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Few matters can so affect architectural practice as much as the new and controversial proposals by NCARB to drastically change examination and licensing procedures. This editorial comment has been written by Record senior editor Elisabeth Kendall Thompson, who attended the critical NCARB meeting in San Francisco in July.—W. W.

A revolution is under way in the procedure for licensing to practice architecture—and its ramifications are bound to be felt throughout the profession. In its look to the future, in its recognition that change is as desirable as it is inevitable, and its realization that new opportunities are already soliciting participation by architects, it is a good revolution. But not everyone sees it as good, despite the fact that by an affirmative vote of 43 of the 49 member boards present at the recent San Francisco convention the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards authorized final development of the new procedure.

The examination—or, rather, the examinations, for there will be two: one a qualifying or "equivalency," the other a professional, exam—which is at the heart of the procedure—will be presented to and acted upon at next year's convention in Seattle. But acceptance by NCARB will not mean immediate use of the new exams in every state. Legislative changes will be necessary in some states before they can be used. Where allowable, however, the qualifying exam will be used for the first time in December 1972 and the professional exam in June 1973. Special provisions are made for those already in the process of taking the present examinations.

Of the two exams, the professional is the more revolutionary and therefore the more controversial. The qualifying exam is very like the present exam, but briefer. The professional exam, on the other hand, is not at all like the existing exam. It eliminates the currently required site and design problems and bases its questions (all of which will be machine-graded and consequently multiple-choice) entirely in the area of architectural judgments related to the environment. It assumes that the candidate's education, as manifested in his professional degree from an accredited school, has provided him with knowledge and proficiency in architectural design and technology; and it therefore does not retest him in what the school has, presumably, already tested him. And there's the rub, at least for some board members and for some boards. For without a test of what the candidate knows and without the implied confidence in the present curricula in professional schools, a state board may well feel that certification is a chancy thing. State boards are charged with the responsibility of certifying to the public that a licensee has demonstrated his professional capability in regard to the public health, safety and welfare; and the act of certifying to that capability hangs heavy over the heads of state board members. If all candidates had to take the qualifying exam and the professional exam, or some modification of these which would satisfy both NCARB's ideal of a broadened definition of practice and the state boards' real need for appropriate testing, there would be little argument about the new procedures. But that is not the proposal.

NCARB takes its position backed by a memo from its legal counsel Carl Sapers which deals with two aspects of the problem: the "general welfare" as a basis for use of the police power in regulating the practice of architecture; and the determination of a reasonable and appropriate period of apprenticeship (which the new procedure will change from the present three years for everyone to two years for holders of Bachelor of Architecture degrees and one year for Master of Architecture degrees).

His conclusion is that "a state need not confine its attention to whether a building may stand or fall; it may be concerned as well with the building's commodiousness, appearance and relation to other aspects of the land or cityscape," and that "there is no legal doctrine by which three years of apprenticeship is an adequate exercise of the police power and one year inadequate. ... Whatever may be the wisdom of the proposed changes must be decided on the merits and not on the basis of some imagined legal (or constitutional) prohibition."

Even so, the question remains: can the state accept a college degree as proof enough of capability in the areas of public health and safety? That seems to be the real argument, not whether or not state boards can examine on matters of design and relation to the land or cityscape, for
that they already do and have for many years. Indeed, one state—California—has indicated that even when the necessary legislative changes are made to permit use of the new exam, it will continue to require site and design portions in its exam and that it will also require a three-year apprenticeship period.

It is more than likely that those states which, like California, are swamped with applicants each year (California has over 3,000 applications for the exam, and some 2,200 actually take the exam) get a very different view of the fitness for licensing of a large percentage of the candidates. With such a broad spectrum of candidates from all over the country, the California Board, for example, gets a cross section of the product of today’s architectural education quite unlike that of states confronted by a very small number of candidates (Mississippi had two in 1969, Utah nine).

NCARB’s proposed new procedure will, it expects, put pressure on the National Association of Accrediting Boards to press the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture to insist that the schools provide the necessary curricula and testing to rebuild confidence in the schools’ ability to train professionals in the necessary technical and design proficiency. And NCARB, of the three organizations, has the muscle for such leadership.

But the real thrust of NCARB’s new program is to broaden the concept of professional responsibility to include the environment, and to open the practice of architecture to persons with other than conventional backgrounds. For as William J. Geddis of Boston, retiring president of NCARB, firmly stated it in San Francisco, “If the profession is indeed serious and dedicated to the problem of creating a better environment, it must drastically ad-

just its attitudes and firmly commit itself to change, responsibility, leadership and accountability. With such a commitment, the profession needs to develop new competencies, new methods, and new associations to meet the challenges. Multi-discipline teams, skilled in large-scale planning, management, problem-solving, and delivery systems will be required. For those who reject change and are reluctant to break with traditional practice, I only ask that they remain open-minded and support those of us who seek involvement and commitment. The severe limitations to architects that presently exist both in licensing and in ethical standards of the profession, have to be liberated.”

There is no argument with that statement. There must be new ways to examine and to license. New attitudes are imperative. What is now under development actually began five years ago when three members—Dean Gustavson of Salt Lake City, Charles Graves of Kentucky and William Geddis—developed a long-range policy for NCARB “to cope with the drastic changes underway in education and in the profession.” The new exam procedure is a primary result of that far-seeing policy. How much the revolution it suggests will change the profession cannot be assessed now. And the questions that are inevitable among those who bear the burden of administering the laws that regulate the practice of architecture will find their answers only in the actual examinations to be written between now and next June. But one thing is certain, even now: a good environment will be made up of good buildings as well as good open space, and only good architects—proficient in design and technology and in making decisions related to the environment—will do them.

—Elisabeth Kendall Thompson

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News in brief

Effect of President Nixon's new economic policy on construction is still far from clear. But McGraw-Hill economist George Christie sees the general effect as favorable. For details, see overleaf.

Construction of Federal buildings would be speeded by new legislation proposed by the GSA and just introduced in the House and Senate. If enacted, the law would amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 and provide a method for rapidly reducing the large backlog of authorized but unconstructed Federal buildings. Important feature would be the establishment of a revolving fund, financed with "rents" from Federal buildings. This money would permit the Public Buildings Service, GSA's construction arm, to carry on a continuing construction program without the delays now involved in financing procedures, which require heavy Congressional involvement. An article on the proposed system, written for RECORD by PBS Commissioner Arthur Sampson, appears on page 65 of this issue.

Lewis Mumford has been elected an honorary fellow of The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland. In his presentation, RIAI president William A. Maguire said: "In all his works Lewis Mumford has asked: What ends are being served by technical progress and social organization? Are they enhancing life or denying it? All who practice architecture and planning have been influenced by his answers. . . . He has spoken out against the inequities, ugliness and congestion of cities and has advocated the principles of renewal and integration on which personal and social development should be based. . . ."

A National Academy of Code Administration has been formed to develop and establish regulatory code administration as a recognized profession. In announcing the formation of the Academy, its president, Richard L. Sanderson, said: "Inept administration is the essence of the ill of code enforcement in the United States. It restricts the use of new materials and concepts in building construction, and is the root cause of the continuing and accelerating decay of our older cities." The function of the Academy is to conduct research, develop curricula, establish standards for accreditation and certification, sponsor educational activities, and "engage in all other scholarly activities necessary to the development and establishment of a profession." Address: 1313 East Sixtieth Street, Chicago.

Upcoming events: The NYSSA/AIA 1971 Convention will be held at Kutsher's Monticello, beginning Monday, October 18 and ending on Thursday, October 21. A one-day special will be held on Wednesday, October 20 for those members and guests who can only attend that day. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe heads a list of speakers for the Producers' Council's 50th Anniversary Meeting, scheduled for the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., October 26th and 27th, 1971. Contact: Francis X. Brown 667-8727. The White House Conference on Aging has scheduled a major Conference event when its 3,400 delegates meet in Washington the week of November 28; Environment Design Research Association will hold its Third Annual Conference at the University of California Los Angeles' School of Architecture and Urban Planning on January 24-27 1972. All submissions and requests for information should be addressed to William J. Mitchell, chairman, conference planning committee, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of California, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, 90024; The American Plywood Association is initiating a plywood design competition for architects throughout the United States. A top award of $1,000, plus three citations, will be presented. Deadline for entries is January 31, 1972. Contact APA, 1119 A Street, Tacoma, 98401. The 17th Annual Convention of Precast Concrete Institute will be held at the Los Angeles Hilton, on September 19-23, 1971. The 11th UIA Congress will be held in Bulgaria on September 25-30th 1972. The general report is being prepared under the supervision of the architect Nikola Nikolov. Reports on four sub-topics must be finished by the end of 1971. Any information concerning the Congress must be sent directly to the General Commissary: Architect Mihaylov (Bulgarian Union of Architects—11 rue Dimitro Polianov. Sofia 4). New York City Community College, Division of Continuing Education and Extension Services and the Metropolitan New York Chapter, Construction Specifications Institute are jointly offering a special course in Principles of Construction Specification Writing to be held Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., October 5 through January 4, 1972 at a mid-Manhattan location. Contact: Prof. Judith McGaughy at 212/643-5572. A program focusing on the architect and his role in project development has been finalized for the American Institute of Architects Central States Regional Conference to be held in Kansas City, Mo., October 13, 14, and 15.
The President’s new economic policy: the biggest boost is confidence

"While there are definite incentives for both consumers and businessmen to increase their spending (as a result of the President’s new policy) it may well turn out that the most important aspect of the new program is psychological—government now seems to be doing something; showing leadership; providing justification for the return of that all-important ingredient that has been missing in this recovery: confidence." So says George Christie, chief economist of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.

The first effect of the new policy on construction (as for all sectors of the economy) is an instant, if temporary, halt to rising costs. The wage freeze over-rides the Construction Industry Stabilization Committee actions. But chances are this body, given the 90-120 day breathing spell, will have ready some reasonable long-run guidelines for construction industry settlements that might have more hope of labor acceptance—now that the Administration has declared that enough is enough, and if every one is in something like the same boat.

There is a possibility of some delayed impact on some kinds of buildings, the theory being that some companies will hustle their money into machinery and equipment while the 10 per cent investment credit is in force. But that remains to be seen.

The proposed $5 billion cut in Fed spending and 5 per cent reduction in Federal employment is not being taken too seriously by most experts. But you’ve got to guess that Federal money for construction will remain tight, for in today’s social climate, the government will be reluctant to spend much on new facilities for government while it cuts down on welfare and other social programs and (most probably) puts revenue sharing back on the shelf.

Interest rates? Mortgage money is bound to be tighter as individuals spend more and save less; but diminishing inflation should help halt or at least slow down today’s upward drift of interest rates (another possibility: rates may be frozen by fiat.)

Best guess over-all: a boost for non-residential building.

An interior “city square” dominates new hotel at Chicago’s O’Hare Airport

A mini-city of restaurants, guest rooms, recreation facilities and meeting rooms, the new Regency Hyatt House at O’Hare by architects John Portman & Associates is dominated by a spectacular ten-story-high, skylighted atrium (left), replete with trees, balconies and pedestrian bridges leading to a central tower with glass-cylinder elevators. The exterior (above) is also dazzling, with one-way copper-colored glass sheathing four cylindrical corner towers and all windows in the central square. Interiors are by Tom Hughes.

Texas architects begin public education campaign

The Texas Society of Architects (TSA) will undertake a wide public education campaign to protect the environment. TSA president Tom Bullock, Houston, said Texas architects will, during the next 12 months, use all resources available to “unite Texans and encourage them to adopt a positive protective attitude toward our state’s environment.”

Architects feel an obligation to speak out loud and clear about what is happening to the environment,” Bullock said. "We will do this through a positive, far-reaching public education campaign and we intend the theme, "Texas: Handle With Care," to become a constant reminder to every Texan to be environmentally aware every day." Bullock pointed out that the purpose of the campaign is not to provide a final solution to all the environmental problems of the state, "but to create an atmosphere in which solutions will be possible, even demanded.”

While the architects initiated the drive, they are enlisting other groups, businesses and individuals to unite behind the campaign in order to involve the maximum number of people. The thrust of the campaign will be completely positive, urging protection and magnification of the beauties and advantages of Texas, and broader than most environmental campaigns since it will cover seven areas which the architects see as major environmental concerns—conservation, historic resources, transportation, health, education, housing and human resources.

Metrisation gets go-ahead; next step is legislation

The Federal government has completed its intensive study of pro and con arguments concerning a changeover to the metric system and Congress now has the 172-page report which advocates a 10-year phased program leading to metrisation for the U.S. The report was submitted by Commerce Secretary Stans after more than two years of work by the National Bureau of Standards. Congress was told that—within a broad framework—industries, education and other segments of society should work out their own specific timetables and programs. But this cannot begin until a final decision has been made by the Congress concerning conversion. Should a law be passed, say next year, notifying the Commerce Department recommendation, joint planning by all groups affected would begin.

Trade associations and agencies of the Federal, state and local government would be advised by the coordinating group of changes in codes and regulations requiring attention. The report includes this argument regarding the international aspects: "... The U.S. has the opportunity to ensure that its practices and technology are taken into account in international standards negotiations. And as the nation changed to metric, it would be changing to metric-based international standards that it had a hand in setting up."

