PAPERS**

Standard grade, smooth surface
432 SF roll,
Light, 45-lb2.20
Medium, 55-lb2.63
Heavy, 65-lb
Mineral surfaced 216 SF roll 3.50

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DUCH CARPENTRY

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FloorsBM .2732
WallsBM .3238
CeilingsBM .3442
RoofsBM .2933
Furring & blocking BM .4570
Bolted framing, add 50%
SHEATHING
1 x 8" straightBM .2329
1 x 8" diagonalBM .2631
5/16" plyscordSF .1924
5/8" plywood CCSF .2732
SIDING
1 x 8" bevelBM .4550
1 x 4" V-rusticBM .5060
Bolted framing, add 50%

### **DAMPPROOFING &** WATERPROOFING

#### MEMBRANE

1 layer 50-lb. feltSQ	12.00
4 layers dampcourseSQ	16.00
Hot coat wallsSQ	10.00
Tricosal added to concrete. CY	1.00
Anti-Hydro added to	
concreteCY	1.50

### ROOFING

Asphalt & Gravel	Per Sq
4 ply	.17.00-22.00
5 ply	.19.50-25.00
White gravel finish-Add	2.00- 4.00
Asphalt compo. shingles	26.00-32.00
Cedar shingles	.26.00-33.00
Cedar shakes	.29.00-36.00
Concrete tiles	.45.00-65.00
Clay tiles	.50.00-80.00
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### SHEET METAL

### **ROOF FLASHINGS**

18 ga galv steel SF .85-1.25
22 ga galv steelSF .75-1.15
26 ga galv steel SF .65-1.05
18 ga aluminumSF 1.30-1.80
22 ga aluminumSF 1.10-1.25
26 ga aluminum SF 1.00-1.15
24 oz copperSF 2.45-2.85
20 oz copperSF 2.15-2.55
16 oz copper SF 1.85-2.35
26 ga galv. steel
4" OG gutter LF 1.20-1.45
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22 ga galv. louvers
22 oz copper louvers
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#### MILLWORK

#### **All Prices FOB Mill**

D.F., clear, air dried S4S ...MBM 220.00-250.00 D.F., kiln dried S4S MBM

#### 250.00-300.00 DOOR FRAMES & TRIM

Residential entrance .....17.00 & up Interior room entrance ... 9.00 & up

#### DOORS

1%" hollow core 8.00 & up
13/4" solid core
13/8" Birch hollow core 10.00 & up
1¾" Birch solid core22.00 & up
WOOD SASH
D/H in pairs (2 Its)SF .55
Casement (1 It)SF .65
WOOD CABINETS
3/4" D.F. plywood with
1/4" plywood backs:
Wall hung LF 10.00-15.00
Counter LF 12.00-17.00
Birch or maple, add 25%

#### **FINISH CARPENTRY**

EXTERIOR TRIM
Fascia and moldsBM .6080
ENTRANCE DOORS & FRAMES
Single 60.00 & up
Double
INTERIOR DOORS & FRAMES
Singles
Pocket sliding46.00 & up
Closet sliding (Pr.)52.00 & up
WINDOWS
D/H sash & frames SF 2.00 & up
Casement sash &
framesSF 2.30 & up
SHELVING
1 x 12 S4SBM .3050
<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " plywoodSF .4060
STAIRS
Oak steps, D.F. risers
Under 36" wide Riser 14.00
Under 60" wide Riser 19.00
Newel posts and rail extra
WOOD CASES & CABINETS
D.F. wall hung LF 15.50-20.60
D.F. counters LF 18.50-25.75
HARDWOOD FLOORING
MATERIALS

## OAK 5/16" + 2" STRIP

UAK 3/ 10 X 2 SIKIP	
Clear	M 195.00
Select	M 190.00
#1 Common	
OAK 5/16" RANDOM PLA	NK
Select & better	M 285.00
#1 Common	M 235.00
OAK 25/32" x 2-1/4" T&G	
Select	M 260.00
#1 Common	M 235.00
MAPLE 25/32" x 2-1/4" T&C	G
#1 Grade	M 305.00
#2 Grade	
#3 Grade	
NAILS-1" FLOOR BRADS	KEG 18.00

#### HARDWOOD FLOORS

Select Oak
Filled, sanded, stained and
varnished
5/16" x 21/4" stripSF .5055
5/16" random plant SF .6065

1/2 X 2 Strip
25/32" x 2¼" T&GSF .7590
MAPLE
2nd grade and better
Filled, sanded, stained & varnished
25/32" x 21/2" T&G SF .85-1.00
Wax finish, addSF .10
Dark stains, add

#### **RESILIENT FLOORING** MATERIALS

Linoleum, standard

cinoreant, standard
gageSY 2.65-2.85
Linoleum, battleship SY 2.95-3.10
1/8" Asphalt tile, dark SF .1011
1/8" Asphalt tile, light SF .1416
1/8" Rubber tileSF .4044
.080 Vinyl tileSF .5565
.080 Vinyl Asbestos tile .SF .1819
1/8" Vinyl tileSF .7882
4" base, blackLF .1011
4" base, coloredLF .1115
Rubber treadsLF 1.60-2.30
Linoleum paste GAL .7590

#### FLOORS

1/8" Asphalt tile,
dark colorsSF .2328
1/8" Asphalt tile,
light colorsSF .2530
1/8" Rubber tileSF .6070
.080 Vinyl Asbestos tile .SF .3844
.080 Vinyl tileSF .7585
Linoleum,
standard gage SY 3.75-4.25
Linoleum, battleship SY 5.25-5.75
4" Rubber baseLF .2535
Rubber stair treads LF 2.25-2.75

#### LATH & PLASTER MATERIALS

METAL LATH Diamond 3.4# copper-	
bearingS Ribbed 3.4#copper	Y .49
bearingS	Y .53
3/8" thick	Y .36
METAL %4'' Standard channelLI 1½2'' Standard channelLI 3¼4'' Steel studsLI 4'' Steel studsLI Stud shoesEA	.053 .088 .098
PLASTER	

		.Sack 1.58 .Sack 1.75
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#### LATH & PLASTER WORK

CHANNEL FURRING	
Suspended ceilings	
Walls	.SY 2.90-3.25
METAL STUD PARTITIC	INS
31/4" studs	
4" studs	
Over 10-0 high, add	.SY .2535
3.4# METAL LATH & PL	Call of the second s
Ceilings	
Walls	.SY 4.90-5.65
Keene's cement finish, add	EN AF CF
ROCK LATH & PLASTER	
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Walls	
Metal accessories	LF .2555
DRYWALL	
METAL STUD PARTITIC	ONS
15/8" studs	SF .30
	SF .33
35%" studs	SF .40

#### DRYWALL

1/2 Nailed on		 	51.13
1/2" Screwed o	n	 	SF .15
5/8" Nailed on		 	SF .16
5/8" Screwed o	n	 	SF .19
Tape joints		 	SF .05

#### TILE MATERIALS **FOB** Warehouse

#### CERANIC THE

CERAMIC TILE	L
4¼ x 4¼ "glazedSF .72	
41/4 x 41/4" hard glazedSF .74	
Random, unglazedSF .72	
6 x 2" capEA .31	
6" cove baseEA .31	
1/4" round beadLF .18	
QUARRY TILE	
6 x 6 x 1/2" redSF .51	
6 x 6 x <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " redSF .53	
6 x 9 x ¾" redSF .65	
6 x 6" cove baseEA .23	

#### **TILE & TERRAZZO WORK**

#### **CERAMIC TILE, stock colors**

FI	loorsSF 1.	.90-2.30
W	VallsSF 2.	.00-2.50
C	ove baseLF 1.	
	UARRY TILE	
6	x 6 x 1/2" floorsSF 1.	80-2.20
9	x 9 x 3/4" floorsSF 1.	95-2.40
TI	ERRAZZO	
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Te	errazzo floorsSF 2.	.30-2.80
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#### WINDOWS

STEEL SASH	
Under 10 SF	SF 2.50 & up
Under 15 SF	SF 2.00 & up
Under 20 SF	SF 1.50 & up
Under 30 SF	SF 1.00 & up
ALUMINUM	SASH

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Under	30 SF			SF	1.25	& up
Under	20 SF			SF	1.75	& up
Under	15 SF			SF	2.25	& up
Under	10 SF			SF	2.75	& up

#### GLASS-CUT TO SIZE **FOB** Warehouse

SSB Clear, aver 4 SFSF .17
OSB Clear, aver 7 SF SF .28
Crystal, aver 16 SFSF .35
/4" Polished plate, aver
50 SFSF .90
/s" Obscure, aver 7 SF SF .35
/s" Ribbed, aver 7 SF SF .45
/s" Rough, aver 7 SF SF .45
/4" Wire plate, clear,
aver 40 SFSF 1.90
/4" Wire plate, rough,
aver 40 SFSF .90
/8" Heat absorbing,
aver 7 SF SF .90
/4" Tempered plate,
aver 40 SFSF 3.60
/2" Tempered plate,
aver 40 SFSF 6.40
GLASS BLOCKS
Β''
5"EA .70 3"EA 1.15 12"EA 3.10
GLASS & GLAZING

SSB Clear	.SF	.55
DSB Clear	.SF	.80
Crystal	.SF	.95
1/4" Plate	.SF	2.00
1/8" Obscure	.SF	.80
1/8" Heat Absorbing	.SF	1.35
1/4" Tempered plate	.SF	4.75
1/2" Tempered plate	.SF	9.00
1/4" Wire plate, clear	.SF	2.90
1/4" Wire plate, rough	.SF	1.50

#### **PAINT MATERIALS**

#### PAINTING

#### EXTERIOR Stucco wash,

	1 Coat	 SY50
	2 Coats	 SY .90
Lead &	Oil,	
	2 coats	 SY 1.20
	3 coats	 SY 1.75
INTERI	OR	

#### Primer-sealer ......SY .54

Wall paint,
1 coat
2 coatsSY 1.05
Enamel,
1 coat
2 coats
Doors & trimEA 15.00
Sash & trimEA 17.50
Base & moldsLF .20
Old work, add 15-30%

#### **VENETIAN BLINDS**

RESIDENTIALSF	.45 8	k up
COMMERCIALSF	.55 8	k up
VERTICALSF	1.25 8	k up

#### PLUMBING

LavatoriesEA 280.00-350.00
ToiletsEA 350.00-450.00
Bath tubs
Stall shower EA 250.00-340.00
Sinks EA 280.00-380.00
Laundry trays EA 160.00-270.00
Water heaters EA 135.00-450.00
Prices based on average residential
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tures and excessive piping not in-
cluded.

#### HEATING

Furnaces-Gas-Fired, Average Job FLOOR FURNACE 25 000 BTU FA 145 00-175 00

23,000 DTOLA 143.00-173.00
35,000 BTU 155.00-180.00
45,000 BTU EA 180.00-210.00
Automatic control,
addEA 42.00- 55.00
DUAL WALL FURNACE
25,000 BTU EA 180.00-220.00
35,000 BTU EA 190.00-230.00
50,000 BTU EA 215.00-245.00
Automatic control,
addEA 55.00- 70.00
FORCED WITH DUCTS
60,000 BTU EA 420.00-540.00
80,000 BTUEA 470.00-560.00
100,000 BTU EA 510.00-675.00
120,000 BTU EA 590.00-710.00
HEAT REGISTERS
Outlet
ELECTRIC WIRING

Per Outlet		
Knob & Tube	EA	15.00
Armor	.EA	22.00
Conduit	.EA	28.00
110-V Circuit	.EA	35.00
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#### Zip Code is here to stay!

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#### THE RECORD REPORTS

#### Birmingham announces competition for civic center

A two-stage national competition for a \$25 million Civic Activities Center on a 23-acre site in downtown Birmingham, Alabama has been announced by the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Authority. The program calls for a center consisting of a sports and convention coliseum, a concert hall, a theater, an exhibition hall and a restaurant, meeting rooms, parking and other allied facilities. The A.I.A.-approved competition is open to any architect in the United States who



#### Belgian architect awarded first "Le Corbusier Prize"

Belgian architect Etienne Dusart has been awarded by the Athens Center of Ekistics the first "Le Corbusier Prize" of \$1000 for the study "The Lesson of the Islands." Shown above is a drawing of the Village of Skiros, one of the 400 sketches contained in Mr. Dusart's study. The prize is awarded for a study on "anonymous" Greek architecture or planning. Chairman of the jury which judged 11 entries was C. A. Doxiadis, president of the Ekistics Center.

#### Casper Hegner leaves GSA post

Casper F. Hegner, the first architect to be named Commissioner of Public Buildings in the General Services Administration, Washington, D.C. has left his post after just over eight months' service. His deputy, William A. Schmidt, was named Acting Commissioner. Mr. Hegner has rehas been licensed to practice anywhere in the U.S. for at least four years. Deadline for registration is September 24, with first-stage proposals due by November 1. First prize will be \$25,000 payable towards the commission. Second prize is \$15,000 and third prize, \$5,000. Each of the eight finalists will receive an honorarium of \$5,000. Serving on the jury will be architects Max Abramovitz, Gyo Obata and John Carl Warnecke; Harold Burris-Meyer, director of the University Thea-

turned to the Veterans Administration where he had been from 1962 to 1965 Manager of Operations in the construction office, as Technical Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Construction.

#### New York City Mayor proposes "vest pocket" housing

Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York City has proposed that over half of the city's 1965-66 public housing allotment from the Department of Housing and Urban Development be devoted to the rehabilitation of structurally sound dwellings or "vest pocket" construction in five core areas throughout the city. The philosophy behind the program is to avoid huge developments of high-rise buildings which upset neighborhood patterns and force large-scale relocation of families. "The sudden influx of large numbers of new families," said Mayor Lindsay to the members of the Board of Estimate, "tended to upset the fabric of the community." The Mayor also deplored the resulting destruction of neighborhood stores.

At the same time Mayor Lindsay defined three objectives for the siting of public housing: (1) public housing will be placed, wherever possible, on vacant land, limiting any one development so that it will not be a massive project; (2) sites will be chosen to achieve both economic and racial integration of neighborhoods; and (3) supporting facilities will be developed to integrate the public housing into the community.



ter, Florida Atlantic University; and John Fernald, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London. The program can be obtained by writing William A. Briggs, A.I.A. Professional Adviser, Box 18038, Richmond, Virginia 23222.

#### New York State forms Council on Architecture

The State of New York will soon have a five-member Council on Architecture, with at least three of its members being registered architects. Sponsor of the bill, which has now been signed into law with a \$50,000 appropriation, is State Senator Whitney North Seymour Jr. of Manhattan. Purpose of the Council, according to Senator Seymour, will be twofold: "To let architects rather than budget directors influence state buildings and to give direct financial assistance to local communities for the renovation of publiclyowned historically and architecturally important buildings." The Council will also seek to include works of fine art in public buildings.

#### Academic appointments

John E. Burchard has been appointed Acting Dean of the College of Environmental Design at the University of California, Berkeley, succeeding Dean Martin Meyerson who is leaving to become President of the State University of New York at Buffalo. Mr. Burchard went to Berkeley in 1964 as Visiting Professor of Environmental Design and during the past academic year was Acting Chairman of the Department of Design. He had been Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for 16 years and was for three years a consulting editor of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD.

Jack H. Swing has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Architecture at the University of Illinois, Urbana, succeeding Professor Granville S. Keith who retired at the end of the academic year. Mr. Swing was with the Perkins & Will Partnership, Chicago, in 1951-52; the Chicago Park District from 1952-55, and was a partner in the firm of McPherson, Swing and Associates from 1955-61. He joined the University faculty in 1959 and has degrees in both architecture and landscape architecture.

#### A.I.S.C. cites seven buildings in seventh annual competition

The American Institute of Steel Construction has given four awards of excellence and three awards of merit in its seventh annual competition for "beautiful steelframe buildings." Serving on the awards jury were architects Lawrence B. Anderson, Mario J. Ciampi, Charles M. Nes, Jr., and John C. Portman, Jr., and consulting engineer Dr. Lev Zetlin.

Winning awards of architectural excellence were: The Chicago Civic Center-C. F. Murphy Associates, supervising architect, and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Loebl, Schlossman, Bennett & Dart, associate architects; The Equitable Building, Chicago-Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architect; Inland Steel Products Company, Milwaukee-William P. Wenzler, Architect and Associates, Inc.; and Birmingham Bloomfield Bank, Wixom, Michigan-Ziegelman and Ziegelman, architects. Winning architectural awards of merit were The Atlanta Stadium-Heery and Heery and Finch, Alexander, Barnes, Rothschild and Paschall, associated architects; State Street Bank Building, Boston-Pearl Street Associates, a joint venture of F. A. Stahl & Associates, Hugh Stubbins & Associates, and William J. LeMessurier Associates, architects; and First Federal Building, Detroit-Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, architect.



#### Eero Saarinen's firm changes its name

The architectural firm of Eero Saarinen and Associates, Hamden, Connecticut has changed its name to Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates, complying with the wish of Mr. Saarinen, expressed specifically in his partnership agreement, that the title be changed within a five-year period following his death, when the new leaders of the firm would have emerged. Mr. Roche, 44 (right in photo), and Mr. Dinkeloo, 48, head a staff of 102 engaged in major projects in 13 states and several foreign countries.

The new firm evolved from the one formed by Mr. Saarinen in 1950 which in turn was preceded by the partnership of Eliel and Eero Saarinen formed in 1937. Since Eero Saarinen's death in 1961, the firm has continued as a partnership of Roche, Dinkeloo and Joseph N. Lacy. Mr. Lacy is now retiring from active practice, but will continue in an advisory capacity as a consulting architect. From its formation in 1950 to Eero Saarinen's death in 1961, the Saarinen firm undertook \$177 million in construction. Since 1961, \$158 million in work has been added.

#### P.C.I. honors 15 structures in annual award program

Fifteen structures of diverse types in the United States and Canada have been cited in the 1966 Prestressed Concrete Institute awards program. Serving on the jury were architects Morris Ketchum Jr., chairman, R. Jackson Smith, John C. Parkin and Gene Leedy; J. Neils Thompson, president, National Society of Professional Engineers; and William J. Hedley, president, American Society of Civil Engineers. The jury praised "the high quality demonstrated throughout the entire group of submissions."

Receiving equivalent awards for excellence of design using precast and prestressed concrete were: Greenbriar Shopping Center, Atlanta-Edwards and Portman, architects; the S. I. Newhouse Communications Center, Syracuse University-I. M. Pei and Associates, architects; Estancia High School, Newport Beach, California-William E. Blurock & Associates, architects; The First National Bank Building, San Diego-Tucker, Sadler and Bennett, architects and engineers; Children's Hospital Medical Center Parking Garage, Boston-The Architects Collaborative, architects; Bank of Park Forest, Illinois-Fridstein & Fitch, architects; Central Mall and Transportation Center, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Mountain, British Columbia-Erickson/ Massey Architects; and the Lytton Savings and Loan Association Buildings in Oakland and Canoga Park, California-Kurt Meyer & Associates, architects.

