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Letter to a reader

If the publisher can borrow the editorial page (as he did in April to talk about the International Design Competition for the urban environment of the developing countries—see also Perspectives this month on page 14), the editor ought to be able to use this space which is normally his. So I have to talk about our RECORD seminars.

As many of you know, we’ve been operating two seminars for almost a year now—one on How the Architect Can Profit as a Builder-Developer and one on How to Market Professional Services (see page 198). Both have been attended by hundreds of RECORD readers as they toured the country, both have gotten very good marks from the attendees, and both are still running strong.

But not all of you may have caught up with our newest venture—the First International Seminar to Brazil, to be held October 23rd through 31st—a study tour of three of the world’s most important and architecturally significant cities. First, Sao Paulo, the fastest growing city in the world—and a city marked by some extraordinary design and planning efforts to meet this growth. Then Rio de Janeiro—offering totally different challenges to professionals. Finally Brazilia—that unique design experiment.

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Those of us in the editorial department who helped plan this seminar are proud of it—and we’re anxious to make the trip. If you can think about coming along—alone or with the wife of your choice, at what seems to be a reasonable price, with what possible tax deductions and all—read the material on page 99 and send in the handy coupon. We think it will be our most exciting seminar effort yet.

—Walter F. Wagner, Jr.

Letters to the editor

Even when a great man is allowed to live a complete life, it is still a sad day when he passes away. Thus, I was extremely unhappily surprised to learn that Alan Dunn had died after a full life of significance both in the world of humor and the world of architecture.

His gentle way of poking fun at architects who sometimes take themselves too seriously has been a benefit to us. His understated ridicule of new design cliches which herds of architects rush forward to “discover” has been a benefit to the world.

Al Widmer
Carroll, Dauble
Du Sang and Rand

As an avid and interested reader of RECORD, I wish to applaud the positive stand taken for support of the proposed 27th Amendment to the Constitution on Equal Rights.

It will take a great deal of coordinated planning and education of both the public and state legislatures by many professions and organizations before we attain the goal of equality for all citizens.

Mrs. Solomon Kaplan, president
League of Women Voters

We were delighted with your article on Reelout Lake’s Airpark Lodge! You captured the spirit of the place with your text and selection of photographs.

Clare Stallings
Gassner/Nathan/Browne, Architects

Thanks very much for the lovely write-up in May RECORD.

I was prompted by this issue to take out the August 1967 issue of the RECORD in which our schematic plans and model were published, and was quite gratified to see that this was one project that was really built exactly as planned.

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Alan H. Lapidus
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After chatting with you on the telephone I immediately took pen to pad, but it was impossible. My heart was quite gratified to see that this was the fastest growing city in the United States.

Shanly and I thank you very much.

Robert M. Houvener

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RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

In recent years, the volume of new church construction has diminished substantially. The reasons are many but foremost among them is the reduction in church attendance. Fewer Americans seem to be attending services on a regular basis and an increasing burden is therefore being carried by a smaller and smaller group. As the Church retrenches, new buildings are focusing greater attention than before on community—usually secular—uses and architects are working with programs for new churches that anticipate seven-day-a-week use. The September BTS will present several new churches and examine the ways in which new programs are redefining the churches’ role in several communities.
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NCARB takes some important new steps to build—and protect—the profession

Everybody knows that the profession has some problems in education—and while the virtual falling-apart of many of the schools during the great student uprisings of the late sixties seems pretty well healed, there is still some dissatisfaction with preparation and great dissatisfaction with the internship period.

The new NCARB examination, while now widely accepted, is not totally accepted—with perhaps the biggest bone of contention the fact that under the new multiple choice exam candidates are not “tested” on their design ability—and these key issues will be discussed in next month’s editorial.

For this month—not to beat a dead horse (see the RECORD for November, 1973, pages 9-10) ‘cause it ain’t dead—there’s the matter of policing the profession during a difficult time when the conduct of a few is clearly damaging the reputation and credence of an entire and honored profession.

At its 53rd annual meeting, held this year in Dallas, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards—that not-so-long-ago stolid and unimaginative body—tackled these (among other) problems with a vigor, vitality, sophistication, and clear-headedness that gets three loud cheers here. The papers from that meeting impress me as the work of people and of an organization which knows where it’s going, has set some tough standards, and seems to be getting there:

NCARB’s legal counsel made the case for policing the profession, and for NCARB doing the policing

In his speech to the convention, attorney Carol Sapers scored present policing of the profession as one of the great blocks to NCARB’s major goal—a system of reciprocal licensing throughout (and beyond) the country. Citing the unwillingness of some jurisdictions to accept the new NCARB professional exam (with some states requiring degrees, others a supplementary design exam, and a Puerto Rican residency requirement, for example) he criticized the “halting, insignificant effort by our [state] boards to ensure that the registered architect is practicing the high standards expected of him.

“Four things have occurred, however, within recent years which,” Sapers continued, “make the question of the role of state boards in policing the profession more timely than ever before.” His four points:

1. The May 1972 signing by the AIA of the consent decree, coupled with the Justice Department’s investigations of minimum fee standards, a double whammy which has caused the AIA, Saper feels, to “respond prudently by retrieving generally from the field of disciplining members for unethical practice.”

2. Ralph Nader’s challenge to NCARB, at its convention four years ago, to take a more active role in protecting the public interest. As Mr. Sapers points out, “A cogent and persuasive argument can and should be made for the learned professions regulating themselves. But if they fail to do so themselves, a persuasive argument can be made for representatives of the public to step into the breach.” Consumerism again!

3. Saper’s third argument for better policing, “more difficult to describe, is the radical change which has taken place in the construction industry”—the more complex organization of many building jobs and the resultant diffusion of responsibility—which requires that “somebody act to ensure that the architect carry out his public responsibilities. Here again, the public will turn to the state registration boards.”

4. The recent disclosures of corruption. Mr. Sapers points to the disbarment of lawyers but asked: “How many of the architects and engineers involved in the Baltimore County scandals have lost their licenses?”

These four forces, Sapers feel, require new thinking about “whether or not the state registration boards are adequately fulfilling their responsibilities to protect the public interest.”

“The package of powers which seems to me adequate,” said attorney Sapers, “is statutory authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the conduct of registrants, and statutory authority to discipline registrants who violate those rules and regulations.

“With those basic underpinnings established, the state boards may adopt and enforce rules governing the conduct of registrants.”

Mr. Sapers outlined the ranges of professional conduct which he thought could be regulated by NCARB with such legal “underpinnings.” “As most of you would suspect, a court will uphold regulations prohibiting dishonesty, fraud, gross incompetency, or conflicts of interest.” Further: “Rules prohibiting advertising, competitive bidding, and engaging agent to solicit jobs are all examples of prohibitions against economic activities thought to be unprofessional”—and which have been gener-
ally upheld. And he feels that "by the legal standards presently available, it is permissible for a state regulatory agency to fix prices [in the case of the state boards, to permit and enforce minimum fee schedules] even though the same activity by private parties would involve violations of the anti-trust laws."

And the next question he raised is whether it is "appropriate for state boards to be concerned with ordinary negligence by license holders."

"In an imperfect world, we cannot invoke serious disciplinary actions for occasional negligence" but he argued that persistent negligence should be a subject for disciplinary action: "Every architect may be entitled to one leaky flat roof, but is he entitled to five or ten?"

Two state programs were cited as examples of effective policing

In California, Mr. Sapers explained, "when a complaint is brought to the attention of the state board it is investigated by the board's own staff or by the Division of Investigation of the Department of Consumer Affairs [an apparently unique state agency with investigators who are available to various registration boards under its jurisdiction]. In the last completed fiscal year, the California board received 164 complaints of malpractice. Twenty-four were dismissed... The balance were in some stage of investigation... In one case, the license was suspended. In 12 cases, criminal actions were filed. In six cases, the action resulted in a conviction, with either probation, fine, or, in one case, jail resulting..."

"Florida, with much more modest staff resources, appears to be undertaking an equally ambitious program—but with a slightly different emphasis," Mr. Sapers said. "The Florida board, in cooperation with the engineering registration board, has set up meetings with building inspectors throughout the state... and encouraged them to notify the state board if they have any difficulties with licensed architects."

"Supplementing this input, the local professional chapters of the AIA scrutinize the work being done in their area and bring cases of apparent incompetence or misconduct to the board's attention. For the approximate 12 months that this program has been in effect, the board has received, on the average of one complaint per week." From that point, the executive secretary of the boards makes a preliminary investigation and—if he believes it appropriate, brings the matter to the attention of the state board. In the past year, according to Mr. Sapers, ten to 12 cases have resulted in board proceedings, but the board has not yet convened a formal disciplinary hearing.

Concluded Mr. Sapers: "I think that these two examples should suggest to the rest of us that an effective program in this area (of professional policing) is possible."

And, it seems to me at least, not just possible but desirable—for all the reasons given above. For if the profession does not maintain its own standards in the face of consent decrees and well-meaning, but woolly-headed anti-trust threats and diffused responsibility for building jobs and "the new morality"—then someone is going to set much less desirable and much less professional standards with which we shall all have to live. Like it, or not.

And it seems to me, the NCARB—with its new vigor and its present position of official and quasi-official standing within the states, is in a fine position to take on this tough and important responsibility.

The next step is actually take it on.

—Walter F. Wagner, Jr.

The great international design competition: a progress report

In the April issue of RECORD (pages 13-14), RECORD and L'ARCHITECTURE D'AU-JOURD'HUI—our sister publication in Paris—carried what we felt was a most important announcement—the formation of The International Architectural Foundation for the purpose of conducting an international design competition for the urban environment of developing countries.

That announcement gave some of the details of a design competition which we feel could be one of the most influential in history—a competition for the design of prototypical urban neighborhoods to act as catalysts in the awesome task of upgrading the urban slums of the developing world.

To review briefly: the competition is for the design of three small new neighborhoods within the existing urban context of three cities (one in Asia/Oceania, one in Central/South America and a third in Middle East-Africa). Each city is to designate a site, agree to commission the winning designer, and commit itself to build the premiated design—which in itself would be a major contribution. Further:

1) The Competition should provide the best yet source of design ideas for improvement of the urban slums of the world because (a) RECORD and L'ARCHITECTURE D'AU-JOURD'HUI have agreed to feature the best designs in special issues and (b) a book of the best ideas from all of the entries is part of the plan.

2) The winning designs will be a major exhibit feature at the most important convention on human settlements ever held—the United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements (Habitat '76) to be held in Vancouver in May 1976—designed "to stimulate innovation, serve as a means for the exchange of experience, and ensure the widest possible dissemination of new ideas and technologies in the field of human settlements."

Well, lots has happened since that April announcement:

1. Negotiations with Manila and Bogota are well advanced and progress is being made in the Middle East-Africa area.

2. The professional advisors, Guthrie/Seeley/Erickson, are hard at work on (a) developing programs for the projects, (b) securing preliminary approval of the UA (under whose regulations the Competition will be conducted), and (c) selecting jurors.

3. Literally hundreds of architects and planners—potential competition entrants—have written from around the world expressing enthusiasm for the competition and asking for more details (they're coming, they're coming!).

4. The IAF is well embarked on its crucial fund-raising campaign, and many of us around this office and the Paris office of AA are pitching in feverishly to help out by getting in touch with corporations, foundations and governmental agencies. On pages 18-19 of this issue the first results of this effort are reported: Over $50,000 of the $300,000 needed has already been given or pledged to the International Architectural Foundation by The Graham Foundation, The Johns-Manville Fund, and The International Development Research Centre (Canada).