Offshore polder might solve environmental problems

Offshore developments combining three-mile-long runways for aircraft, a nuclear-power generating plant, waste disposal and landfill, and a deep-water port for tankers, have been proposed by The Eggers Partnership, architects, and Syska & Hennessey, engineers, of New York. Their proposal envisions creation of a seafloor island—or, the Dutch would have it, a polder—connected to the mainland by tunnel. The proposal shown, for New York City, would cover 9.5 square miles and be located three miles offshore. The enclosing ring dikes would be 11 miles long. The feasibility of the system, says David Eggers, has been demonstrated by the Zuyder Zee dike, now 40 years old. "Considering today’s more advanced technologies, the proposal does not seem overly difficult."

The scheme, he points out, would provide a solution to the problems of disposing of solid waste (it would be used as fill), and place “out at sea” the noise of aircraft, the possible hazards of nuclear power generation, and oil unloading.\n\n\nHedrich-Blessing photos
F.W. Dodge forecast for 1971 amended upward

The previous estimate of a 10 per cent gain in this year's value of construction contracts has been raised to 13 per cent. The new estimate of $76.7 billion in construction contracts was made by George A. Christie, vice president and chief economist of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.

"Most of the 13 per cent increase now expected for 1971 will materialize during the remaining months of the year," says Christie. During the second half he also believes the presently high level of the housing market will be joined by a gradually improving demand for most types of nonresidential building. He observed that for the first four months of this year, total construction contract value was ahead of the comparable 1970 figure by four per cent.

In reporting the second periodic update of the F. W. Dodge Construction Outlook, which was originally issued last October, Christie said that construction markets at present are fulfilling earlier expectations. "Housing has already made it in a big way. By spring, the rate of housing starts had already reached and surpassed the 1.8-million level anticipated for the year as a whole. With a steady volume of homebuilding during the second half, the year should end with a 26 per cent gain in this category and reach $31.2 billion," the Dodge economist stated.

The biggest revision necessary in the earlier forecast, according to the economist, was in the nonbuilding group where electric utility construction "will reach epidemic proportions."

Christie said "interim adjustments have been made in the earlier forecast of nonresidential building markets" but that he still expects a generally stronger second half to turn the first half year decline into a gain of some three per cent.

Further, the Dodge Business Construction Index, which measures new contracting for the construction of industrial, commercial, and other business facilities, moved up an additional eight per cent in the second quarter to 170 (1967-100). This latest advance followed a sharp first-quarter rise of better than 50 per cent from the low point reached during last year's final three months, according to Christie.

The second quarter's continued improvement in contracts for new business facilities shows that the large gain reported earlier this year was not an isolated fluke," he said, "and indicates that business is now committed to a higher level of capital spending for 1972, the time when most of this business-connected construction will be put in place."

Plazas, concourses and mid-block malls highlight Rockefeller Center expansion

The civic amenities which have made New York's Rockefeller Center world famous since the original 14 buildings were constructed—plazas, wide promenades, underground concourses and good lighting, among many others—are all being incorporated in three new buildings for the Center to headquarters Celanese Corporation, McGraw-Hill, Inc., and Standard Oil Company (N.J.). All were designed and developed as a group (together with the existing Time & Life Building) by architects Harrison & Abramovitz & Harris. The new buildings, which devote 40 per cent of the land area to open space, are now under construction and bring the total number of buildings in the complex to 21, on 25 acres of land, with 15 million square feet of space.

The effect of a four-block-long plaza, bracketed by lower-rise building extensions at each end, will be created along the Avenue of the Americas from 47th to 51st Street. The Center's underground concourses will also be extended beneath the new skyscrapers. But perhaps the greatest applause should go to the creation of a mid-block pedestrian way behind the buildings (shown in order in the sketches below), which range from a 35-foot-high "galleria" through the Celanese Building, a tree-lined mall behind the McGraw-Hill Building, to a promenade and mini-park behind the Jersey Standard structure.

Though planned together, the big tree-edged plazas fronting the buildings (shown in the same order above) each have their own differences and individuality: sculptures, a sunken plaza, a large pool.

New Orleans completes its Civic Center Plaza

Continuing its laudable tradition of honoring distinguished citizens with green parks, squares and suitable monuments, New Orleans has added an effective new memorial plaza in the middle of its post-World War II Civic Center complex.

The work of designer-sculptor Lin Emery, and dedicated to the late deLesseps S. Morrison (long time city mayor and former U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States), the plaza incorporates some refreshing downtown amenities (pools, trees, flowers, seats) and some highly inventive art: a fascinating aquamobile fountain (below); and an obelisk-like monolith (below, right), with a relief figure and open-work texts about Morrison, that is reportedly one of the largest cast-aluminum sculptures ever attempted (40 feet high, 6,000 pounds). It is made of a special alloy developed and donated by Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation; other contributors were Service Foundry Division of Avondale Shipyards and W & A Engineers. The $200,000 project was commissioned by the State of Louisiana in 1964 and completed this year.

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Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Associates, Inc. were awarded a Special Jury Citation for Outstanding Architectural Excellence by The College and University Conference and Exposition for the two-story Fine Arts and Classroom Building (foreground) on the campus of Delta College in University Center, Michigan. Its two blocks are connected by a glass enclosure providing a secondary entry, gathering place and exhibit space. Their plan for Academic Complex II, Grand Valley State College, Allendale, Michigan was also exhibited.

Russell Gibson von Dohlen, architect, received a citation for The Church of St. Peter Claver’s “contribution to environmental quality” from the Connecticut Building Congress. Rough textured fieldstone walls and cedar planking on a laminated timber structure are in tune with the natural site and residential neighborhood. The jury: John Embersits, Vincent Scully and Herman Spiegel of Yale; Gerald Foster of C. N. Flagg; Saul Horowitz, Jr. of HBR Construction; Edward Kozlowski of Connecticut Public Works and Robert Venturi.

Pancoast/Ferendino/Crafton/Architects in joint venture with Watson, Deutschman & Kruse, Architects were honored with the Outstanding Concrete Structure Award by the American Concrete Institute, for the Mailman Center for Child Development at the University of Miami School of Medicine. A tower of diminishing floor sizes met the program requirements of this facility for the mentally handicapped which has a large out-patient clinic. The small building (right), related to the lower tower floors, houses a school and in-patient living areas.
The Visitors Center, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Maryland by Kamstra, Abrash, Dickerson & Associates of Reston received an honor award from the A.I.A. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference. It previously got an honor award from the Virginia Chapter and was in a Virginia Museum of Fine Arts traveling show. The building provides an overlook and exhibits local geological and historical specimens. It is constructed of barn siding, cedar shakes and timber poles.

The 101 Southfield building in Birmingham by O’Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach, Inc. received an award from the Detroit Chapter A.I.A. Other winners were William Kessler & Associates, Inc. for the Bundy Tubing Office Building in Warren; Smith, Hinckman & Grylls, Inc. for the Michigan Electric Power Pool Control Center in Ann Arbor; Eberle M. Smith Associates, Inc. for the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, Detroit; and Ziegelman & Ziegelman for a Troy bank.


The Gordon Residence (top) by Norman Rudi & Associates received a merit award from the Iowa A.I.A. It was a speculative home designed for a contractor. All trees on the site were saved. Honor Awards went to a suburban branch of the Des Moines Savings and Loan Association (middle) by Lynch, Payne, Champion, Bernabe, Inc., and the C. Y. Stephens Theater (bottom) by Brooks-Borg and Crites & McConnell (December, 1970, pages 75-80). The bank provides drive-in and walk-up service. The multi-use theater seats 2,700 and is poured in place, board-formed concrete with a western red cedar fascia. The solution expresses sight, acoustical and circulation considerations.
New York Chapter A.I.A. Residential Design Awards

The 1970 jury consisted of Stanley Salzman, architect; Jenepher Walker of House & Home and Burton Eaton of Shelter Realty Corp. In its selections the jury hoped to emphasize the present need for architects to be involved in urban rehabilitation and imaginative planning of interior and exterior spaces. Not shown below is the residence for Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Q. Shafer in Annandale-on-Hudson designed by James Baker and Peter Blake RECORD HOUSES, mid-May 1971); it received Special Mention.

Housing in Twin Parks West, a Bronx renewal area, designed by Giovanni Pasanella for the New York State Urban Development Corp. received a First Award. The building heights are varied and related to the remaining low housing. The 536 apartments, with split-level sections, and served by skip-stop elevators, have two exposures and are more houselike than most apartments. Some are specifically for the elderly.

A West 78th Street New York Tenement renovated by architect William B. Gleckman for the Sole Purpose Corp. also received a First Award. The building has been converted into a cooperative having triplexes and duplexes with generously proportioned rooms and wood-burning fireplaces creating the feeling of large private homes.

Harbor Village at Paerdegat, a row housing project for the United Automobile Workers Local 365, designed by Gruzen & Partners received Special Mention. It will have 900 middle-income cooperative duplexes. All major living areas face grass rather than parking. Open spaces will have playlots, seating and swimming.

A beach house in Amagansett, New York for Dr. and Mrs. Cates, designed by Julian Neski received a Special Mention. The jury said it's "a direct lift from the Thirties—in Germany—so simplified on the exterior as to be almost stark, the whole second floor rectangle floating above a smaller base." It can be divided into two apartments.
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The General Services Administration, the Federal Government's principal owner, builder, and manager of office space has prepared legislation which would provide new financing techniques for public buildings. Basic to the scheme is a revolving fund of construction money that would be sustained by rentals from occupants.

The new legislation, backed by the Nixon Administration and introduced just prior to recess of the current session of Congress, is designed to improve the economy and efficiency of the General Services Administration's operations. Congress must take action before the legislation providing for a revolving fund, lease purchase and lease construction can go into operation. Once the legislation is passed, a rapid increase in Federal construction will follow almost immediately.

General Services Administrator R. L. Kunzig maintains that the key to a long-range stable Federal buildings program is the revolving fund which permits innovation in GSA's management of construction.

The passage of this legislation is critical to the implementation of the systems building approach to construction. The lease construction program, a measure requested for only a three-year period, is an expedient designed to clean up the 62 buildings in GSA's construction backlog.

For the long-range situation, GSA is asking for the creation of a Federal Buildings Fund. This revolving fund would be made up of the unexpended balances of GSA's appropriations and receive income from assessing charges against all Federal agencies who occupy space provided by GSA. The income from such rental charges would be sufficient to provide for GSA's operation and maintenance of all buildings, rental payments for all leased space, and also be sufficient to generate enough income to fund future construction.

This arrangement, requiring Government agencies to pay for the cost of space they occupy, is consistent with generally-accepted concept of performance budgeting wherein total programming costs of an agency are reflected in that agency's budget estimates and financial accounts. This would be a significant change in the method of funding public buildings operating capital costs, but it would certainly be a practical and business-like approach to the need. The rates proposed to be charged for the space provided by this fund would be average commercial equivalents for the location and quality of the space provided. It would rectify the inefficiency in the decision-making process by providing for resource allocations based on the substantive needs of the Federal agencies and their related space requirements. Congress would see reflected in an agency's budget the total cost of any expedited program and be better able to judge relative priorities. It would also enhance the ability of GSA to provide faster and better service with respect to the space needs of agencies.

A single fund would permit GSA to embark on innovations and improvements in the management of construction. The project manager-construction manager approach to certain projects would be made possible as would the fast construction (design-build) concept. These approaches would reduce over-all time and would be reflected in reduced costs.

That's where we want to be...where are we now?

At the present time, the Federal Government follows an extremely involved and circuitous route for obtaining authorization and funding of needed public buildings. For each new structure estimated to cost in excess of $100,000, the General Services Administration must first prepare a prospectus, submit it to the Office of Management and Budget, and then, if approved, submit it to the Congressional Public Works Committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate. If these prospectuses are approved by these Committees for direct Federal construction, GSA must then arrange to have funds included in a budget. But it is not that simple. First, the funds for the site acquisition must be requested, then the funds for the design of the building, and then the funds for construction and management and inspection of construction. In some rare cases, the site and design funds are requested in the same year but usually they are not. The construction funds and the management and inspection funds are only included in the budget for the year in which the General Services Administration determines that they have capability to award the construction contract. Each year then, the timing of the Budget processes becomes extremely important in order that decisions can be made as to which projects will be included. Since budget preparations start one full year before the beginning of the fiscal year in which the funds can be obligated, and decisions are made on maximum amounts that can be requested, uncertainties as to contract capability frequently cause delays of one or more years in even getting the highest priority projects included.

This process has created a backlog of needed Federal buildings valued at more than $1 billion. Federal agencies continue to operate inefficiently in leased and Government-owned space which can be described as only marginal. In the space provided in the 45 buildings in GSA's backlog which have contract capability this fiscal year, GSA could consolidate 29,000 employees operating inefficiently in approximately 500 scattered locations. This inefficiency has been estimated to cost the Federal Government approximately $50 million a year. Another $100 million a year in excess costs can be attributed to higher prices for construction because of an average 10 percent inflation in construction costs yearly. The history of Congressional appropriations for General Services Administration's direct Federal construction program shows an average appropriation of only $115 million each fiscal year. With new requirements being generated at that high a rate or even higher, there is no reasonable expectation of liquidating the backlog at any time in the near future through direct Congressional appropriations. GSA has decided to adopt a three-pronged approach to correct the problem and prevent the creation of situations such as this in the future. The proposed legislation will authorize the General Services Administration's Public Buildings Service, for a period of three years after enactment, to enter into either lease purchase contracts or lease construction contracts. The temporary nature of this authority will permit the Public Buildings Service to liquidate the large backlog of 62 buildings in 34 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia without the requirement for large Congressional appropriations for construction. After three years, a new revolving fund, the Federal Buildings Fund, would assume the financing responsibility for new construction.