Also, Laboratory of the Research Council of Alberta, Edmonton—Bell, McCulloch, Spotowski Associates, architects; Century Building, Seattle —Bystrom & Greco, Architects; LaGuardia Airport Runway Extensions, New York—The Port of New York Authority Engineering Department; Cascade Orchards Bridge near Leavenworth, Washington—Arvid Grant & Associates, engineers; Los Penasquitos Creek Bridge, San Diego County—California Division of Highways, architects and engineers; and Laurentian Autoroute Bridge, near Ste-Adele, Quebec—Regis Trudeau & Associates, consulting engineers.



## Douglas Orr, past president of the A.I.A., dead at 74

Douglas William Orr, F.A.I.A., a practicing architect with offices in New Haven, Connecticut for 47 years, and a past president of the American Institute of Architects, died at his home in Stony Creek, Connecticut at age 74. As A.I.A. president from 1947 to 1949, Mr. Orr supervised the renovation of the Institute's headquarters, the Octagon House, organized committees to foster collaboration between architects and builders; organized a committee on atomic-age architecture; and initiated the annual Honor Awards Program. Mr. Orr was a member of the National Academy of Design and was an honorary corresponding member of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He was vice chairman and the only architect on the six-man Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion, Washington, D.C., in 1948. In 1963 his firm became a partnership now known as the Office of Douglas Orr, deCossy, Winder and Associates, Architects. The firm will continue under this name at its present offices, 111 Whitney Avenue.

#### World Trade Center will start construction

The twin 110-story tower World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan, designed by Minoru Yamasaki for The Port of New York Authority, will start construction soon, following a settlement of its dispute with the City of New York. The dispute centered on the question of how much money the Authority would pay the city in lieu of taxes on the 16-acre site. In addition to the World Trade Center, Mayor Lindsay's office said other Port Authority projects given momentum by the agreement included: the creation of 28 acres of landfill on the Lower Manhattan waterfront (one of the proposals in the Lower Manhattan Report-July, page 35); the determination of the economic feasibility of a consolidated steamship passenger terminal along the Manhattan Hudson waterfront; and a \$1,600,000 cargo handling facility along Brooklyn piers. In line with the agreement, bids were open last month for over \$100 million of Trade Center construction work.



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#### BUILDINGS IN THE NEWS

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The South Wing of the Detroit Institute of Arts, designed by Harley, Ellington, Cowin and Stirton, Inc., with Gunnar Birkerts Associates as design consultants, is surfaced with dark gray polished granite to create a back-

drop for the Institute's existing ornate, weathered white marble structure. Tinted glass windows, placed at corners, provide subdued daylight throughout the building. The new three-story wing provides 38 galleries. Gallery

walls are covered with neutral linen stretched over plywood. Lighting includes a specially designed 500-watt quartz iodine lamp for over-all effects and movable spotlights. General contractor: Barton-Malow Company.



A 300-unit apartment building (*left*) in Ann Arbor, Michigan, designed by King & Lewis Architects, Inc., makes use of reinforced concrete shear walls as the sole supporting structure. The exterior spaces between structure members of the 26-story tower will be enclosed in bronze-toned glass and metal curtain wall. Exterior concrete will be sandblasted to expose textured aggregate surface. General contractor is R. E. Dailey Construction Company.

A 28-story office building (right) in Portland, Oregon has been designed by the Portland office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill as headquarters for the Georgia-Pacific Corporation. It will be a 97- by 158-foot tower on a 200- by 200-foot three-level base. The structure, which will cost over \$10 million, will provide 500,000 square feet of floor space. It will have two levels of underground parking.





The National Airlines passenger terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, designed by I. M. Pei & Associates, will have a main building connected by glass-enclosed bridges to two circular satellite buildings, each having six loading gates. The main building will have a steel truss-framed roof supported by free-standing concrete columns. Glass walls will enclose the two-story structure. Completion is set for late 1968.

A new theater at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, designed by Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates with Jo Mielziner, stage and lighting consultant and codesigner, will seat 1426 with no seat farther than 67 feet from stage. The stage will be adaptable from proscenium to thrust type. Exterior will have an exposed aggregate colonnade with the recessed wall of the lobby being glazed.





The civic center for Roanoke, Virginia, has been designed by an associated group of Roanoke architects and engineers consisting of Smithey & Boynton, architects, Thompson & Payne, architects, Randolph Frantz & John Chappelear, architects, and Sowers, Rodes & Whitescarver, engineers. It will be a twobuilding, \$7 million complex organized on a plaza. The center will consist of an 11,000seat coliseum, an auditorium-theater seating 2,460 and an exhibit hall under the plaza.



A new campus for Loughborough University of Technology, England, on a 90-acre site adjacent to the present campus, designed by Arup Associates, architects and engineers, will utilize molecular construction using multiples of 50-foot-squares located on a master grid. The campus centers about a 150-foot square forum. Also at center are areas of student and staff activity. These will be flanked by residence halls which will be surrounded by the academic area. Purpose of the plan is to give "total education" on a round-theclock basis. The modular plan also simplifies construction and allows total flexibility for expansion. Eleven dormitories will house 3,000 students. Total cost: \$42 million.

A revised design for the United States Courthouse and Federal Office Building, Philadelphia, has been approved by a threeman subcommittee of the General Services Administration's architectural advisory panel and by GSA. Design and siting of the project, designed by the architectural firms of Carroll, Grisdale and Van Alen, Stewart, Noble, Class & Partners, and Bellante and Clauss had been the cause of some local controversy last year (September 1965, page 35). The complex consists of a 22-story courthouse tower and a 10story office building connected by two parallel one-story wings forming an atrium.



A \$7.5-million education complex, designed by the Office of Max O. Urbahn, architects, around the Hall of Science Building at the site of the New York World's Fair will add a nuclear science center (right) and a multi-unit education and exhibit building. The firstphase structures will essentially house exhibit areas, classrooms, laboratories and administrative facilities, adding 125,000 square feet to the project. Construction will probably be of concrete with aluminum roof. The Hall of Science Building was designed by Harrison & Abramovitz.



Lens-Art Photographers



A metropolitan stadium proposed for the Michigan State Fair Grounds, Detroit, and designed by Louis G. Redstone Architects Inc., would have a dome made of a uniform translucent acrylic plastic skylight suspended from a separate structural system above the skylight, thus preventing baseballs from being lost in dark areas. The circular structure will have a six-level parking deck for 10,000 cars around its perimeter as well as parking for 10,000 cars on surface lots. The stadium would seat 63,000 for baseball, 67,000 for football.

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A master plan for a comprehensive development at Montego Bay, Jamaica, developed by Eggers and Higgins, architects, calls for the reclamation of 500 acres of land. The \$30million project will create a deep-water harbor with complete port facilities, an industrial park, office building, and shopping complex, as well as provisions for hotels, beaches, private residences, and rail and road facilities.





The First Savings Building, San Francisco, designed by John Carl Warnecke and Associates, will serve as headquarters for the First Savings and Loan Association and northern headquarters of Great Western Financial Corporation. It has six projecting bay windows running the full height of the building on the exterior elevations. The 26-story steel-frame structure will have a facade of grey glass and opaque spandrels with matching metal trim, and will contain 206,000 square feet. The building will be owned, financed and constructed by the Cahill Construction Company. A research building and an auditorium at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, designed by Fisher, Nes, Campbell & Partners, are both of poured-in-place concrete construction with sandblast finish, and are organized around a two-level plaza. The 10-story research tower has eight floors of laboratories over a twostory lobby, and contains 110,000 square feet. The auditorium, at left, seats 750. General contractor: Cogswell Construction Company.



#### CURRENT TRENDS IN CONSTRUCTION

#### BIG CITY MARKET: ARCHITECT'S TEN MOST WANTED LIST

For the architect, the big city is where the action is. After all, that's where most of the real building takes place. If there's any doubt about the extent that architectural opportunity is concentrated in a few metropolitan areas, recent data show that roughly one-quarter of the total value of architect-designed building is confined to only six big cities. And by the time you get through the "top ten" metropolitan areas, the proportion accounted for is one-third. One out of every three dollars currently being spent for architectural construction-some \$8 billion of \$24 billion-is being spent in a tight little group of ten cities.

Since these "top ten" met areas are of such tremendous importance to the architectural profession, let's delay no longer in identifying them so we can see how each one is doing so far this year. Our list of the ten best-building cities doesn't always stay the same any more than does the list of the ten best-dressed ladies. But, like the list of fashionable females, there are a few perennial favorites among the cities. New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Washington usually head the group, but positions eight, nine, and ten often see a newcomer or two. This year those ranks are held by Boston (barely on the list the year before), Seattle-Tacoma (a new arrival in 1966), and Dallas-Fort Worth (which slipped this year from eighth to tenth).

A ranking system such as this one based on the *size* of a city's building market—is useful as far as it goes, but should be backed up by other data. The amount and the direction of *change* in building activity are also critical; so too is the knowledge of which building types are causing the change. Here, in the table below, is a rundown on the nation's top met areas through the middle of 1966.

A few things stand out quite clearly from these comparisons. One is that of the top ten building centers, only five are showing gains this year. Another is that there's no consistent pattern—either by geography or by size—in the split of gainers vs. losers. Both are found in the east and in the west; both appear at the top and bottom of the list.

A closer look at the individual building types sheds more light, though. This year's most consistent gains appear among the nonresidential building projects (institutional buildings like schools and hospitals, especially). And by far the heaviest losses are reported in the apartment category.

The extent to which a city's building pattern is dominated by one or more of these construction types (e.g., Los Angeles with apartments; New York, Chicago, or Washington with office buildings; etc.) has had a lot to do with its recent performance.

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CONTRACT VALUE		RANK,	BY SIZE	PERCEN	PERCENT CHANGE 6 MO. '66 / 6 MO. '65					
OF ARCHITECT-DESIGNED BUILDINGS	METROPOLITAN AREAS	6 Months 1966	6 Months 1965	Industrial & Commercial	Institutional & Other Non-Residential	Apartments & Other Large Residential	Total Architect-Designed Buildings			
	New York-No. N.J.	1	1	+33%	+8%	-18%	+7%			
	Los Angeles	2	2	-6	+35	-50	-10			
	Chicago	3	3	+47	+43	-24	+18			
	Washington, D.C.	4	4	+50	+17	+8	+18			
	Detroit	5	6	-6	+26	-12	-2			
	San Francisco	6	5	+14	+7	-66	-20			
	Philadelphia	7	7	-38	-4	+31	-14			
	Boston	8	10	+96	+32	+50	+57			
	Seattle-Tacoma	9	-	+75	+58	+57	+65			
	Dallas-Ft. Worth	10	8	-35	+6	+90	-6			
	U.S. Total		-	+14%	+19%	-6%	+10%			

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#### BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COSTS

The information presented here indicates trends of building construction costs in 21 leading cities and their suburban areas (within a 25-mile radius). Information is included on past and present costs, and future costs can be projected by analysis of cost trends. William H. Edgerton Manager-Editor, Dow Building Cost Calculator,

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#### SEPTEMBER 1966 BUILDING COST INDEXES

		1941 a	verages for eac	th city $= 100$
Metropolitan	Cost	Current Do	w Index	% change year ago
area	differential	residential	non-res. res.	& non-res.
U.S. Average	8.5	274.8	292.8	+2.43
Atlanta	7.2	309.3	328.1	+1.69
Baltimore	7.7	277.7	295.4	+3.09
Birmingham	7.5	253.4	272.5	+1.51
Boston	8.5	249.4	263.9	+2.80
Chicago	8.9	303.4	319.1	+2.11
Cincinnati	8.8	263.6	280.2	+2.11
Cleveland	9.2	281.4	299.1	+3.77
Dallas	7.7	264.1	272.8	+4.61
Denver	8.3	282.0	299.7	+2.56
Detroit	8.9	277.2	291.0	+2.71
Kansas City	8.3	247.9	262.4	+2.45
Los Angeles	8.3	279.8	306.2	+3.17
Miami	8.4	269.9	283.3	+1.38
Minneapolis	8.8	273.4	290.6	+1.23
New Orleans	7.8	247.5	262.2	+2.01
New York	10.0	284.9	306.5	+1.63
Philadelphia	8.7	273.0	286.6	+2.31
Pittsburgh	9.1	257.8	274.0	+2.00
St. Louis	9.1	271.7	287.9	+2.71
San Francisco	8.5	353.9	387.2	+2.99
Seattle	8.4	250.7	280.2	+2.29

Differences in costs between two cities may be compared by dividing the cost differential figure of one city by that of a second; if the cost differential of one city (10.0) divided by that of a second (8.0) equals 125%, then costs in the first city are 25% higher than costs in the second. Also, costs in the second city are 80% of those in the first ( $8.0 \div 10.00 = 80\%$ ) or they are 20% lower in the second city

#### HISTORICAL BUILDING COST INDEXES-AVERAGE OF ALL BUILDING TYPES, 21 CITIES

Metropolitan									1	965 (Qu	arterly	)	19	66 (Qua	arterly)	
area	1952	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4t
U.S. Average	213.5	255.0	259.2	264.6	266.8	273.4	279.3		279.5	281.0	288.7	284.9	286.3	287.3	-	-
Atlanta	223.5	283.3	289.0	294.7	298.2	305.7	313.7		313.9	317.9	320.6	321.5	322.2	323.3	-	-
Baltimore	213.3	264.5	272.6	269.9	271.8	275.5	280.6		280.5	281.0	284.7	285.7	288.6	289.6	-	-
Birmingham	208.1	233.2	240.2	249.9	250.0	256.3	260.9		261.2	264.1	264.9	265.6	267.1	268.1	-	-
Boston	199.0	230.5	232.8	237.5	239.8	244.1	252.1		251.7	252.6	256.3	257.8	258.5	259.6	-	-
Chicago	231.2	278.6	284.2	289.9	292.0	301.0	306.6		306.5	307.3	310.2	311.7	312.6	313.7	-	-
Cincinnati	207.7	250.0	255.0	257.6	258.8	263.9	269.5		269.4	270.2	272.9	274.0	274.7	275.7	-	-
Cleveland	220.7	260.5	263.1	265.7	268.5	275.8	283.0	3	282.3	283.4	290.8	292.3	293.0	294.1	-	-
Dallas	221.9	237.5	239.9	244.7	246.9	253.0	256.4		256.9	257.9	259.5	260.8	261.7	262.6	-	-
Denver	211.8	257.9	257.9	270.9	274.9	282.5	287.3		287.3	288.2	292.7	294.0	294.6	295.5	-	-
Detroit	197.8	249.4	259.5	264.7	265.9	272.2	277.7		277.7	279.3	283.5	284.7	285.5	286.5	-	-
Kansas City	213.3	239.6	237.1	237.1	240.1	247.8	250.5		251.2	252.0	255.0	256.4	257.3	258.2	_	-
Los Angeles	210.3	263.5	263.6	274.3	276.3	282.5	288.2		288.9	289.7	295.8	297.1	298.0	298.6	-	-
Miami	199.4	249.0	256.5	259.1	260.3	269.3	274.4		274.4	275.4	276.6	277.5	278.4	279.2	-	
Minneapolis	213.5	254.9	260.0	267.9	269.0	275.3	282.4		283.4	283.6	283.9	285.0	285.7	286.6	-	-
New Orleans	207.1	237.5	242.3	244.7	245.1	248.3	249.9		250.5	253.1	255.1	256.3	257.1	258.0	-	-
New York	207.4	260.2	265.4	270.8	276.0	282.3	289.4		290.2	294.0	296.0	297.1	297.8	298.7	-	
Philadelphia	228.3	262.8	262.8	265.4	265.2	271.2	275.2		275.5	276.4	279.5	280.8	281.7	282.6	-	-
Pittsburgh	204.0	241.1	243.5	250.9	251.8	258.2	263.8		264.0	264.9	265.9	267.0	268.9	270.1	-	-
St. Louis	213.1	246.9	251.9	256.9	255.4	263.4	272.1		272.9	276.1	279.9	280.9	282.2	283.2	-	-
San Francisco	266.4	321.1	327.5	337.4	343.3	352.4	365.4		366.6	366.9	367.7	368.6	376.2	377.7	-	-
Seattle	191.8	232.7	237.4	247.0	252.5	260.6	266.6		265.1	266.3	267.8	268.9	271.1	272.1		

Costs in a given city for a certain period may be compared with costs in another period by dividing one index into the other; if the index for a city for one period (200.0) divided by the index for a second period (150.0) equals 133%, the costs in



#### ECONOMIC INDICATORS

the one period are 33% higher than the costs in the other. Also, second period costs are 75% of those in the first period (150.0 $\div$ 200.0=75%) or they are 25% lower in the second period.



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Here is a thorough and fresh report which clearly explains every stage in the development of a library building. Written by a practicing architect, the book is mainly intended as a guide to the planning of small public library buildings. The light but well written text is delightfully illustrated with meaningful graphic design. The author addresses himself to the librarian, the library board and to other architects. He condenses the criteria and methodology required for a library that would normally serve populations of less than 10,000. For the architect engaged in such a program the book is thoroughly significant. It discusses siting; relationships of departments within the building; basic circulation patterns; layout of furniture and equipment; special provisions for the children's section; and landscape design. Also covered are the environmental conditions—heating and lighting as well as an analysis of materials for floors, walls and ceilings. Useful rules of thumb for calculations of space requirements (including shelving) exemplify the thoughtfulness of the author's attitude.

A few of the generous illustrations have been included on this page. Mr. Myller has eliminated floor plans from his illustrative materials "Since no two situations are ever the same, a floor plan properly designed to serve one set of conditions will result in a compromise if adapted for reuse elsewhere."

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#### Cities and people

ARCHITECTURE: CITY SENSE. By Theo Crosby. Studio Vista, London, and Reinhold Publishing Corporation, 430 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 96 pp., illus. Paperbound, \$2.25.

For all that has been thought, spoken and written in the last few years about the future of cities, the problem of how to keep them vitally alive for the continued "delight of man" remains largly unsolved. Theory and practice are still far apart and any constructive changes that are made usually take place too slowly, and are scarcely absorbed within the fabric of urban life before they are overwhelmed by fresh complications. People still flock to the cities, but even as they yield to the lure of the metropolitan environment, they know that-like cigarette smoking -too strong an addiction may shorten their lives.

Theo Crosby, a British architect who was responsible for the Fulham study a scheme for high-density housing in a low-income area of London—and an inveterate city lover, defines his aim in writing this book as "an attempt to synthesize ideas from many sources into a coherent approach to city planning, with the basic assumption that city life is desirable and exciting. It is an assumption, long unfashionable in planning circles, shared by most of the human race."

Architecture: City Sense is an evocative paperback which packs a great deal of material into its 96 pages. If it is more thought-provoking than problem-solving, it does serve to point up very vividly many of the most important forces which influence city life today, and to blow away some of the dust which has collected around our planning procedures. The presentation is deliberately controversial-one chapter starting off with the statement "traffic is not important"-but the content is less so-the same line continuing-"what is important is how people live." The illustrations are carefully chosen to make use of the techniques of "cityscape" to equip the reader with "city sense." Although brief captions are included, most of the illustrations speak for themselves.