And that's very good news indeed. For it is an important beginning, and we all hope that the commitment (and the stature) of these first contributors will encourage others—including, perhaps some not yet reached—to participate in this most important and selfless effort.

If you—or any other professional organization you are familiar with—might like to consider being one of a limited group of sponsors both in the U.S. and abroad, please read the announcements on pages 18 and 19, and then call me (at 212/997-4565) or Blake Hughes, president, The International Architectural Foundation, Inc., 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York 10020; 212/997-4685.

With a lot of hard work and determination—and some tax-deductible contributions from concerned private organizations and foundations—the IAF Competition can make it possible for architects and planners from around the world to really get something started in the way of ameliorating the lot of the world's ill-housed urban poor.

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Desirous of helping the developing countries of the world to meet the challenges of unprecedented urban growth, inspired by the United Nations Resolution 3001 to hold a major United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements (Habitat '76) in Vancouver, Canada from May 31 to June 11, 1976, and wishing to contribute to its success, the International Architectural Foundation, Inc. (IAF) has been formed for the purpose of organizing an International Design Competition open to the professions of architecture and planning throughout the world.

The IAF proposal has been described as "exciting and innovative" by Helena Z. Benitez, Coordinator, Preparatory Planning Group for Habitat '76. And Eric Carlson, its Deputy Director, has stated, "the IAF Competition has great potential for providing useful inputs to the important Vancouver meeting." In addition, prominent architects, planners and government officials around the world have expressed their enthusiasm and encouragement.

The Competition, scheduled to start in the late summer of 1974, when full details will be available to entrants, proposes to challenge the design professions to address themselves to a problem of grave and growing international concern: the human and environmental problem of accelerating urbanization. The challenge will be to design within a largely pre-existing urban-regional context a new and beneficial cell of urban growth—one that will foster human well being and development and one that will be fully considerate of environmental impacts. Thus, within a framework reflecting the universal problem of urbanization, three specific sites for a human settlement of moderate size will be selected to which designers can respond in the specific detail of both their physical characteristics and their social and economic factors. These sites will be located in three cities: one each in Central/South America, the Middle East/Africa, and Asia/Oceania. Sponsoring local agencies will participate in the development of the Competition programs and agree to construct the winning designs and appoint their designers as project architects. In this unprecedented effort three design competitions, with three awards, to be built in three locations is projected; but the worldwide creative effort generated will yield the further benefit of many new ideas for urban community development which it is expected will be displayed at the Vancouver Conference-Exposition, featured in the world's leading architectural magazines, and published in book form.

The international consulting firm of Gutheim/Seelig/Erickson has been appointed by the IAF to organize and manage the Competition.

Funds needed to meet the Competition budget will be contributed by a small number of philanthropic sources in several countries and by interested business firms. The IAF is pleased to announce that the Graham Foundation has already endorsed its Competition and pledged its financial support.

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Construction in 1974 is expected to total $97 billion, three per cent below earlier estimates, due to Federal monetary restraint to curb inflation, according to George A. Christie, chief economist of the F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company. For the complete update of the Dodge/Sweet's 1974 construction outlook, see page 73 Architectural Business section.

Tallie B. Maule, BART architect, died in San Francisco, June 17, 1974, of a heart attack. He was 57. Mr. Maule, chief architect who supervised the design and adornment of nearly all BART stations, commissioned architects, landscape architects, designers and artists to provide the Bay Area Rapid Transit system with a series of varied and distinctive stations. Mr. Maule, a native of Oklahoma, received his bachelor's degree in architecture in his home state and earned a master's degree at Princeton University where he was selected as a Lowell Palmer Fellow. He also studied in Italy.

The State of Missouri is sponsoring a competition to renovate the Wainwright building in St. Louis. The project will include the work on the famous early skyscraper, and the construction of new office space for state use. See page 34 News Reports.

The Cost of Living Council reports construction settlements have been running 10 to 12 per cent above last contract figures, some exceeding 18 per cent, since controls were removed. Last year's average for construction industry wage settlements was just over 5.5 per cent, under controls.

The House of Representatives voted 351 to 25 in June to authorize $11.3 billion for housing programs. This differs from a version approved earlier in the year by the Senate, and the two versions are to be resolved in committee this year. The House version, expected to receive President Nixon's support, would pass out $8 billion by 1977 in block grants with few strings attached. The Senate version costing $10 billion seeks to distribute funds with fairly strict mandates for use in community development and related activities.

The Second Federal Design Assembly, "The Design Realty," convenes in Washington, D.C., September 11-12. Architecture, landscape architecture/environmental planning, visual communications, and interior design/industrial design will be on the program at the Arena Stage, 6th and M Streets, S.W. For more information, contact the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506.

Don P. Schlegel is the new president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. Mr. Schlegel is the chairman of the Department of Architecture at the University of New Mexico, and is a partner in the firm, Group 5. He will serve in his new post for one year.

The 1974 Rotch Travelling Scholarships have been awarded to Nelson Scott Smith and Craig E. Rafferty. Mr. Smith received the $11,000 first prize for nine months' travel abroad, and Mr. Rafferty received the $6000 second prize for five months' travel. They will leave in September. A statement of eligibility requirements and applications for the 1975 program may be obtained by writing Hugh Stubbins, 1033 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, on or before March 6, 1975. Applicants must have spent some study or experience time in Massachusetts.

James Marston Fitch and Dovie Kate Reiff have been awarded the 1974 Brunner Scholarship by the New York Chapter, AIA. The nationally recognized annual grant of $10,000 is for furthering the development of architecture in the United States through advanced study in some special field of architectural investigation. Mr. Fitch will prepare a basic text on the retrieval and recycling of the existing housing stock of historic buildings and the rehabilitation of the built environment. Mrs. Reiff will prepare an overview of design requirements of disabled persons for space and mobility needs, and analyze legislation for removing architectural barriers.

August 23 is the entry deadline for the AIA-approved Plywood Design Awards, sponsored by the American Plywood Association. Open to licensed architects, the program carries cash awards in residential, commercial and institutional categories. Projects must have been completed before August 23, 1974 and after August 23, 1972. For more information, contact the Plywood Design Awards, American Plywood Association, 1119 A Street, Tacoma, Washington 98401.

August 31, 1974 is the deadline for submitting entries to the Fifteenth AISC Architectural Awards program. Sponsored by the American Institute of Steel Construction, the program recognizes buildings framed in structural steel and completed after January 1, 1973 and prior to August 31, 1974. For complete details and entry rules, contact AISC, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020.

August 30, 1974 is the deadline for submitting entries for the seventh annual DOT Awards Program, "The Highway and its Environment." Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the program will recognize excellence in ten categories where a more esthetic highway environment has been created. For more information, contact: Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Policy, Washington, D.C. 20590.
Rome Prize Fellowships announced for 1975-76

The American Academy in Rome is offering Rome Prize Fellowships for 1975-76 for artists and scholars ready to do independent work. The purpose of the Academy is to provide the facilities and program within which a small number of individuals of exceptional promise have the opportunity to pursue their creative work and research.

Among residents for the coming academic year will be: Jean-Paul Carhian and Charles Moore in architecture, Donald Appleyard and Stephen M. Carr in environmental design, and Stuart Dawson in landscape architecture. Henry A. Millon architect, is the Academy's director and Frank E. Brown, archaeologist, heads the School of Classical Studies.

These awards will be awarded in the fields of architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture, musical composition, painting, sculpture, history of art, classical studies and post-classical humanistic studies. Fellows are chosen on the basis of merit and promise by independent juries. Awards are open to citizens of the United States irrespective of race, color, creed or sex, for two years beginning September 1, 1975, with an option to accept the fellowship for one year. Each fellowship carries about $4,600 a year, in addition to free residence and studio and use of the library and other facilities at the Academy.

Applications and submission of work, in the form prescribed must be received at the Academy's New York office by December 31, 1974. Requests for details should specify the particular field of interest and should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, American Academy in Rome, 101 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Competition opened for Wainwright block

The State of Missouri is sponsoring an architectural competition for the restoration and renovation of the Wainwright building and construction of 150,000 square feet of additional office space. The new building will be located on the remainder of the block in downtown St. Louis containing the Wainwright Building designed by Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan, and built in 1890.

The competition officially opened on June 17. It will be conducted in two stages ending in October, under the Code for Architectural Design Competitions of the American Institute of Architects. To be eligible, architectural firms must have their head offices within Missouri or be associated with a Missouri architectural firm.

Jurors for the competition will be: E. C. Bassett, Skidmore Owings & Merrill; Gunnar Birgers; Norman Henry Pfeiffer, Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates; M. Paul Friedberg, Friedberg & Associates; George Howard, Muchow Associates; Walter McQuade, Time, Incorporated; and Vincent Scully, professor of the history of art, Yale University.

Copies of the official announcement are available upon written request to: John A. Cooper, Office of Administration, P.O. Box 809, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

Historic industrial resources examined by Producers' Council

Successful restructurings of industrial resources to original use or for other purposes appears feasible, economically-practical at today's high building costs, and significant to the future of communities and nations.

This was the theme of a recent five-day Institute on Industrial Archeology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

Participants ranged from professors of architecture and students from everywhere, to archeologists, preservation consultants, librarians for colleges, city planners, and architects.

Through walking inspection tours, slide/film presentations, lectures and general discussion, continual emphasis was placed on methods for determining possible adaptive uses for existing historic industrial structures.

These ranged from simple factories and mills to ornate company tenement housing, riverfront warehouses, foundries, power systems, locks, bridges, waterways, old fire houses and parks.

Prof. Merritt Abrash of RPI; Dr. R. A. Buchanan, University of Bath, England; and Theodore Sande of Williams College, headed the Institute's faculty.

In tracing the history of industrial archeology, Dr. Buchanan noted it is a term less than 20 years old. In the case of the Hudson-Mohawk (N.Y.) area, where a number of nationally-important industries developed together in a relatively compact area during the 19th century, the physical remains should be viewed as great potential resources for the economic/environmental revitalization of the region, he emphasized.

Dr. Buchanan also explained that industrial archeology, unlike "dirt" archeology, is concerned with industrial remains above ground—even those still in use—as well as with those beneath it.

Because of simplicity of design, rectangular shape, open interiors, the structures are readily adapted to today's industrial needs without major rehabilitation.

Among the numerous adaptive uses observed were the several factories now serving as workshops, wholesale headquarters, iron works, retail establishments, wholesalers, clothing manufacturers, and a paint/asphalt manufacturer.

Of special interest was the U.S. Arsenal built in Watervliet, N.Y. in 1812. It remains today a major manufacturer of ordnance and prime employer in the area.

Dean L. Gustavson, NCARB past president, honored by Council in Dallas

At its 53rd annual meeting in Dallas recently, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards presented the first Dean L. Gustavson Award to the past president for whom the award was named. The award will be given in years to come for outstanding service by an individual architect in helping to achieve the highest standards of professional conduct.

Gustavson (shown) served as president of NCARB in 1969, having been elected to the board of directors three years earlier. He was conference chairman for the 1971 meeting of the Multi-Nation Conference on Registration and Reciprocity, has led negotiations for NCARB in New Zealand and Australia and signed the preliminary agreement for reciprocity with them.

At the Dallas meeting, John M. O'Brien of Memphis was elected NCARB president. Other officers elected are: first vice president, William C. Muchow, Denver; second vice president, Lorenzo P. Williams, Minneapolis; secretary, Paul H. Graven, Madison, Wis.; and treasurer, Charles A. Blondheim, Jr., Eufaula, Ala.