The lease purchase method of acquisition of Federal properties provides for construction by a private entrepreneur using his own financing. The lease purchase authority which GSA is looking for will permit lease purchase contracts with independent developers and builders for the purchase of buildings to be constructed on Government-owned sites in accordance with the Government's plans and specifications with payments to be made over a period of not less than 10 years, nor more than 30 years. The authority granted under this section would also expire at the end of three years, at the conclusion of which time title to the property would vest in the United States.

The lease construction method provides for construction by a private entrepreneur using his own financing and a straight leasing contract by the Government for the space for a term not to exceed 30 years. In both cases (lease purchase and lease construction) the legislation could provide for the construction to be on a Government-owned site using Government-owned plans and specifications which would be made available to the entrepreneur. In the lease construction method the Government-owned site and design would be sold to the successful contractor. The legislation further provides...
that the lease purchase method would be the preferred route, but if infeasible, lease construction would be attempted. The amount that the Government would pay will be sufficient to amortize the costs of the improvements, provide a reasonable rate of interest on the outstanding principal, and reimburse the contractor for any costs assumed by him such as taxes, insurance, repair and maintenance, etc.

The above two tracks are intended to be followed only with projects already authorized for direct Federal construction. Future projects would be submitted to the Congress for authorization as in the past, and such prospectuses which indicate the method of acquisition; that is, lease purchase, lease construction or direct Federal construction.

The advantages of lease purchase and lease construction are very significant:
1. The land and building will remain on local tax rolls.
2. The Federal Government will get urgently needed new space more rapidly.
3. Collocation and consolidation of agencies in this space will promote efficiency.
4. The Federal Government can invest the construction funds (as well as site and design income) in other high priority programs.
5. Costs of this new space would be reflected in agencies' and GSA's annual budgets.

In recent years it has become increasingly evident that lease construction of space can be more economical than direct Federal construction, and it is even more evident that lease construction of buildings for long-term leases is certain to carry with it lower unit costs for rent than individual short-term leases. This is particularly true when other costs, such as taxes paid to state and local governments, and the current cost of money investment, are given full consideration. GSA will conduct a full-scale economic analysis of each project to determine the most favorable method to be followed in each case. Even if the calculations indicate only a slight difference in costs, a leasing method would be preferable because it would keep the property on the local tax rolls, and there would be other indirect cost benefits.

These new techniques are varied and may require much discussion before Congressional enactment. A form of revolving fund has been considered before without success. But a combination of the revolving fund and the use of leasing alternative has never been proposed.

This complete legislation package would solve the financial problem of public building construction with immediate relief to the taxpayer. GSA looks forward eagerly to its early enactment.

The search for flexibility in hospital design:
A perspective on the work of Clibbon and Sachs

by Gordon Best and John Weeks; Llewelyn-Davies Weeks Forestier-Walker & Bor

When the Bauhaus proclaimed that a building's form should "follow" its function, it is quite likely that they were speaking metaphorically. Yet many architects have apparently taken them literally. Architects specializing in the design of hospitals, for example, have what appears to be an irresistible tendency to expend enormous amounts of their design energies carefully matching the design of their buildings to detailed descriptions of the hospital's function. Such a way of behaving is in many respects most curious. A hospital building, after all, is a highly durable and largely static creation: hospital functions, on the other hand, are transient in nature and subject to constant change. How then, can a hospital building's form "follow" its function no matter how long is spent in matching one to the other?

The recognition that a building's form cannot literally follow its function has—in recent years—given rise to a number of planning strategies that emphasize building flexibility as an important design parameter. Essentially, these strategies are intended to assist the architect in designing buildings that will "stay out of the way" of their functions. Such strategies, if they are to lead to genuinely flexible buildings, however, must overcome two difficulties.

1. First, it is necessary to be able to describe the hospital organization in a way that ensures that the resulting buildings will incorporate the geometrical and topological properties that are common to a variety of organizational forms;
2. Secondly, this description (which is often diagrammatic in nature) must be physically interpretable in technology capable of accommodating the actual functional changes that may take place.

The first problem is one of producing an appropriate architectural program: a program not so detailed as to be specific to one set of activities at a point in time, but one that describes those characteristics of a hospital organization that are common to a variety of functional mutations. The second problem is one of physical design: to design a building—that in response to the program—minimizes constraint on the organization being accommodated.

Clibbon and Sachs in two recent articles* have proposed a strategy of flexible design that is one attempt to overcome these two problems. In this work, the problem of describing the hospital in a way not tied to a particular functional context (or set of assumptions), is recognized at the onset: "... (programming) termin-ology is obscure and inconsistent. A laboratory is a place, obstetrics is a health condition, records are things, outpatients are people, 'dietary' is a service. . . . Knowledge of these subdivisions is of no use to the architect in designing anything which is not a conventionally organized institution." (Our italics.)

Arguing convincingly that the language used in the program can restrict the architect to designs having a limited functional relevancy, Clibbon and Sachs go on to propose an alternative way of describing the hospital. The cornerstone of their new language is the reference it makes to medical techniques and the way in which these enter into the health care process:

"The state of anaesthesia, for example, is clearly the purpose of a variety of techniques (such as the administration of gases by inhalation, injection of solutions, or the application of electrical currents to the brain). The word 'anaesthesia' then, is not only the purpose but also a collective term for a group of quite different techniques, as well as the name of a department . . . ."

The utility of describing the hospital in this way lies in its reference to the tangible. Although purposes and administrative tags describing different activities may be subject to unpredictable change, the techniques upon which these activities depend are unlikely to undergo such erratic change:

"Purposes are intangible, techniques concrete. From the point of view of hospital design, it is the techniques that count, for they determine the kind and arrangement of spaces."

In essence, Clibbon and Sachs propose a programming language that is capable of describing any hospital organization in general terms. The language focuses on the class of organization—"hospital": it does not describe a particular organization of hospital activities. This is an important and subtle distinction: it is intended to direct the architect's attention to those properties


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When Mammoth first announced the FM Fluidic Terminal System, the news created quite a stir. For here was a terminal unit that uses the principle of fluidics to control air flow using no moving parts and requiring no electrical controls or mechanical linkage!

This revolutionized the rooftop concept, allowing a virtually unlimited number of terminal zones from a single zone primary source and offering low installation costs, no terminal unit maintenance or operating costs, greater construction flexibility, reliability, and superior comfort control due to FM's full velocity/variable volume operating characteristics.

Close on the heels of Mammoth's FM system came the announcement of their new rooftop Solid State Temperature control system. This one-of-a-kind Mammoth option "thinks" like a computer as it constantly monitors and compares space and discharge temperatures with the set point, adjusting the primary HVAC source's capacity to match the space load. So it measures rather than simulates the load to provide consistent interior temperatures automatically!

Solid State system benefits include superior temperature control in the space; improved unit efficiency for reduced energy and operating costs; maximum use of outdoor air for cooling; automatic heat/cool changeover based on space conditions; significantly reduced installation, maintenance and service costs and increased reliability because there are no moving parts!

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The specs told Mammoth that here was an installation with a combination of design demands that almost begged for the combined FM/Solid State concepts.

The building was divided into five master zones and 30 FM terminal zones. And when the figures were in, the job including installation was an amazing $1.60/sq. ft. The other bids started at $3.25/sq. ft. for a competitive system.

Mammoth recommended their Solid State control system for each master zone which would make HVAC decisions for that zone independent of the others. The five master zones could
have as many FM terminal units (secondary zones) as the builder desired. And they could be added or removed easily after completion, according to the degree of temperature control tenants wanted!

The special test
Once the building was completed and the system in operation, Mammoth engineers went to work setting up a special test for their own benefit.

The engineers gathered data from the three master zones in the second story, as these provide the greatest fluctuations in loads throughout the day. (See Diagram 1) Special recording equipment took three readings in each of the three zones: (1) Supply air temperature, (2) room air temperature (taken at a representative location), and (3) return air temperature. A simplified version of the resulting chart is shown in Diagram 2, above.

Room temperature fluctuations were near zero although the loads on the rooms varied considerably!

Observe, too, that at approximately 10:30 P.M. zones 1 and 3 called for heat while zone 2 still required some cooling. The Solid State system was able to sense this need and switched the primary unit to the heating mode automatically without upsetting supply air temperature in zones 1 and 3, allowing fine control of space temperatures.

Called out in Diagram 2 are the steps the primary unit took to comply with the signals given by the Solid State Temperature control.

One thing the diagram does not show is that throughout the test period the unit was operating at constant volume. Only the volume of air supplied to the room varied according to the individual FM room settings. Thus FM provides final, flexible terminal zone control while the Solid State-controlled primary unit enjoys energy savings and extended equipment life.

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The time span shown in the diagram does not represent the total duration of the test. This portion was selected because it shows the internal and external influences that most affected interior space temperatures. The room sensor’s set point for each zone was 72°F. All data shown was recorded on July 25, 1971, between 2:00 P.M. and Midnight.

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College construction: the emphasis is on classrooms

With tuition checks in hand, and summer vacation only a memory, almost eight and a half million students will be returning to the college campuses this month, 400,000 more than in September, 1970.

This year’s increase in college enrollments is a big one by historical standards, but it is somewhat below the boom period of the mid-sixties. During the five-year-period between 1964 and 1968, when the post World War II baby boom generation was pouring onto the college campuses, the annual gain in enrollments averaged 550,000 a year. Translated into percentage terms, the 1964-1968 period saw the college population grow at an annual rate of 10 per cent, compounded. This year’s 400,000 increase reflects a growth rate of only half that amount; an abrupt change by any standard. Traveling in the wake of the famous baby boom generation of the forties is the baby crop reared in the more prudent fifties.

College enrollment growth rates have a significant impact on all college-related construction types, but it is in the area of dormitory building that the impact is most direct. Increased enrollment has been almost immediately reflected in new dormitory construction, because, for many schools, it is the availability of living quarters, rather than of academic facilities that sets the limit on new enrollments. More students can be squeezed into existing classroom space as a temporary measure, but campus living quarters have a limited flexibility.

When enrollments began to accelerate from gains averaging 100,000 to 200,000 a year in the early sixties, to gains averaging 500,000 to 600,000 a year in the mid-sixties, dormitory construction paralleled the trend exactly. The net gain in enrollments reached a record rate of almost 650,000 in 1965. This was also the high water mark for dormitory building. It’s also no coincidence that in 1969 and 1970, the two years when the net gain in enrollments was the lowest since 1961, new dormitory construction had its worst two years since 1961. Other factors, like credit conditions and replacement demand play a role here, but the primary determinant of new dormitory building is the trend in enrollments.

What about classrooms? College classroom construction responds to enrollment growth, but with a lag. In 1965, when dormitory construction peaked out at three times the 1960 rate, new college classroom building was just beginning to make its move. Classroom contracts recorded a gain almost 50 per cent between 1964 and 1965, and ended the decade of the 1960’s at twice the 1965 rate. In a dramatic contrast, dormitory building shrank by more than half over the same period (see chart).

Much of the recent college classroom construction is the result of past shortages. Once the pressure on student housing eased up somewhat, college administrators were able to shift their scarce funds into upgrading and improving their stock of classroom facilities. A new classroom wing is easier to justify before cost conscious boards of trustees than more elaborate student housing.

While both dormitories and classrooms are expected to showen a gain for 1971, classrooms should be the dominant form of college construction through the mid-seventies.

Gains in college enrollment will average around 450,000 a year out through 1975, and then taper off after that. These are large enough gains to bring renewed growth to dormitory building, but not large enough to return it to the peak rates of the mid-sixties. In addition to the lower enrollment growth rates, dormitory construction is faced with two other obstacles: Junior colleges (two year institutions) have been accounting for a progressively larger share of college enrollments recently. They amounted to about 15 per cent of total undergraduate enrollments in the mid-sixties, but are currently more than 22 per cent of that total. To the extent that a significant share of the junior college gain is accounted for by community colleges, that, by definition, do not provide housing for students, the need for dormitories is diminished.

In addition, the increased affluence among the college population, and the liberalization of college rules and regulations have accelerated the trend toward off campus living.

There still exists a significant backlog of demand for college classrooms, however. Despite the impressive growth in the construction of new college classrooms in the last half of the 1960’s, construction for the decade as a whole just barely kept pace with the needs generated by new enrollment growth. A study of higher educational facilities done in the late fifties estimated that there was some 57 square feet of instructional space in existence per enrolled student at the time. Throughout the sixties, we built new instructional space at about the same student—square footage ratio. But, that didn’t leave any slack to cover replacement demand, or the updating of the existing classroom stock.