If Theo Crosby does not provide a blueprint for future city planning, his book is unquestionably a valuable contribution to contemporary literature on the subject. Perhaps its greatest merit is its power to suggest to the reader the excitement, vanity and squalor, and above all the eternal magnetism of cities.

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Finally, what, if any, non-architectural factors are involved? For example, if you have five houses that you like all from Illinois, would you publish them or worry about a neat geographical distribution? Or if your five favorite houses were all concrete, would you publish all of them?

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Because the mid-May issue goes no only to the regular subscribers but to builders and the general public all over the country, we make an effort to keep the field of Record Houses as wide a possible. To interest such an audience we keep in mind a certain amount o geographical and cost distribution, a well as a balance between well-knowl and recently established architectura firms. We try to have about one-third o the houses under \$40,000, with no price limit for the rest. However, all of this i by no means a rigid formula, and if five houses were all from Illinois and a made of concrete of dissimilar design this would not prevent them from being Record Houses.

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#### Education: "pendulum in a pool of tar

I was one of a small group of practic ing architects nominated by the Boar of Directors and the Committee on Ed ucation of the A.I.A. and invited b Robert C. Geddes, co-chairman wit Bernard P. Spring of the Education Re search Project, to "represent the view of the profession in the important tas of setting goals that will shape the fu ture of architectural education." Twen ty of us, including William J. Conklin Arthur Q. Davis, John G. Dinkeloo, Nor man C. Fletcher, George F. Hellmuth Charles Luckman and I. M. Pei, me early in June at the new Chicago Circl Campus of the University of Illinois The conference made it overwhelmingI

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clear to me that my image of architectural education is guite different than that of my colleagues. As a matter of fact, I am amazed that so many men with widely differing design philosophies can be in almost total agreement about the goals of education toward the attainment of those philosophies. Head nodding and back patting prevailed; whereas, disagreement and argument might have brought forth some principles that could have been useful.

My image of architectural education is that of a pendulum swinging in a pool of tar with the student at one end of the pendulum and the profession at the other end. Communication is direct from student to profession via publications and other visual vehicles of the 20th century; thus a kind of morphology results and not a true educational process. Curriculum makes up the pool of tar, and if it is kept hot the pendulum swings somewhat easier, but if it is allowed to cool then communication is stiff and unimpressive.

We talked about contact between various schools as being important and felt that student views should be presented. Both approaches may be valid. We face, however, the eternal problem of misunderstanding and incompleteness, and this does not assure growth. Students must be interpreted, and therefore, unhappy results are possible. As to the future and possible six-year curriculum proposed, I suggest that if we have little to say in five years we will have even less to say in six. Instead of extended time, I believe we must re-evaluate program and process. One last point concerned the stressing of technology and science and related subjects linking them to architecture. An intensified study of these disciplines will not insure better architecture. The understanding between architecture and the sciences may be improved, but a more creative process may not result.

Everyone agreed that the schools were not training effective draftsmen for offices. I firmly believe that the function of an architectural school is not to prepare draftsmen to write reports, to do drafting and menial tasks. This is the responsibility of the profession. I think the hopes and aspirations of the student must not be curbed or arbitrarily channelled. In fact, part of the reason for his being hired is that the professionals are hoping through the small stipend they pay to get something more than just a draftsman at a minimal cost, and, if in fact, the exploitation of

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the student is not completed by th professional, I say that the problem lie not with the student, but with the professional. Architectural education must aspire to the highest standards.

The answer to the problems share by the schools and the profession ca be found in a design attitude-a desig attitude toward the formative process i which a student can be prepared to a tack any problem through analysis, syn thesis and execution. I think it is equall important for him to be taught the valu of action, the focusing of power, an yet not be denied the art of dreaming With a proper design attitude he is abl to delve into problems small and large He is equipped with a kind of order o more correctly, a latent order seeking t develop, provoked by change an growth. He will be able to adapt to situ ations as they occur and to find a proc ess of answering them. He would se technology in proper perspective; h would see research alone is not accept able, and he would, instead, develop a attitude that cuts out preconceived no tions of form and which offers a greate range of expression.

I disagree with Pei that we not longer think of our buildings as objects One simply has to look around him t see object after object placed on th landscape, walled in on a manicure lawn, denying contact with anything be yond it, affected by nothing and affect ing nothing in turn. We see buildin after building conceived as processiona units with nothing processional goin on, and these are the naive design solu tions of the profession. The traditiona and still current attitude which empha sizes the single structure hinders recog nition of the real process of developin order that characterizes a system as whole. Our schools are turning out peo ple who are grid-and-pattern-minde rather than use-minded. Our schools ar turning out students whose attitudes ar concerned with the completeness of structure rather than its potential growt through use. I think there is a way to de velop valid judgments parallel with th fantastic transformation that is takin place in all other art forms. I think it i possible to break out of the beaux art parti of preconceived form which seem to dominate us. The classic ideal c static perfection must give way to deeper awareness of disharmonies, con trasts and tensions which provok change and growth of LIFE, MIND AND HEART. My hope is that through som enriched concept of form, or more cor rectly, the formative process, an archi continued on page 14

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The directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company, determined that the new Lincoln Center house should surpass the old one built in 1883, told the architect: We do not want just an opera house . . . we want

# A HOUSE FOR GRAND OPERA



And architect Wallace K. Harrison has given the new Met that quality. Like opera itself, it is more flamboyant and more colorful than life; an elegant setting of gold leaf, red plush, and crystal; latter-day Baroque architecture for the most Baroque of the arts-grand opera







"We tried countless shapes for the main house," said architect Wallace K. Harrison, in discussing the design of the new Metropolitan Opera House. "Round, square, wedge-shaped, and many others. But, invariably, as the study of possible alternates developed, we arrived back at the form that was built-that of the classic Renaissance opera house. Why? We arrived there by way of science and the advice of acoustical experts, and because of our determination to provide the greatest possible degree of comfort for the members of the audience, as well as the feeling of luxury and glamour one always associates with grand opera. The directors pointed out that they did not want just an opera house, but a house for grand opera. This thought weighed heavily in all our decisions."

The art of the opera reached some sort of peak late in the Renaissance, and so did the design of opera houses. The architecture of the new Metropolitan mixes old and new; is modern Baroque that sets out to provide the great spaces, the flowing lines, the repeated curves, and the elaborate elegance of the European houses. Thus the abundance of gold leaf and red plush, the crystal chandeliers, the rosewood paneling, the grand stair. What could be more appropriate for grand opera in a great metropolis?

Acoustical considerations conditioned every design decision: the pro-





#### LONGITUDINAL SECTION

- Main stage Orchestra pit
- Auditorium Main lobby, plaza level
- Lower lobby, auto entrance
- Restaurant
- Lighting, sound control
- Mechanical area First grid
- 10. Second grid Backstage 11. 12
- Scenery storage Shops 13.
- Paint frame area 14.
- 15. Rehearsal area
- 16. Loading platform
- 17. Cooling towers
- 18. Drop cut

seven levels, as the section shows. Although the house seats 3,800, the plans and section show the very much larger volume given over to service and ancillary facilities, said to be the most elaborate yet provided for any opera house. Twenty rehearsal rooms include three large enough to mount any main stage action; there are shops for tailor, wigmaker, milliner, carpentry, property and electrical workers; studios for scenery and photography; a two-level bridge for painting backdrops; a stage model room;







Exteriors of the new opera house: above, as axial focus of the principal plaza; below, in side view; opposite, as seen from the promenade terrace of Philharmonic Hall.



With the exception of the Juilliard School of Music—soon to be built—Lincoln Center is now complete. Elements in the diagrammatic plan at left: (1) Metropolitan Opera House; (2) Library and Museum of the Performing Arts; (3) Vivian Beaumont Repertory Theater; (4) Band Shell; (5) Damrosch Park; (6) Plaza; (7) Pedestrian overpass; (8) Juilliard School; (9) New York State Theater; (10) Philharmonic Hall.



and the reflecting panels of rosewood on the side walls; the pattern of domes for the ceiling; the sloping proscenium and balcony surfaces to mix orchestra and voices so performers could hear both; the necessary reinforcing and projecting of this mix effectively determined every length, width, height, and shape.

portionately narrow width of the house

The owners did not require perfection—but asked only that the sound be as good as in the old Met. Preliminary tests have been, according to qualified observers, "very satisfactory." This is the largest opera house yet built, and the first to be air-conditioned. No one can be entirely sure what the forced movement of air will do to the sound, or—in fact—to the singers' voices. Let us hope it favors both.

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE, LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, NEW YORK. Architect: Wallace K. Harrison of Harrison & Abramovitz; planning and architectural liaison: Herman E. Krawitz\*; acoustical consultants: Vilhelm L. Jordan and Cyril M. Harris; seating consultant: Ben Schlanger; structural engineers: Ammann & Whitney; mechanical and electrical engineers: Syska & Hennessy; stage lighting consultants: Rudolph Kuntner\*, Stephen J. Skirpan, Walter Unruh, Syska & Hennessy; stage equipment consultants: Walter Unruh, Louis Edson\*, Rudolph Kuntner\*, Syska & Hennessy; general contractor: George A. Fuller Company, Lou R. Crandall, Chairman of the Board.

\* Staff member, Metropolitan Opera Company.



### ... BEHIND THE SCENES

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### AT "THE WORLD'S MOST MECHANIZED OPERA HOUSE"

# THE MET'S AMAZING STAGE

The stage of the new Met is, say many theater experts, the most highly mechanized of any stage in the world.

While most of the mechanical devices in use at the Met can be found in one or another of the European opera houses, the Met has them all, so the potential for exciting theatrical effects on the grandest scale is there to challenge scenic designers and Met technicians. Scenes can float up from below the stage on seven hydraulic lifts which occupy practically a 60-foot-square area of the main stage. Scenes can glide in from the two side stages on motorized wagons, the largest of which is 60 by 48 feet, and from a back-stage wagon on which is mounted a 57-foot-diameter turntable. Scenes and people can pop up or disappear through traps in the decks of the hydraulic lifts, by means of a movable table elevator. Performers can do the same through traps at the front by means of a hand-operated mechanical lift.

• All the rigging is mechanized. The 109 pipes (or battens) from which scenery drops hang are motorized, as are eight spot lines. Variable-speed motors can operate the battens from 0 to 180 feet per minute; the light bridges move 20 feet per minute. Even the footlights, which will be used for ballet, are motorized.

In addition to the seven stage lifts, there are two free-form-shaped orchestra lifts—one small, one large; a 25- by 27-foot scenery lift which brings sets up to stage level from the carpentry shop; and a drop-cut lift which is used for storage and retrieval of drops stored in racks below stage at the back of the main stage.
The lighting is probably the most elaborate and extensive of any theater in the world. The lighting control board, which the electricians like to call "Cape Canaveral," is located in a room at the rear of the orchestra floor and covers

three whole walls (see color photo page 156). The manually-operated board—a "10-preset board" (each light can be preset for 10 scenes) is the largest of its type. • The three front-stage curtains—an asbestos curtain, a Wagnerian-type curtain, and a traveler curtain—are all motorized. The stage manager has oscilloscope monitors for checking opening and closing of the normally used Wagnerian and traveler curtains.

· Each of the seven main hydraulically operated stage lifts is 60 feet across and 8 feet deep, with the long dimension parallel to the audience. They move individually or can be locked together in any combination. For part of their rise they can be elevated in increments of 6 inches and for the remaining part, 12 inches. The lifts can move at speeds of 13, 27 or 40 feet per minute. Six of the lifts are double-decked. With three of these the decks are 28 feet apart and the rise is 29 feet, permitting one set of scenery to be used while a second set is in readiness on the top deck. The single deck lift travels 20 feet and the remaining three lifts have 10 feet between decks and travel 24 feet.

The first three lifts are equipped with two fly pipes for hanging drops and one border light pipe, all manually operated. All lift decks have floor pockets for portable electric equipment.

• Entire scenes can be mounted on the stage wagons. These wagons are also motorized, moving at a speed of 90 feet per minute. The wagons travel on small wheels (made of very durable plastic to minimize noise) which ride in guide tracks set flush with the floor. Each wagon is moved by friction drive consisting of two drums 11 inches in diameter and 4 feet long turned by two motors.

The rear wagon always moves carrying the turntable. This 57-foot-diameter











turntable can rotate in either direction, continuously at one of six preset speeds. or at variable speeds up to 180 feet per minute at the perimeter.

The right-hand-side stage wagon has one motorized section 24 by 60 feet and three slave sections each 8 by 60 feet. The left-hand-side stage wagon has one motorized section 24 by 60 feet and six slave sections, 14, 22, and 24 feet long and 8 feet deep. These slave sections are caster-mounted so that they can be pulled to any part of the stage. The motorized section is divided into 60 segments which can be elevated 4 feet by means of screw jacks. Each segment has two jacks so that these sections of the wagon can be set in tiers and in either horizontal or raked positions.

A table elevator stored below the stage rolls out under the first three lifts and has a platform slightly smaller than the trap section.

How will the mechanics be exploited? Both the Met staff and outside technologists feel that the new-found devices will challenge scenic designers to new heights. Some theater technologists take a more wait-and-see attitude, wondering which devices will be used and how often, and how often scenic designers may want something that is not there. Apparently there is no objective survey of how extensively the mechanical devices are employed in the European opera houses. It is pointed out that the Met stage is a very special design for a year-round opera company and that the stage was specifically tailored for performance in repertory. Thus the stage does not establish a precedent (taken in sum) for the large municipal or college multi-purpose hall. Undoubtedly, however, it will be watched with great interest by theater people to see how the various components are handled.

Left: view of platforms on righthand side of proscenium. Platform directly above stage contains the master fly console, the stage lift console, the stage wagon console and the spot-line console. Under the platform is the stage manager's intercom unit and curtain monitor.

Below: the top photo shows three of the stage lifts in a tiered arrangement. The lifts can move individually or be interlocked. Six of the seven lifts are double-decked. On the first three of these, the decks are 28 feet apart, making it possible to have one set in use at stage level and another on the top deck out of sight, but in readiness for another scene. The bottom photo shows the hydraulic piston and cylinder for one of the lifts. The hydraulic pumps and their motors are at a remote location so that operation of the lifts will be noiseless



Fifth in a series about young architects who build a successful practice with work of notable quality

# BEYOND THE INDIVIDUAL BUILDING

Burnet

Much is being written and said about the architect's responsibility to involve himself in large-scale environmental problems; but it is not so easy for the young architect to find opportunities to perform such a service in practice. The work of John Andrews, an Australian-born architect practicing in Canada, therefore acquires a particular significance, because Andrews built up his successful office through an ability to produce architectural concepts at a scale larger than that of the individual building. SCARBOROUGH COLLEGE Scarborough, Ontario

The growth of John Andrews' practice has been based upon an ability to produce strongly original solutions to complex problems, while, at the same time, carrying out these original concepts on a time scale, and at a cost, that is competitive with more conventional projects.

The story can be said to begin when Andrews and three associates became finalists in the Toronto City Hall competition while they were all still students at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. The competition brought Andrews to the attention of the Toronto architect John B. Parkin; and, after Viljo Revell won the second stage, Parkin offered Andrews a job as a senior designer.

During two years in Parkin's office, Andrews was responsible for something like seven major projects, and acquired a great respect for the technical capabilities of the Parkin organization, while at the same time feeling that he would never be satisfied until he could have his own office and final design control.

During these two years Andrews also worked on the City Hall, for which the Parkin office was the associated architect. For the last nine months of the working drawing phase, Andrews transferred to Revell's office; and, when the job was finished, Revell offered to lend him enough money to make an extended trip around the world.

To hear Andrews tell it, his return to Canada was almost entirely fortuitous; he claims that he and his wife might well have stayed on in Australia if they could have gotten enough money out of turning in their airline tickets. In any event, on his return to Canada, Andrews found a commission for a shopping center waiting for him. The center was never built, but the fees for the design enabled him to maintain a small office of his own. He also did some remodeling work: "... we must have done 15 kitchens," and accepted a teaching position at the University of Toronto.

## Scarborough College: the concept was established within six weeks

It was through this connection with the University that Andrews received his first major opportunity. Michael Hough, a landscape architect and a member of the faculty, had been asked to prepare a







... and a third typical section for the science wing. The circulation spaces thus offer a series of varied, but related, experiences.





master plan for a new satellite college or land that the University owned some 20 miles outside of downtown Toronto Hough suggested that a team which also included an architect and a city planne was necessary to do the job right, and Andrews and Michael Hugo-Brunt, an other faculty member, were selected. The team worked to a tight schedule which required decisions to be both swift and sure-handed; and the basic architectura concept that was established by Andrews within the first six weeks was substan tially the same as that of the completed complex. (See pages 162-164.)

The concept was based on three elements: lines of growth, organization by section, and topography. The ulti mate size of the college could not be de termined, and the buildings would, ir any event, be built in stages. These cir cumstances led to the establishment o a nucleus of elements needed by the whole college, with lines of growth radiating from it. The concept of incre mental growth led logically to a decisior to mix different types of space useclassrooms, lecture halls, and officesin a more or less fixed ratio, rather than segregating them in specialized build ings. The desirability of sheltered circulation during the harsh Canadian winter was also a factor in this decision. Analysis of the site showed that the best location for buildings was the crest and southern slope of a ridge that traversed the area Placing some of the buildings along the edge of the slope would allow them to be entered at an intermediate level, making more floors accessible without elevators. The shape of the ridge thus became a design determinant.

#### A critical path "like a cavalry charge"

Andrews grasped the relevance of linear organization and a complex section similar to those investigated by Le Corbusier in his projects for Algiers, not only for a situation of continuous growth, but also for a time schedule in which contracts had to be let serially, rather than on the traditional lump-sum basis. Along with Robert Anderson, the partner in charge for the associated architects, Page and Steele, Andrews worked out a means for BELLMERE SCHOOL Scarborough, Ontario





The Bellmere elementary school was designed to expand to the limits of the dotted line shown on the plan; and construction has already begun on the second phase, although the school has only been open a year. Classroom units are grouped around a multi-purpose room in a pinwheel configuration. Each unit has a hipped roof which peaks to form a triangular opening on one side. The roof-scape and the domestic scale of the building complex were designed to blend with the suburban neighborhood in which the school is situated.



AFRICAN PLACE













These pavilions for African nations exhibiting at Expo '67 provide a series of modular spaces, each containing 1,000 square feet. Differentiation between areas has been achieved by changes of level, with circulation planned so that visitors can traverse the complex in many different ways. "Wind scoop" roof was tested extensively in a wind tunnel, will keep pavilions ventilated without air conditioning. Roofs are constructed of demountable plywood sandwich panels, with steel connections as shown.



permitting the construction process to move along in parallel with the final development of the design. Anderson, who has since joined Andrews' office, made extensive use of critical-path scheduling and a continuous series of cost estimates to assure that both cost and speed would be competitive with more conventional buildings. According to Andrews, "the critical path was more like a cavalry charge than a sequence of events," but little trace of this is visible in the actual building.