Public construction continues healthy

The Federal Reserve Board, in its current bulletin, reviews the status of construction, real estate and mortgage markets, noting that current dollar outlays for public construction have continued near their first-quarter peak.

State and local government expenditures, major share of the public total, have remained relatively large as well, even though yields required by investors in municipal bonds have been exceptionally high and Federal support has remained selective. While building needs for primary school classes have eased, FRB said demands for health, rapid transit, and energy facilities have increased.

The FRB conclusions were summarized in this opening paragraph: "Outlays for new construction this spring measured in real terms were continuing to trend downward from the record rate reached more than a year earlier. Construction expenditures for privately owned residential units were running well below the 1973 peak even in current dollars. But constant-dollar outlays for private nonresidential construction were holding at earlier highs, and expenditures for public construction were significantly strong. Meanwhile, conditions in mortgage markets tightened sharply again as credit terms in general became more restrictive in a situation of rapid inflation..."
Strong pressure for the immediate development of a long-range comprehensive plan for Capitol Hill development was placed on the Senate Public Works Committee in June when several architectural critics and others testified on the latest plans for the Dirksen Senate Office building addition (below).

The experts had studied the design in detail prior to the hearing by viewing plans, drawings and models of the exterior and interior design developed in the last nine months by John Carl Warnecke, the Associate Architects. (Architects for Capitol Hill projects traditionally associate with the Architect of the Capitol, now George M. White.)

The building contained a reworking of earlier details which, in exterior elevation, did not satisfy the committee, the particular objection centering on the connection of the new structure to the existing Dirksen building. In the new plan, a recessed glass area has replaced a more prominent flat slab and the roof line has been modified, apparently to the greater satisfaction of committee members. The emphasis placed on a need for intensive long-range Capitol Hill planning centered on a wish to avoid future piecemeal planning of new Federal structures in the Capitol Hill complex. It was brought out that without a more thorough master plan of the area, the Congressmen and Senators responsible for approving new structures and siting them have no reference points regarding future development. Each new building, under the present approach, becomes a single addition to the current inventory, judged on its architecture and location only in relation to the standing structures.

As one of the senators at the hearing suggested, a Capitol Hill master plan with a thorough public airing, might be a Centennial present Congress could give to the nation.

The new structure is technically an extension to the Dirksen building (formerly known as the New Senate Office Building). Connecting to the Dirksen building, the new building will occupy the balance of the block, except for the area occupied by the Belmont House which houses the National Women’s Party. The new building will border Second Street, Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.E. Site clearance is expected to begin early in 1975 and occupancy is planned for late 1977.

Appearing at the hearing were: William Lacy, program director of architecture and environmental arts for the National Endowment for the Arts; William L. Slayton, executive vice-president of the American Institute of Architects; Wolf Von Eckardt, architecture critic for the Washington Post; and Jean-Paul Carthian, vice president with the architecture firm of Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott in Boston. George M. White, Architect of the Capitol, made the opening statement at the hearing.

Mammoth Florida sports complex will cost $100 million and begin in 1975

Plans have been announced in Orlando, Florida for the construction of a $100 million sports complex to provide facilities related to numerous major league sports as well as hotel accommodations.

The football facility shown on the left is capable in its initial phase of seating 70,000 persons. On the right of the photograph is depicted a 45,000-seat baseball facility and in the foreground a 16,000-seat arena.

Rising over the entire complex will be a 34-story office/hotel/merchandise mart facility. The first floor of the facility actually begins some six stories from the ground. The design provides for the use of solar energy panels on the exterior skin of the sloped-sided high-rise structure.

The 212-acre complex is designed as an eight-year phased program with initial construction beginning in 1975. The architect is Thomas E. Lewis, Jr.

GE study reveals solar potential for U.S.

By the year 2000, the United States could save $5 billion in fuel costs and 150 billion kilowatt hours annually through use of inexhaustible and non-polluting solar energy for heating and cooling buildings, according to a study conducted by the General Electric Company’s Space Division, for the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The study was sponsored by NSF’s Research Applied to National Needs (RANN) branch and it is the first part of a three-phase program designed to stimulate and accelerate widespread use of solar energy wherever it is economically practical. The objectives of the study portion of the project were to establish the feasibility and to provide the planning for later phases of solar energy applications. Second-stage objectives will be to produce preliminary designs, optimize the recommended and accepted systems and perform critical subsystem research and development, as suggested by the study. In the third and final stage, systems selected earlier will be designed, constructed, tested and their performance evaluated.

In its study, GE estimated that the number of buildings in the U.S. on which cost effective solar energy installations could be made by the end of this century is about 40 million. Using projections of reasonable market growth during this time period, solar energy installations are likely on about 4.5 million buildings.

Cape Town, South Africa faces historic losses

Shown top is an example of renovated 18th century Cape Dutch architecture. In South Africa, a move by Cape Town’s city council to destroy a group of 18th century buildings (bottom) has irritated local architects.

The buildings are being demolished to accommodate motor traffic through construction of a central parking garage. City engineer, Dr. Solly Morris, says that “something of the past must be sacrificed to meet demands of the present and future.”

The Cape Provincial Institute of Architects (CPIA) claims the buildings “form a representative and complete portion of old Cape Town, the preservation of which is of vital importance.”

Even a move by the CPIA through representative politicians at the next parliamentary session, when it is planned to introduce a declaration to conserve such structures, will probably be of little worth. But the destruction of the block may, according to one architect, lead to a “prevention of demolition law” and a list of untouchable historic buildings.
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Church is condominium in multi-use block

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City is said to be the first church to be combined with an office building on a condominium basis. Designed by Hugh Stubbins and Associates, also the architect for the large Citicorp Center in which the church will be located (see photo below), St. Peter's sold the air rights over its property in 1970 with the understanding that the church would retain ownership of the reality and would build a new church in conjunction with the Citicorp development. Replacing on almost the same site a turn-of-the-century Gothic building, the new St. Peter's Church will sit at one corner of the 59-story tower which is supported by 12-story columns. The sanctuary of the church will be one level below grade, extending under the sidewalk for additional space. A skylight runs diagonally across the building. The entrance gallery crosses the sanctuary to a skylighted chapel and the narthex where broad curving stairs descend to the sanctuary.
Housing for the elderly begun in Massachusetts

Ninety-four homes for low- and moderate-income elderly will be created in Lowell, Massachusetts, with the assistance of HUD interest reduction payments and public housing leasing by the Lowell Housing Authority. The 80 one-bedroom and 14 two-bedroom units are expected to be completed by January 1976. The Raymond J. Lord Manor, designed by Thomas J. Holzbog Associates, will be a seven-story building in two sections, staggered and connected by a central circulation area. The design avoids long, impersonal corridors, and each unit affords some view of the nearby Merrimack River. Concrete block bearing walls, 24-feet on center, with reinforced concrete floor planking comprise the structural system. Exterior facing will be scored concrete block.

Royal Bank of Canada building offices in Toronto

The Webb Zeraf Menkes Housden Partnership, commissioned by one of Canada's major banks, has designed this project under construction on three acres in downtown Toronto. The $100 million Royal Bank Plaza will contain a 130-foot-high banking hall straddled by two triangular towers of 41 and 27 stories. A three-level, landscaped public meeting place and the banking hall are the architectural centerpiece of the project, which taps the natural flow of heavy pedestrian movement in the downtown core.

Design announced for East Texas State University performing arts center

Iconoplex Inc., architecture and planning firm, has recently announced completion of the design development phase for this performing arts center to be built in Commerce, Texas. Its two-fold purpose is to be a teaching facility for education in theater, special communications, and radio-television; and to present a new image for East Texas State University as a center for fine arts. The center's 30,000 sq ft, housed within a steel structural frame, include a main theater seating 300 people; an experimental theater; theater support facilities including scene shop, costume shop, dressing and make-up areas, and green room; lobby and ancillary area to be used as an exhibit area for the graphic arts; and offices, classrooms and radio-television studios. The site is on a small natural lake at the main entrance to the campus. No construction date has been announced.
Japan's new embassy in Mexico City unveiled

A team consisting of Kenzo Tange, and Rosen Morrison and Ramirez Vazquez designed this embassy building, siting it on one of Mexico City's main avenues—Paseo de la Reforma. Four massive columns will support cantilevering floors increasing in area as need dictates. The top, and largest, floor is for the ambassador's offices.

Albuquerque reserves whole block for pedestrians

A major 55-store fashion shopping area—called the Fashion Galeria—is being created in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico. It will occupy a full square block reserved for pedestrians, with all parking on the periphery. Part of First Plaza, the multi-use complex (above) now being developed by The First National Bank of Albuquerque, The Fashion Galeria will be a 100,000-sq ft enclosed mall below the plaza. Expansive use of skylights (left) will provide natural light in the enclosed mall. Harry Weese & Associates is the architect for the First Plaza project which was begun in 1973. The seven-level structure, including 230,000 sq ft of office space, will be completed this fall, and The Fashion Galeria, about six months later. According to the architect, the whole project attempts to reflect the Southwest lifestyle. The building is comparatively low and massive, with earth tones indigenous to that part of the country. The bank plans to add to the current project in phases which will more than double the office and retail space, and include a hotel. Besides the shops and offices, the present structure contains various restaurants and several theaters.

Construction begun on Otis Elevator offices

This 500,000-sq ft office building designed by Bower and Fradley Architects for the Otis Elevator Company, will accommodate regional and local sales and service operations of the company in Philadelphia. A proposed landscaped walkway would connect the University Science Center site with the University of Pennsylvania campus. To assert a strong presence on the street and to define the corner site, the bulk of the building volume has been raised on columns one level above grade and pulled to the outer street edges. An open loggia at grade provides the building entrance, while the remaining space at grade is given over to parking. Completion is planned for 1975. Ground was broken in June.
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Carnegie-Mellon team selects Guatemala site for refugee housing test

In the fall of 1973, an interdisciplinary team of architects, civil engineers, and chemical engineers was formed at Carnegie-Mellon University to study housing problems in refugee situations in the developing countries and to design ultra low-cost housing prototypes for use in the disaster prone areas of these countries.

The Working Party, as it is called, decided to concentrate its initial efforts in three areas: first, the development of a building process and methodology which can be applied to a wide variety of situations; second, the development of a prototype housing unit which could be built throughout large areas of the world with whatever materials were on hand locally; third, the introduction of technological processes to improve indigenous building techniques and construction practices. All were incorporated into a design program to produce a unit which provides immediate shelter for refugees and, with modifications, can be turned into a long-term house.

The team decided to concentrate its initial efforts on developing a prototype for tropical environments and a field site was selected in Guatemala for testing.

An estimated cost of $10 of shelter space per family was derived by utilizing criteria obtained from the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) and from costs typically allocated by relief organizations in recent operations.

It was then decided that initial efforts would be concentrated on designing a structure which would utilize bamboo for the frame and palm thatching for the roofing material. The design was to be flexible enough to allow the substitution of unfinished wood (logs) in construction of the frame with only minor modifications. All other components of the structure were to utilize only indigenous materials or materials which could be produced easily in the region.

In selecting the design for the prototype, efforts were coordinated with the Emergency Shelter Group of the University of Texas. The Texas team, under the direction of Wolf Hilbertz, built full-scale mock-ups of several of the proposed designs and conducted extensive research into bamboo joining techniques. Structures evaluated included triangulated pyramids, bamboo lattice shells and cable tension structures.