One potential obstacle in the way of college classroom growth in the first half of the seventies is the availability of funds. Institutions of higher learning have been having a difficult time lately retaining past levels of private contributions. This, plus 1970’s extremely tight credit market held classroom construction below the 1969 rate last year. (see chart.) Considering the underlying basis of demand, however, the problem of financing classroom construction will manifest itself more in slowing down the growth rate slightly, rather than stopping it altogether.
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Circular rose window, leaded glass, traditional 85 to 100
Traditional, leaded with involved design 55 to 75
Traditional, leaded, simple design 30 to 45
Contemporary leaded intricate design or faceted glass set in epoxy cement 40 to 60
Faceted stained glass with 35% design and 65% background—large pieces of glass, less cutting, 30 to 41
Faceted stained glass, epoxy setting, with 40% design and 60% background—small pieces of glass, more cutting 40 to 50
Laminated glass panels, non-liturgical design 15 to 20

Building cost indexes

The information presented in the tables indicates trends of building construction costs in 33 leading cities and their suburban areas (within a 25-mile radius). The table to the right presents correct cost indexes for non-residential construction, residential construction, masonry construction, and steel construction. Differences in costs between two cities can be compared by dividing the cost differential figure of one city by that of a second city.

The table below presents historical building cost indexes for non-residential construction; future costs can be projected after examining past trends.

All the indexes are based on wage rates for nine skilled trades, together with common labor, and prices of basic building materials are included in the index for each listed city.

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The new cathedral of San Francisco takes the place of the red brick Victorian Gothic building, built in 1887, which burned to the ground in September 1962. Hardly had the ashes of the old cathedral cooled when speculation began as to who would design the new: surely only a world-famous architect would be chosen for so prestigious a job in such a city as San Francisco. Announcement made in the following April that the little-known firms of Angus McSweeney and Ryan and Lee had been appointed, caught the whole community unawares. There was first amazement, then consternation, then strong—and vocal—pressure (especially from wealthy and influential donors) for a change of architects. The archdiocese maintained its commitment to the local firms, but it did acquiesce to their suggestion that an architect of world renown be appointed to work with them on the design.

The man on whom all agreed was Pietro Belluschi of Boston, Italian by birth, engineer by training, architect by choice and long experience, Catholic by upbringing, and the designer of some of this country's most distinguished churches. At first Belluschi did not want the job; he knew what agony of spirit such a job would entail, and how long it would take. Besides, in his innate modesty, he felt that he could not do it justice. "My talents had been nourished on less ambitious projects," he says. "But like the reluctant bride, in the end I could not resist the seduction."

His modesty and his reluctance were unjustified. No more fortunate choice could have been made. Belluschi's extensive experience as consultant on projects of great variety and scope, his work with a diversity of minds and temperaments, and the restraint and elegance of his taste, were exactly the ingredients needed. His appointment was announced in September, although he had been working through the summer with the local architects and he had already formed the concept which later became the design of the new cathedral. Because of the engineering inherent in the concept, he had asked that Pier Luigi Nervi be retained as consultant.

"The essence of contemporary architecture is not the avoidance of style, or the creating of a new one, but an insistence on integrity of thought," wrote Pietro Belluschi to the Archbishop. Integrity, proportion and clarity—Thomas Aquinas' guiding principles for greatness—are the essence of the design so majestically achieved in St. Mary's. The cathedral stands free on the crest of Cathedral Hill, the highest eminence in that part of the city, the Western Addition redevelopment area. The principal entrance is on the north instead of the west (as in most European cathedrals). It is approached from Geary Street, on the high side of the site, across a great plaza or forecourt, 200 feet wide and 150 feet deep. From this plaza the scale of the building and the full sweep of the 196-foot height of the cupola can be seen. The entire structure is covered with travertine marble, the utter simplicity of its use a subtle foil for the richness of the material. Stairs from the plaza lead to the parking area and to the entrance to the 1,200-seat cathedral hall and other meeting rooms, sacristy and kitchen. The rectory, a convent and a high school are on the south side of the site.

"What would Michelangelo have thought of this cathedral?" the designers were asked at the unveiling of the final design. Nervi answered for all: "He could not have thought of it. This design comes from geometric theories not yet proven. It could only have been conceived today."
on engineering design, and Nervi’s appointment was announced simultaneously with Belluschi’s.

The early Belluschi design proposals (1, 2, 3, 4) show a more or less traditional approach, following the direction taken by McSweeney, Ryan and Lee who were striving to meet both

the program and the wishes of Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken and Monsignor Thomas J. Bowe, pastor of St. Mary’s, whose first inclination had been toward a design developed from the historic Mission Dolores in San Francisco. But Belluschi’s search for form did not stop with the conventional even though any one of his early approaches would have made a beautiful building. His conviction was strong that the design of a cathedral for today, if it was to “endure as a symbol of our faith and of our seriousness as builders” must consist of elemental forms, handled with the “kind of simplicity that becomes both structure and symbol, to be looked at and remembered.” The more he struggled with the problem, the more certain he became that “here was a need for a strong structural concept—an engineering form as an expression of the modern age, comparable in scale and size to the cathedrals of the past, a form that could only be done now. And I knew that it was necessary to have someone like Nervi to help in its fulfillment.

“The idea of using a warped surface for the envelope of the cathedral came to me from the studies and drawings of the Catalanos, close friends and associates at M.I.T., which had been published in 1960 in the student publication of the North Carolina School of Design. My first tentative sketches (5, 6) were made in September 1963. In hundreds of other sketches I explored all aspects of the design, but these have the essence of the idea.”

Coincident with this breakthrough in design was the announcement by the Second Vatican Council of a new constitution of sacred liturgy. The new design concept had, fortuitously, pre-

The interior of St. Mary’s is neither dim nor mysterious; there are no unseeable recesses, no barriers, gates or grills. Yet there is drama nevertheless, expressed in the structure itself: the plain surfaces and the clear lines of the arches contrast with the rich coffers of the cupola, Kepes’ glowing colors on its curving surfaces, and Lippold’s baldachino a glistening announcement of the cathedral’s focal point.
figured the architectural implications of the Council's directive that priest and people should be united with the altar as their focus. Under the great cupola of Belluschi's scheme, in a single unobstructed space, were sanctuary, nave, baptistery and narthex.

Although Nervi had had no previous direct experience with hyperbolic paraboloids, he set to work immediately and enthusiastically to find the structural solution (7, 8, preliminary; 11, 12 final) for the concept. In his usual way, he had models made and tested at the Instituto Sperimentale Modelli Structure in Bergamo. The first results were discouraging, but a modified design and new, larger models brought ultimate success. Belluschi continued to study structure, function and esthetics (9, 10), with particular concern for the relation of the lower part to the cupola (never resolved to the full satisfaction of architects and consultants). The idea of a pure form resting on the ground was not possible here because to house 2,500 seated persons would have meant too large a building, overwhelming in the city and on the skyline. Belluschi paced off gas tanks and reservoirs to see how so large a structure would look and decided on the base as a necessary compromise. (Another cathedral, Kenzo Tange's St. Mary's in Tokyo, uses a warped surface "dome" without a base but this is a much smaller building, seating only 800 with standing room for 1,000 more, with traditional nave and sanctuary—as different from St. Mary's San Francisco as any two Gothic cathedrals are from each other.)

The final design—St. Mary's today—is both dramatic and serene. It is "no mere neutral design," nor does it depend on "engineering tricks" or on "archaic architectural terminology," all of which the Archbishop proscribed. The shells of the cupola, unique on the skyline, announce a building whose purpose is distinct from that of other buildings, as he asked. But the interior is the true glory of the cathedral, the justification of the exterior. All the effort and agony of creation in an age of technological and sociological complexity find their recompense here, where the clarity of the idea is fulfilled. In the single space created by the cupola, rising 190 feet from the floor, is the message of today's church: oneness, integrity, unity; of sanctuary and nave, of priest and people, of all men with each other.

The two great works of art which are themselves at one with the building are the brilliant stained glass windows 6 feet wide by 130 feet long, designed by Gyorgy Kepes for the junctures of the hyperbolic paraboloids along the sides and overhead; and Richard Lippold's shimmering baldacchino of aluminum rods, suspended from the cupola by slender gold wires, with a simple gold cross at its center. No lesser quality of design in whatever works of art are yet to come will be worthy of the building.—E.K.T.
Predella, altar and pulpit, with the simple rosewood reredos, are surrounded on three sides by seats, none of which is farther than 100 feet away.

The unique structure required a variance from the city's 160-foot height limit for concrete structures, and was put through a number of conservative reviews for its engineering design. The Nervi panels, precast with the stiffening ribs (half a rib for each panel; see detail at left, center) for the shells, and his shear connector for the travertine facing tiles, were key parts of the whole innovative design. Panels (with acoustical tile infill) form the interior surfaces of the cupola. Leonard Robinson's mathematical model—an equivalent three-dimensional space truss—made possible computer analysis of the whole structure. The massive piers, silhouetted against the corner windows, support the hollow arches which enclose steel trusses, and are supported at ground level by reinforced concrete bases 15-by-24 feet, each resting on six piles 85- to 100-feet long. Piers are tied by prestressed cable at the floor. The photos at lower right show the steel frame for the cupola—roof, diagonal and edge beams (typical section, left center), and all phases of the construction.
FLORIDA MUSEUM USES EARTH FORMS BOLDLY

Earth berms, concrete sun canopies and landscaped courts are the visual vocabulary that architect William Morgan has so effectively employed in designing the new Florida State Museum in Gainesville. The museum's fine natural history collection had previously been housed in a cramped office building downtown. The new site is a natural hillside on the northeast fringe of the University of Florida. Surrounding buildings, part of a biological research complex, defined the site but posed no problem of architectural etiquette. Morgan has treated the north and east elevations as simple but powerful earth forms crowned in concrete but giving little hint of what is within. The berm is sectioned only on the north side by a projecting entrance canopy (photo page 122). On entering, the visitor finds himself on the building's upper level overlooking an exciting sequence of interlocking sculpture courts and earth mounds.

The museum's functional relationships are clearly defined. The lowest two levels contain research and storage space for the departments of
natural and social sciences. Offices line the wall facing the sculpture courts and generous precast overhangs protect the view windows. Small labs link the offices with storage ranges which are buried in the berm. By these simple juxtapositions, the three kinds of staff spaces can be concentrated for maximum convenience and flexibility. Loading docks at both levels lead to spaces where newly arrived materials can be cleaned, sorted, fumigated and catalogued before being put on display or into the research collections.

The upper level, in addition to a reception area, contains guides' offices and a large multimedia exhibition hall for the display of a collection that includes brightly-colored Indian potlatch and totems as well as the skeleton of a prehistoric mammoth recently recovered from under nearly forty feet of water in a swamp near Tallahassee. "Bertha," as the ancient fossil is called, was almost 85 per cent complete when recovered and is reported to be the best preserved lady of her kind ever found in the Southeastern United States.
FLORIDA STATE MUSEUM

At the south end of the exhibition gallery, a bridge (photo page 125) leads to the top of an earth pyramid and down into the sculpture courts where the earth-form motif reaches its climax. This two-acre sequence of staged platforms provides more than a splendid and appropriate setting for archaeological display. It also serves as connective tissue between other adjoining but functionally disassociated portions of the campus. The museum’s future expansion to the south will continue this process of unification.

Morgan has long been interested in earth-form architecture, and feels that contemporary architects have too long ignored its design potential. This exceptionally handsome museum, funded jointly by the Florida Board of Regents, private donors and the National Science Foundation, pleads the case for earth forms potently and persuasively.

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The museum's interiors are direct and appealing. In the reception area, photo above, concrete is left natural and carpeting is soft brown. Bright color accents are provided by graphics and posters advertising exhibits within. Waffle slabs are exposed in most of the spaces. In the 35,000 square foot exhibition area, the steel truss ceiling is painted black and equipped with flexible lighting.

Glass walls facing the court are protected by wide, canted overhangs that double as parapets for terraces above. Detailing has been kept simple both inside and out. All parking lots for staff and public are located at the site's perimeter where they are largely concealed by berms and planting.
A quiet Toronto street in one of the city’s older residential sections has a new office building on it, housing the headquarters facilities for the Ontario Medical Association, and the building may be a little puzzling to any of the neighborhood people who have seen it both inside and out. The street facade is simple, almost conservative and haphazard in its flatness, with its simple punched holes for large windows that are in nearly the same plane as the brick, and with two large openings at either end of the building that obviously lead up from and down to a parking garage below. Though there are details around the entrance that tell a trained eye (or an architect) that the intentions of the designers here were serious, complex, and probably meant as a challenge, still the effect of the street facade is quite remarkable. But the effect of the inside spaces, as in the photo at left, is not. Walls rise through three floors with clerestory lighting at the top, exterior light is brought through two separated planes of glass causing the darker interior glass to reflect the image of the lighter exterior walls, and common electrical ducts are exposed on the wall surfaces along with their outlet boxes and warm and cold air piping. It is the combination of “averageness” on the facade, the spectacular display of spatial gymnastics inside, and the use of usually concealed ducts as decoration that would be surprising to any layman.