The relation of the completed structure to the site and its execution in detail are both highly accomplished, an achievement which seems more considerable when one remembers that although the continuous building of complex section may have been a familiar theoretical possibility, its execution as a finished building was virtually unprecedented. There are a few places where the "cavalry charge" got ahead of the architects, but not many; and the construction cost of \$27 (Canadian) a square foot (inclusive of fees but not landscaping or furnishings) shows the architects' ability to preserve a reasonable budget in an experimental design situation.

### A school and a pavilion: growth patterns for cellular units.

The initial publication of the Scarborough design led to more commissions: an elementary school to be located in the same township as the College (see page 165) and a pavilion for African nations at Expo '67 (shown at left). Like Scarborough, both of these projects needed to grow in increments to a size that could not be finally determined in the initial program. But unlike Scarborough, it could be assumed that growth would occur in similar units: classrooms in the case of the school, modules of exhibition space for the participating nations in the African pavilion. The organizing principle that Andrews used in both cases was that of a grid in which each unit has a hipped roof with a triangular opening on one side. Similar means of giving cellular spaces individual identity had been explored by Louis Kahn in his unbuilt, but extremely influential, design for a Jewish Community



#### STARTING A SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE: John Andrews



Center in Trenton, New Jersey; and, among others, by Aldo van Eyck in his design for an orphanage near Amsterdam. Derived from the academic tradition of stone vaulting, this system presents a structural contradiction when combined with a modern steel or concrete skeleton, as it becomes essentially a series of domes supported on widelyspaced columns. But Andrews' use of demountable plywood sandwich panels for the African pavilion carries this type of design to its logical conclusion, by preserving the form but carrying it out in a type of construction that is consistent with its cellular nature.

#### A tower of "mobile homes"

Growth and change of quite a different kind are embodied in Andrews' concept for an apartment tower (illustrated on page 167) composed of removable stamped-steel units. Commissioned as one of a series of projects designed to demonstrate new uses of steel construction, the tower is in some respects, as Andrews puts it, "tongue in cheek". Nevertheless, the idea of something resembling a mobile home that could be plugged into an urban context in the winter and moved to a country location for the summer season (or transferred to another area altogether) has many evident advantages. The technological problems were studied with some care, with the controlling dimensions for the unit being those of the end panel of a railway boxcar, which is the largest steel stamping presently manufactured.

### Guelph University: cost control, time control, and unusual design

The Andrews office was selected from a large group of architects interviewed for the job of designing the first dormitory complex at the new University of Guelph, in southwestern Ontario. Andrews feels that a major factor in the selection was the organization of his office, with its capabilities for employing cost- and time-control techniques.

This office organization is essentially a vertical one. There is a project architect in charge of each job, and he stays with it from beginning to end. Each project has a fully co-ordinated manageUNIVERSITY OF GUELPH Guelph, Ontario



Drawings show first stage of new student housing at the University of Guelph, which is based upon the programing study described on the opposite page. All units are connected by a pedestrian street, which provides access at an intermediate level. Plan at upper left shows what happens at the point of interconnection between residences; sections indicate spatial variety along the pedestrian street. The site plan shows how this system is capable of almost indefinite extension, forming a consistent housing zone around the academic core of the campus. The partial plan, at right, shows the relation of room groupings to the residence's dining hall and common room building, which is also shown in section, at right.

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This master planning study for an existing campus seeks to set the basic parameters for future orderly growth. Easy automobile access is considered vital, but parking is to be confined to the edge of the campus. Diagrams, above left, describe parking system and the way it can grow both vertically and horizontally, with vehicular circulation taking place essentially in the "joints" between the parking decks. Pedestrian circulation starts at collection points midway along each parking deck, with buildings branching off each side of the pedestrian conduit. The diagram at left shows ultimate extension of system on land available. Individual buildings are serviced by vertical cores attached to the pedestrian street as shown in the diagram, below, right.



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ment program, with the architects and consultants subject to the same criticalpath time disciplines as the contractor. Andrews and Robert Anderson are the only people in the office who are involved with every project, with Andrews' major area of responsibility being conceptual design, and Anderson's being primarily technological and organizational. The office has only architectural personnel, with all other aspects handled by outside consultants.

Two of the most important consultants on the Guelph housing were Evan Walker, an architect who did a programing study of university dormitories, and the cost estimators: Helyar, Vermeulen, Rae & Mauchan.

Early estimating allowed the architects to see, even before design began, that the budget ceilings established by the client were unrealistic. A comparative study of university housing on a cost-per-student basis, with the figures adjusted for increasing prices, convinced the client to re-study the budget. The report's discussion of present economic conditions concluded with the terse phrase: "We are advised by our cost consultant that future costs will increase by 1 to 1½ per cent per month up to the date of tender."

At the conclusion of the preliminary design phase, the architects submitted a cost estimate projected for September, 1967 with a cost-per-student figure of \$10,042 (Canadian) for a lump-sum contract and a proposal for a negotiated construction management fee and a sequential system of sub-contracts, competitively bid, that it was estimated would reduce the cost per student to \$8,854 (Canadian). A table of costs for comparable buildings, also adjusted for September, 1967 showed these figures to be in the lower half of the range covered.

Detailed cost control techniques also gave the architects latitude to use items like high-quality doors and quarry tile floors, because they had an accurate idea what their effect on the total cost would be.

The architects' emphasis on cost control was particularly necessary because the Guelph complex is a highly unusual design. On the basis of Evan Walker's research, each student room is



a square, with the entrance, closet and window opening all occurring at the corners. (See page 168.) The wall spaces are thus uninterrupted and equal in size. Specially designed and selected furniture will allow the students to arrange their rooms in a number of different ways. The rooms are grouped and connected vertically on the entry principle, and are tied to each other horizontally by a "pedestrian street" which is the major means of circulation. Dining areas and common rooms are located at the important connecting points. The result is a building form that preserves the identity of individual units, creates a variety of spaces, but is also capable of almost indefinite extension. (See drawings, pages 168-169.)

### Traditional control in unprecedented situations

The Andrews office is also at work on a student union for the University of Toronto, some university master planning studies, one of which is illustrated on pages 170 and 171, and a hotel in Jamaica, which is shown at right.

Andrews continues to follow a predilection for reacting to opportunities as they present themselves, but the growth of the office has progressed far enough that certain basic patterns are beginning to emerge.

The rational organization of circulation is an important design influence in all of Andrews work, and is probably the most important single factor that enables him to control problems of large-scale organization. In general, Andrews seeks to create a variety of experiences in the spaces used for circulation and tends to organize the actual functioning areas according to a cellular and repetitive pattern which will be both economical and efficient.

The office purchases its ability to design on an experimental basis by detailed cost control and time analysis, accompanied by frequent and explicit presentations to the client.

In a period where every situation is subject to continual growth and change, John Andrews seems to have evolved a pattern of practice which permits the architect to retain his traditional controlling hand.



# CHARLES CENTER'S LATEST

In this new home office for Sun Life Insurance Company, architects Peterson and Brickbauer, and Emery Roth & Sons, make an elegant addition—at a bargain price—to downtown Baltimore



Joseph W. Molitor photos









In its determined attack on downtown blight, Baltimore moves one building nearer achievement of its remedial and muchpublicized Charles Center with completion of the new home office for Sun Life Insurance Company of America. Within the co-ordinated design of the center, this building strikes a note of quietly assertive elegance that is appropriately mid-way in spirit, as well as physical location, between John Johansen's strong, sculptural theater and the milder style of the new Federal building. All elements will be welded into a cohesive downtown neighborhood by the long-planned series of city parks, plazas and pedestrian streets.

One of the most remarkable achievements in the structures completed to date for the center is the consistently low cost for buildings of higher-than-ordinary quality. Mies' office tower, for example, completed three years ago at the other end of the 22-acre site, was said to have cost \$20 a square foot, and From the total concept to small details, this new office building reveals careful thought and consideration. The architects comment that, "the height and proportions were guided by esthetics, providing the company could be appropriately accommodated within the structure with a reasonable amount of future expansion. The building as a result is a complete entity, with a beginning and an end, and is fortunate in that its size permits the total to be perceived all at one time."

The building does offer a very unified design, and derives a great deal of visual strength from the black granite and the massive penthouse.

In sparkling contrast to the granite and red marble, all secondary columns, and all mullions, entrances and hardware on the plaza level are mirror-finish stainless steel. The lobby sculpture is by Dimitri Hadzi.





TYPICAL FLOOR

LOBBY AND PLAZA FLOOR



The subdued, clean-cut good looks of the building's exterior are reflected in the design of the interiors, as can be seen in the upper-floor reception area, above, and in the employees' cafeteria and its adjoining lounge, shown below. Materials throughout were "selected with an eye to permanence and quality, reflecting a quiet but elegant harmony that would improve and mellow with age and use."



this latest building, designed to provide a company image for Sun Life, and clad in black granite, stainless steel and French marble, also cost about \$20.50 per square foot for the basic building, plus \$5.50 a square foot for "tenant improvements" which included movable partitions, special equipment and the like.

The structure is boldly simple in concept, and unusually well detailed. Its 12 stories and penthouse for mechanical equipment are supported by four big steel columns, tied together by two pairs of deep, welded trusses. Utilities and elevators are banked in an off-center vertical core. This basic structural system permitted the remaining columns around the periphery, and those in the core, to be reduced to minimum dimensions, and gives wide clear floor areas for flexibility of office arrangements. The floors themselves are a new prefabricated system, with integral air ducts, which permits floor-to-







Office working spaces, such as those shown above, received the same care as the more special rooms. Costs were kept in line by using standard manufactured partitions and furniture, but a discerning selection has resulted in a well co-ordinated design throughout.

Background colors are kept fairly neutral, with occasional bright accents in the upholstery, paintings and special rugs. Lighting, heating, acoustic treatment and the like all facilitate easy change of partitions. The floor-to-ceiling glass walls of the office floors are set back 5½ feet from the facade of the building to provide sunshades for the glass areas, as well as to create "galleries" for maintenance and window washing. Vertical blinds are used on all window areas on the upper floors for added sun control, and to give uniformity from the exterior. Air ducts in the floors discharge through inconspicuous sills around the periphery of the building.







ceiling glass without the usual bulky induction units beneath windows. Wide overhangs shield all the glass areas.

The building rests on a red granite podium, which is connected to an adjacent park by monumental flights of granite stairs on two sides. The podium forms a plaza devoted entirely to an open terrace, the entrance lobby, and pedestrians. Beneath the plaza, a two-story concrete sub-structure, resting on spread footings, handles all services via a tunnel below street level. The huge steel columns penetrate through the sub-structure to bedrock.

HOME OFFICE FOR SUN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, Charles Center, Baltimore. Associated architects: Peterson and Brickbauer, and Emery Roth & Sons; structural engineer: James Ruderman; mechanical and electrical engineers: Joseph R. Loring Associates; interiors: Peterson and Brickbauer, and K and J Designs, Inc.; contractor: Cogswell Construction Company.




# CEREMONIAL MODERN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT

Denys Lasdun provides London's Royal College of Physicians with beautifully detailed new headquarters which sum up elegance, dignity and authority in contemporary terms

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

Probably one of the most talked abore recent buildings in the British architetural press, London's new headquarter for the Royal College of Physicians wa no doubt predestined to attract the critics' eyes, if only for architects Deny Lasdun and Partners' injection of hig modernity into the traditions of the sit and of the client.

Designed to replace former quarter in a somewhat dark, formal and imposing structure in Trafalgar Square, the new building is bounded by Regent's Park, S Andrew's Place, and ranks of refurbishe late Eighteenth-Century buildings de signed by Nash. The site was previousl occupied by Someries House, also de signed by Nash, which was not preserved because of extensive alteratio and war damage.

The College itself is devoted to th advancement of medical science and t maintaining professional standards. Pro gram requirements included the obviou administration and meeting areas, plu more specialized spaces for traditional ceremonials and rituals, a large colled tion of paintings, some ancient staine glass, and an historic medical library An auditorium was also required for larger, more public gatherings. Thes functions were divided into three con nected but distinct elements: the main ceremonial structure which fronts th park in white, cantilevered layers; a mas sive, fairly sculptural auditorium in blu brick; and a more business-like block for administration, also of blue brick.

On the whole, British commentar on the building has been quite favorable with especial notice given to the sensibl development of the site. Robert Max well, in The Architectural Review, note that, "In particular, the placing of th main mass end-on to the park has created a most successful townscape space alon with the parallel terrace to the south, domestic backwater without any loss of power." Many of the other, somewhat rationalized, comments are succinctl listed by Alvin Boyarsky in Architectura Design: "Much has been said elsewher about Mr. Lasdun's use of scale, rhetorid plastic effect and materials to rhyme wit Nash-the cream of the Italian mosaid the blue brick of the auditorium, which recalls the Mansard tiled roofs, etc. Sur







face, mass, external volumes and subjective space are in balance. The building and its context are one."

For all of these carefully thought ou design analogies, the building is in fac quite different from its neighbors, ye very compatible with them. N. Keith Scott, in his review for The Architect & Building News, notes a possible, if whimsical reason: "The [Nash] terraces with their veneer of painted stucco are like full-bosomed dowagers; the Royal College of Physicians is taut and masculine clad in dark blue brick and skin-tigh mosaic—not an ounce of fat, self-assured and immensely strong."

There is another possible, if improbable sounding reason for such an assertive building seeming at home in the otherwise fairly unified neighborhood the three units of the building have enough stylistic difference to have almost been built at different times. This in itself could be a possible criticism, bu in place, it does give an aura of progressive change that was very probably intentional. In discussing the building a the R.I.B.A. earlier this year, Lasdun made a special point that the building was "susceptible to change" and that it could "be altered, adapted, extended through a century of occupation."

The most splendid space in the building is the central hall, which rise the full height of the building and features a dramatic, free-standing ceremonial staircase leading to the principa rooms on the second level: library, dining hall and "Censor's Room." The latte is considered the "heart of the plan" and is clearly expressed as a projecting uni inside and out the building; its interio is surprisingly fitted with Seventeenth-Century paneling preserved by the College from the Fire of London. Surfaces in the main hall are crisp, clean-cut and rich: Tuscany marble, ivory mosaic, gold carpets and one wall of brown fabric hung with paintings.

The auditorium wing is countersunk to help reduce its bulk on the exterior The battered walls and flowing shape tend to help the same purpose.

Architects: Denys Lasdun and Partners—part ner in charge: Peter Softley; assistant archi tects: Malcolm Minjoodt, Donald Ball; struc tural engineers: Ove Arup & Partners.







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One of the most exciting features of the Roya College of Physicians is movement through its varied sequence of spaces: circulation i carefully plotted to reveal each in turn, and to help one understand their relationships The building is beautifully detailed inside and out, and correlates many precious antiquitie into a contemporary framework.

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# Relational Complexes In Architecture

By Christopher Alexander Van Maren King Sara Ishakawa Michael Baker Patrick Hyslop

This article by Christopher Alexander and his four associates represents a continuation of the investigations that were first published in the RECORD in April, 1965 under the title "The Theory and Invention of Form." This work seeks to make use in architectural design of the new mathematics of relationship and the capabilities of the computer, while at the same time remaining fully cognizant of the complexities and subtleties that are an essential part of all architecture. The six examples of "relational complexes" illustrated were originally part of a study done for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District in San Francisco. Those responsible for making decisions at BART did not, in the end, make use of this material, which is certainly beyond the scope of most programing studies. In Professor Alexander's view, however, this unconventionality is precisely the point; he feels that it is investigations such as these that will permit the architect to cope most effectively with the increasingly complex problems that confront him. Text begins overleaf.

### Relations of vehicular circulation in a suburban station

This complex deals with the problem of creating a smooth connection between the train and various feeder services at a suburban station.

A typical suburban station is on an elevated track structure and escalators and special entering facilities will be concentrated at one point along the station's 700-foot length. Complete separation is necessary between bus and auto traffic.

#### Additional functional requirements

- The bus stop should be as close as possible to the train.
- Commuters should be driven as close to the train as possible.
- People should be able to load and

unload from their cars without crossing streams of moving vehicles. ■ Buses should be able to load and unload on their right-hand side.

Incoming vehicles must not spray rainwater on waiting passengers.

People want to walk in straight lines directly toward their objective.
Homecoming commuters must be able to find the car waiting for them without difficulty.

 Passage to and from autos and buses must be protected from rain, and waiting must be under shelter. To satisfy the above require-

ments, both bus and drop-off lanes must be immediately adjacent to the main entrance escalator. The bus



must pass to the left of the pedestrian zone in order to unload on the right. The drop-off lane must be concave so that arriving cars can spot vacant spaces. To ensure that pedestrians do not have to cross traffic streams, the only use that can be made of the area inside the concavity, across the drop-off lane from the escalator, is one that never happens in the morning-pick-up parking. To allow homecoming commuters to spot their wives as fast as possible, they must approach the parking from above; the escalator therefore points towards the parking. Since pedestrians walk in parking stall lanes, these lanes should point towards the escalator to make direct connection. The pedestrian area between the two lanes must be under the elevated track in order to be dry. In wet weather the pedestrian waits and the car drives to pick him up from its parking place under the structure. The bus and drop-off lanes must themselves be under cover so that the road next to the waiting pedestrians is dry. To avoid doubts about where pick-up cars are waiting, parking must be all in one area.

#### **Resulting relations**

- The escalator descends onto pedestrian viewing platform.
- The escalator is between the bus lane and the drop-off lane.

 Pedestrian viewing platform, busand drop-off lanes are under the elevated track structure.

- All parking is in one area.
- The drop-off lane is concave towards the parking area.
- The pedestrian viewing platform
- is raised above the parking area.
- The lanes in the parking area are oriented towards the escalator.

Architects are frequently so preoccupied with the details and the appearance of buildings that they take the underlying relationships—the most basic physical relationships—for granted. Worse still, many present-day efforts to make design more systematic tend to obscure these relationships instead of drawing attention to them. Since it is these underlying relationships which have the most profound effect on the way a building functions, it is our intention to try and make them more explicit.

An architectural problem is defined by systems of interacting requirements, which are statements of human need that can only rarely be expressed in terms of numbers or quantities. A typical example of such a requirement would be the phrase:

 People should be able to get to and from their cars without crossing streams of moving vehicles.

Clearly there are no meaningful numbers that can be attached to such a statement, but it is none the less definite for that. In any architectural problem there are hundreds of these functional requirements. Some of them may be independent c each other, but most interact closely with several others. W shall try to show that, in order to make serious functional im provements in the design of buildings, it is necessary to inver a new way of describing these functional relations, which w shall call *relational complexes*. We shall use as illustration some examples from our recent work for the Bay Area Rapio Transit District, but we think that the principles apply to an architectural situation.

### A relational complex is

#### a physical solution to a functional problem

It describes the interlock of the various simple physical relations which control the way the building works. Let us define in detail what we mean by the interlock of simple physical relations. A simple relation describes a particular way in which two or more elements are arranged with respect to one an





The problem dealt with in this complex is that of even distribution of passengers along the train to prevent overcrowding. In suburban stations there is a major entrance which concentrates at one point along the station's 700-foot length all station control, escalators and ticketing equipment. There are also minor entrances, a security gate and an auxiliary stair for rush-hour use only. At rush hours the typical pattern is for 70 per cent of passengers to use the major entrance, while 30 per cent use minor entrances. At all other times only the major entrance is used. The typical rush-hour train is 10 cars long.