The Working Party also coordinated its research with relief organizations engaged in housing efforts. Through Intertect, consultants for the project, the designs were evaluated from the viewpoint of relief field staff for simplicity, ease of construction, ease of administration and cost.

It is felt that the total resulting system is flexible and can be modified to accommodate the various material, environmental, administrative, cultural and technical constraints. The structure resembles the majority of those structures found throughout the tropical areas. It incorporates building features which are common to both wood and bamboo structures.

In the coming year, the Working Party will monitor the reaction of a wide variety of occupants to the structure. Their comments, their modifications, their alterations, and possibly their rejection of the structure and its components, will be analyzed and resulting changes will be incorporated into design revisions as part of the on-going research program.


UNESCO admits Joint Committee on Tall Buildings

The Joint Committee on Tall Buildings has been admitted to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), it was announced recently by Dr. Lynn S. Beedle, Chairman of the Joint Committee. The announcement came from Joint Committee headquarters at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Dr. Beedle said that the Joint Committee—comprised of members from over 70 countries—has been granted a “Category C” membership classification by UNESCO for “a non-governmental organization maintaining a mutual information relationship.”

With increased concern in recent years toward the needs of less developed countries, UNESCO has focused more attention to educational and scientific development projects; here UNESCO hopes the Joint Committee will be able to make a significant contribution.

The Joint Committee’s goals are to stimulate and carry out research on all aspects of the planning and design of tall buildings. These aims are being achieved through the cooperative effort of architects, civil and structural engineers, housing and planning groups, and advisors from all levels of government. In addition to the technical experts, social scientists are making major contributions to the Joint Committee’s studies on urban development, particularly with respect to the social problems of a “tall building environment,” and their alleviation according to the committee.

General Motors aids housing in South Africa

In May of 1973, General Motors (South African) began its own housing program with a $750,000 loan to the Port Elizabeth (location of the company’s operation) City Council, to build homes (shown) for families in the mulato residential area of the city. (Apartheid is still in force in South Africa.)

The loan was part of an overall home ownership and improvement plan instituted by the company and includes a further $150,000 per year to be made available to assist eligible employees to purchase homes.

Because the company has found the program to be a success, as well as an incentive for employees, further assistance was announced recently. On May 17, this year, GM agreed to make a loan of $1.6 million to the Bantu Affairs Administration Board for building 500 homes for a primary school in an African (pure black) residential area.

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Architects who are NOT increasingly concerned with these matters are not really much interested in doing much architecture, for it is a fact of the current architectural scene that word-and-picture communication, in a brochure tailor-made for a specific prospective client, has become an essential prerequisite to being seriously considered for most major commissions, whether public or private. "THE office brochure" is being supplemented if not superseded, in serious business development efforts, by an ad hoc series of brochures especially developed to respond to the increasingly searching specific questions about a firm's qualifications which are being asked by today's increasingly sophisticated clients of all architectural firms who wish to be seriously considered for an important project.

The concepts, principles and techniques discussed (and profusely illustrated) in Jan White's book are as applicable to the processes required for brochure production as for magazine production, and especially for architects who are concerned with achieving a consistent as well as a creative image in all their separate publications, conveying disparate kinds of information to disparate kinds of clients. The basic concepts and principles do not require the expenditure of vast sums of money on lavish printing or production techniques, nor are they applicable only to elaborate or special publications; they can and should be applied to the whole family of publications which are produced by architects in the doing of architecture, from the simplest to the most elaborate, and from those produced to GET work to those (feasibility studies, master plan reports and all the rest) produced in the DOING of work.

The author, who has been a design consultant to ARCHITECTURAL RECORD since he redesigned its graphic format in 1965, prepared himself for a distinguished career in
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The Harvard Graduate School of Education Library by Benjamin Thompson & Associates, Inc. (top) and the Bates College Library by The Architects Collaborative (bottom) have much in common. They are roughly comparable in size (Harvard: 99,000-square-feet, a 300,000-volume capacity and 500 readers; Bates: 101,676-square-feet, a 420,000-volume capacity and 700 readers). Both are “open plan” libraries and each has faculty offices located on its top floor. Both design solutions include the preservation and re-use of older buildings of esthetic and historic value. Each of the two libraries is well designed to conform to the scale of its immediate environment. Because the two environments are so dissimilar, however, the two libraries are quite different in form. Shaped by context as well as function, both libraries have an authority and presence as works of architecture which is lacking in buildings which merely “work” in a limited functional sense.—Mildred F. Schmertz
The Harvard University Graduate School of Education, in agreement with its architects, Benjamin Thompson & Associates, Inc. chose to develop an open library plan with a minimum of administrative and architectural restrictions to bring about close proximity and easy access by the reader to the books. The building has been planned to give the reader complete access to the various collections and reference materials available, and diverse spaces and facilities for study, discussion, writing and contemplation.

According to Benjamin Thompson and Thomas Green, principals-in-charge, the site and building design was influenced by four factors of equal importance: first, the historic value of the area; second, the desire to maintain or at least not radically change the existing scale and spirit of Brattle Street (a neighborhood of small shops); third, the educational and administrative objectives of the faculty and students of the Graduate School of Education and the library staff; fourth, the programmatic requirements of the library.

Taking into consideration the combined factors of historic value and scale led the architects to successfully urge that two important historic houses be relocated on the site to function as part of the educational facility. As the plot plan (right) indicates, they form a link with other frame houses within the block and across Farwell Place. These historic houses are used as faculty office and seminar space, augmenting the facilities of Larsen and Longfellow halls which with the Gutman Library comprise the Graduate School of Education.

In designing the library itself, the architects paid attention to its important frontage on Brattle Street where lively shops once flourished in small-scale frame buildings. To avoid the deadness and inactivity that institutions often impose on once vital streets and commercial areas, the designers used large areas of glass at street level and in the sunken courtyards to make highly visible the activity within. Unusually bright interior colors attract

The library has been constructed of sandblasted, poured-in-place concrete with bronze glass windows. Major portions of the building cantilever out over the first two floors. The floor system of the library is composed of solid slabs spanning to integral beams or to the concrete bearing walls. The floor slabs typically have supporting elements on all four sides thereby allowing relatively thin slabs for large spans. Nine inch deep slabs span 31 feet and a 12 inch slab spans 40 feet with no prestressing. Reinforced concrete beams span to concrete columns or bearing walls, and columns and walls are on spread footings.

A specialized library for an urban campus: the Monroe C. Gutman Library for the Harvard Graduate School of Education by Benjamin Thompson & Associates
the attention and interest of passers-by. Every effort was made to make the library appear smaller than it actually is to bring it into scale with the street. One floor has been placed below grade and the penthouse for mechanical equipment has been set back.

The attitudes, goals and objectives for the library of the Harvard Graduate School of Education can be suggested from the following phrases culled from its initial instructions to the architects: “The new library] must assert the importance of education as a social and intellectual endeavor and it must reflect Harvard's commitment to the cause. . . . Education is an intensely human activity, involving people with a common quest for understanding and seeking mutual support. . . . The building should be warm, inviting and human because it is expected to serve people. It should not strive to inspire . . . the people who work in the building will bring their own motivations with them. . . . The library should provide a number of environments to support the variety of purposes that bring people to the facility. . . . This diversity should find unity in the common spirit of the building; each element should be consonant with the whole.”

Following these general directives, the architects organized the programmatic requirements of the building into three vertical zones: public services, bookstack-reader areas and student-faculty space. The lower two floors (zone one) are essentially public while the upper three floors (zones two and three) are essentially non-public. The lower four floors (zones one and two) serve library functions; the upper floor (zone three) is non-library in function. Levels one and two contain the more active public services, readily accessible from the main entrance. As already noted, level one has been depressed to a point just above the water table to reduce the over-all height of the building and its apparent size to bring it into scale with the street. Levels three and four are the typical bookstack floors which have been located between the public services and student-faculty areas, since direct access to and from these areas was considered desirable.

The total cost of the 99,000-square-foot library building was $4.5 million. It was constructed between 1970 and 1972. All interior and graphic design is the work of the Benjamin Thompson office.

The library has received two significant commendations: the First Honor Award of the AIA, ALA and NBC Library Buildings Award Program for 1974 and the 1973 Harleston Parker Award given by the Boston Society of Architects.

MONROE C. CUTMAN LIBRARY, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Owner: Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Architects: Benjamin Thompson Associates; principals-in-charge: Benjamin Thompson and Thomas Green; project architect: David Jacobson. Engineers: Le Messurier Associates, Inc. (structural); Golder Gass Associates, Inc. (foundation); Reardon & Turner (mechanical/electrical); Lawrence G. Copley (acoustical); Thompson Engineering Co. Inc. (lighting). Consultants: Carol R. Johnson (landscape); Leslie M. Buckingham, Jr. (costs); James Gai (specifications). General contractor: Jackson Construction Company, Incorporated.
Building interiors produced by the Thompson office are always exceptionally well done. In this library, the colors are stronger and gayer than in any of their work to date and seem particularly appropriate in a library for teachers. The sandblasted, poured-in-place columns and bearing walls are exposed on the interior and contrast effectively with the color palette and the natural wood finishes. Generally in the public areas the undersides of the floor slabs are exposed with acoustical tiles applied directly to the surface. Mechanical ducts are exposed. Where suspended ceilings are required open wood slats are used. With a few exceptions, carpet is used throughout the building.
A general library for a rural campus: the Bates College Library in Lewiston, Maine by The Architects Collaborative

Bates is a small co-educational liberal arts college with an enrollment of about 1,200 students. The library program, which was prepared by the chief librarian Iva Foster and library consultant Keyes Metcalf, called for a building which will serve library needs for the next 20 years. Presently programmed for 700 readers, 420,000 volumes, a 26-member staff and 10 student assistants, it can be expanded in the future without interfering with its present operation and appearance.

The librarian, consultant and planning committee called for a square 22 1/2-foot center-to-center column module to accept multiples of the standard three foot shelf sections in either direction between 14"-16" square columns. They wished the building's main entrance to be readily accessible from four directions and level with the approach. They considered it essential that there be open access to all library materials except for storage and the special collections, but as a corollary to this, they demanded only one public entrance-exit as essential to security.

The program stated that approximately 15,000 square feet was to be provided on the main floor in order to accommodate the major services of the library. Exhibit areas were to be limited and of modest dimensions.

In commenting on the building program and her design solution, architect Sarah Harkness points out that the library should provide easy access to the collection as part of an inviting reading and research environment which encourages an independent exploratory approach to the library materials. The facilities of a campus library, she believes, should be conceived in terms of their primary educational potential, rather than as an adjunct to classroom activity. At the same time if the library is to be more than merely functional, it must, according to Mrs. Harkness, have "poetry in its spatial sequences, reflecting the active or quiet functions that take place."

In the Bates Library readers are led from (text continued on page 108)
The passageway (above) leads under the library from the plaza to the arcade facing the quadrangular playing field. The library entrance-exit is from the plaza. Diagonally placed study carrels (below and opposite) occupy perimeter spaces. These areas achieve spaciousness without additional cubage.
the entrance to the control desk to the catalog, reference and bibliography areas in an obvious manner. Periodicals and newspapers are on the main floor along with a reserve collection open for night reading. Reading areas on all floors are conveniently adjacent to the stacks.