To the architects A. J. Diamond and Barton Myers, of course, it is an expression of their convictions regarding architecture, and what they believe should be made important in their buildings. Both architects worked in the office of Louis Kahn, and they both acknowledge the influence on them of Robert Venturi’s ideas. They have not been interested in elaborated structure—in exposing the bones of their buildings—but they have been concerned with expressing the activities of people. They say about the O.M.A. Building: “Instead of expending funds and energy on ‘architecture’ which in truth often means structural exhibitionism, or conspicuously expensive finishes, or excessive ‘articulation’ judgments made were in reference to the importance of activities, and user work requirements.” The three principal activities within the O.M.A. are the administrative functions of the permanent staff, the executive function, which is carried out periodically (at least once every month) by meetings of the board of representatives, and the entertainment, dining and social functions of the association.
It is easy to see from the plans (page 131) which of these functions has been given symbolic emphasis over the others, and to understand why. The board meetings, at which decisions are made regarding the daily operations and ultimate public values of the Ontario medical profession, are the raison d'être of the O.M.A. itself, and the board room has thus been made the central focus of attention of the whole design. It is circular where the rest of the spaces are rectilinear, and it is one of the largest spaces in plan, much larger than its programmed 40-person seating capacity might require. It exudes a kind of elegance (page 132) that the rest of the building has tried to avoid.

The other two activities interlock spatially throughout the rest of the building: the areas available for entertainment and public functions are on the ground floor, and executive or administrative functions occur on the upper two floors. The main lounge on the first floor (color photo, left) is near the entrance for large public dinners or receptions, the employees may use it during the working day and at lunch, and it is immediately available before board meetings. The major space of the administrative area is the secretarial pool on the second floor (photo, page 130). It rises through two floors, acknowledging its use by the largest daily concentrations of people, and the low-ceilinged one- and two-man offices surround the secretarial area on two floors. Finally, these activities are linked through three floors by the interior open space around the board room; the curved wall of the board room is visible from all floors and is the architectural event by which visual orientation is possible from any other place in the building.

The interior feeling of most of the O.M.A. Building is one of casualness. Except for the board room there is a kind of studied devaluation of hierarchies which is implied by the spatial interlocking of activities just described. But it is easy to notice Diamond's and Myers' other efforts to make the building unpretentious and to relax it: such information is supplied most clearly by the detailing; the selection of fixtures and finishes, and the small parts of the building chosen for emphasis. The cold and warm air ducts of the mechanical system are directly exposed to view, and sometimes used as sculpture in space, as with the ductwork (below, left) leading from the entrance foyer to the conference room. The ducts are common spiral tubing of galvanized steel with the usual flexible elbows of aluminum, all with a white enamel finish baked on before installation. There are chromed spicing straps at the joint and chromed hangers. Their impact lies in their obvious commonness—everyone knows these things are usually hidden in basements or ceilings—and in their formal organization. The same judgments apply to the common tubing used as handrails, and to the lighting—ordinary conduit and four-way outlet boxes have been exposed throughout the building in expressive, decorative ways (see photo, page 130).

The O.M.A. building's emphasis on the expression of human activities, and the architects' lack of commitment to any basic structural clarity certainly add up to a kind of devaluation of technological issues; the architecture doesn't much exhibit a concern for technical expression or even of rationalism, with its usual scientific emphasis. A kind of technical rationalism has always been one of the firmest foundations of modern architecture, and the attack on it here is refreshing to see. This building seems to say that of course technology is with us, but it need not be quite so revered: there are more important things to think about.

Even the exposure of mechanical and electrical parts says this; or more correctly, they especially say this. The electrical tubing, the outlet boxes, and the air ducts chosen are mass-produced in thousands of shapes and sizes; they are not specialized forms like LeCorbusier's "object types," and they are utterly devalued artistically. In the construction industry, they are akin to consumer parts; purchased in quantity, nearly disposable. We have no reverence for these forms; they give us a light feeling of shock, of restraints removed, of casualness and wit.

The architects of this small office building have succeeded in expressing the human values and institutional organizational patterns which sponsored the building in the first place, as they intended to do. It is a successful building on that level, and at the same time it manages to impart new meaning to some of the inexpensive materials of our building industry.

—Robert Jensen

The new O.M.A. Building replaces an older residential structure on the same site that was previously used as the headquarters. The parts of the plans at left labeled "existing building" were a recent addition to that older residence that was allowed to remain. Together, the new O.M.A. headquarters and the existing building form two sides of a new court that will be the focus for any future expansions that may take place. The additions will be sited on the two remaining sides of the court, forming, eventually, an interior plaza. This focus toward the back of the building in the expansion plans and in the present bricked terrace, plus the existence of the large underground parking facilities (see section, above) keep the O.M.A. headquarters from encroaching into the street and neighborhood with its present and planned activities.

The main secretarial pool (photo, far left) faces out onto the rear court and is surrounded by two levels of offices. By exposing the mechanical ducts and eliminating hung ceilings, floor-to-floor heights were reduced to 8 ft-6 in. in most areas.
The board room of the O.M.A. Building (photo, above) is prominent from any point of view around the building and its roof has been employed as a deck for lounging; placing a square within a circle allows seating on the parapet, because any seat is usually a safe distance from the edge.

The standard spiral metal ducts in the building, like those in the photo at left, were cut to fit from shop drawings in a factory, rather than formed at the site. Each section of duct received an inexpensive white baked enamel finish which could not have been applied using site fabrication. The isometric at right is the clearest representation of the new O.M.A. building, and indicates the architects' de-emphasis of exterior facades; the major significance lies in the spaces (both exterior and interior) and with the interior parts.
The principal stairway of the O.M.A. Building rises from the parking garage to the third floor. The open doorway of the photo above looks through to the second floor level, and the picture at left was taken below the first floor, looking straight up. The very simple but effective detailing of the building is especially evident here, along with the absence of expensive materials or finishes.
EXPOSED PILINGS SUPPORT EIGHT-LEVEL WOOD FRAME HOUSE

Because of its exposed structure and woodwork, this house seems to have been made by a loving craftsman. Details and materials are articulated in a way that conveys something very well-made.

Like a pier over low water the house extends between pilings out over a lakeside slope. It is raised off the ground as part of "a preservationist approach" says architect William Morgan. This minimized earthwork and thus the disturbance or destruction of trees, leaving a tree canopy which, with the house sited well up on the slope, provides privacy for the rooms open to the lake. The house presents a blank aspect to the road (photo below) and sides, also for privacy.

As the client-contractor—a forestry professor—and his wife wanted maximum use of natural wood, the structure is almost en-
tirely of wood. Nine southern yellow pine pilings are embedded to a depth of 10 feet in cylinders of poured-in-place concrete. The carport-entry slab (under living room) is anchored to the pilings which are exposed inside and out. As they taper irregularly, they are fastened with special adjustable bolts (permitting a 2-inch variation in piling diameter) to laminated beams supporting exposed floor and ceiling joists, all of southern yellow pine. The darkness of the treated pilings and their natural shape contrast with the crisp, machine-cut lines and light tones of rough-sawn cedar plywood siding applied like clapboards and chosen for its dimensional stability.

The house consists of eight levels within four rectangular volumes spiraling in a pinwheel configuration around the central piling. Entry is from the carport at the base of the stair or by ramp up to the two-story porch. From the porch one may go up to the living room, children's rooms, master bedroom and studio; or down to kitchen and dining room and guest-recreation room.

The plan is very compact and neatly accommodates all program requirements including "separate dining room; screened porch overlooking lake; guest suite independent of main house; studio for writing and print framing; covered parking accessible to kitchen; living room suitable for displaying rare maps, prints and paintings." The last item, along with a need for privacy, resulted in a set-back wall with windows at either end. There is no hall except on the two-bedroom level as all other rooms are entered directly from
the stairwell. Every major space has a view of the lake.

Luan mahogany was used in the master bedroom paneling, interior doors and cabinet work. Southern yellow pine is also used in the door frames and the laminated, edge-grain ceilings and floors which are made of 12-inch wide tongued-and-grooved sections that are cut to the specified length—a type of flooring used in bowling alleys and vans.

As in previous houses by the same architect, simple, rectilinear volumes, expressed inside and out, combine to provide a strong sense of spatial liveliness.

HOSPITALS

Three trends emerge in the current stream of hospital events. First—as the four, moderate-size hospitals shown here and on following pages demonstrate—the quality of architectural massing and detail is substantially better than has been common in the past. Second, interior designs for hospitals have progressed from the norm of utilitarian austerity to a new norm of good contemporary design, without the lavish overstatement that has occurred occasionally in the recent past. Third, architectural and planning techniques for nursing care spaces and bedrooms provide new approaches to efficiency of the nursing task.

The four hospitals shown in the photos on this page are (top to bottom at left) the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital at Cooperstown, N.Y., designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; the Dameron Hospital Addition No. 4 at Stockton, Calif., designed by Rex Whittaker Allen & Associates; the Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia, N.H., designed by the Office of Bruce Porter Arneill Architects; and (above) the Dr. Joseph O. Ruddy General Hospital in Whitby, Ontario, designed by Craig, Zeidler, and Strong. These hospitals are shown in some detail on the following pages.

A study of the evolution of nursing care spaces by Michael L. Bobrow, architect and planning associate of Medical Planning Associates, reviews efficiency studies of the past and introduces a simplified, practical method of evaluation developed at MPA. (See page 151.)

—William B. Foxhall
The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital
is a mini-medical center for
Cooperstown, New York, designed
by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Precast, double-stem tee structure is cleanly
expressed in a three-level facade overlooking
a plaza atop the ground-floor connection between
Bassett Hospital’s new wing and the original
complex (See section). Radiology and pharmacy
are relocated under the plaza, with passages
connecting the new main entrance, administration,
dining and supply areas to the older section.
At basement level is a tunnel to remote parking areas.
This four-level addition to a 40-year old general acute hospital in Cooperstown, New York, provides 175 beds for a rural community medical center that is unusual in the scope of its service and the organization by which it operates. Community hospitals in rural areas (Cooperstown is a dairy and poultry farming community 200 miles from New York City) tend to lose highly skilled full-time medical staff to the urban areas when they operate, as most such hospitals do, by extending part-time staff privileges to private physicians, who may then admit their own patients or refer them to other private specialists on the staff. The Bassett Hospital (named for its first chief of staff) operates under a principle of group medical practice whereby the whole staff acts as a unit to provide full medical care for the entire community.

The current mode of operation is to put medical staff members on payroll so that patients seeking attention can go directly to one of the hospital’s seven specialty clinics. Doctors treating patients in one department can simply refer them to another without fear of losing their business. No longer forced to compete for patients, local doctors share their skills for the benefit of the whole community, according to Dr. Charles Ashley, the hospital director. Because there are no unaffiliated physicians in Cooperstown and few in surrounding communities, most residents see themselves as the personal patients of Bassett’s 32 full-time physicians.

The new addition, completed in the summer of 1970, was constructed with three floor levels facing a plaza connecting the new wing with the existing complex. The connecting structure at ground level under the plaza houses radiology and pharmacy between passages leading from the new main entrance, administration and dining areas to clinical and other areas in the old section. A basement tunnel under the new wing goes to a parking area.
Interiors at the Bassett Hospital relate to the culture of the town and to the group practice mode of operation. The hospital has an endowment income of $1 million a year so that interiors, while not lavish, are not constrained by the struggle for money that besets many community hospitals. The reception area is semi-formal and comparatively small, since it does not have to serve as a waiting area. The hospital is nylon carpeted throughout except in technical areas. A color-coded graphics system provides red, black, and green arrows for traffic direction and the carpeting is a different color for each floor. Draperies are hand-printed white canvas. Wall panels in lobby and lounges are wood. In other areas, they are vinyl. There are serigraph silk-screen blow-ups at random throughout the hospital. Furnishings, including china and menus, were designed by the architects.

Nurses' stations are divided in two sections to accommodate doctors on one side of a low storage partition and to facilitate the teaching process. There are about 20 graduate medical students at the hospital and a training program for young doctors which is based on an agreement that gives many members of the staff a faculty appointment at Columbia University.

The 137,000 gross sq ft of the wing cost about $7 million, and the cost index of $53 per sq ft includes Group I equipment. Patients' rooms are 12.5- by 16-ft with a mix of single and double bedrooms that averages out to about 790 sq ft per bed.

Rather formal waiting and reception areas reflect the group-practice mode of Bassett Hospital's operation. In addition to main cafeteria at ground level, below, there are separate dining and social areas in the open-floor psychiatric section, bottom left, opposite, and in the second-level extended care section overlooking the plaza. Psychiatric single rooms, bottom right, avoid clinical aspect in furnishings.
Lakes Region General Hospital makes virtue of necessity in expansion on a hilltop near Laconia, New Hampshire. Bruce Porter Arneill is the architect.

Towers of brick over roughly formed concrete regenerate a 65-year-old New Hampshire hospital and greatly increase its capacity to handle both skiing and summer tourist peaks. A seven-layer addition on the steep north side of the site (section, far right) kept traffic sorted out while remodeling and regular patient services proceeded. Convertible single and double rooms have exterior plumbing in brick towers.
The renovations and additions to the Lakes Region General Hospital presented architects with a double problem. First, the rather undistinguished vocabulary of the existing hospital was nonetheless rigorously New England in its tone and rugged in character. Second, the hilltop site imposed constraints on simple horizontal expansion at levels that would simply extend the original three floors. The architects exploited both of these seeming disadvantages. The exterior of the new addition sustains the character of towering brick and roughly formed concrete well within the regional mode, and the sloping hillside serves as an access ramp to service and mechanical areas at lower levels.