#### Additional functional requirements

 Every passenger should be able to find a seat immediately.

 Boarding passengers must await the train at those points along the platform where incoming cars are emptiest.

 Passengers want to use whichever car will minimize their walking distance at the destination station.

People do not walk more than about 100 feet along the platform, and therefore tend to congregate around the entrance.

Since existing suburban stations always have their entrances at the center of the train's length, the middle part of the train is crowded while the ends remain empty. To avoid this, each station at which the train stops on its way downtown must have its entrance at a different point along the train's length. If the volumes expected at each station are known, the pattern of entrances can be calculated so that, as the train fills up, passengers are evenly distributed along it. The downtown stations must have a sufficient number of entrances to equalize throughout the incoming train the effect of the passengers' desire for the shortest possible walk at their destination station. The same consideration has an important effect on outbound trains. As long as there are plenty of entrances to downtown stations, people will place themselves at the point on the platform which corresponds to their home station exit, thus creating the same even distribution as on inbound trains. To enhance the effect of this, each zone of the downtown station can be marked with the names of those suburban stations whose exits have the same position as that zone.

#### **Resulting relations**

Different suburban stations have their major entrances at different points along the station length, the position of each entrance corresponding to the emptiest section of an arriving city-bound train.

 Each downtown station must have exits at various points along its length.

 Different positions along downtown station platforms are marked to correspond to positions of different suburban station exits. other: it is a specification of arrangement. One such relation in a transit station would be that of *adjacency*; for example, the ticket machines must be adjacent to the change machines. Another relation might be *concavity*, the car arrival lane must be concave in the direction of the parking lot. If the platform must be between the tracks, this is a relation of *betweenness*. A building can contain the elements named in a relation without possessing the relation itself. Take the last relation named, that the platform must be between the tracks. A two-track, center platform station does contain it, a station with side platforms does not.

When two relations have an element in common, we say they interlock. Thus, consider the following two relations:

The escalator must face towards the parking lot.

• The escalator must be *between* the car and bus lanes. These two relations both have the escalator as an element, therefore we say that the relations interlock.

#### A relational complex is a collection of interlocking relations

Consider the two relations just named, together with a third:

• The car lane must be concave towards the parking lot. These three relations interlock in three ways: in the escalator, in the parking lot, and in the car lane. They form an elementary relational complex.

In this example each relation interlocks with each of the others. In general, however, in a collection of many relations, it is very unlikely that such a high degree of interaction will take place. How many of the relations must interlock before they form a complex? It is naturally very difficult to answer this question precisely, but we shall not call a collection of relations a relational complex unless the interlock between them is considerable. A collection of many relations, with only a few interlocks between them, has no good claim to be considered as a whole. We must therefore enlarge our first definition.

### Relations between circulation flow and the station platform

This complex deals with the over-all flow pattern in a downtown station. Rush-hour volume of people coming to and leaving downtown stations is concentrated at the ends of the station. Rush-hour traffic is highly directional—the typical morning pattern of 85 per cent in and 15 per cent out being reversed at night.

#### Additional functional requirements

The sizes of various exits and entrances must be proportional to the volume of passengers going and coming in different directions.

The system must be able to accommodate rush-hour traffic without wasting money on space and machines not used 23 hours of the day. • No one train door should delay the train because more passengers use it than the others.

 The total effective cross-section of 'flow channels' must be large enough to take the maximum required flow.
 To avoid bottlenecks, the personsper-minute capacity of flow channels must be the same at all points.

• The complex must be capable of accepting extra escalators and machinery to handle a possible future increase in volume.

There are three reasons why major exits must be at the ends of the station. First, people walk to and from downtown stations; assuming a roughly circular tributary area whose diameter is large in relation to the

	LARGEST WAITING AREAS AWAY FROM ENTRANCES			
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HIGH VOLUME	CIRCULATION	ALWAYS OPEN	CIRCULATION	HIGH VOLUME
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	CLOSED NON-RUSH	ALWAYS OPEN	CLOSED NON-RUSH	
		TRAIN		

station's 700-foot length, the vast majority of passengers will find entering and leaving the station more direct via the ends. Second, when a full train unloads, end exits, with only half the capacity of a center exit, can function twice as efficiently because they are not converged on from both sides. Finally, the end of the platform is the only place where extra escalators can be added. The last 280 feet of platform are thus one-directional and carry 85 per cent of the rush-hour flow. These parts are closed at night, but the two-directional center section is open for the whole operating day. The circulation zone is wider near the escalator to accommodate the morning surge; but, to encourage people to move along the platform in the evening, the most comfortable waiting zones will be farthest from the escalator.

#### **Resulting relations**

The main entrances/exits are at the ends of the station.

The subsidiary entrance/exit is at the center of the station.

 The station is divided into three sections, a 140-foot center and two 280-foot end sections.

 Each end section and escalator is one-directional and reversible.

The center section, open at all hours, is two-directional.

 Openings between center and end sections are constricted and equipped with a lockable night gate.

 The circulation channel is tapered: widest at escalators and narrowest at dividing points.

 Waiting areas are tapered to complement circulation channel.

• Vending machines are adjacent to constrictions between sections.

#### A relational complex must have high density of interlock, detailed functional significance

The density of interlock must be very high; there must be many elements in common between the different relations. This is the same as saying that each *element* in the complex must be related simultaneously to many other different elements. Even when the interlock of the relations in the complex is clear, it will usually be necessary to add some further detailed information about the way the individual relations interact with one another, so as to assure their proper integration. In addition, the complex *as a whole* must have inescapable functional significance. The individual relations must be so interdependent functionally that it is impossible to consider them as separate entities.

Each of the six relational complexes described in this article was derived by studying the interaction of functional requirements according to the theory first set down in Christopher Alexander's "Notes on the Synthesis of Form," a condensed version of which appeared in April, 1965 (pages 177, 186). The use of this theory yields systems of requirements whose internal interactions are very dense. Each system, because it is a system, guarantees in advance that the solution of its requirements will be a relational complex, not just a collection of relations. Each system therefore gives a complex.

None of these relational complexes is a complete description of a whole building; it is an abstracted relational property which the building must have in order to work successfully. Unlike a building, which contains both inessential and essential features, a relational complex contains only those elements that are absolutely necessary to solve the problem stated by the requirements.

The six examples give a fairly clear picture of what a relational complex is; and they make it clear that it is relational complexes that really control the way a building works.

### Relations affecting the agent's booth in underground stations

This complex deals with the problem of surveillance. Most existing transit stations fail to solve this problem, and crime and lack of control over crime is perhaps the biggest factor in the decline of big-city subways. In the Bay Area system, underground stations would typically be multileveled and the length of trains would vary from ten to two cars. There would only be one station agent. It is feasible to build an underground station with no intermediate column supports, Non-moving escalators are usable as emergency exits from the station.

#### Additional functional requirements

 Every part of the station that is in use must be very obviously under surveillance, as much to discourage crime as to detect it.

 To reduce crime, no operating part of the station should be deserted.

 To reduce the payroll, the minimum number of police, maintenance and supervisory personnel should be employed on train and station.

• The station agent must be able to oversee the whole station and investigate individual incidents without losing his general overview.

• The station agent must be able to see, and, in case of difficulty, reach the ticket gates.

 Passengers in distress should know that, if they scream for help, the ticket agent will hear them.

 Waiting facilities should be arranged so that women waiting alone at night will not become uneasy. In any emergency it must be possible to empty the station in a few minutes with the help of fire escapes.

The solution to this problem makes the agent's booth a two- or three-story tower, extending up to the surface ticketing area and down to the platform level, and placed in the middle of a station with center platforms at each level. Within the tower, the agent must be able to move up and down freely, and he must be able to leave the tower at any level. Waiting areas are concentrated around the tower where women are safe at all times, while minimum use of TV cameras can supplement direct visual control of the remote zone. Stairs and escalators must be at the outer ends of zones providing an unobstructed view.

#### **Resulting relations**

• The agent's booth is an elevator enclosed in a vertical tower in the center of the station.

• There is access from the tower to public areas at every level.

The tower enclosure is one-way transparent, allowing vision out but not in.

At each level, there is a waiting area adjacent to the tower.

The station is divided into a center section and two end sections.

 Fire stairs are within the barriers, separating end from center sections.

 Escalating end from center sections.
 Escalators are at the extreme ends of the station with no public access from the sides or back.

• At each level the platform must be between the tracks.

• Each of the three sections must have a clear span, with all the vertical supports beyond the platform.

 Television cameras are mounted on the barriers between the sections, cover rest of platform.



#### Why have we chosen to define the idea of relational complex in such a formal way?

sn't it true that designers already do very much the kind of hing which we have done, but without being so pretentious? Why have we chosen to use the name 'relational complex,' and o keep repeating it? The answer is simple.

Architects are not used to thinking in relational terms. Yet elational complexes control the way that buildings work. Alhough it is true that relationships of this kind are present in every building, nevertheless the designers of buildings do not, at present, discuss such relational structures openly. As a result, Ithough the details of buildings may be successful, and the buildings may seem good to look at, the fundamental relationhips which underlie their form are often wrong.

It is impossible to get the form of buildings right until hese structures of abstract relationships, which underlie forms and control the way they work, are explicitly recognized as the most important aspect of the building. That is why we have isolated the abstract structures of relationship and given them the name, relational complexes. Indeed, we believe it will soon be clear that the main task of design is the invention and development of relational complexes as such; and that the remaining details of a building are quite unimportant by comparison.

That is the first, and most important, reason for emphasizing and repeating the idea of the relational complex.

There is a second reason.

Many architects are getting interested in systematic methods of design. On the face of it, this is encouraging. In order to be systematic in design, one must define the features of a building with which the design is trying to deal. We might hope, therefore, that, as soon as designers start trying to be systematic, they will automatically discover that relational complexes are the most essential features of a building. So far, however, this has not happened.

### Relations between street and platforms in underground stations

This complex deals with the problem of making access to the train in a deep underground station as direct as possible and eliminating the mezzanine, which is an undesirable feature of most traditional subway stations. This mezzanine between surface and platform level is hard to police, difficult to clean, breaks the flow from surface to train, adds about 10 feet to excavation costs; and, because of its deserted, dangerous appearance, contributes greatly to the menacing character for which subway stations are notorious.

Additional functional requirements

The feeling of isolation and en-

closure which tempts assaults, particularly at exits, toilets, stair landings and blind corners must be eliminated.

Transition from the outside of the station to the train must be immediate. Trains should be close to the surface so that no one will think it too much trouble to use the system. Waiting facilities must be arranged so women waiting alone at night will not become uneasy.

The total surface area needing maintenance and cleaning must be reduced to a minimum.

People prefer a view of other people, movement, or cars to a view of inanimate things such as roofs or



parking lots, or empty platforms. Waiting areas must accommodate the crowd caused by train delay.

The closed-in feeling must be eliminated and a connection maintained with the outside world.

The cost of overcoming soil loads and hydrostatic pressure in deep underground structures must be kept to the minimum.

There must be a hesitation point for umbrella raising etc., just before people emerge in the open.

The problem can be solved if all ticketing takes place in kiosks on the surface, with warning signals to mark the arrival of trains, and if singleflight, unbroken escalators lead from these kiosks to the platform. A single escalator with a break at the intermediate level would not work, as the upper half would have insufficient capacity, and the access flow at the intermediate level would cause impossible congestion. Waiting areas are immediately next to the agent. Trains are as near the surface as possible to allow access by a single escalator trip and to reduce excavation costs. The smaller underground volume and surface area concentrates people together making the station less deserted, and easier to patrol, as well as cutting cleaning and maintenance costs. Surface ticketing areas are safe at night, and, during the day, give increased exposure to daylight. The kiosk provides a hesitation point.

#### **Resulting relations**

Ticketing is in kiosks on the surface.

- Unbroken escalators lead direct from the surface to each track level. Track levels are as close to the surface as possible.
- Waiting areas are immediately next to the station agent.

#### An understanding of relationship should replace the false sophistication of numbers and measurement

Many of the first approaches to systematic methods in architecture have been based on the belief that a problem becomes clear when it is stated in numerical terms. As a result, designers put great emphasis on rates of flow, decibel levels, room sizes expressed in square feet, lighting levels and minimum dimensions. The added precision of these statements is certainly systematic. However, instead of drawing attention to relational complexes and helping architects to think in these terms, such numerical precision actually has a tendency to obscure basic relationships. Worse still, the elaboration of numerical statements, because it falsely conveys an impression of great thoroughness and sophistication, makes it seem unnecessary to probe any further into the underlying nature of the building.

This potentially damaging preoccupation with numbers is a hold-over from the late 19th-century thought that something was not precise unless you could measure it, a belief current it the days when mathematics and physics dealt largely with num bers and quantities. Today mathematics and the older science are more sophisticated. People in these fields have begun to realize that the fundamental nature of things depends far more on relationship and structure than on number and quantity. Unfortunately the younger sciences (like economics, engineer ing, ergonomics, operations research, and systematic design have not yet made this transition from number to structure Within these fields, and in architecture, there is still no way of talking about relational structure, as such.

For a science in its infancy this is only natural: things whic can be expressed in terms of numbers are very easy to mak explicit; pure relations are very hard to talk about explicitly But we must leave this 19th-century immaturity behind as fas as possible. Design is the invention of relational complexes. We must learn to define them, and to design them.

#### Relations between seats and aisles in a transit car

and out of his seat.

transit car as possible.

under and between seats.

There should be as many seats per

There should be no waste space

Family groups, couples, or card-

playing commuters need a seating

arrangement which allows them to

maintain an inward privacy in ap-

propriate contact with one another.

signed to seat as many passengers as

possible, are laid out with a center

aisle and double seats on both sides

of the aisle. If we accept this pat-

tern, the car cannot hold more than

76 seats, and the only way to pro-

vide sufficient individual space and

leg room would be to widen the

seats and increase the space be-

Existing transit cars, when de-

This complex deals with the problem of maximizing the seating capacity of the transit car while at the same time increasing passenger comfort. A minimum of 75 seats is allowable per transit car, in which approximately 80 per cent of all passengers travel alone. Dimensions of the transit car are as follows: outside width 10 feet 6 inches; length to coupler faces, 70 feet. Included in each car will be a "cab" in which the train operator can sit.

#### Additional functional requirements

 Nobody wants to sit touching a stranger; each person wants a clearly demarcated seat of his own.

 No person should have to struggle past another person's legs to get in

#### INDIVIDUAL



#### GROUP



tween them, which would reduce the number of seats in the car.

These requirements can, however, be solved simultaneously by using two aisles, each giving direct access to seats on either side of it. Because seats are single, no one need touch any stranger and no one has to pass anyone else to leave his seat. Further, no extra passing space is needed between a person's knees and the seat in front, and because of this, seats can be closer together than usual, yielding 96 seats per car. The staggering of seats, which places each arm rest next to an aisle, comfortably allows the seat width to be two inches less than usual, and keeps the over-all car width to 10 feet.

These provisions are adequate for the 80 per cent of passengers who travel alone, but a different pattern is needed for those who travel in groups. By relaxing the requirement for single, non-touching seats and replacing it with U-shaped groups of seats staggered on either side of a single aisle, we arrive at an arrangement which allows group travel, but in which no one has to pass anyone else to leave his seat. The density is lower than in the pattern for individual travel, but is still higher than conventional cars.

#### **Resulting relations (individual)**

- All seats are single seats.
- There are two aisles, each serving

a row of single seats on either side. Each seat is staggered with respect to seats next to it, or opposite it across an aisle. Group relations

#### There is one aisle.

- Seats are arranged in U-shaped
- groups of six.
- Groups of seats are staggered, on either side of the aisle.



A cloistered house in Texas

An H-shaped plan has been successfully oriented and carefully handled by architect Preston Bolton to provide shelter from the street and nearby houses, while allowing views over an attractive, wooded bayou; to permit separation of the house into distinct wings which could be closed off when the owners are away; and to enclose a good-sized swimming pool.

The four arms of the H provide a master bedroom suite; guest bedrooms; kitchen and maid's rooms; garage and studio. A large living room is placed in the center of the H, overlooking an entertaining patio on one side, and the swimming pool on the other. A bank of dressing rooms at the opposite end of the pool assures complete privacy for the whole pool area.

Brick arches around the courtyards give a classic colonnade effect, while the use of champagne-colored Mexican brick and tile and hand-carved Mexican screens at doors and windows are reminiscent of the Spanish legacy to Texas.

Beautiful detailing and a sensitive choice of materials is evident throughout the house. Outside, the brick and pebble concrete courts and walkways

Balthazar Korab photos





blend well with the walls to give a mellow, serene impression not often found in new buildings. Inside, light-colored plasterboard walls and ceilings are offset by dark-stained oak floors bordered by Mexican tile, and by the hand-carved screens and paneling.

Structure of the house is yellow pine and fir frame on a reinforced concrete slab, with brick walls and a builtup asphalt and gravel roof. The brick is left exposed inside the colonnade walls, and these long, tiled circulation areas are perhaps the most attractive feature of the house. They provide an excellent background for the display of paintings, sculpture and indoor plants, and they are largely responsible for the great feeling of quiet, calm and shelter from the fierce heat of the summer which is characteristic of this region. Although this is a very large, expensive house, there is nothing ostentatious about it, and its great strength is that you feel as if it has always been there.

PRIVATE RESIDENCE, Houston, Texas. Architects: P. M. Bolton Associates; engineer: R. George Cunningham; contractor: Koenig Construction Company.









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Preston Bolton has taken full advantage of the texture of his materials and has made use of the crived form of the arches to create a constantly changing pattern of light and shade both within and without. Looking through the strong, brick arch at the light reflected on the water and on the brick and glass of the opposite wing of the house, one is made dramatically aware of the interplay of the different elements which go to make up architecture, and how esthetic satisfaction depends on the architect's sensitivity to their relationship to each other.

The stone benches by the pool tend to emphasize the rather classical approach to the swimming pool area, and underline once again the architect's understanding of the value of texture.



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**DESIGN FOR THE CAMPUS** A residential complex, and five large campus libraries, how once more that college buildings offer a fertile field for new space and site planning concepts.



# **CONSERVATIVE DESIGN FOR A NEW ENGLAND CAMPUS**

The Greylock Residential Houses at Williams College, designed by The Architects Collaborative with Benjamin Thompson as partner in charge, were completed just before he left TAC to establish his own firm. These dormitories can be recognized as part of an approach to design which appeared first in TAC at Brandeis and Andover.

Some architects are always building the same building, more or less, while others may just appear to be repeating themselves. Thompson's work has a consistency in its planning, structure, materials and detailing which marks each newly completed structure as a close relative of the preceding one. Each of his buildings, however, is richly differentiated from the others. What is shared is a common vocabulary which the architect keeps small and uses with distinction.