The shape of the building was determined by the fact that the largest volume of space was required to be on the first floor. The upper floors which house stacks and reading areas with faculty offices on the top floor need progressively less space. The long sloping roof follows the floors as they step back, making the sense of height and volume most evident at the entrance. The stacks, which require much more square foot area than the reading spaces, occupy the central parts of the building where the floor to ceiling height is uniformly only nine feet, while reading areas are placed on the periphery by windows or on the edges of balconies under the slope of the roof.

In addition to the programmatic considerations just enumerated, the site itself played a large part in the final solution. In their master plan for the college, the firm of Sasaki, Dawson & DeMay recommended a site directly behind the old Coram Library, an elegant little building built in 1900. This site was complicated by the fact that the old building had an ugly but still useful rear addition constructed in 1948. Sarah Harkness and her team made extensive studies of this proposed site and alternate sites before electing to tear down all but the basement of the 1948 addition, roof it with a plaza and interconnect it with the basement level of the new structure. The original Coram Library will become an art museum. Its rear elevation, minus the unfortunate addition has been restored so that the building is once again intact and beautiful.

The new plaza has become the heart of the campus connecting the main level of the old Coram building to the main level and entrance of the new library. As an important advantage of this site, access from the student union, athletic building and dormitory areas is easily accomplished by means of a passage and stairway under the building from the lower level arcade to the plaza level entrance. The low side of the sloping roof respects Coram's small scale while the four-story height of the opposite elevation, with large windows overlooking the quadrangle, relates to the scale of neighboring buildings. The quadrangle itself has not been encroached upon and remains a recreational space and playfield linking the library to the athletic complex.

The total cost of the 101,676-square-foot library was $3 million. Completed in the fall of 1973, it has received a citation from the Maine State Commission of the Arts and Humanities.

Until recently a majority of banks have maintained the appearance of being aloof from the public by presenting a formidable facade of classical inspiration—or a "weak sister" compromise. The interiors have often given new meaning to the definition of stolid. The intention, of course, has been the achievement of a substantial image.

In the current scramble for depositors' funds, many financial institutions are re-examining the message which their new buildings should convey. A recent proliferation of branch banks is meant to bring business "closer to home" and to attract customers with a fresh and dynamic image. Bank clients may remain one of the few capable of supporting the sometime high costs of architectural quality, but the best examples of new banks—decreasingly encumbered by expensive materials and formidable facades—are clearly less lavish than their predecessors. While a release from old design restraints always carries the dangers of directionless wandering (and obvious examples of the indecisive approach certainly do exist), each of the examples shown here is a strong resolution of the goals of the client with the problems of particular situations.

—Charles Hoyt
Banks form one of the few client-groups which are willing to invest construction monies in older urban areas that need the impetus of construction when other commerce is considering the new shopping centers. This building of 12,500 square feet in Schenectady should indeed help stem the flight by its strong physical being and by reinforcing the presence of other buildings on the surrounding streets. The varying heights of the facades (achieved by placing the mechanical equipment in a third story on the main street) align with those prevailing on adjacent sites, and the intersections of the surrounding thoroughfares are defined by the new building’s strong presence on the corners. Architects Feibes and Schmitt’s desire to avoid right angle turns of the entrance-drives produced the building’s 45-degree-configuration.

The interior relies on a smooth-plaster finish of walls to emphasize the spaces. The main element is a triangular shaft which extends to the skylight on the third story roof and which is painted brilliant orange—the only strong color in the building relating to all of the otherwise neutral surfaces. The glazed “lean-to” is designed to give some “openness” to a building in a climate which dictates enclosed living for a good part of the year. An element that is emerging in bank design is a room for community use—here located on the second floor (plan, opposite). Construction costs were $817,000.


The Albany Savings Bank does not rely on lavish materials to make its visual statement, which the enlightened client required. The palette is intentionally limited. The exterior cladding (over a structural steel frame) is dark, hard-glazed “iron spot” brick chosen for its unobtrusive character. It emphasizes the dramatic shape of the building by providing a smooth and taut skin and simultaneously gives a substantial appearance.
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Many new branch banks are by the sides of major highways in suburban and rural areas, on sites often connected with shopping centers. And that is the location for this 3,000-square-foot prototype near Memphis by architects Gassner/Nathan/Browne. There are currently six branches of approximately the same design under construction for this client, who originally commissioned the architects to design their headquarters downtown (RECORD, May 1972, pages 109-112). All of C&I's new buildings reflect a conscious effort by an established bank to project a fresh appearance of vitality—a policy which has at least contributed to doubled deposits since the current construction program began.

Beside the obvious advantages of using a prototype (the prefabricated-steel roof-trusses can be ordered by phone), the repetitive appearance helps to establish an easily recognized identity on a type of site which can often lead to visual confusion. The building shape is simple and unobtrusive. The materials are distinctive rather than lavish. The poured-concrete walls and yellow-painted trusses duplicate elements of the headquarters building. Perforated aluminum panels have been applied to the underside of the metal roof-deck and are part of a straightforward over-all treatment. The construction cost was $165,000 for this prototype which is the larger of two alternatives.


The bright-red and white logo of C&I was designed by the architects and is applied in a porcelain-enamel finish to the steel panels on the front of this prototype. Elsewhere, it is used by the bank on stationery and advertising. These colors contrast with the yellow paint on the roof trusses and the natural finish of the concrete walls at the sides and rear. Aluminum tiles supply a reflective glitter for the rear wall of the banking room.
GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS

This 4,300-square-foot bank was conceived by architects Marquis and Stoller as a box into which particular functions are cut without destroying the basic shape. The resulting unified form achieves identity by contrast to the more complicated facades of an adjacent shopping center and to the surrounding eucalyptus trees which were conscientiously preserved. It also allowed construction at a low cost.

Despite a seemingly simple shape, this building is not a prototype—as its planning and appearance involves a number of considerations particular to the site. A 15-foot height limitation was caused by proximity to an airport. The depth of each roof overhang has been determined by sun studies, and a skylight has been located to provide the inside with a maximum amount of natural light.

A local design review board would not approve the exposure of the steel structure which was required to bring the construction costs within the final amount of $33 per square foot. The resulting cement-plaster finish expresses the form of the building and is applied to metal studs which form the in-fill walls. The architects were requested to work with the client's own interior design consultants, MLTW/Turnbull, and they describe their collaboration as a happy one.
The white surfaces of furniture, which are standardized for all branches of Golden West, achieve a yellow glow from the color of the vertical surfaces under the skylight (left). The same color is used to emphasize the nature of the wall of the drive-through which is cut into the white surfaces of the building's box-like form. New proprietary window-mullions have a one inch face and visually reinforce the contrast between glass and solid wall areas by their "non-presence." Signage is also a client standard.
Located on a major highway near Knoxville, Tennessee, the site of this 4000-square-foot bank separates a shopping center from a residential area of single-family houses. As in the case of the similarly located buildings in this series, Hamilton relies on a forceful building shape to resolve the problems of identification in a confused environment. But here, the building shape is divided into the articulated elements of a predominant roof (defined by a precast-concrete fascia, into which the bank logo is recessed), massive non-structural piers of brick at the corners (above which the roof appears to float and which continue the shape of the roof), and a brick podium. All other elements are out of sight in deference to the clearness of a visual statement. The solid walls of the storage and utility spaces and a community room (an example of a new gesture of public welcome, as also seen on page 111) are contained below the main banking level within the podium (access is gained by exterior stairs when the bank is closed). The air-conditioning condenser is below grade in a grate-covered pit. The main areas of banking room and drive-through teller locations are contained within the thusly unified building-shape as in an open pavilion. The project—winner of an award from the Tennessee Society of Architects—was built for $380,000.

Elegance is carried through in the detailing and structure. This building is the only one in this series to show its steel frame. The four structural columns are welded plates, of a Y section, which are exposed within the brick piers. Air conditioning is accommodated through ceiling slots and base-board reveals, and the wood-strip covered walls. The few Mullions are polished stainless steel (much of the glass is butted and doors are tempered glass). The banking-room floor is slate.
This is another branch bank that is located in a downtown area—a 9000-square-foot building in the densely populated Borough of Queens, New York City, by architect Edward Larrabee Barnes. Here, the site is almost fully occupied by a steel structure. The architect has deliberately used his typically flat planes of brick and glass cladding (in which the exterior surfaces of transparent and opaque materials are aligned) as a contrast to the “busy” treatments of the facades of the commercial buildings which are adjacent. For the users, the location of the glazing emphasizes a skyward view on one facade and indicates the location of the entry on the other. The smaller windows at street level offer confined areas for the usual bank advertising. The homogeneity of building surfaces is carried through with brick paving which covers the sidewalk and banking room alike and tends to invite the pedestrian inside by eliminating part of the psychological separation between the two areas. While the entry wall is pulled back from the line of adjacent facades to provide emphasis and some feeling of openness in this congested location, its end is sharply angled out toward the street-corner to avoid the incomplete line of adjacent building facades that would otherwise result. This also emphasizes the flat-plane design.

Located on a congested urban street corner, this bank forms a quiet oasis of subdued materials treated in a homogeneous fashion. The main banking room, whose brick paving continues out to the curb, occupies almost all of the portion of the building above grade. Vault, employee lounge facilities (including a cheerful cafeteria) and other ancillary functions are located in a basement. There is a concerted effort here to reinforce and not compete with the scale of the surrounding buildings.
The main banking room has views directed toward a blue sky which is visually continued inside the building (top) in a super graphic by Ivan Chernayeff, which surrounds the room in a gradually changing spectrum of colors—spilling onto the floor on a continuation of the wall surface at the entrance (left). Teller stations and bank-officer desks are combined into a freestanding central unit of wood which contrasts with the semi-circular desks for patrons.
Paolo Soleri and the counter culture by Robert Jensen

In 1971 Paolo Soleri began building his visionary city "Arcosanti," which is ultimately intended to house 3,000 people in a single 25-story megastructure that should occupy ten acres of its 860-acre site. Today about one per cent of the total construction is complete.

Soleri was born in Italy, where he received his formal architectural training; in the late 40's he was an apprentice to Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin West, and more recently he has become well-known for the wind-bells he designs and manufactures in Scottsdale, Arizona, and for the visionary drawings and ideas that define his notion of "Arcology," a conflation of the words "architecture" and "ecology," which he applies to his designs for "cities of the future." "Arcosanti" is a loose combination of three Italian words, and may be taken to mean "before Arcology."

Former RECORD editor Robert Jensen is fascinated by the cultural—or countercultural—meaning not just of the design for Arcosanti, but also of the process whereby it is being built. He has worked for Soleri, seeking out life among the countercultural, and he returns with the following evaluation.

Paolo Soleri has always been known as an Utopian architect, and the label is accurate enough when applied to the visionary drawings, models and writings by which he is known. These unbuilt visions define Arcology—vast megastructure cities that he himself says will never be built "until our society has cleansed itself of political, economic and moral inequities." He believes that "in time, the skill of man will take care of [these inequities]"—and in the face of present urban life this belief is sufficient to make the term Utopian applicable to Arcology. Soleri, moreover, denies much of what is powerfully anchored in Western society: its quasi-scientific rationality, its reverence for (but not the use of) technology, free-enterprise real estate, suburbia, automobiles.

Arcosanti, the city for 3,000 people being built in Arizona, is inextricably linked to the concept of Arcology, with its inherent hostility to the present. But there is a difference, too, because Arcosanti is not just a drawing for the future, but a building in the present. While its architectural forms reflect the Utopia of Arcology quite specifically, and thus are a rebuttal to modern architecture, Soleri is in no way trying to build an Utopian society along with his forms. He is building only the forms themselves.