The new addition adds space for 82 beds and relocated X-ray, surgery, obstetrics, administration, kitchen and dining areas. The task was to recreate and enlarge the hospital and keep it operational while the additional work was going on. A complicating factor was the seasonal pattern which imposes two tourist peaks (one during the winter skiing season and the other during the summer resort season) on an otherwise stable population.

The solution was to place a seven-level vertical element on the downhill side of the main service units. This solved some of the traffic pattern confusion while the upper medical levels were tied into the remodeled older building in logical sequence. Remodeling of the central existing hospital provides a new main entrance serving the new wing as well as the older.

The basic architectural approach was to restate the brick tower masses surrounding the existing building and use them functionally as vertical passages for stairs, flues, elevators and mechanical equipment.

Dameron Hospital Addition No. 4 advances a replacement program at Stockton, California, in an inventive design for nursing areas by Rex Whitaker Allen and Associates

A new five-story addition of reinforced concrete and stucco containing 102 beds replaces some of the older existing buildings at Dameron Hospital in Stockton, California. The new addition and remodeled areas in the older buildings will include pharmacy, outpatient, emergency, intensive care, administration, central supply, general storage and housekeeping.

The problem at Dameron was to provide up-to-date replacement facilities in keeping with the character of the existing structure and its residential neighborhood and to maintain continuous operation on a rather tight site. The solution is a building of strong simple lines with bedrooms arranged in innovative clusters around indented courtyards serving to relieve the massiveness imposed by older buildings. The resulting crenelated plan expresses the bedroom cluster arrangement and also provides sun control, augmented in this hospital's climatic situation by minimum glass area and architecturally integrated vertical and horizontal sun shade panels arranged as shown at left, to shelter windows on exposed sides of the building.

The cluster plan for patient rooms provides an irregular corridor configuration with a series of vestibules that perform as work centers. This plan allows a higher concentration of beds on a shorter corridor while keeping general services centralized. Each nurses' station serves 34 beds. The bedrooms are about equally divided between single and two-bed rooms.

Cost of the new addition was $2.3 million for 55,825 sq ft.

Site plan for the new addition was constrained by the need to work around existing buildings. The new wing consists of a ground floor with below-grade courts, plus three stories above grade south of the existing buildings. A new main entrance is provided on the south side and an emergency entrance on the east side. Floors and departments are tied into remodeled areas of existing buildings.

Sunken courts at the south and east provide light and access to below grade areas and to possible future outdoor dining facilities. Future expansion will extend the new wing to the east. No additional floors will be built atop this new wing.

Dameron Hospital Addition No. 4, Stockton, Calif. Architects: Rex Whitaker Allen and Associates—project architect: Roger A. Youngs; director of design: Mark A. Letchowski; structural engineers: Gilbert, Fortberg, Diekmann, Schmidt; mechanical engineers: Kasin, Cattman & Associates; electrical engineers: Mel Cammisa; landscape architect: Rosston, Hanamoto, Beck & Abey; general contractor: Craft Construction Company.
Tied in to remodeled working areas of existing buildings, this compact interlocking arrangement of bedrooms foreshortens corridors and provides operational vestibules with good visibility and convenience of service to each cluster. Space per bed (547 sq ft) is not generous, but layout and furnishings promote efficiency and a sense of space.
Dr. Joseph O. Ruddy General Hospital expresses the rugged climate and terrain of Whitby, Ontario, in a molded precast concrete system designed by Craig, Zeidler & Strong.
Whitby Hospital has been called a sculpture; and at a superficial glance, this may be thought to be correct; yet a building can only be a sculpture in the same way that a spoon could be called a sculpture.” So says Eberhard H. Zeidler in a review of the origins of the form of the Dr. Joseph O. Ruddy Hospital in Whitby, Ontario. In a search for fluidity of form corresponding to the combined requirements of flexible program and the character of the surrounding countryside, advantage was taken of the emerging techniques of fiberglass formwork and the adaptability of repeated precast concrete components. In the use of these techniques, the architects found that the wall, the framework and the mechanical enclosures could be incorporated in one continuous skin in an expression of fluid form that would not have been possible with conventional form work.

Since this is Whitby’s first general hospital, it was designed to be expanded with the least possible expense and disturbance to operation. The first stage provides beds for 100 patients with service areas designed to accommodate 150. This will permit a 50 per cent increase in beds without substantial alteration of service areas. Foundations and construction techniques were designed to accommodate an ultimate capacity of about 600 beds by vertical additions of nursing units at 64 beds per floor to a height of 10 floors. Service and outpatient areas are designed for horizontal expansion. This overall design permits the hospital to accept the treatment and expansion demands as they occur. For example, should medical techniques so direct, the expansion of the outpatient services could be accomplished horizontally without distortion of the overall appearance or plan of the hospital.

The hospital’s lowest floor level, partially below grade, contains all service functions, including emergency, radiology and laboratory, outpatient, surgical suite, physiotherapy, pharmacy, central processing and supply. Any one of these areas can expand independently of other areas on the same floor or on floors above.

Social facilities such as cafeteria, reading rooms, shops, lounges for public and staff are grouped about and become part of the main entrance, imbuing this space with life and activity.

The roof of the ground floor extends beyond the main building core, and its surface holds a 6-in. deep reflecting pond with a fountain, both essential components of the air conditioning system. It is estimated that the pond reduces the roof’s temperature in summer by 50 degrees.

The sculptured effect of precast concrete work at the Joseph O. Ruddy Hospital is achieved through a system of precast concrete modules formed in fiberglass-reinforced plastic molds. The structure above the main entrance level consists of a tower with 10 piers supporting perimeter beams at each floor level. The fiberglass forms for nine basic shapes will be saved for use on future additions.

The sketches below show approximate shapes and articulation of formed units. The curved surfaces of the fiberglass forms were manufactured by George Krier, Jr., Inc., from models prepared by the architects in collaboration with Ted Beiler, sculptor.
The modified pinwheel shape of nursing floors reflects the same search for flexibility that is expressed in the sculptured exterior. Nursing floors are arranged with wings containing 16 to 20 beds per wing. Each pair of wings forms a nursing unit of 32 beds with a central nursing station, and an entire floor of 64 beds can be administered as one unit and serviced by mutual common rooms, classrooms, offices, etc.
THE EVOLUTION OF
NURSING SPACE PLANNING
FOR EFFICIENT OPERATION

By Michael L. Bobrow, director of architectural planning, Medical Planning Associates

Although hospital design is currently reflecting a greater emphasis on outpatient services, the inpatient care unit remains a basic element. Radical changes in the design of this unit have occurred only in the past several years, responding to new capabilities in technology, improvements in nursing care procedures, and a reevaluation of the health care delivery system.

Layout of the hospital nursing unit underwent few changes in basic plan from the 13th through the 19th centuries. It was essentially a long, open space with beds located on the exterior walls. In 1875 at the hospital for the Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore School of Medicine, some bold new concepts were studied. Compact, square and octagonal designs were developed with the beds on the exterior walls, all focusing toward the nursing station. Although the ideas and insights of these early studies did not have a general effect on nursing unit design until three-quarters of a century later, some progress was slowly made. Large open wards were looked upon with increasing disfavor; they were noisy and allowed patients little or no privacy; and it was virtually impossible to isolate infected patients.

The open ward was gradually replaced by smaller rooms off a central corridor, and nurses reconciled themselves to miles of daily walking as they went about their duties.

Evaluation of the functional plan
The increase in nurses’ travel raised an important design question: At what point does the need for individual privacy or for added support space create too large a unit (which in turn negates the goal of a close nurse-patient link)?

At the first AHA Institute on Hospital Planning held in Chicago in 1947, architect Lewis J. Sarvis stated: “Investigation indicates that nurses spend at least 40 percent of their time walking.” A major goal in planning became that of reducing nurses’ travel in order to increase direct nurse-patient contact.

In the late 1950’s Thompson and Pelletier developed the Yale Traffic index, which studied traffic patterns in existing hospitals. The researchers identified 14 traffic links that made up 91 percent of ward traffic, and they evaluated units in the light of these patterns. The limitations of that survey were recognized and well described in another study in the mid-1960’s: Jan Koumans of the Netherlands pointed out as an example that, “The distance from patient room to service room is important only when this service room will be used with a constant frequency. A change of organization could make this service room disappear altogether, which will make any comparison with another nursing unit organized along different lines impossible. The points of contact should be chosen at the beginning and at the end of a certain kind of activity, which must be performed regardless of any change in the organization of the unit.”

A more recent study of nursing unit efficiency was made by Delon and Smalley at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Medical College of Georgia. The investigators have compiled not only frequency of travel in a typical hospital, but have interpolated a factor representing cost of employee travel time and another financial factor: the pre-rated cost of construction.

At Medical Planning Associates, (MPA), a method has been developed which does not require advanced mathematical analyses, although its results closely approximate those of the other methods mentioned. Its great advantage lies in its simplicity and convenience. It produces a useful indicator of the travel characteristics of nursing unit design. That is the distance-to-bed factor, which is simply an average of distances from work centers to beds divided by the number of beds. Centers are marked with quadranted circles in the sketches.

The method is based on the recognition of one or more “nursing work cores” as centers of nursing activity, containing the elements most frequently used and most critically needed by the nurse. Measurements from these centers of nursing activity to each bedside are tallied and averaged for comparison. In previous years a single work core often served an entire floor of beds. More recently, the work core has been subdivided so as to be located closer to patient clusters and to be convenient to each nursing team. Most recent figures indicate a range of 12 to 16 patients per individual team. Indeed, in some plans currently in operation much of the support space is located adjacent to each individual patient space.

Obviously a clear recognition of each unit’s organizational pattern is necessary before the evaluation can be accomplished. One of the most critical aspects is the variation in size, location, and make-up of the staff during shifts. A plan with support space fully dispersed with a close patient-nurse link during the day shift might be very inefficient to operate when the night shift greatly reduces the staff and a consequent repositioning of the nurses to a location more peripheral to a larger number of beds.

It should be noted as well that maximum and minimum travel distances from the center of activity are as important as the average distance, because with great distance variations, patients may receive unequal nursing observation. Additionally, analysis is needed of the maximum distance between patient rooms. Therefore, the evolving goal generated from these analyses is to minimize distance—the average distance of travel, the range of distance between the nearest and farthest patient rooms and the nurse work core, and the distance between all patient rooms. Finally, there must be a recognition that these distances must be tempered by a factor relating to the number of beds per unit.

Although each of the cited unit analyses related originally to different hospitals with varying parameters, the rankings of general plan types are surprisingly consistent. The compact plan is recognized as generally superior, with one qualification: the exterior shape is far less an indicator than the internal core organization and layout. Planners have attempted many approaches in satisfaction of the goal of efficient activity patterns; the following illustrations show key points in the evolution of the concept of the compact inpatient care unit. Those for which we were consultants are indicated by (MPA) in the captions. Not shown is the typical double-loaded corridor, a standard for many years because of the need for cross-ventilation and natural lighting, but with excessively long distances between the nurses’ station and the end rooms of the unit.

Holy Cross Hospital in Los Angeles (Fig. 1), reflecting the freedom possible with economical air conditioning and changing codes, demonstrates a far more efficient unit than the single-corridor plan created by placing the nursing support area between two corridors in what has been called the “double corridor” plan. However, the core contains a certain amount of space that is not related to nursing (in elevator space), and thus the unit is less compact than it could be. This unit shows a combination of one central work core with dispersal of some support items to each patient room to minimize traffic.
In its first phase of construction, Valley Presbyterian Hospital (Fig. 2) in Van Nuys, California, developed a very compact circular unit with elevators pulled out of the center and located where they could also serve additional nursing towers in the future. All 34 beds were arranged around the nursing support space, and both the average distance and the range of distance to work core were minimized. Another means of reducing nurse travel distance was achieved by providing redundant circulation, i.e., more than one possible route from point to point.


A problem of working within a circle is posed by the fact that the number of patient rooms dictated by program requirements controls the diameter of the circle. It is purely coincidental when the space in the center provides the necessary square footage programmed for nursing support. However, when the bed count and the support area are in balance (as in Valley Presbyterian’s Phase 2 tower), the circular unit appears to be most efficient. In this second tower the diameter was increased from 88 to 96 feet to provide balanced support space for 19 two-bed rooms. A third tower of a larger diameter with 32 single-bed rooms (Fig. 3) has been most recently added, and all towers are served off the same expanded elevator core. No compromise in the nursing activities is caused by the removal of the elevators from the nursing core. On the contrary, efficiency in the whole hospital’s operation has been maintained by means of the clear, simple circulation system while the hospital has grown from 63 beds to 360 beds in 15 years.

A rectilinear unit, such as that of Providence Hospital in Anchorage (Fig. 4) is much more flexible than the circular unit in terms of the ratio of patient rooms to amount of support space, because of the ease of changing the exterior dimensions on each side while maintaining the same bed count. Most compact rectilinear plans of the same period (1962) compare quite favorably in measurement analysis with the circular plans.

The single-care room

In 1920 Asa S. Bacon, then superintendent of Chicago’s Presbyterian Hospital, published an article entitled “Efficient Hospitals” in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Bacon made a strong plea for the private room—both from the standpoint of the patient’s privacy and comfort, and the hospital’s objective of maximum occupancy. The serious problem of contagion, he noted, is greatly simplified, and the physician or nurse can give better examinations and take more complete histories in the single room.