The site plan, photographs, and section, at right, indicate how skillfully the four dormitories and dining hall are located and massed on the sloping site. Thompson's plans generally consist of repeatable rectangular volumes-as at Williams-whose heights vary as program and site require, and which are interconnected by circulation space, stairs and service elements. These volumes can be flexibly arranged on the site to follow an existing contour, to frame an old tree, to form an open passage, to wall in a stair, or to shape a well-scaled court. Thompson has not so far constructed a building in which the elements of the plan are arranged within a simple geometric figure. His solutions are always asymetrical, romantic, not classic. He uses two structural systems: the brick bearing wall supporting an exposed concrete waffle slab, as here at Williams, or the oversize concrete column as the slab-supporting member. Thompson and engineer William Le Messurier enjoy making the waffle slab span astonishing distances, as can be seen in the cover photograph and on page 202. At Greylock, Thompson remains faithful to the materials which have served him well: bush-hammered concrete, water-struck brick and gray slate floors in the public spaces. As in the rest of his work, the roof slabs are cast with a parapot to cro tool



GREYLOCK RESIDENTIAL HOUSES, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. Architects: The Architects Collaborative, Inc.—Benjamin Thompson, partner-in-charge; Thomas Green and Joseph Maybank, project architects; structural engineers: Le Messurier & Associates; mechanical engineers: Shooshanian Engineering Inc.; electrical engineers: Norman Associates; site development: Carol R. Johnson; contractor: George A. Fuller Co.













Villiams College has abolished its raternities, and the new Greylock esidential Houses have been contructed in line with the administraion's recently assumed responsiility for providing housing, dining nd social facilities for all under-raduates. This new \$3-million faility serves 288 of them. The Stuent Committee on Physical Facilies strongly recommended that each tudent have his own private room or sleeping and working, and all ooms have been designed and furished for a single occupant. The ooms vary in depth only as the lan, below, indicates. The photo, eft, shows a deeper room.



Each cluster of four of the shallower rooms shares a wide common hallway with additional storage closefs and is adjacent to a shared living area. This hallway and the living area beyond appear in the photo, far left, opposite. Each of the four dormitories has its own suite of living rooms on the first floor with a fireplace and an adjoining small kitchen. The photo at left shows the juncture of two of these rooms. Great care was taken in the site planning to take advantage of existing patterns of tree growth, and a typically excellent effect is shown at right in the photo.







In effective contrast to the dormitory spaces, which are small-scaled and private, Thompson has made the dining hall spaces large and generous and handsomely public. This is well expressed in the scale of the facade. The two different depths of the concrete spandrel beams, photo, left, are determined by the depth of the waffle slabs, which in turn are dimensioned by the distances they span. At the cornice, the spandrel beam incorporates a shallow parapet. The brick walls are bearing.

A principal entrance to the residential complex is through the arcade, shown at right, which passes through the dining commons and connects the parking lot to the southeast with the semi-enclosed quadrangle formed by the four dormitory structures. The structural system, materials, and detailing shown in this photograph are typical of the entire complex.







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t the entrance level to the dining permons, photo, bottom left, the eiling is quite low. This heightens he impact of the high ceilinged boby and dining halls on the main poor. The waffle slab spans great istances, and its large coffers are in he scale with the space.

The photograph at the right, nowing a corner of a dining hall, lustrates the principle of economy f means which is central to nompson's approach.





## A LIBRARY SHAPED BY LIBRARIANS' NEEDS

Dr. Ellsworth Mason, Director of Libraries at Hofstra University and well known library consultant, asserts that architects who manage to assemble the complex spatial requirements of a large library into one simple and handsome geometric form have usually done so by ignoring or minimizing sizes and relationships essential to a well functioning library.

The new John D. Rockefeller Jr. Library at Brown University by architects Warner, Burns, Toan and Lunde is an unconventional shape because essential functions are not neglected, nor convenience compromised to force the library elements to fit a pre-conceived shape. Midway between the foundation and roof the building becomes wide, where it might be expected to be narrow, so that from the front one sees three stories resting upon a floating base, and from the sides and rear-where the land slopes downward-the facades appear to be divided by broad enclosed porches or decks. The unusual massing results from functional considerations of prime importance to Brown University's librarians-and which are well solved and expressed in the architects' design.

For most efficient functioning, what are called the "fixed departments"-all of which require large amounts of floor area-should be on the main floor, making it appreciably larger than all the other library levels need to be. These departments include the card catalogue, the reference collection, and the order and cataloguing departments. The latter two departments are allocated inadequate space in most libraries. The head librarian's office and administrative headquarters are located on the main floor for maximum ease of access. In the Rockefeller Library generous space is provided adjacent to the circulation desk on the main floor for open shelves which display newly available attractive books.

Campus libraries must be designed to serve effectively graduate research workers, while attracting the undergraduate who, often, is easily intimidated by a large and complicated facility which he is only beginning to learn to use. Some schools separate their graduate and









ECOND LEVEL





On the main floor are the circulation desk, card catalogue for all the university libraries, administrative offices, a reference room, a periodical section, offices for circulation and cataloguing. The three levels above the main floor contain the social sciences collection, and the two floors below have the humanities section. The stacks are open to members of the university and to all others entitled to use the library.

LEVEL I

LEVEL





Lobby at entrance

undergraduate libraries, others make th undergraduate library the main segmer of a central library. The latter arrange ment, because of its size, handicaps th researcher. The Rockefeller Library com bines areas which contain a large mas of books with smaller reading room with special reference collections. Stud carrels for graduate students are provided in generous numbers.

Architect Danforth W. Toan, in speech made at the dedication ceremonies, described the library's esthetic rationale: "In developing the exterior architectural design, we sought to matethe modest monumentality of the Joh Hay Library, [as shown on the precedin page] by developing a series of paire piers on the building perimeter whice incorporate air-conditioning risers with structural columns.

"The projection of these pier along with variations in the wall plan and fenestration, produce varying hor zontal and vertical rhythms intended t reduce the building's scale and reflect the interior functions.

"The cantilevering of the main floo necessitated by the need for greater area provides a strong horizontal band whic hovers above the undulating terrain of College Hill."

Brown University's libraries spen \$250 per student per year for new ac quisitions and for library staff members to serve a total student body of less tha 5,000 and a faculty which does not exceed 900. This per capita figure place Brown among the leading 10 universitie in the United States in library expenditure. The new Rockefeller Library, planne as a major research facility in the humanities and social sciences, now contains one-million volumes and has bee planned for a maximum of 500,000 more

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. LIBRARY, Brow University, Providence, Rhode Island. Architects Warner Burns Toan Lunde; structural engineers Severud-Elstad-Krueger, Associates; mechanica engineers: Cumwalt and Vinther; mechanica consultants: Buerkel and Company, Inc. an Thompson Engineering Company; landscape a chitects: Sasaki, Walker and Associates, Inc. i consultation with Mrs. Henry D. Sharpe; ger eral contractor: E. Turgeon Construction Com pany.



Brown-tinted glass contrasts effectively with the white pre-cast concrete facade. The rear garden will be furnished for outdoor reading.

# A LIBRARY TOWER FOR THE SCIENCES

Brown was one of the first universities in the nation to combine its science departmental collections into a single library, in the interest of aiding interdisciplinary research in chemistry, biology, mathematics, physics, engineering, geology, psychology and medicine. Brown's science collection will soon be concentrated in a single tower of 14 stories, located at the pivot of the university's science complex. It is being designed by Warner Burns Toan and Lunde.

The tower form, which until recently has been an anathema to librarians, was accepted in principle by Dr. David A. Jonah, librarian of the University, with the stipulation that the typical floors of the tower would have sufficient area to house the largest separate collections (medicine) on not more than two floors at 45,000 volumes per floor, with room for an appropriate number of carrels, open and locked, faculty study areas, conference rooms and other necessary facilities. Movement of readers and books is accomplished by means of elevator, book conveyor and pneumatic tube, and the entire stack provides an efficient information storage system, with great ease of access for the users.

In the tower plan all vertical shaft and service areas for the building are on the perimeter, located in four slipformed towers which will support a system of prestressed precast tee beams, 4 feet, 6 inches on center and spanning 54 feet.

The free-span spandrel beams of the north and south walls are notched to 2 feet, 6 inches of depth at the tower ends and increase to 5 feet, 3 inches in height at mid-span for greater resistance in bending. They shield the carrels placed just inside them, as can be seen in the section opposite. Their horizontal expression contrasts strongly with the vertical expression of the slip-formed towers. The south wall has a free span bris-soleil of similar pre-stressed members.

BROWN UNIVERSITY SCIENCE LIBRARY, Providence, Rhode Island. Architects: Warner Burns Toan and Lunde; structural engineers: Severud Associates; mechanical engineers: Syska and Hennessy.







LOBBY FLOOR



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LEVEL A



The main working library floor of 25,000 square feet contains the reference and current periodicals collections, and a technical services area. This floor is dropped below a podium which is skylit at both ends, as the section shows. On the ground floor is a spacious room for exhibitions and lounging with a control desk containing the reserve book collection. The undergraduate reading room is on the mezzanine just above, with access by a free-standing stair tower located on the north side of the building. The library's computer will tie into the future library network and will be located on the penthouse floor.





THE OWNER WATER

## A LIBRARY BECOMES CAMPUS FOCAL POINT

The shape that resembles an oversize rain scupper just to the right of the library tower in the adjoining drawing is actually an entrance ramp shown in combined section and elevation. This ramp is part of a footbridge which thrusts its way through Hofstra University's new library building, now nearing completion at the edge of the school's old campus. The cantilevered bridge stretches 360 feet across Long Island's Hempstead Turnpike and connects the old campus with the new one being developed across the highway to the north, as shown in the plot plan at the top of the opposite page. Thus all students at Hofstra must pass through the campus library on their way north or south. Architects Warner Burns Toan and Lunde are responsible for the campus plan and for the design of all new structures including the library.

The program, developed by library consultant Dr. Ralph Ellsworth, and Dr. Ellsworth Mason, Director of Libraries for Hofstra University, called for the seating of 1,250 undergraduate, graduate and faculty readers in a wide variety of accommodations, and book storage for over 400,000 volumes. This required a building with an area of about 125,000 square feet, which promised to bulk large in contrast to the two-story neo-Georgian structures which surround it. To reduce the proposed library's apparent size and make a reasonable transition to the adjoining buildings, the architects devised a scheme with two major elements: a central tower and a two-story structure. The two-story element, composed of a gallery with adjoining pavilions, contains the major reading and staff spaces which require the largest square-foot areas. The eight-story tower rising above the gallery is supported on four structural corner shafts which contain elevators, stairs, and all other mechanical and service spaces -leaving an uninterrupted floor in which to place bookstacks, study rooms and carrels. By placing the pavilions in a sunken court, their heights are minimized in deference to the adjoining low buildings, and the slope of the entrance ramp and the footbridge beyond is kept within reason.



The library tower will dominate the surrounding flat Long Island landscape and provide the visual focus and identification that Hofstra has long sought. It is being constructed of reinforced concrete left exposed, with form-board markings providing the surface pattern on the exterior walls of the vertical shafts and the two-story pavilions. Precast concrete spandrel panels rise 6 feet, 4 inches above the floor to protect the carrels from direct sun. A viewing port appears every 9 feet. The footbridge is formed of two cantilevered frames, each 180 feet long.





The main floor, bottom, this page, handles circulation, the card catalogue, the order and cataloguing departments, the periodical index, reference reading room and reserve reading room. All these heavily used facilities are easily accessible to the student as he passes through the vestibule on his way across the bridge. The ground floor has the periodical reading rooms, connected to the index on the main floor by means of an open stair. It also contains the periodical stacks and language laboratory facilities. The tower floors are cross-shaped in plan, and provide broad, uninterrupted spaces for bookstacks, study rooms and carrels.



COLLECTION FLOOR



**TYPICAL FLOOR** 



# A GRADUATE RESEARCH LIBRARY DESIGNED TO EXPAND


Unlike the three libraries just shown, the two at Brown and the central library at Hofstra, designed to be built all at once for their maximum capacity, with provision for future computerized catalogue and information retrieval systems, the University Research Library at UCLA has been designed to be built in three stages to meet expansion and technological change as it comes. Marvin Rand photos

Phase one of construction is now complete. Phase two when built will add four more bays to the facade shown in the photographs, and when phase three is added the facility will be doubled.

The University Research Library winner of an A.I.A.-American Library Association award—is an open-stack building for faculty and graduate students in the humanities and social sciences. In its present stage of completion it will seat 1,500 readers and provide shelving for 750,000 books.

In this library, the administrative offices, card catalogue, reference, circulation and periodicals are all on the first floor under the eye of the head librarian, but other departments which appear on the main floor in the other libraries shown in this issue are here relegated to the floor immediately below. The latter floor includes the cataloguing and acquisitions departments which ideally, according to several library consultants, should be near the administrative offices of the head librarian.

It is interesting to note that the card catalogue of this library—while still a large and bulky collection of file-drawers requiring many square feet of floor space —has also been reproduced photographically and is available in several sets of 129 volumes each which utilize far less space. This is a forerunner of the day, soon to come, when many libraries will have computerized catalogues which will print out on request specific bibliographic information on a given subject.

Grouped together on the second floor are books and materials which require special control and servicing. This includes volumes put on graduate reserve, materials in microphotographic form and the machines for reading them.





The library was planned on a 22foot module to allow four stacks per bay with additional shelving on the column line. Although the stacks run in the north-south direction only, the module is maintained in the east-west direction, which results in a uniform facade on all four sides. The third, fourth and fifth floors handle the main bookstack, general reading areas, spaces for faculty and group study, and typing areas. The photo, left, below, shows the modular co-ordination of stacks, carrels, windows and lighting. The photo, below, shows the entire library catalogue in bound-volume form.









### A COMBINED LIBRARY AND STUDY FACILITY

The program devised for the Providence (Rhode Island) College Library called for an unusual ratio of study spaces to book stacks, because of poor acoustics and generally undesirable study conditions in the present dormitories, and because of the need to serve a large number of commuting students. The design solution by architect Kenneth De May of Sasaki, Dawson, De May Associates, Inc. establishes one-third of the total floor area to accommodate between 500,000 and 670,-000 volumes, while the remaining twothirds has been allocated to study.

The main entrance is from the north, and service, receiving and general work space for cataloguing and acquisitions is to the west—as the first floor plan shows. The circulation desk, two bays long, is about one bay longer than some librarians consider practicable for best utilization of personnel, especially since most campus libraries try to get along with a reduced staff in the evenings; but this particular library's importance as an evening study facility suggests that the long desk will be well manned during all hours in which the library is open.

As the section shows, the central lightwell provides a vertical orientation within the building and satisfies the esthetic need for a counterpoint to the predominantly horizontal spaces. The central bay directly under the skylight is slightly lower than the main floor, which helps to articulate the special character of the periodical reading lounge.

Concrete was chosen for the structural frame because of its low sound transmission, to meet code requirements, and to reduce maintenance costs. The structural frame will be poured in place and formed with special 4-foot, 3-inch domes to match the stack spacing. The structural bays are 25 feet, 6 inches square. The concrete will be sandblasted on the exterior and combined with waterstruck brick. The exterior glass areas provided for this library are somewhat greater than is now the normal practice, but this was encouraged by a splendid growth of specimen trees in all directions on the site-and the windows are shaded and screened by broad overhangs.



## ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

## Model testing to explore new auditorium concepts

The greatly increased demand for performing arts facilities—and some new economic circumstances—are causing more organizations to think in terms of multi-purpose auditoriums. They find it makes better sense to design for a wide variety of activities than to design for one major one and accept compromises for the rest.

The multi-purpose auditorium, by definition, must be amenable to space changes and acoustical changes. A strong trend in multi-purpose auditoriums is mechanization of the movable elements. If the auditorium is difficult to adjust, time and labor involved will be excessive and the movable elements will remain static most of the time. Obviously the acoustical design gets much more involved—in fact the acoustical consultant is, in effect, designing several auditoriums instead of just one.

To stimulate research in this area, the Ford Foundation has given an \$80,-000 grant to George Izenour's electromechanical laboratory at Yale's drama school in an effort to perfect methods for predicting acoustical properties of finished auditoriums from scale models. The effect of varying shape and size of multi-purpose auditoriums through movable wall and ceiling panels will be studied. Acoustical studies will be conducted by B. G. Watters of Cambridge, Mass. A basic objective is to improve acoustical design tools so that various techniques for changing room shapes can be assessed for their acoustical properties and to determine what these techniques will require in the form of mechanical devices. Other objectives are to learn how good the correlation is now between models and actual auditoriums,

how model techniques can be improved, and to further pin down the aspects of acoustical design which can be aided by model testing.

#### Building Exits Code gets a new name and a new format

A completely reorganized edition of the Life Safety Code has been issued by the National Fire Protection Association. Formerly known as the Building Exits Code, the new "Code for Safety to Life from Fire in Buildings and Structures" has been rearranged in the format of model building codes, and uses code terminology to increase its application as a basis for laws and regulations.

The chapter dealing with the fundamentals of exit arrangement has been rewritten to clarify definitions. Changes have also been made in the material covering places of public assembly, educational occupancies and penal institutions, and there are new data on folding partitions, exit passageways, and on moving walks. The Life Safety Code outlines arrangements which may be made in certain occupancies to hold doors open by magnetic devices actuated by smoke detectors. There are also new requirements for automatic elevators, making it mandatory for at least one elevator in a building to be quickly convertible to manual operation for fire department use.

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The Life Safety Code has been developed by the NFPA Committee on Safety to Life under the chairmanship of Edward Grey Halstead of the architectural firm of Jensen & Halstead.

Copies of the 1966 edition of the "Code for Safety to Life from Fire in Buildings and Structures" (NFPA No. 101) are available for \$1.50 from the National Fire Protection Association, 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston 02110.

#### Power reliability essential in both building, utility systems

After the widespread blackout occurred in the Northeast last November, great concern developed over the "fail-safe" reliability of utility electric power. But engineers pointed out that any consideration of reliability should include the internal building distribution system just as much as the utility supply and possible building standby power plant (See "Planning for Reliable Electric Power," by F. J. Walsh, February and March RECORD).

- That building system reliability deserves more careful attention is plain from the increasing number of internal distribution system failures. Most of these failures go unnoticed, but in June a noontime, electric power disruption in the Pentagon-obviously of more than routine interest-was reported in The New York Times. The Pentagon outage was caused by trouble with a 500-kva transformer in the building. It overheated, burned, and put about 10 per cent of the building out of power for periods of up to two hours in the early afternoon. At first, the failure put 20 per cent of the top two floors out of power. The Pentagon was electrically sectionalized, and service was restored as soon as possible.

Cause of the fire is not known, although four possibilities were offered by an *ad hoc* committee reporting to the General Services Administration (which administers all Federal buildings in Washington). The four possibilities: (1) overloading; (2) insulation failure; (3) dust accumulation; and (4) loose connections.

The *ad hoc* committee feels that a loose connection is the most likely cause — not an overload. The fire started from arcing and sparking (thus the speculation on the connection) and eventually burned both the transformer and related switchgear. Damage was estimated at \$2,000.

The Pentagon has an annual checkout of its electrical network protectors carried out by GSA and the Potomac Electric Power Company, which supplies power in Washington.