The people who come to help build them sometimes expect a new social experiment, or they want to begin one and struggle to do so. Yet Soleri struggles as well to convince them of its irrelevancy. So while the forms of Arcosanti are visionary, life there today is in the present; it is temporary, confusing, boring, permeated with curiosity and hope—but not Utopian.

The daily life of Arcosanti will concern us here, as well as its architecture; the two are inextricably linked. Since the beginning in 1971, groups of individuals have come with money, have stayed a while to work, and then have left. This is still the way construction is proceeding. The paying participants (of whom about 35 per cent have been women) now come in groups of 15 to 40 people for workshops that last six weeks. The workshops overlap, so that at any one time during the summer there may be as many as 120 people there, including a permanent staff of 25 or so. In the spring and fall there are fewer, perhaps 50. The "workshoppers" pay $318 each for their six weeks; in 1973 there were some 375 of them (including myself), so in that year the act of building brought in about $120,000 with which food, materials and equipment could be bought.

In return for their money the workshopers get room and board, and they live in a temporary camp of concrete cubes on the Agua Fria river below the broad mesa on which Arcosanti is sited. In essence, you pay to work, and the more people on the job the "cheaper" the job is. It is a daily framework of activity that is the antithesis of the way large buildings are built today. Categories such as lender, contractor, client all disappear.

But the blurring of categories is even deeper than this. For the people who are building Arcosanti have few connections between them, and they move rapidly in and out of the site. If they did not come, construction would cease in a day, and they are free to leave if they choose, since there's no moral, legal or monetary bond to keep them. Arcosanti, then, appears to have no institutional base at all, only a base in a random collection of individuals.

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This is important, for one distinction between architecture and the other arts has always been that it is sponsored at the outset (if it is going to be built) by a socio-economic entity instituted by culture—the family in its house, the congregation in its church, the manufacturer in its factory, the corporation in its office building, the government in its capitol. Thus architecture tends to be about culture as instituted. Might Arcosanti be a reversal of this historical precedent? To answer this, and to penetrate those other qualities of Arcosanti that make the usual architectural distinctions irrelevant, we must continue to ask very specific questions about this real building that is being built in the present. Why do people come to Arcosanti? What are the forces that maintain it? What does this architecture represent?

Arcosanti is supported by people who are willing to pay to work, to give what they and most of us hold to be important—their money and their time. To the degree that these people have no other similarities between them, we could leave it at that and say, "Yes, it’s the spirit of private adventure and relatively free money—that supports Arcosanti. But there is a deeper pattern of similarity among the workshoppers, clearly linked with a phenomenon of the last 15 years which has come to be called the counterculture. This movement is not easy to define, and perhaps it can’t be called a culture at all. Theodore Roszak writes:

It is something in the nature of a medieval crusade: a variegated procession constantly in flux, acquiring and losing members all along the route of march. . . . Some join the troupe only for a brief while, long enough to enter an obvious and immediate struggle. . . . Others, having cut themselves off hopelessly from social acceptance, have no option but to follow the road until they reach the Holy city. In

Since the "Holy City" metaphor is apt, we can follow some of Roszak’s description further as we explore the reasons people come to Arcosanti.

Evidently they come because there might be some other reward for working there than money, or the pleasure achieved after work in the time society usually calls "free." To more than a few workshoppers—like Mike, a painter from Ohio—there was little difference between "work" and "after work," little change in attitude towards the different parts of the day, no internal or idealized separation. Arcosanti seems to attract people with this spirit, and it can generate it in others. The permanent staff almost always works when there is work to be done as much as when the time of day calls for it. Work normally ends at two o’clock, but when ten yards of concrete must be buggied, spread and finished before the day is over, the beer comes out, the party starts early, and the concrete is placed. So it is not just a matter of work extending into leisure, but of leisure extending into work.

Another reason people come to Arcosanti is that it does not require experts. People can work there on an equal footing with others without bringing the skills of long practice; no technical knowledge, intellectual credentials, or a history of specific ability are required. Similarly the workshoppers might leave behind subsidiary experts—friends, parents, the moral codes of a town or university, the boss, the professor. With geographical distance between them and these experts, the workshoppers can perhaps escape some habitual power these experts hold over their lives.

The distinction between "fleeing from" and "going to" is useful to remember, because people who come to Arcosanti are usually both a painful and complicated way. Soleri does not advertise for the "fleeing from," nor does he particularly want them. But the best of the people he gets are irremediably disenchanted with larger society. Jack, a welder on the permanent staff, lived in San Francisco before he came to Arcosanti three years ago, moving in its late 60's ambition of flowers and revolution, staying alive, even comfortably so. He was at front stage at the Altamont concert in 1969, ten feet from where a man in the audience was killed by a Hell's Angel guard while the Rolling Stones played "Sympathy for the Devil."

It may be hyperbole to say that one rock concert can become the apocalyptic symbol that marks an end or a beginning for countless people of shared consciousness. But it did for Jack, who is still no less hostile to the irrelevances of politics and culture than he was, but who told me, "to kill it you have to go for the heart of the beast." For him that now means the possibility of action and of daily life within a comprehensive framework. One begins to

search through ideas—Fuller, McLuhan, Ivan Illich, Soleri, Watts, Leary (as immediate filters)—and if one still believes, one acts. Among the workshopers, too, there is an inarticulate but real feeling that larger society offers few patterns in daily life that allow significant choice, expansion, or a beginning of a vision of selfworth.

More people than I had expected—among those who came for six weeks, and those on the permanent staff—have built within themselves a system of values that, with their rejection of the dominant culture, can test other contexts, other routines, other value systems against their own. If there has been some noticeable reduction lately of the number of “hippies” of the late 60’s, it may simply be that extravagant experimentation and indiscriminate negativism have been reduced. The negativity is still there, but the “indiscriminate” is gone, so that the core of Soleri’s workers are what Nicola Chiaromonte, in an article on Italian youth movements, hoped for—“resolute heretics.”

To put Chiaromonte’s description in the present tense (seven years ago he wrote it in the future):

They are detaching themselves quietly, without shouting or riots, indeed in silence and secrecy; not alone but in groups, in real “societies” that are creating, as far as possible, a life that is independent and wise. . . . It is . . . a non-rhetorical form of “total rejection.”

Since Arcosanti’s workers have developed their own doubts, and since their disaffiliation

has come from outside Arcosanti and Soleri, when they come they bring their skepticism with them. It is a sometimes hard, sometimes gentle dubiousness about Arcosanti itself, and the evidence for it is everywhere—a postcard sent to friends in camp by a someone who had left two weeks before after finishing her workshop, addressed to “Arcosanti drones”; a funny, finely drawn parody of one of Soleri’s sketches from the MIT Press “Black Book” (as it’s called), hung in the camp library where it can be studied in its sarcasm along with the original; a caricature of Paolo in one of the bunk rooms, asking “Would you buy a used Arcology from this man?”; another graffiti in Scottsdale proclaiming “Arcosanti is an Edsel.”

Arcosanti’s workers have a life of their own, and Soleri understands this. He said in reply to a question about “gurus” the first day that “sometimes it is important to follow them, but you must test life for yourself, and if following is too intolerable a violation of that, then you shouldn’t do it.” As one begins to sense this “resolute heretic”’ quality and this skepticism, and as one begins to know these people with a life of their own, it becomes clear that nothing is less true than the cocktail party stupidity which sees Soleri’s pay-to-work arrangement as a hustle of the innocent, or the workers themselves as lemming/disciples.

But this poses a problem for Soleri himself. Since leaving Wright and Taliesien, he has worked primarily alone, in a kind of self-imposed desert isolation, supporting himself as an artisan. But now, in a building that is both a real and a metaphorical affirmation of his own consciousness in its rejection of normal forms and values, Soleri must for the first time do something he cannot do alone. He must seek out others who agree with him—not merely those who are willing to suspend disbelief, though they are helping too. In doing this, he places himself precisely in that context of architecture through history—architecture that has always been dependent on others, usually institutions, to be built. What I believe he has discovered, architecturally, is the “institution” of the counterculture.

The word “institution” has come to imply fixed and hierarchical arrangements, establishments for the protection of dissemination of the familiar—bureaucracy, laws, customs and most of all temporal power. The designers and builders of Arcosanti do not represent any of these meanings of the word “institution.” Nor does the counterculture represent them. I hold out, instead, for the meaning of the word at its root. “To institute” means to found or begin. “Institution” means a relationship or behavioral pattern of importance to the life of a community or society, and most importantly, “institution” carries with it the meaning that people are finding expression in this pattern. Architecturally, an institution is the building used by these people.

Arcosanti, then, may properly (and radically) be understood as a building used by the individuals who share a relationship or behavioral pattern; it is a “beginning” through which others are finding expression. It is the first substantial architecture—not a “Drop City”—that
lends itself to readings about a counterculture whose major content has always been in its "counterness." Arcosanti may begin to help define its "cultureness."

It is hard to imagine a culture without an architecture. The acceptance of the term "counterculture" by society at large implies some common agreement about its force and its potentialities. Perhaps it is more accurately termed a counter consciousness, perhaps not. In that the counterculture rejects institution in their fixed, hierarchial, and bureaucratic aspects, but accepts as a human impulse our struggle for common ground, for shared belief, and for communal expression, then this counterculture is attacking those qualities of institution that much of the larger society in the United States is willing to denounce as well. And at Arcosanti, at least, the counterculture is working to re-institute community without institutions. The construction and architectural forms of Arcosanti establish their similarities with other architecture and its traditional purpose. Soleri, perhaps, is to the counterculture what some establishment architects are to the capitalist corporation. Though their and Soleri's values are here reversed, the antithesis of each other, both architects perform a similar and important act of cultural validation.

It is important to understand that Arcosanti is a metaphorical representation of shared values; none of Soleri's previous work has carried this meaning. The values are shared among architect and those his work serves—in this case a disparate gathering of individuals who select themselves, carrying a similar consciousness among them and representing a much larger and more important amalgamation. It is a force with which Soleri must deal. He alternately rails against it, or treats it gently, knowing that his constructions and present work are dependent on something he cannot control, or he accepts this consciousness as the last best hope of the present (though not of the future, for that belongs to Arcology).

Against that tendency of the counterculture to isolate itself in the woods, to cut itself off from civilization, Soleri writes this marvelous paragraph:

Who but the mad and the dead would be willing to give up as of this moment the access for man to the written universe, to the music of man, to the world of his mind which he has physically constructed, to the institution of civilization, in the presumption that after all what counts is the direct relationship between what at such a degree of depravation would be not more than two or more naked apes?  

After characterizing the present phenomenon of transient mobility and the dissipation of city into suburb as "the withdrawal of an entire nation from itself," Soleri says that this pendulum swing will return.

It will return hurricane-like in force to "'pressurize' society in the psychosomatic phalansteries of a reborn society, or it will put to fire and fury the whole continent. Of this return the first coagulations are the communes ever so innocently sold as the "Garden of Eden 2000," not in Sears or NASA catalogs but in the earth catalogs and in the tender fold, butterfly brains of the flower children. Swept away or unrecognized after the first assault of the underhumanized suburbanites, they will have sounded for the last time the simplistic ways of a nature, original in pristine times, now out of synchrony with its own soul, man.  

It is apparent that mostly Soleri doesn't like these butterfly brains, but as they are the "first coagulations" of society's future and his dream, he would be their teacher.