Although Bacon’s ideas were virtually ignored for almost half a century, the concept of the all single-bed room hospital is now becoming widely accepted. In fact, thirty-three of MPA’s thirty-five current projects are being planned with all single-bed rooms for the medical/surgical units.

In addition to the advantages posited by Bacon, there are other advantages. Patients can become ambulatory earlier when toilet and shower are near at hand in the room. Any room can be used for isolation. Medication errors are reduced. Finally, the hospital realizes some very considerable economies as a result of eliminating patient moves. We have been told by hospital clients that in units with multi-bed rooms the number of daily moves averages 6-9 per day at a cost of $25 to $40 per move (in added paperwork, housekeeping, etc.).

Design of a hospital with all single rooms is not without its problems, however. If we design the single room along the lines of the conventional patient room (corridor run per room of approximately 12 feet), corridor lengths become too great, increasing both construction cost and nurses’ travel distances. To overcome this, there have been various plans to overlap or stagger groups of three or four rooms around open spaces.

In planning the single room as an alternative to the semi-private room, it is possible and necessary to design a highly compact room, adequate for care but not “deluxe.” Early studies showed that the room could be effectively compressed if the bed were located in a diagonal position instead of parallel to the corridor. This reduces the corridor run per room by more than 25 per cent, without compromising the function of the space. We found early that the best way of testing minimum dimensions and spatial effects was to construct a full-size mockup with movable partitions, and then conduct a trial of the equipment, personnel and procedures to be used in the actual room. In some hospitals, mockups were built as part of older nursing units to test them under working conditions over extended periods of time.


Originally some hospital people, as well as architects, felt unsure whether the public (and the insurance companies) would accept these rooms. A compromise solution, two-bed rooms divided by a movable partition, was tried at a number of hospitals, including Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, California (Fig. 5). Administrators now report that partitions are invariably closed (at patients' preference), and some plan to replace the movable partitions with fixed walls for acoustical reasons.

The preference for privacy was borne out by several surveys of patients. A case in point is Providence Hospital in Medford, Oregon (Fig. 6), one of the first all single-bed room hospitals—built in 1965. A survey was made by the religious order that operates Medford and a number of other hospitals. Ninety-two per cent of the doctors and hospital employees surveyed felt that their work was easier when patients were housed in single rooms, and 95 per cent of the patients indicated that if costs were equal, they would select a single room for any future hospitalization.

Hospitals can realize cost benefits from single rooms, and, in several, single-bed room rates are identical to two-bed room rates. A 1968 study by architect Herbert McLaughlin compared hospitals with single and two-bed rooms on the basis of the following costs: construction, furniture, maintenance, housekeeping, heating and ventilation, linen changes, and nursing. Despite higher construction costs, the unit with single rooms showed an over-all savings of $1.38 per day, assuming the very high occupancy factors possible in units with all single rooms.

The following units show a variety of more recent solutions to some of the problems of compact nursing unit design with single-bed rooms. Kaweah Delta District Hospital in Visalia, California (Fig. 7), shows a successful attempt to cluster rooms and thereby reduce corridor length. This hospital has been able to create a far more open space than could normally be achieved by using movable carts in lieu of built-in cabinets. At Centinella Valley Community Hospital in Inglewood (Fig. 8), California, the angles of the bed and the wall are such that the patient does have a direct view out of the window.

Although it provides two-bed rather than single-bed rooms, the Kaiser Foundation Hospital (Fig. 9) at Panorama City is notable for several developments in the evolution of the compact unit. This design shows an attempt to remove from the center of the unit all spaces and equipment not required for direct patient care. These spaces have been relocated in the link connecting the two 23-bed units on each floor. Thus the nurses' station can be completely open, in the center of the unit, for optimum visibility between the station and the patient rooms. Although a landmark in hospital planning, it does not realize all of the benefits of the open plan, because many of the beds are hidden behind the toilet rooms.


A significant feature is the separation of visitor and staff traffic, with visitors routed from a control point near the elevators, around balconies on the outside of the nursing towers.

The Greater Baltimore Medical Center (not shown) is similar in its traffic separation; there the peripheral corridor is enclosed. This would not be permitted by code in most jurisdictions. Indeed, it would be hard to find areas in the country that would allow the construction again of these highly successful units. The basic argument against the open work core comes from the fire marshals, who want to minimize fire spread by removing combustible material from exit corridors. This conflict between openness for nursing-patient contact and closure for fire protection is yet to be resolved. Alternate solutions have been tried in some areas, by exiting all patient rooms to the exterior corridor and treating the nursing work core as a room, with its own means of egress. Unfortunately, we then find conflicts in the enclosure of the exterior corridor, because of the requirements for patient room windows to the exterior, or in the problem of weather in most parts of the country preventing the open corridor approach.

Modified approaches have been more successful in acceptance. Recognizing the advantages of openness, we now plan to remove from the nursing work core all items which do not need to be immediately accessible to the nursing team.

Thus we are able to improve the patient-nurse link, as was done at St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles (Fig. 10) by placing at the center of the unit only those items which are essential to direct patient care. For a module of 16 beds—the number which St. Vincent's has established as the number which can effectively be served by one nursing team—those items include: doctors' and nurses' charting, dictation, medications, clean/sterile supply, and linen (the last three items on carts). The following items are shared between two 16-bed modules: nurses' lounge and toilet, clean/sterile supply backup, soiled utility, and a nourishment unit. And, finally, the following items are centralized to serve a 64-bed nursing floor (four modules): space for unit manager (with computer terminal), reception, nursing service office, floor pharmacy, visitors' lounge, consultation, examination and conference rooms, and tub rooms. As diagnostic and convalescent patients are siphoned away from the acute hospital to other types of facilities, the level of acuity of illness in general hospital patients rises. Therefore, it is logical that some of the more advanced nursing units now being designed will reflect a concern for the more acutely ill patient.


Intensive and coronary care units

Early intensive care and coronary care units closely resembled the post-anesthesia recovery areas from which they evolved. Beds were lined up in open wards with little space between, and no provision for patient privacy other than cubicle curtains. More recent studies indicate, however, a great need for privacy while maintaining maximum visibility from the nursing station.


Visitors pose different problems in ICU and CCU from those in other types of nursing units. Although visitors to ICU and CCU are generally restricted to close family members, they may visit patients for a few minutes at a time, at any hour. Because of the critical nature of nursing care in these units, visitors can be a distraction to the staff. One solution is a plan that has a unit of semi-circular configuration within a rectangle. Visitor traffic and waiting areas are accommodated in the peripheral space between the curved wall of the unit and the rectilinear exterior wall.

The combined ICU-CCU in the third-phase nursing tower at Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys (Fig. 11) incorporates many of the features we have discussed, including maximum visibility of all patient rooms from the central nurses' station and a separate peripheral visitor's corridor. The unit also employs plumbed, fold-down toilet fixtures next to each bed, enabling the patient to use those facilities with relative ease. It is interesting to note that the forces which are currently coming to bear on the design of intermediate medical/surgical inpatient care units have influenced the evolution of the intermediate care unit to the point where there might be little, if any, distinction between that and the evolving intensive care unit. Indeed, the new wing at the M.D. Anderson Tumor Research Institute hospital (Fig. 12), as well as several other facilities currently being planned at MPA, shows this striking similarity. In summary, we see today a trend toward groupings of small, open work cores in compact form to provide close contact. A method for replacement as well as expansion of patient beds must be provided if the hospital is to be as efficient as the times demand.
Dampers blunt the wind's force on tall buildings

Doors have dampers to slow their closing. Cars have shock absorbers to smooth out the ride. But until now, buildings have not had engineered dampers, as such, to take out the energy that the wind pumps into a tall building. The building in point is the World Trade Center whose two twin towers each have 10,000 dampers at the ends of floor trusses.

Today's buildings are taller, have longer spans, and are more flexible—thus they are affected more than before by the vagaries of the wind. When wind blows on a tall building it puts energy into it that, in one way or another, must be dissipated to avoid distress to the building structure and discomfort to the occupants.

The earlier skyscrapers had heavy walls and partitions that added mass and damping to the structure. Further, their facades usually had strong texture which served to create turbulence and thus acted as a natural means of damping. The exterior walls and partitions sliding across contiguous parts used up energy by means of friction. Of course, it is still possible to utilize textural devices. For example, the U. S. Steel Building in Pittsburgh is a triangle in plan, but it has notches cut out of the corners which create turbulence when the wind blows.

But buildings have reached such heights and sizes that occasionally natural damping may not be enough. The structural engineers for New York's World Trade Center, Skilling, Helle, Christiansen, Robertson, elected to find ways to diminish not only the swaying motion from the strongest winds, but also the more average oscillations that could make maintenance costly—cracked partitions, perhaps broken glass, etc. The simple geometrical shape of the two 110-story towers was not ideal from the standpoint of creating air flows that would tend to break up vibration patterns.

First, the strong architectural expression found in the chamfered corners of the tower structures modified the generation of vortex excitation thus reducing structure motions. Next, the structural engineers found that an economical and reliable method to use up the wind's energy would be to install non-structural energy absorbers at the ends of the bottom chords of the floor trusses. The idea of hydraulic dampers (similar in a way to a door closer) was considered, but these would have had to be excessively large, and they would have been expensive. A lot of liquid would have to be moved to absorb the requisite energy.

The most promising approach seemed to be that of viscoelastic damping. As the name implies, viscoelastic materials are both viscous and elastic; they are both liquid-like and spring-like. A viscoelastic material is elastic to the extent that it will return to its original shape when deformed at moderate rates. Viscoelastic materials use up energy by resisting forces in shear. Very thin layers of these materials are very effective energy absorbers. In optimum damper design, after the viscoelastic material has been strained in one direction, the return is just slow enough to oppose the next cycle of oscillation. Most of the energy input to the viscoelastic material is not stored, but is used up, being converted to heat. A "perfect" spring, in contrast, stores all the energy and puts it right back into the object which applied the force to it in the first place.

In developing a damper design for the World Trade Center, the structural engineers worked with a technical research team from the 3M Company which proposed the use of an acrylic copolymer for the viscoelastic component of the damper. Approximately 10,000 dampers are being installed in each 110-story tower. About 100 dampers are being installed at each floor, from the seventh through the 107th.

The damper is composed of three steel elements, two 4-by 4-in. tee and one ½-in. by 4-in. bar between which are sandwiched two viscoelastic layers—0.050 in. thick by 4 in. by 10 in. These layers are epoxy bonded to the steel. One end of the bar extends beyond the bonded area for attachment to the bottom chord of the truss, while the coped ends of the two tees extend in the opposite direction for bolting to a seat on the column.

When the building is "excited" by a gust of wind the dampers either extend or shorten. The dampers move only a few thousandths of an inch, but are designed for as much as 0.02 in. movement. The dampers must dissipate at least 300 in. lb of energy per cycle at maximum deflection.

The structural engineers chose the bottom chord location for the dampers because it offered a "large" (relatively speaking) available displacement. Further, it caused no physical interference with any of the other building components. The dampers could not be too stiff, or the wind forces would have resulted in undesirable flexural stresses. On the other hand, if the dampers were too weak, the energy absorbing properties of the dampers would have been considerably reduced.
Wind effects: the one-two punch

Regular building shapes, in plan, are subject to vortex excitation which tends to move the building transversely to the direction of the wind. This tendency is minimized by making the building irregular in shape or by giving it a highly textured facade (of some scale).

The galloping phenomenon is generally associated with transmission lines coated with ice. The wind creates both lift and drag. Because of lift, the body first sees the wind from direction “A” and then from direction “B.” The graph, right, plots building response versus wind velocity. Without any damping the plot would be like curve A. With damping added, the effect of vortex shedding is decreased with each increment of damping. At a certain wind velocity (generally not a condition experienced by buildings) galloping starts.

The elastic restoring force of a strained viscoelastic material results from the distortion of chemical bonds and the decrease in the number of possible conformations due to uncoiling of polymer chains. The viscous resistance to deformation is due to the liquid-like drag which the chain segments encounter as they move relative to each other. The type of viscoelastic material used in the World Trade Center dampers lends itself best to constrained layer or interlayer damping because it has more damping per unit volume than other damping materials, and because of its bonding capabilities, either through inherent tackiness or through ease of bonding with epoxy adhesives. The materials are somewhat temperature-sensitive in terms of efficiency of energy dissipation. Exhaustive tests were run on sample dampers and on production dampers at the 3M Company and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to find out what happened to the heat. Actually only a minute temperature rise (measured using thermocouples) took place in the material as it was strained in the testing machine. The heat was quickly dissipated by the steel plate and the tees. Further, in actual use, the dampers will be in a controlled temperature environment within the building—they won’t get the hot summer sun, nor the cold winter wind.

For measurement of the physical performance of the dampers—i.e., their efficacy in dissipating energy—a graphical plot was used to draw the graph of load versus extension. The plot is in the form of a hysteresis loop, the area of the loop being a measure of the energy dissipated (see picture of actual graph page 158).

Four kinds of damping wind down the wind’s energy in buildings

There are four major kinds of damping associated with building structures: 1) material damping from the structural frame, 2) damping from partitions, exterior walls,
etc., 3) aerodynamic damping, and 4) added damping.