 That utilities themselves are still faced with blackout problems was brought to attention during the recent series of heat waves. As many as 100,000 electrical users in St. Louis were without power early in the week of July 10, The Wall Street Journal reported. It was said that not enough power was available in the Midwest pool to supply the demand created by over-100-degree temperatures. In such cases utilities are forced to employ selective load shedding in order to prevent damage to their equipment as well as preclude the spread of the blackout to the various utilities in the intertied system.

# Modular group reactivated to study building components

To assist industry in establishing guidelines and standards for pre-coordination of building components, the American Standards Association Sectional Committee A62 is being reorganized under sponsorship of the National Bureau of Standards Institute for Applied Technology (U.S. Department of Commerce).

The reactivated project will be called "A62, Pre-co-ordination of Building Components and Systems," and have as its scope: "The development of a basis for attaining both functional and dimensional compatibility of building components so that they integrate with a minimum of on-site modification, and the establishment of guidelines for coordinating building systems."

Jack E. Gaston, Armstrong Cork Company is chairman and Russell W. Smith of the Institute staff is vice chairman and secretary of the committee. Working committees will identify the most meaningful systems as guides for smaller committees to develop basic criteria. Various technical study committees will look at pre-co-ordination as a systems problem. Organizations, corporations or individuals who have an interest in participating in the program should contact the committee secretary at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington.

#### Mechanical system programs being developed by A-E group

A group of 25 architects and consulting engineer firms has formed a non-profit organization—Automated Procedures for Engineering Consultants, Inc.—to establish standard programs for the design of mechanical and electrical systems. Purpose of the new group is to: (1) share the cost and time involved in setting up standard programs in their own practices; and (2) assure use of consistent procedures and languages so that the information can be easily shared.

As a start, each member firm will submit procedures for which they need a computer program. Then operational committees will draw up specifications for the programs which will be worked out finally by computer service companies. As different programs are completed, they will be distributed to member firms along with supporting data. Officers of the organization are: Herman Blum of Herman Blum Consulting Engineers in Dallas, president; S. A. Dittmann of Giffels & Rossetti in Detroit, secretary; Emmett W. Bryan of A. G. Odell, Jr. & Associates in Charlotte, North Carolina, treasurer: and I. Marx Avres of Avres & Havakawa in Los Angeles, operational committee chairman.

## Structural engineering guide published by A.S.C.E.

The types of professional services and the interdisciplinary relationships that apply specifically to building projects are defined in the second of three publications developed by the Committee on Professional Practice of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The major subjects covered are: (1) basic services in the preliminary, design and construction phases; (2) special services, both predictable and unpredictable; (3) selection procedure of the consulting structural engineer; types of contract and charges for consulting services; and (4) multiple use of drawings.

The first publication in the series dealt with surveying and mapping and the third will be on professional practice in soils and foundation engineering. The structural engineering guide is available at no charge from the American Society of Civil Engineers at 345 East 45th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

#### Congress appropriates funds for building code commission

State and local building codes, zoning regulations and land taxation policies will soon be examined by President Johnson's proposed National Commission on Codes, Zoning and Taxation. Though members of this commission have not yet been appointed, Congress has appropriated \$1.5 million to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the study, and background reports are already being prepared by HUD in anticipation of the major study.

Objective of the Commission's study will be to shed some light on the impact of these local policies. In the past, various critics (including some Federal advisory committees) have called the present system of local codes "a mess."

"The research and development of new materials and methods of residential construction cannot be adapted to mass production so long as there are thousands of different local building codes in the U.S.," claims the National Commission on Technology, Automation, and Economic Progress.

"Code diversity is undoubtedly one of several factors contributing to the lack of progress in the construction industry to exploit mass production techniques," says an advisory commission on intergovernmental relations.

Various manufacturing associations and the model building code groups claim these criticisms fail to grasp the existing organizational mechanisms.

But even the Republican National Committee feels the Federal government ought to inspect the building code situation. While the G.O.P. is against any national or Federal building code, it feels HUD "has the responsibility to act as an information-gathering center concerning use and content of building codes."

HUD Secretary Robert Weaver feels his new commission should "assemble facts and begin a meaningful dialogue among all the organizations having an interest in this complex and economically sensitive subject."

Privately, spokesmen for the various interest groups directly affected by such a study have welcomed HUD's approach, feeling that some official body is needed to clarify the assertions made—without sufficient evidence, they say—that the code situation is fouled up.

The Commission will be looking into matters other than codes, although this subject is causing the most debate. Novel planning and zoning innovations will be studied to determine their impact on environmental design. Tax policies will be examined to see what effects they have on blighted neighborhoods.



# Building movement can damage built-up roofing systems

By Werner H. Gumpertz Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger, Inc., Consulting Engineers

Since all structures move to some extent, potentially harmful changes in dimension of structural elements must be taken into account in the design of roofing systems to avoid maintenance problems.

Until recently—since experience did not dictate otherwise—roofing systems were not designed with reference to building structure. While building design and materials changed steadily over the years, basic roofing design stayed fairly constant—until a variety of built-up roofing failures began.

Back of the trouble is building movement, which was an insignificant problem when buildings were more limited in area and constructed of heavy masonry. But building frames became lighter and more flexible, and roofs grew into gigantic, uninterrupted areas. Today's buildings move due to thermal, wind and moisture influences and these causes cannot be prevented. In many cases such movement transmits more stress to the roofing membrane than it can cope with, unless both roofing and structural designs take this movement into account. If they don't, the result is rupture of the roofing membrane.

#### Effects of thermal movement

Cyclical temperature swings create stresses in both the deck and the roofing membrane. Unless provisions are made in these two elements for prevention of stress build-up, roofing splits are likely to occur. Splits can be avoided by dividing the roof into small areas with expansion joints and/or providing expansion joints wherever there are sudden changes in roof shape. An expansion joint provides for complete structural separation of two adjacent parts of a building. The relief joint provides only for separation of two adjacent sections of the roofing membrane and is intended to prevent splits at changes in deck direction or materials.

Stress concentrations due to thermal movement can occur at re-entrant corners, as well as at sudden changes in roof direction. The effect of these stress concentrations is usually more severe than those occurring in an excessively long roof with expansion joints. At reentrant corners, the stresses can be from two-to-10 times normal stresses.

 While there are no hard and fast rules for the most effective placement of expansion joints, an expansion joint should be provided at any discontinuity in the roof plan; small connecting links and legs of Y-shaped roofs should be separated from one another. For large-area roofs, expansion joints should be located from 100 to 150 ft apart. To avoid any possibility of force transfer from one section of a building to an adjacent section, the expansion joint should extend through the roofing membrane, deck, structure, and possibly the foundation. If the expansion joint cuts through merely the roofing membrane and the deck, the continuous elements of the structures act as clamps, voiding all or part of its effectiveness.

Roofs pierced by skylights, penthouses, mechanical equipment or light courts can develop stress concentrations at re-entrant corners, particularly when the roof-mounted elements are of some length (as with monitors) and are separated by only small sections of roof area. The splits tend to align with the edges of the skylights.

#### Effect of structural deflections

Even though structures are properly designed to withstand simple gravity loading, they may contain design weaknesses which can affect the proper functioning of the roofing membrane. Among these are: deflections which permit ponding of rainwater, differential deflections of adjacent structural roof elements, opening of joints between prefabricated structural roof elements. The dead-level roof has run into difficulty because of accidental or intentional (to reduce air-conditioning load) ponding of water. Dead-level roofs pond water because of deflections of the roof structure under load. Since most roof drains are located near columns, water often ponds everywhere except at the drains. While water itself does not necessarily cause built-up roofing failures, it can result in excessive deflections, followed by roofing splits and then leakage through the splits. These troubles can be avoided, or at least minimized, by designing the roof with a slight slope to provide positive drainage. Drains should be located at the points of maximum deflection of the roof deck. The elastic and plastic (if any) deflections of the deck should be anticipated and compensated for by designing the roof with the proper slope. For example if the roof has an allowable span/deflection ratio of 180 (which would yield a slope of 7/32 in. per foot), the designed slope should not be less than 1/4-in. per foot to prevent ponding. If the roof is designed with a span/deflection ratio of 360, the slope can be 1/8-in. per foot.

• While little research has been done on the effects of ice formation and movement on built-up roofing, good drainage can minimize hazards. Apparently the texture of the roofing surface determines the strength of its bond to the ice, and thus the transfer of thermal forces and cracking from ice to membrane.

 Deflections of building frames and roof diaphragms under wind loads frequently lead to damage, some of it major (page 223). Primary victims are high, unbraced masonry walls and roofing membranes. (Many one-story buildings are designed without lateral wind bracing on



Roofing membrane splits can be caused by changes in direction of deck materials, as shown in the photo, left. The roofing plan indicates failures at changes in deck orientation and at transverse partitions. If expansion joints do not cut completely through the building they will not work as planned. In the photo, right, the joist has pulled away from its supporting wall due to movement of the roof structure.

the assumption that the height/length ratio is small enough to avoid problems.)

Wind uplift also must be considered, especially near roof edges where uplift forces can be considerable.

• Competitive pressures and the desire for lightweight elements have produced shallower and thinner deck components, especially where improvement in material strength allows a reduction in material thickness. But elastic deflections aggravate ponding problems, cause membrane cracking over areas of negative bending moments (at supports), and accentuate differences in deflections of adjoining units supported at different spans or loaded differently.

 Under long-time loading, concrete (especially some lightweight types) and wood will creep-that is lengthen and deflect beyond that amount resulting from elastic deflection. This can cause trouble if creep is excessive or if the amount of creep varies in adjacent roof deck elements. Differential deflections of structural members cause discontinuity in the deck and thus subject the roofing membrane to shearing and tensile cracking. For example, a typical double-tee plank with a span of 25 ft may deflect .40 in. at installation. If an adjoining plank of the same design were used, but spanned only 15 ft, it would deflect only .05 in. After application of a live load, and allowing for the expected creep, the deflections may increase to 1.70 and .22 in. respectively. This would mean an increase in the differential deflection from .35 to 1.48 inches.

• Use of a parapet will in most cases result in eventual roofing problems. Preferably, the roof deck should be extended over the exterior wall and finished with a properly designed gravel stop. If building codes require a protective wall on the roof, this can be provided in form of a steel railing of substantial design. Should the use of a parapet be unavoidable, through-wall flashing should extend from the cap flashing through the wall and should end in a well-defined folded drip on the exterior. The masonry above the flashing should be well anchored to the deck with special attention to the flashing of the anchor bolts to the through-wall flashing; in addition, a well designed metal coping (with expansion joints) should cover the top of the parapet and should be extended down over the through-wall flashing on the inside.

Excessive exposure of parapet masonry to weathering frequently causes deterioration of brickwork, leakage, and damage to flashing. At the same time, thermal and moisture cycling causes cracking and expansion of the parapet. Since there is no corresponding movement in the roof deck, the roof membrane is subjected to shear forces which will form visible diagonal shear folds. In more severe cases, these shear forces will cause tearing of the membrane along lines at right angles to the shear folds. Expansion of long brick walls can split gravel stop flashing.

• Precast deck elements must be anchored securely not only against wind uplift, but against horizontal displacement as well. Such movement can accumulate significantly wide joints which often cause splitting of the roofing membrane.

 Corrugated steel decking is difficult to anchor effectively to steel joists when the deck thickness is inadequate. Gauges as thin as No. 22 or 24 are not easily welded, making permanent attachment of the deck questionable. Experience shows that inadequately fastened steel deck sheets can move horizontally and deflect vertically, causing tensile or shear failure in the roofing membrane. Failure of lateral anchorage has similar effects.

 End support of precast planks can be dangerously reduced in area if there are manufacturing or installation defects, eventually leading to complete loss of support as the unit slips off. Most often this is caused by excessive spacing of supporting purlins.

In some buildings, expansion joints in the roof deck are ineffective because they are not continued through the rest of the structure. Also, some details (sliding seat or oblong hole joints) do not always allow the requisite movement. Inspection of such joints sometimes shows that the original paint has not been broken across the joints, indicating that the thermal forces in the building have not been effectively limited at the expansion joints.

 Occasionally, roofing membranes split parallel to the edge of the roof just inside the flashed edge. This is caused by differential movement between the flashing (supported by the perimeter masonry walls) and the general roof (supported by the steel framing). This differential movement can also be identified by horizontal cracks in the top of the exterior masonry walls, signs of distress in the frame, and particularly by shear fold lines in the roofing. It can be overcome by supporting the flashing as well as the general roofing on the same framing system. The top of the masonry can then move separately from the rest of the building without transferring shear forces into the roof membrane. In some less severe cases of support by two different systems, taping of the insulation board joints has been proposed to equalize insulation movement directly below the roofing membrane. Frequently, the weight of roof-mounted



Three types of structural movement which can damage roofs are shown in these photos. Left: adjoining concrete planks of different spans have deflected different amounts, causing stress concentration in roofing.

Center: improperly anchored masonry wall was moved out of line by wind, damaging both wall and roof. Right: welding anchor at side joints of concrete plank broke due to different creep deflections.

mechanical equipment or roof suspended utility lines, conveyors, etc., has not been sufficiently provided for in the structural design. Even if structural adequacy has been assured, lack of uniformity in deflection can damage the roofing membrane. Adequate strength of the structure should be combined with proper allowance for vibratory movement and proper flashing design between the roof-based equipment and the general roofing surface.

#### Thermal movement of structure

Few designs of any roof structure make specific provisions for thermal movement, except where expansion joints are provided for larger buildings. Lack of relief from build-up of stresses due to thermal movement can produce forces of significant magnitude. Relative movements of interior and exterior steel beams may involve a temperature difference of 120 F, resulting in length differences of about 1 in. in 100 ft. Differential movements between the spandrel beam and the interior steel tend to concentrate in the joints, and frequently roof membrane cracks originate at such joints, extending to the interior of the roof.

Wet (cast-in-place) construction of structural or insulated decks always carries the risk in the presence of large amounts of excess water. Many roofing failures have been caused by water without adequate avenues of escape. Since water (both in liquid and in vapor form) can damage built-up roofing by penetration and by vapor pressure, the poured deck must be vented before application of the roofing membrane. Any wet deck presents some risk of roofing difficulties unless the drying of the deck is fully controlled. In a recent investigation, insulating concrete sandwiched between roofing insulation boards and a structural concrete roof deck was found to contain in excess of three gallons of water per cubic foot.

When "wet" decking materials have been applied, the deck surface should be exposed to the summer sun for drying before application of the roofing membrane. Forced ventilation of the building interior is helpful, but omission of exterior walls until after drying of the deck can be used. In case of rain, a protective film should be used to prevent reintroduction of moisture into the deck. Some sources indicate that installation of temporary vents in the roofing membrane can be effective in drying out wet decking. There is no way of sufficiently drying a wet deck during the cold season short of building temporary housing and the use of artificial heat.

Gypsum decking is quickly and easily installed, is economical, and has some insulation value in addition to its structural function. But if side gaps in the reinforcing mesh coincide with a continuous line of end joints in the supporting sub-purlins, the decking may crack and cause splitting of the roofing membrane. If end joints of the sub-purlins are offset (so that not all occur over the same purlin), and if reinforcing mesh is not consistently jointed over the main purlins, the possibility of damaging thermal movement is reduced. If the mesh is overlapped, no single crack (if any) will become large enough to cause splitting of the roof membrane. Board insulation should be used on top of gypsum roof decks to attenuate movement at the gypsum surface.

Foamed concrete is light and friable; if it collapses during application, concrete must be added, increasing the density and the water content and reducing the insulation value. The danger to built-up roofing is similar to those of other lightweight concretes, unless the material is adequately vented before the application of the membrane.

• Structural stone concrete is stable, resistant to water-vapor penetration and fairly easy to dry. The concrete should be designed properly for elastic deflection and creep; it should have a minimum amount of mixing water; and it should be dried out before a roof membrane is applied. Crack formation should be avoided by proper field control, adequate reinforcing, and properly located and detailed expansion joints. Concrete surfaces should be reasonably smooth to allow the bonding of rigid insulation boards.

Lightweight aggregate with bituminous binder—a relatively new system, not strictly a wet construction—is applied as a continuous unit over the whole roof. This decking acts as an insulation and allows shaping of the roof surface for sloping and cants as required. Not much information resulting from experience with material is available at this time.

#### Roofing problems of prefabricated decks

Prefabricated elements allow better control of manufacturing quality, dimensional accuracy, and moisture content. However, since such decks consist of discrete units, the details of jointing and the risk of cumulative horizontal movement must be considered.

Fluted metal decking is widely used because of its low cost, and ease of installation. Unfortunately competitive pressures have favored use of very thin steel: sheets made of 22- or 24-gauge materials are quite flexible and difficult to anchor properly to the supporting steel joists. The result of inadequate attachment is usually excessive tempera-



Inadequately fastened steel deck sheets deflected and caused a shear failure of the roofing, left. A sign of conflict between a perimeter masonry wall and the roof structure is a horizontal crack at the top of

the wall, center. Such movement will split roofing membranes at the edge of the roof. Dead-level roofs pond water because of deflections of the roof. In photo, right, ponding defines outline of structure.

ture movement in the end joints of the deck, which leads frequently to failure of the roofing membrane over the end joints of the metal deck. Additional membrane failures may occur over lines of main support, due to excessive deflection of the steel sheets. Difficulties have also been encountered where the direction of steel decking changes. A proper steel deck should be designed to allow button punching, screwing, welding, or crimping of the side joints to prevent differential deflection. Failure to provide a secure side connection can cause damage to the roof membrane due to differential deflection. Secure end attachments can best be achieved by use of sufficiently thick steel and proper welding technique; sometimes the use of a welding washer can improve the security of the connection. Plywood decking is economical, easily available and installed, and reasonably stable. However, where large areas of plywood are tightly butted and poorly nailed, migration can occur. With certain roofing systems, nail popping can be a problem. Plywood is usually supported by wood joists. If these joists are not kiln dried but are framed into the sides of steel beams, cross-grain shrinkage of the joists can result in differential settlement of the plywood of up to 3/4 in. Plywood should always be covered with board insulation, with joints broken both ways. If the membrane is not watertight, rapid deterioration of the plywood can result.

 With precast concrete, the need for proper anchorage to prevent lateral migration is not always recognized. Side connections must also be provided to assure continuity of the deck surface.
 Concrete planks can also deform through creep, especially with some lightweight aggregates. Since these deflections rarely are uniform, adjoining planks may be vertically separated with resulting damage to the roof membrane. This damage also can occur when adjoining units of identical span have different cambers or if adjoining units are of different length and therefore will deflect differentially. The use of a castin-place concrete topping can reduce the surface irregularities. Stress relaxation in the tendons of prestressed, precast concrete, if not uniform, will produce the same type of crack.

 Performed fibrous planks, made of various types of organic fibers and cementitious binders, are somewhat less subject to plastic deformation than the concrete planks discussed above. Otherwise, they can encounter the same difficulties as concrete planks—horizontal migration and formation of gaps.