There is much to learn from work and daily life at Arcosanti, even to the extent that for the crowded summertime, in the heat, the lesson might be one of survival. As you grow into your six weeks, it is work that becomes the reality, a disconnected adventure and a routine, a sweaty anchor around which the failures and satisfactions of daily life are established. Through it, other things are organized. The day begins at 4:30 in the morning and ends at about two o'clock—to avoid the heat. Breakfast and lunch are served on the mesa at about seven o'clock and at noon, brought up in a truck from the camp kitchen to avoid a sweaty anchor around which the failures and satisfactions of daily life are established. There are also fresh rolls and coffee available at five in the morning to get you going as you think about that steep walk up to the construction, the principal transition of the day. The food is always good, with a separate main course for vegetarians. The work is simple, requiring little skill most of the time. Only a few jobs—operating

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2Soleri, p. 236.
the crane, welding, cabinet work, plumbing—are difficult to teach others quickly, and so are not passed on from workshop to workshop. Other jobs—bending re-bars, building formwork for concrete, erecting scaffolding, finishing concrete, spreading silt for the castings, coloring the concrete—can be learned by most people within a week. In this, the permanent staff is enormously patient; they must continually explain the techniques of a task and its purpose if the work is to be performed right and have meaning to people coming and going every three weeks.

The jobs listed above were usually considered “more interesting” at Arcosanti, and it is the intention of the staff that these jobs be rotated among workshoppers with other “less interesting” jobs that are also plentiful and necessary—digging ditches, moving rocks, straightening nails, sweeping, collecting building materials, fixing tools, hauling trash off the construction site. But in practice (and during the summer) the rotation never occurred consistently, and so was not the normal procedure the staff had hoped it would be, remaining instead an intention, an ideal sometimes achieved. The reason was usually “efficiency.” It is not easy to pull a person off a job he or she is doing comfortably and well, and it slows down work. Work rotation is unquestionably inefficient.

But Arcosanti is to me more efficient than any other construction site anyway; in work accomplished per dollar spent, in that each unit of “labor” (each worker) brings money, rather than absorbing it. These efficiencies have nothing to do with who is doing what job on the mesa. No, there are ideas other than rapid construction implicit in Arcosanti—that is the least achievable of them all. To Soleri, to the staff, to workshoppers (and also to the Internal Revenue Service), Arcosanti is thought of as an educational experience in the broadest sense, and Soleri has rightly tried to anchor education in the work itself. With IRS pressure, classes after work have been initiated for those who want to take them (and pay for them)—a basic course in statics and structure, another on drafting. But these classes are sporadic, and Soleri’s conviction has always been that the building of Arcosanti itself does rightly and fully establish the six-week educational experience of those who come. Arcosanti might teach them how to finish concrete, weld, or construct formwork, but that is only part of what Soleri means.

It is, rather, a special kind of work that Soleri would hope Arcosanti makes possible—work that others call non-alienating, and that usually requires a differentiation between “work” and “labor” to explain it. Labor is that which you do not “like” to do, but which is nevertheless necessary; often it is thought of as a necessity to maintain the rest of your life, which is called “leisure,” so that it, at least, may be “lived” as you want. Leisure is thought of as time after labor, and labor required by forces outside yourself (society, the boss) and most often rewarded externally (by money, by prestige). Work is similar to labor in that work describes a durational activity, the completion of which requires more than casual action or occasional thinking. But work, in this definition, brings pleasure in itself and tends to complete the wholeness of the individual performing it, because its immediate means, purposes and ultimate values are defined and controlled by that person. Ultimate values are implied and revealed by immediate activities of work, and meaning in one’s life, can be found through it, rather than simply through some other time when work is not being done.

In daily life today, labor is almost always a job, and work is almost always a hobby. Labor may require ten hours, including travel, of the best part of the day; work may get one hour of the worst part in terms of the energy available for it. Even education becomes labor, in that learning is defined not by the individual but by others, and the daily experiencing of it is not personally fulfilling as an immediate consequence. Often education is only conceived of as ultimately useful—“I’ll get a better job,” “I’ll get more money,” “I’ll have more leisure available for my life.” Labor is elevated to a “career” by the economic system that requires it; work is made frivolous, even a rather wasteful indulgence—as, for instance, a hobby.

Arcosanti should make it possible for individuals to discover, or even to invent, this kind of work for themselves, in that they are capable of feeling the need in themselves, and beginning. Often, in fact, they are not. But certainly most of the permanent staff—who work alongside the workshoppers and do much the same thing—have discovered fulfillment in the work itself, as it supports the consciousness they
brought with them, or as the concept of Arcology which they find through Soleri offers them a substantial framework for their consciousness and their need to act on it. The real existence of this kind of work is the core of Arcosanti. Pragmatic, anchored in daily life, it is the reason why most people who stay at Arcosanti do so. It is why the city is being built.

The real challenge is making this transfigurative education accessible—or even recognizable—to those who come for only six weeks. If too much of the “less interesting” work” is done by the same people, and too often by women, this will not do. If ditch work seems to get passed to the shy, to those who don’t realize that building a concrete form does not require skills beyond their grasps, or to those who have trouble asserting themselves in any social situation, this will not do it either. All these “little” failures do, in fact, occur at Arcosanti. They are failures to accomplish what Arcosanti represents (and often does accomplish) as an ideal, and, when they occur, it is because there are too many people at Arcosanti. The ideal of the spring can get lost in the crowded summer.

Because of overcrowding, because housing and privacy were not available equally, too many workshopers during the summer I was there complained, and some were angry. For the staff it was difficult to transmit the spirit of the place, which they genuinely feel, and this was why they began talking wistfully of the spring and the fall, of “how it is then.” Overcrowding occurred the summer before I was there, with similar results; and everyone expects it to occur next summer, and the summer after that. But it is so dangerous, even though more people mean more of the needed funds. It brings a scarcity of basic necessities—of shelter, of privacy—which then threatens to become the immediate focus of everyone’s life—of everyone’s survival—pitting one person’s means against another’s. However trivial these competitions might seem (“It’s only for six weeks,” as it’s told) they tend to replicate in miniature those historical necessities that have created alienated labor as a fact of human history—the need merely to survive, the scarcity of the means for survival, the haves and the have nots. Even in their denunciation of this labor, Marx and Freud (who described it from their different perspectives) knew that life based on such labor would not go away, in that the needs of mere survival remained its master. In its summer conditions, then, Arcosanti threatens to become precisely what will kill it. It threatens to become like the world around it.

Yet what can only be called the miracle of nonalienating labor, of real work, does exist there, and neither haphazard rotation nor crowding succeed completely in shattering or concealing the miracle. People stay on. They may not know why; something, a kind of wholeness, has been discovered in themselves. Soleri is fond of talking about the “it”; weeks may go by here, he says, before you discover “it,” and some never will. But logistical conditions should never be allowed to threaten “it,” which is the engine of the place, and hard to find elsewhere.
Carefully phased construction produced substantial savings on Allied Chemical's New Research Center

John Gilman, executive director of Allied Chemical Corporation's Materials Research Center, had a familiar dilemma. He needed space for the development of the firm's new proprietary products. If he ordered a renovation of the existing center, the work of his scientific staff would be seriously disrupted for many months. If he built from scratch, he would face greatly increased cost and, in the end, be left with a structurally sound but empty shell on Allied Chemical's handsome industrial park in Morris-town, New Jersey.

Working with architects James Stewart Polshek & Associates, a sensible and interesting compromise was hammered out. The architects would add new space in the form of outriggers to the exterior of the existing structure.
The plan, below, and a comparison of the two photos at right shows the extent of the "outrigger" Polshek has added to the existing structure. As they house the Center's four divisions and occur—in varied form—on all sides of the building, they create new elevations which are grafted, with special skill, to the old. A stainless steel batten roof covers the new portions of the building.

The architect notes that the rhythms of the building were easily adapted to the outrigger solution.
When complete, the old exterior walls could be punctured, the staff could flow out to occupy its new outrigger spaces and renovation of the older interior structure could proceed with only minimum disruption to staff operations or the construction process. Phasing was obviously crucial and it was worked out by architect and client in the greatest detail before construction began.

The new outriggers contain office and laboratory space for the Center's four more or less discrete divisions. They have poured concrete end walls matched to the exterior finish of the existing building. But the long curtain walls are designed for quick erection and constructed of aluminum mullions and sections of insulated reflecting glass. (Curiously, this was the first installation of this product in sheets inclined at 45 degrees in section). In the two-story portion, photo above, a long steel spandrel, painted bright red, emphatically marks the division between floors. The outrigger section, as designed, also produces a long skylight over the corridors that brings daylight into the interior.

In floor area, the outriggers added about 6,300 square feet of new space. New construction within the existing building comprised another 4,500 square feet and 19,000 square feet of the older structure were thoroughly renovated. Cost for this work was about $1,300,000.

What Allied Chemical got was, to all appearances, a new building (containing mostly prime space) except that existing parking, roads, access, and vertical circulation could be retained to effect important savings. And because the owners went to Polshek, they got a building that is rationally organized, sensitively detailed, and innovative both in the use of materials and in the volumetric treatment of the spaces it provides.

The lower band of glazing that inclines outward and upward is opaque and has been designed to enclose built-in cadenzas and work surfaces (photo below). On the outside, this inclined plane reflects the ground cover which has been planted right up to the building's foundation.

Much of the specialized laboratory furniture was designed by the architect. In other portions of the building, the staff selected furniture from a list furnished by the architect.
HEALTH FACILITIES

The shift in Federal and other financial support from conventional hospitals to community-oriented facilities for health maintenance, combined with other economic and technical pressures, is causing a new mix in architectural commissions for health facilities. Commissions for new 300- to 400-bed community hospitals are by no means extinct, but are being outnumbered by commissions for updating urban facilities and for expanding medical education. Both of these tend to emphasize on-site replacement facilities. This portfolio, therefore, has a variety of current work reflecting these and other elements of change. In spite of what appears to be a rather miscellaneous collection, one can discern a commonality of technical approach that makes of this field the engaging specialty it is. The essential elements of a master plan prevail nowadays through greater penetration by client groups into the planning process. Response to long-range regional needs is also more imperatively enforced. The assault of research and systems technology on critically rising costs has also had its effect. Despite these harassments of shifting fortune, the buildings themselves seem to be getting better to look at and to live in.—William B. Foxhall
The 400-bed Montego Bay Hospital makes use of a high sloping site overlooking Jamaica's second largest city. John C. Harkness, TAC principal-in-charge, describes the organization of the complex as composed of three main elements. A three-story base contains an extensive out-patient department, dining spaces and general public and administrative areas. A six-story medical-surgical core articulates with, and provides services for, both the out-patient spaces and a ten-story nursing wing. The nursing wing faces the ocean to take advantage of prevailing breezes that make artificial ventilation unnecessary.

Six blocks of staff housing are terraced down the slope toward the bay taking similar advantage of natural climate conditions and providing a village-like atmosphere for off-duty staff.

On-grade access at three levels permits separation of outpatient, emergency and supply traffic. Floors of the component units of the hospital are sized to take care of their particular functions without excessive vertical traffic.

Poured-in-place-concrete accepts the discipline of a 22-foot module while expressing floor-by-floor changes in the functional requirements.
In-patient nursing spaces are unusually open by U.S. standards, partly to accommodate the lifestyle of the residents of St. James Parish, which the hospital serves, and partly to take full advantage of the natural air movement. Nursing units are typically about 25 patients each with two nursing stations on each floor.