If wood decking is properly splined and kiln dried, the results are frequently good; since the many small cracks do not accumulate into large joints, roof cracking is less likely to occur. The use of wet or incorrectly fastened wood may cause damage to the roofing membrane through warping or shrinkage movement. Wood impregnants, if used, must be compatible with the components of the built-up roof.

Foamed glass plank—formerly used as thermal insulation only—has recently been introduced as a structural material for roofing planks. It is dimensionally stable, not damaged by biological agents, and incombustible. It must be carefully installed to avoid breakage.

#### Recommendations

Briefly, these are the practices that should be followed to minimize roofing problems due to building movement:

1. Expansion joints should be located not more than 150 ft. apart, and should

be detailed to assure truly independent movement (slotted holes often do not work properly; sliding seats should be detailed so that they allow movement without major force transfer).

2. Relief joints should be provided between adjoining parallel planks or other elements which have different span lengths, where there are significant changes in roof loads and at re-entrant corners.

3. Roofing systems should be designed for a minimum of 15 lb per sq ft wind uplift (in areas not subject to hurricanes and tornados) unless codes or engineering judgment dictate more conservative assumptions. Anchor clips for precast deck planks should provide not only for uplift forces but also a positive stop to prevent sliding of planks.

4. No roof slope to drains should be less than 1/4-in. per ft unless a lesser pitch through cambering of beams or joists can be shown to provide positive drainage. With concrete or wood beams, the allowable deflection must take into account not only the elastic deflection, but plastic flow as well, which for concrete can be twice the elastic deflection.

5. Parapets should be avoided if at all possible because of the differential movement between roof structure and the parapet. If the roofing membrane is supported by a steel deck, the gravel stop should not be supported by an exterior masonry wall. A simple and inexpensive solution is to support the roof edge nailer on extensions of the top chord of the steel joists.

This article is based on a paper by the author which forms part of a symposium on built-up roofing problems sponsored by Owens-Corning Fiberglas. The symposium is being presented at a number of Construction Specifications Institute chapters across the country. Other symposium papers: roofing, insulation, flashing, weathering, application, specification.

## New school has three kinds of flexible space:

- A divisible theater-in-the round
- A four-in-one classroom
- A three-gymnasium assembly hall

Candlewood Junior High School, Long sland, New York—designed by Frederc P. Wiedersum Associates—has a 750eat theater-in-the-round that can be divided by electrically operated folding partitions into two, three or four sections for small-group instruction. Both adjoinng wings (see plan overleaf) also have divisible spaces—one a three-segment gymnasium, the other a four-quadrant classroom.

Major element in the design is a wo-story circular wing which forms the hub of the complex. Core of this wing is the divisible instruction area in which seats slope down toward and virtually surround a central circular stage. Around the theater is a corridor accessible through eight exits from the core area. Exterior to this corridor are classrooms, administrative and health areas, conference rooms, a library and storage space (see plan, next page).

When the round arena is used as one arge space, air, light and sound conditions in the 96-ft-diam area are controlled from a master control booth on the second-floor level. When the area s divided by partitions, each section has ts own lighting, sound, heating and ventilation, all operated by individual transfer switches within the section.

The partitions operate from ceiling tracks and are supported and guided at the bottom by fixed dwarf partitions which gradually increase in depth as they extend from the perimeter wall to the 2½-ft-high central stage, thereby maintaining a constantly horizontal supporting surface at stage height. Thus, two or more folding partitions can be moved directly onto the stage, meeting precisely at stage center to seal off adjacent areas. When partitions are not in use, the

When partitions are not in use, the aisle surrounding the 42-ft-diam stage can be cleared of the dwarf partitions the section of each partition obstructing the aisle swings open on hinges attached to the stage and fits snugly into a recess cut into the stage's perimeter.

Major lighting is provided by a 44ft-diam coffered ceiling, suspended from a recessed dome in the 17½-ft-high ceiling. This 'wheel of light,' mounted in a wooden frame, actually comprises a







Theatre-in-the-round is

divisible by folding partitions converging at stage center creating two, three or four segments. Master controls for heat, light and air are in second-floor booth over stage access and preparation rooms. Segments also can be individually controlled. Major lighting is in a 44-ftdiam coffered ceiling over the stage. Spotlights are at intervals around this wheel of light, and recessed downlights are over the audience section. Access to lights and mechanical systems is by catwalk above ceiling. Colors are: beige walls and ceiling, walnut woodwork, blue seats and carpet.









Four-in-one classroom with partitions withdrawn, above, makes 3,200 sq ft of teaching or multipurpose space. Partitions in place, left, create four 800-sq-ft classrooms.

Three gymnasiums—boys', girls', and a raised-floor auxiliary exercise room—can be separated by folding partitions or opened into a single assembly space with the raised gym acting as a stage.



group of standard 2-ft-square, 500-wat incandescent fixtures integrated into a single multi-unit fixture. In addition, individual spotlights are mounted around the base of the recessed dome. The remaining portions of the ceiling contain recessed down-lights. The round auditorium presented unusual acoustical problems, because its circular shape and central stage eliminated the usual proscenium arch and draperies which normally would be an acoustical aid and because of the wide scope of activities planned for the area. The perimeter walls tilt slightly toward the open stage and meet the ceiling in a peripheral curve with a 3-ft radius.

Further sound control is achieved with strategically placed acoustical panels extending upward from a point 8 ft above the floor and continuing onto the ceiling to within 6 ft of the over-stage recess. Carpeted aisles and upholstered seating add to the acustical treatment.

#### Other divisible areas

The west wing of the school complex is a single-story, rectangular building with physics, biology, home economics and lecture rooms. One block of four adjoining classrooms in this wing is also equipped with electrically operated folding partitions. This area will function much like the circular group instruction area for maximum flexibility. With all partitions extended, the area comprises four 800-sq-ft classrooms. When all partitions are retracted, the area is converted into a full 3,200 sq feet room.

The south wing contains cafeteria, shop and gymnasiums—and the gym is another sub-divisible area. This structure has a thin-shell concrete vaulted roof with a 75-ft clear span which covers the cafeteria and gymnasium areas. A terraced entrance leads directly to the cafeteria and beyond to the boys' and girls' gymnasiums, separated from each other by electrically operated folding partitions.

An auxiliary gymnasium, separated from the main gym by a folding partition, has a raised floor 3½ ft higher than the adjacent gymnasium areas, and thereby may function as a stage, with provisions for chair storage beneath it. Thus, with all gymnasium partitions open and movable seating plus bleachers set in place, the entire area can be used as an auditorium for full school assemblies.

CANDLEWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, Half Hollow Hills, New York. Architects: Frederic P. Wiedersum Associates; mechanical engineer: Clyde M. Alston; structural engineers: Atlas and Rosenberg; acoustics: John Donahue; kitchen: Robert L. Cahn Associates.

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#### Expansive cement: a new approach to reducing concrete cracking

Shrinkage cracks have pretty much been accepted as a way of life with poured-inplace concrete construction. Techniques have evolved to minimize these cracks —by keeping water content to a practical minimum, by dividing on-grade floor slabs into small areas or sawing contraction joints so they will crack in predictable fashion, and by the use of prestressing. But until now efforts to chemically change the nature of cement to minimize shrinkage cracks have met with disappointing results.

Such a cement is now available-its first application an exposed, folded-plate roof in Yuba, California poured three years ago (see photo). With this new cement, concrete undergoes a small expansion, about the same as that experienced with a 60- to 70-deg temperature change, which works against the reinforcing steel in the concrete. This action places the steel in slight tension and the concrete in slight compression. Absence of tension in the concrete after drying shrinkage prevents or sharply reduces cracking. The most obvious applications are for industrial floor slabs, parking decks, exposed roof slabs, water tanks and roads.

This article is based on information from the Chemically Prestressed Concrete Corporation and the Medusa Portland Cement Company. This expansive cement costs more than ordinary cement. For example, the premium for one on-grade floor slab job of 22,000 sq ft was \$2 per cubic yard. This was balanced, however, by the elimination of contraction joints. The cement producers say that contraction joints can be placed as far apart as 200 ft when the slab is in a protected area, and 120 ft apart when the slab is exposed to high temperature variations.

• The mechanism of avoiding drying shrinkage cracks with expansive-cement concrete is as follows:

Ordinary concrete, after curing, begins to dry out and to shrink. But the concrete is bonded to the reinforcing steel, and its shrinkage is restrained by the steel. Still, it tries to shrink and in doing so puts the steel into compression. Due to the low tensile strength of concrete, not much restrained shrinkage need occur before the limit is reached, and the concrete cracks to relieve the stress.

With expansive cement concrete, however, while the concrete is curing and gaining strength, the expansive reactions cause a slight elongation of the concrete. Its bond to the steel causes the steel to be stretched slightly and places it in tension, while the concrete is put in slight compression. This expansion is complete in the first two to three days. When the expansive concrete begins to dry out it shrinks just like normal concrete, but, unlike normal concrete, the shrinkage is accompanied by a relief of the slight compression built into it, not by the build-up of tensile stresses—thus drying-shrinkage cracks are avoided.

• The new expansive cement is based on the crystal growth of calcium sulfoaluminate. There are other so-called expansive cements available—some based on aluminum powder which depend on hydrogen gas generation for the expansion; others which depend on the rusting of very finely divided iron particles to cause expansion.

Many investigations have been made to determine the factors most responsible for the shrinkage of concrete. Shrinkage is greater for fine-ground than for coarse-ground portland cements, for Type IV (low heat of hydration) than for Type I cement, for high water-cement ratios, and for high cement contents. Shrinkage is also affected by the characteristics of the aggregates used.

Contraction of concrete on drying is also governed by unit water content, relative humidity, cement content and air entrainment. However, tests have



shown that the allowable reduction in total water content which air entrainment allows will partially equalize the actual air entraining effect.

• As early experiences with portland cement concrete quickly indicated, some means of control of random cracking patterns had to be initiated. Therefore, joints were introduced, and techniques in using them have been continually refined. This method up until now was the only means of controlling the drying shrinkage of concrete besides quality construction.

There has been much work done in recent years on the introduction of various admixtures to control dryingshrinkage cracking. Some favorable and unfavorable results have been seen. Also, the necessity for adequate curing is still being stressed and is a very important requirement in reducing drying-shrinkage cracking in concrete.

During the past 30 years, investigators in Europe have directed their attention to the possibility of eliminating shrinkage or even causing the concrete to show an appreciable net increase in weight by using sulfoaluminate admixtures in cements to cause controlled expansions. The earliest publications on sulfoaluminate admixtures is the French patent issued in February 1936.

The most aggressive instigator of admixtures covered by the patent was Henry Lossier of France. According to this process, the use of sulfoaluminate admixtures in the amount of 10 to 20 per cent proportion to portland cement, results in considerable expansion to overcome or to exceed the drying shrinkage which occurs during the setting and hardening processes, and their subsequent drying. These sulfoaluminates react with the aluminates already present in the portland cement to produce hydrated sulfoaluminates with a large number of water molecules. This expansive cement developed in France was made by burning a combination of gypsum, bauxite, and chalk, which was used as a stabilizer. It was originally thought to be an anhydrous calcium sulfoaluminate. However, it was shown later to be a simple mixture of calcium sulfate, aluminates, silicates and ferrites.

The U.S.S.R. has been experimenting during the last decade with self-stressing cement which is produced by intergrindportland cement, alumina, and gypsum, which when combined with water furnish the necessary ingredients for hydrated calcium sulfoaluminates.

 In the development of expansive cements, there are a number of items which must be considered from the standpoint of proper reaction and longtime durability of the concrete. Many known expansive components have caused delayed expansions which may be destructive to hardened concrete. The principal distinction between a useful expansive cement and an unsound cement would seem to be the time at which the expansion occurs. If the expansion can be controlled so that it takes place when the concrete has developed some strength but is still extendable, a useful expansive cement has been produced.

A shrinkage-compensated cement for crack-resistant concrete and self-stressing concrete was developed by Alexander Klein, a research engineer at the University of California. This was done by preparing an expansive agent consisting of limestone, bauxite and gypsum which forms an anhydrous calcium sulfo-aluminate. This expansive clinker, when interground with a specifically designed portland cement, can produce expansions in safe ranges to pre-compensate for drying shrinkage or to the expansion range of actually self-stressing reinforcing steel or cable. The compensating-shrinkage cement is accomplished by intergrinding approximately 13 per cent of the expansive component with portland cement. The self-stressing cement is interground at 30 per cent expansive component and will actually expand enough, by elongating carefully placed cables or highstrength steel, to produce compressive forces in concrete in the range of 300 to 400 psi.

One of the key factors in the use of compensated-shrinkage cement is the matter of restraint. The product performs on the theory of restraining the expansions occurring the first week. The use of reinforcing steel or rigid forms will effectively decrease expansions and apply tensile forces to the steel and therefore compressive forces on the concrete.

There is essentially no difference in the basic principles of designing durable concrete with expansive cement or portland cement. The normal rules apply such as: use the lowest water-cement ratio possible compatible with the placement problems. The concrete reacts normally to normal admixtures, and requires admixtures for the same purposes.

The maximum value of expansion that can occur in the field with a typical amount of steel reinforcement is 0.04 to 0.05 per cent. This is such a small amount that there is no worry of forms bowingout or of walls being pushed over.

The process to make expansive cement is owned by the Chemically Prestressed Concrete Corporation, Van Nuys, California, a firm owned jointly by Kaiser Cement & Gypsum, of Oakland, California, Medusa Portland Cement, of Cleveland, C. W. Blakeslee & Sons, Inc., of New Haven, and several individuals.



The difference in behavior of concrete with an expansive component and ordinary Type I portland cement is shown by the two sets of curves. The unrestrained sample of expansive concrete expanded about 0.13 per cent and shrank the same degree as ordinary concrete. The expansive concrete restrained by reinforcement expanded to about 0.07 per cent and tapered off with shrinkage to about 0.05 per cent expansion. Ordinary concrete ends up with about 0.07 per cent shrinkage.



Compressive strengths of concrete with expansive component of calcium sulfoaluminate compare favorably with Type I portland cement as water/cement ratio varies.



Percentage expansion of concrete made with compensating-shrinkage cement increases rapidly beyond an expansive component content of 100 lb per cubic yard of concrete.

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necessary).	Sample Problem	Column for Your Problem
1. Conventional system selected (1C, 2C, or 3C-see below)	LA .	
2. Luminaire system selected (50, 48, or 60—see below)	6.0	
3. Number of lamps per Luminaire module (see below)	2	
<ol> <li>Length of lamps (48" only on five systems, choice of 48" or 96" on B-48 Luminaire- see below)</li> </ol>	4.8	
5. Shields desired with Luminaire system? (1 if yes, 0 if no)	L	J
6. Length of room	0.50.00	ب ب ب
7. Width of room	030.00	
8. Height of room	0.9.0.0	بيثيب
9. Wall reflectance (Use 50%, 30%, or 10%)	50	
10. Floor reflectance (Use 30% or 10%)	30	لالت
11. Maintenance factor (Use .70, .60, or .50)	20	÷u
12. Maintained footcandles desired*	1.0.0	
or	15-44.50	
<ol> <li>Number of lighted modules desired*</li> </ol>	0.0.0.0	
14. Hours of operation per year	2500	

\*In the example on the left, the desired footcandle level has been indicated, so the computer would solve for the number of lighted modules required to deliver it. If you wish, instead, to indicate the number of lighted modules desired and want to know what footcandle level they will maintain, enter 000 on line 12, and the number of modules desired (using a fourdigit figure—e.g., 60 modules would read 0060) on line 13.

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	Answer To Sample Problem (Conventional	Answe Your F Conventional	r To Problem
	System Only)	System	System
L. Total lamp lumens	391252.0		
2. Number of lighted modules	62		
3. Footcandles (Maintained)	100		
<ol> <li>Footcandles (Initial)</li> </ol>	143		
. Watts per square foot	3.803		
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Do number of lighted modules fit in room?	TYES TINO	YES NO	



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General Electric, Wiring Device Dept., Providence, R. I.\*

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**17-21** Annual Meeting and Transportation Engineering Conference, American Society of Civil Engineers—Hotel Sheraton, Philadelphia.

**24-28** Fall Convention, American Concrete Institute—Jung Hotel, New Orleans.

**26-29** American Institute of Architects South Atlantic Regional Conference, "Architecture's Challenge — America's Future"—Queen Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, N. C.

**27-29** Pennsylvania Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects Regional Symposium, "Toward A More Livable City,"—Hotel Hershey, Hershey, Pa.

### OFFICE NOTES

#### OFFICES OPENED

**Richard T. Acott, Architect,** has opened an office at 53 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.

David A. Crane, formerly Planning Administrator of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, has opened an office as David A. Crane, Architect for the practice of urban planning and design, 168 Patton Lane, Radnor, Pa.

**Dimitri J. Ververelli,** architect, has opened an office at 1500 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

#### NEW FIRMS, FIRM CHANGES

John R. Maslen, A.I.A. has joined Barnes & Hilgers, Architects as a partner to form Barnes, Hilgers & Maslen, 233 S.W. Front Ave., Portland, Ore.

Hobart D. Betts, Architect is a new architectural firm at 41 East 57th Street, New York City.

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William E. Folsom has joined Herman Blum Consulting Engineers of Dallas as head of the lighting design engineering department.

With the admission of Ernest R. Gilbert as a partner, the Richmond firm of Budina and Freeman, Architects will be Budina, Freeman and Gilbert.

Leonard A. Collins and John T. Collins have formed the architectural firm of Collins & Collins, Hardy Building, Gulfport, Miss.

Vauldine A. Curtis & Associates is a new engineering and architectural firm at 3700 Upton Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

The Los Angeles architectural firm of **Daniel L. Dworsky & Associates** has promoted **Norman N. Rosen** to associate status.

The Freeman-White Associates is the new name for the Charlotte, N. C. architectural firm previously Walter Hook Associates.

Jules Gregory, Architect of Lambertville, N. J. has announced that Allan Blauth, his associate, will join him in Gregory-Blauth, Architects.

The Phoenix architectural firm of Guirey, Srnka & Arnold, A.I.A. has promoted H. Maynard Blumer, C.S.I. to associate architect.

Gale A. Hill & Associates, A.I.A. is the new St. Louis, Mo. architectural firm at 11722 Studt Avenue.

William Edward McClurg, A.I.A. and Edward Ritter Wall, R.A. are the principals of the new partnership of McClurg and Wall, Architects, 1369 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Va.

Rudolph J. Nedved, A.I.A. and Mrs. Elizabeth Kimball Nedved, A.I.A. have formed the new architectural and hospital consulting firm of Nedved & Kimball, 360 North Michigan Ave., Chicago.

John A. Busby, Jr., A.I.A. has joined Henri V. Jova, A.I.A. and Stanley L. Daniels, A.I.A. in the Atlanta firm to be known as Jova/Daniels/Busby, Architects, 75 Cone St., N. W.

The New York City planning and architectural firm of **Charles Luckman Associates** has appointed **A. James McArthur** vice president and general manager.

Charles M. Sappenfield, Jan M. Wiegman and Joseph K. Hall have formed Sappenfield, Wiegman, Hall Associates, Architects at 69 Haywood Street, Asheville, N. C.

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