A 22-foot bay module prevails throughout the hospital, but floor configurations are varied to accommodate function. Rooms on the sixth floor, for example, which serve both medical and surgical patients, are brought forward to the face of the building, using space that is open on other floors for use as a balcony.

Psychiatric patients are placed on the top floor where they can make use of an outdoor court or roof garden without loss of security.

The structure is cast-in-place concrete columns with concrete floor and roof slabs. Native stone is used as a retaining surface for on-grade embankments. The nursing tower is structured entirely separate from the other two units as part of a precaution against earthquake damage. Lighting and mechanical systems are cast into the structure. Hung ceilings are used only where required for special operating or antiseptic purposes.

The hospital will be used for many public functions as well as medical treatment. The staff compound, therefore, includes an auditorium where professional lectures or general entertainment can be provided with separate access to the public parking area.


Internal spaces at Montego Bay Hospital are well detailed although less than lavish in their use of materials. Patient-care spaces tend to be open—reflecting the life style of the Jamaican population served.
A DOWNTOWN MEDICAL SCHOOL

TUFTS-NEW ENGLAND DEVELOPS CITY SITE IN BOSTON MASTER PLAN

Two new buildings have been completed in a long-range master plan for restructuring the Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston. The Architects Collaborative has been closely involved in the growth of the center since 1965 when it was formed by the merger of three hospitals with the Tufts University School of Medicine and Dental Medicine.
The objective is to upgrade and serve a densely urban community (Boston's South Cove section) and to continue matching long-range needs with urban renewal plans for the area. Accordingly, when the Boston Redevelopment Authority drew up its renewal plan for approval by Washington it included assurances to local residents that the medical center would not expand unduly into residential areas.

The plan involves reshaping some streets, closing others and replacing an old elevated railway with a new subway station directly under the center. The center will also provide various kinds of commercial and public spaces to serve both the staff and the neighborhood.

The physical contours of the center are developing as continuous horizontal layers of health facilities above the ground floor commercial and traffic level. This is to preserve as much as possible a horizontal flow of medical traffic and for increased flexibility and efficiency. Informal contact among specialties is encouraged, and nursing floors can be linked vertically to treatment floors while both can be expanded in increments of planned growth.

The completed elements are a health services building and a dental sciences building both served by a new parking garage for 925 cars that also contains restaurants and retail space.

These first elements are closely interrelated and they anticipate the subsequent phases of growth that will bridge Washington Street and allow full realization of the horizontal megastructure concept. This integrated approach to the master plan requires great flexibility over time to respond to changing patterns of funding, evolving needs and space programs, changing economic patterns, developing structural systems and building technology, all still guided within the established framework and resulting in an integrated unified building that functions well at any and all stages of growth. The Medical Center may take 20 years to complete, depending on the availability of funds.

Interplay of traffic between dental school and hospital clinics is facilitated by single-level corridors and disciplined by control points. Photos show (1) main lobby of the hospital building; (2) second level control point and waiting area; (3) work spaces in clinical section; (4) high visibility in acute care areas; (5) deep therapy radiology unit; (6, 7) highly developed electronic surveillance in intensive care area.
Everyone has heard about health maintenance organizations, and the initials HMO have crept into the jargon of medical facilities without clear definition or widespread understanding. The theory is, apparently, that any coalition of medical skills that is brought together to serve a community on a pre-paid basis falls within the definition. Some Federal financial support, however, has encouraged hard analysis of what the HMO really is and what constitutes a representative community.

The Community Health Care Center Project in New Haven, Connecticut, is as close to a prototype as one is likely to find. Its program is a thoroughly researched response to the complexities involved in turning the entrenched practices of pay-as-you-go medical services toward the idea of high quality, pre-paid services in an effort not only to stem the tide of rising costs but to spread the
base of available treatment equitably throughout the community.

The client is a non-profit corporation which offers family health care service policies to some 30,000 to 40,000 people annually. The board of directors is a cross-section of community leaders including industrial, utility and financial executives. Executive director is Isadore S. Falk, who has had long experience in assembling complex projects of community importance. Basic to the program is affiliation of the client group and medical objectives with the Yale-New Haven Medical Center complex in a combined program of medical research and training services.

The two-story, 50,000 sq ft structure is located near the Connecticut Turnpike in the Long Wharf redevelopment area. This provides ready access by automobile and has the effect of turning the building around so that the main entrance is toward parking at the rear of the site. Bruce Arneill describes the architectural concept as based on a box with a court in the center dictated by a very narrow site and limited budget. Scale and proportion are developed with some visual interest by utilizing the stairwells and functionally related floor sizes to avoid severely industrial aspects and massing of the box-like structure. The stairwells are set out at corners of the building to provide both fire stairs and direct access to public conference rooms.

Edgewood House is a nurses' dormitory for senior staff of the Ten­ acre Foundation, a Christian Science health care center of about six residential-scale build­ ings on a wooded site in Princeton, New Jersey. To maintain single-family character and still provide a sense of community, the residential units are grouped into three two-story wings radiating from a central commons area. Residential units within the com­ plex are mainly single dormitory spaces. There are three-duplex family units for married staff. Sep­ arate access to each unit is from exterior balconies. Each apart­ ment has a view of the surround­ ing landscape. A common core and lounge provides space suit­ able for informal meetings. Exte­ rior finish materials are tan stucco and stained wood relating to other buildings on the site and to the natural surroundings.

Special cabinet work, kitchen and laundry within each unit pro­ vide a permanent home-like at­ mosphere with a minimum of movable furniture.

The problem of reducing costs of long-term illnesses, usually associated with the aging, has been met by various approaches to simplified quasi-residential spaces where patients are in contact with nursing staff but not under intensive care programs. The city of Salem, Massachusetts, has provided such a facility sharing a common entry court with a new addition to Salem Hospital. Some basic services including laundry, diet and pharmacy, will also be shared with the parent institution.

The ground level contains facilities requiring direct public contact, such as the hospital administration, city health agencies, and material supply handling services. The administrative services are grouped around the elevator core for direct access to the nursing units on the levels above. The opposite side of the elevator core faces the main entrance for direct access of visitors.

The second floor contains a rehabilitation center and one nursing unit, while three upper levels house the remaining three nursing units. The second level provides direct corridor access between rehabilitation center and the main corridor of Salem Hospital. This space is wide enough to provide a secondary exercise area for patients under rehabilitation treatment.

All patient rooms have either an east or west exposure. Dining areas are located off the elevator lobby so that they can be used for evening activities without disturbing patients in bedrooms.

IOWA UNIVERSITY MAKES PLANS FOR SIT-DOWN DENTAL TEAMS

The University of Iowa Dental Science Building is programmed to handle a projected major increase in college enrollment. Since existing facilities could not be intensified in their use to handle this surge, a major new facility was required to be integrated physically and administratively with the university's evolving medical center complex.

The thoughtful massing of two reinforced concrete wings avoids the aspect of a fortress by an open connecting structure of glass enclosed walkways and bridges. One of these bridges houses a reception area and lobby for central auditorium facilities. Layering of the central section provides not only access to the auditorium but also pedestrian linkage between the two wings.

Dental instruction cubicles, called operatories, are different from older conventional cubicles in that they are designed with emphasis on sit-down four-handed dentistry. The resultant increase in both instructional and dental personnel is accommodated by a "racetrack" layout of corridor and cubicule spaces.

Initial designer of the prototype operatory was Dr. Dale Redig, formerly chairman of the University of Iowa's Pedodontics Department. The concept was refined by Earl Walls Associates, and design development for the production model was done by SH&G.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, Iowa City, Iowa. Architects and Engineers: Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, Inc.—project manager: Carl Pirscher; project designer: Dale Johnson; project architect: Howard Oros; project mechanical: R. Colasinski; project structural: T. Marzotto.

Evolution of the dental training operatory called for disciplined traffic planning for exchange of central supplies and increased personnel for the seated, four-handed dental technique now coming into vogue. Exceptional air exchange requirements are expressed in vents in the concrete structure. Level changes in the structure connecting the two towers accommodate pedestrian traffic and access to auditorium spaces.
The Veterans Administration is probably the largest client for medical facilities in the world. As responsible owner, the VA has supported research programs in the science and logistics of patient care and in the techniques of construction that will control costs and facilitate care.

In the RECORD for June 1972, George Agron of Stone, Marraccini & Patterson reported on a research project for systems development for the VA performed by that firm in joint venture with Building Systems Development, Inc. And in September 1973, further development of the system was reported in its application to the Loma Linda VA Hospital by that same joint venture.

Adaptability of the system (schematic principle is shown in the panel opposite) has been demonstrated in various configurations in hospitals since that time. One of the most demanding of such applications has been in the planning of the VA Replacement Hospital for The Bronx in New York, shown here.

The Bronx project is scheduled for completion in mid-1977, three years from start of construction. The speed of construction (exceptional in view of a rigorously paced phasing of occupancy transfer from a large existing facility while new construction proceeds) is secondary in importance to the whole new mode of interaction between this client and the private consulting universe. The VA and consultants are making of this project a proving ground of fast-track and other construction management techniques. Further, the close collaboration between Emile de Armas, director of VA Preliminary Planning Services, and the consulting architects, Max O. Urbahn Associates, Inc., began as a planning commission during the preliminary phases of design. In former times, VA architectural commis-
Adaptability of the basic VA structural module to a variety of shapes and dimensioning is demonstrated in The Bronx hospital. Discipline and flexibility of the interstitial space content is defined by a series of vertical mechanical equipment stacks to which horizontal systems are attached over ceilings of functional spaces. The concept of the service bay is thus modified and extended as shown in dark patches on plan opposite.
HEALTH FACILITIES

A flexible lab is built fast using off-the-shelf components

A high degree of flexibility and modularity are practically sine qua non for laboratories these days. But beyond these requirements, the Stamford Hospital Laboratory Addition by architects Perkins & Will had to be both designed and built rapidly. For this reason the architects and their engineers turned to simple, off-the-shelf items requiring a minimum of special fabrication: precast floor planking, packaging system, and modular laboratory furniture.

The over-all concept was to develop a strip of support offices, specimen-taking facilities and computer room in existing space on the ground floor of the main building. The new laboratory facility adjoins this, comprising 9000 sq ft of space plus full mechanical support and distribution space underneath.

The design approach for the addition was to build an open room with modular utilities. Installed, as needed, in this space was a metal frame system to support furniture, counters, shelves, equipment, storage and utilities. The grid, installed by the contractor, allows relocation in a variety of configurations.

For speed and economy, the structure is a steel frame with precast concrete floor and roof planks. The package air-handling system is supplied with chilled water from the hospital's central system. Ducts are modular in design, with outlets located so as to serve independent modules on a 10- by 12-ft module, if required.

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The duct system has sound traps and other acoustical provisions. The open ceiling design was developed to allow, if needed, the future addition of acoustic panels.

All the storage, shelves, counter and desk units are hung from a steel frame installed by the contractor. The configuration of the units can be changed at will. The laboratory furniture design provides space for wire troughs, and supply fittings for plumbing and electrical services. A continuous raceway at the counter has outlets for electrical equipment.

The continuous rows of pendant-mounted lighting fixtures are circuit to so that three out of four fixtures can be switched off in a checkerboard pattern, if needed, for reduced illumination.
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However, it’s a good idea to specify that high pressure water spray be used on the joint surface as well as the face of the panel, during the process of exposing the aggregate. Even then, though laitance has been successfully removed, the joint has to be thoroughly cleaned just before caulking. Since each case is different, your best bet is still to talk to your Tremco man and use DYmeric.

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