Material damping intrinsic in the structure itself is usually very small; perhaps a fraction of one per cent of critical damping because structures, basically, are very elastic. (See drawing, page 158).

Damping found in non-structural elements results from sliding of materials, one past the other, as buildings move. Examples are: the movement of the glass wall in its rubber edge; the friction of partitions as they slide; the cracking of non-structural parts, such as masonry shaft enclosures.

Aerodynamic damping is very much associated with the shape of the building. Irregularly shaped buildings have higher aerodynamic damping than smooth, uniform shapes. Some have negative aerodynamic damping; that is, they not only do not damp oscillations, they enhance the tendency to oscillate.

Excitation results from various phenomena, one of these being vortex shedding. Excitation also is manifested in the galloping phenomenon which commonly occurs with conductor lines. Because of drag and lift, oscillation is increased.

A wind force on a body (particularly one of oblong shape) moving in a given direction may produce a lift force, just as a lift force is created on an airplane wing or a boat sail. If the wind tends to push the body in the direction it is already moving, then the body travels farther and faster. And if the lift force further increases, the body tends to move still faster. Then if the process is reversed it will oscillate, or gallop, as high-voltage lines do.

Vortex excitation is different. Vortex excitation results from the shedding of vortices in a periodic relationship— with the shedding frequency being dependent on the shape and size of the building. If this frequency happens to be near the natural frequency of the structure, it will oscillate back and forth transverse to the wind flow.

The fourth kind of damping is induced or added damping. This is utilized sometimes in aircraft and other kinds of structures. It is used all the time for door closers and automobile shock absorbers. These are basically added damping systems. You could let the door slam, relying on the intrinsic damping that comes from the hinge and various other things, or you could add something in. This is what is being done in the World Trade Center.

The damping system involves a structure which is separate from the basic structure of the building. All the dampers could be taken out and the building would stand there; people could live in it and work in it without difficulty. But without dampers, some people would perceive building motion during periods of high wind.

High buildings need damping so the wind won’t bother structures or people

Why damping in the first place? The reason is, if you make a plot of the dynamic component of structure response (not the steady state component, which damping does not influence at all) on the vertical axis against the velocity of the wind on the horizontal axis, you get a kind of monotonic increase that corresponds to velocity—generally not logarithmic but monotonic (see page 156). And the slope of this curve is related to the amount of damping. The more damping, the flatter the curve. The less damping, the higher the curve. This dynamic motion is a sum of phenomena mentioned earlier, galloping, vortex shedding, and so forth.

The picture is confused by the fact that over the height of the building, the wind velocity changes. So, the excitation comes at many frequencies, at many levels. And, further, if the building is irregular in shape, you get an additional complication of these exciting frequencies.

There is not any single velocity that a building sees. It’s a jumble of excitations—

The principles of damping devices

Viscoelastic materials work well as damping media because energy is dissipated as the materials are strained in shear. Because of their elastic nature, they will return to their original shape in time.

A dashpot often is used as a damping device, but the liquid obviously has to be confined by a container. Further, it is less efficient for its size than a viscoelastic damper.

The sketch below illustrates the action of the dampers. When the wind blows on the building in one direction, the dampers extend on one side and shorten on the other. Ordinarily the damper elements move only a few thousands of an inch. In doing so the viscoelastic material absorbs the energy input of the wind, and dissipates it as heat. The dampers are a part of the secondary structure rather than the primary structure, to avoid the problem of "plastic" hinges.
turbulence induced, galloping induced and vortex induced—which generally prevents the "pure" response shown in curve A of the graph on page 156.

There is a critical wind velocity which, blowing uniformly, would produce the greatest dynamic excitation and tend to produce a peak response. Damping tends to level that peak out. Damping of all kinds tends to level it out. Aerodynamic damping, particularly, tends to make it very broad because of the fact that aerodynamic damping comes also where the velocities are highest.

If a building does not have enough damping, a high dynamic response may result. High dynamic response can mean several problems; it can mean the total response (deflection, acceleration, stress, etc.) is high. If the total response is high, the building must be designed for a greater excursion and, consequently, higher stresses in all the pieces. Further, all the architectural finishes (cladding, partitions, etc.) have to be detailed to accommodate the greater extreme. So, one aspect of damping is that excitation is reduced.

The other is that the perception of people to that motion is reduced. It is interesting that for a given shape of building, given size, and given wind environment, there is almost nothing that will reduce acceleration except to add damping or to add mass. Increasing the stiffness reduces the excitation, but you have the same level of acceleration along with the lower excitation because the frequency goes up. And also as the frequency goes up, people are, at least marginally, more sensitive to that motion. People are more susceptible to the higher frequency motion than the lower frequency motion. Why? Because higher frequency motion has a higher rate of change of acceleration. The rate of change of acceleration is perhaps more of a factor in perceiving motion than acceleration itself.

When the stiffness of a building is increased people become more sensitive to the acceleration. So you come back to only two things that are really available—damping and mass. But mass is very expensive. The logical vehicle the designer should search for is the kind of damping that is free. And the best kind that is around is aerodynamic damping. Considerable aerodynamic damping can be achieved by doing many things that architects like to do. For example, you can cut out the corners and get increased aerodynamic damping. Building shapes can be compared for their relative response.

Partitions add stiffness and they add damping. This is not a linear kind of stiffness however. Non-linear stiffness means damping. On the older buildings a lot of stiffness was available from partition systems as well as mass and damping.

The adding of damping, which is measurable, reliable and which, so to speak, can be designed into the structural system has obvious advantages. The ways available for adding damping are not very many. Damping devices can be used in trusses, or girders, or beams, or almost anywhere where there is relative motion between pieces.

The wind can blow and blow at a given velocity for hours—not for seconds, portions of minutes, but for hours. Energy just keeps pumping into a building like soldiers walking across a bridge—they just keep pumping energy into it. But if the wind keeps putting energy into a building with insufficient damping, eventually the point is reached where it is oscillating too much.

The amount of energy that goes out (i.e., dissipated) has only to do with the amount of damping in a building—that is what damping is. It is the using up of energy of oscillation. If there is not enough damping, then the building sway will be out of bounds and the structure will start moving to the yield point. Then damping will come not from controlled sources but from uncontrolled sources, and fatigue, bent structures or other permanent damage will result.

Floor vibration can be damped using engineered materials

Another promising use for dampers is for floor vibration. There are three parameters to work with. First is the mass of the floor. It can be designed heavier. Second, it can be made stiffer—usually by deepening the floor to get the desired stiffness. When the floor is stiff, vibrations still exist, but they are of sufficiently low magnitude. Third, damping can be added.

If the designer is dealing with, say, a mezzanine in a store, the addition of depth could be very very costly because it would influence the whole building, not just the mezzanine. So the designer might very well find it economical to put damping into the floor. Damping doesn’t prevent vibration. But, importantly, what it does is reduce its amplitude as quickly as possible.

A trace of an actual "hysteresis-loop" plot made by the graphical plotter connected electrically to the testing machine shown at top.

FREE OSCILLATION WITH VARIOUS DAMPING RATIOS

With no damping a body will continue to oscillate at the same amplitude. Increased damping decreases the amplitude. With critical damping, the structure stops before one cycle.

Sample of the viscoelastic material used in the World Trade Center dampers. Note how limp it is, conforming to the shape of the person's hand.

This is an example of viscoelastic material being used to control the vibration of a light structure used for a mezzanine in a store. It was applied to the bottom flange of the steel beam, and then a constraining layer of steel was put over it to make the material work more efficiently in shear. Dampers do not prevent vibration, but they do reduce its amplitude.
A system of coordinated containers, frames and carts for hospitals

An integrated system of components has been designed to solve some of the most aggravating problems of hospital furnishings and maintenance. These problems include the increasing danger of cross-infection as employee/patient ratios and the general level of personnel training have declined. Obsolescence of furnishings and equipment also compound the problems of clutter and inefficiency so apparent in many older hospitals.

If hospital furnishings were designed to be readily removable, renewable and cleanable, with interchangeable modules of various characteristics for adaptation to the multiple uses to which hospital equipment must respond, the general level of appearance, utility and cleanliness in hospitals could be raised and continuously renewed. That was part of the reasoning of Robert L. Propst when, as director of research for Herman Miller, Inc., he began 10 years ago thinking about the basic characteristics of a system of furnishings that could combine all those desirable characteristics at an economical cost.

It was not enough, Propst reasoned, to think of individual pieces of specialized equipment, however well-designed and efficient they might be in their particular roles. In order to attack the central requirements of sanitation and easy adaptability, the research of hospital functions and procedures had to find common
grounds of scope and utility that could be translated into a system of sterilizable and durable components. Such a system would also need acceptable esthetic qualities of color and finish. The result of this research, having been tested in the field, is now ready for introduction to the national market. It is called the Herman Miller Co-Struc System.

The name of the system reflects the idea of coherent structures for various but interrelated uses, producing improved overall results by their effective presence throughout the institution. Physically, it is a system of containers, frames, carts and wall-mounted rails that coordinate the architectural and service functions of the hospital. Basically, components of the system come in three general orders of size and usage. One is a cabinet of closet size (shown at right), another is a transportable container sized suitably for laundry or waste disposal. The third is of bedside table size that is adaptable for drawers of various depths and can be readily disassembled and removed from its supporting rail for processing in the sterilizing center or through commercial dishwashers. (See opposite page).

To prevent the deterioration of appearance in marred or damaged components, those parts which are subject to the greatest risk—such as tops of bedside units—are removable and replaceable from stored stock. This is designed to control the cost of maintaining attractive and serviceable equipment.

Adaptability to the individual needs of patients and hospital procedures is also part of the objective of the interchangeability of components of various sizes and depths. Rails mounted at various heights allow cabinets to be placed for a variety of services.

One of the objectives of the design research was to create a system that can be installed in existing hospitals without extensive remodeling. For such areas as nurses' stations or interview rooms, the system is made compatible with Herman Miller's Action Office furniture line. It is also designed for compact storage with both components and carts formed for easy stacking. The system is also adaptable for laboratory spaces and simplifies the basic construction of the laboratory as shown in the sketches.

Special carts to transport system components can also be used as a means of transporting medical supplies and meals, or as portable room service units that can be moved out while the room is being cleaned.

Carts for the closet-size containers can be hitched together in trains that track around corners and permit moving groups of storage spaces. Carts also have a pedal-operated lifter for installing and removing.

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Typical lab before (above) and after (right) installation of Co-Struc system.
All components of the system are seamless plastic without sharp corners and with completely drainable surfaces accessible to dishwashing jets. All disassembled parts will tolerate commercial dishwashing temperatures and chemical cleaning. Components are either hung from wall hangers or from hangers on L-Cart transports which can be wheeled out of a room for floor cleaning purposes. The closet size components have flexible, roll-up closures in front and one suspended from head rails with about a foot clearance from the floor for easy access of cleaning tools. All components of the system reduce the number of leg support in any area so that floor cleaning is simplified.

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Designer's Saturday announces open house dates to introduce contemporary contract designs

Designer's Saturday is a group of New York contract furniture manufacturers who periodically appoint a special, convenient day to open their showrooms to out-of-town architects and designers.

This year, because of the great number of designers expected to attend, Designer's Saturday is extended to a two-day event—Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16—with 20 present members participating in the open house. In addition, each firm plans to introduce its new lines and products. More than 2,500 are expected to register and attend the various showrooms and reception held at the General Library & Museum of the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center Saturday night.

For additional information on Designer's Saturday, contact Judson H. Spencer, Designer's Saturday, 825 Third Avenue, New York City, 10022.

Shown below are some new designs.


More products on page 168.
DECORATIVE BULBS / Twenty-three new sizes, shapes and finishes are available in exposed-bulb fixtures for both indoor and outdoor use. □ General Electric Co., Cleveland.
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CHAIR / Chrome steel supports the cylindrical backrest and rectangular seat. This unit can be assembled on site. □ The Slater Co., Chicago.
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GALVANIZED WELDED ROD FABRIC / Designed primarily for use in precast-concrete applications, this reinforcing material is said to offer good crack control and rust resistance if exposed to moisture. Also, rust streaking is minimized. □ U.S. Steel, Pittsburgh.
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MANSARD ROOFING MATERIALS / Mineral-fiber clapboard, panels and shingles available in a wide range of sizes and colors to accommodate mansard roofing designs are offered by the manufacturer. Lightweight panels with plastic finish reportedly provide a high degree of weather resistance. □ National Gypsum Co., Buffalo.
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PANEL SYSTEM / Laminated sandwich construction consists of a fiberglass facing panel bonded to a polyurethane core and a foil vapor barrier. Facing panels overlap to provide a seal against moisture and bacterial growth. Applications include food processing plants and cold storage facilities. □ W.H. Porter, Inc., Holland, Mich.
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CEILING TILE / The non-directional, textured appearance of the tile is shown here. It is also available in a 2- by 2-ft reveal-edge lay-in panel. □ The Celotex Corp., Tampa.
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FIRE-RESISTANCE / A 100-page manual provides fire test data for 262 wall, ceiling, column, beam and roof deck assemblies using gypsum board or gypsum plaster. Walls, partitions and floor-ceilings are further classified by sound transmission ratings. Single copies are free. Gypsum Assn., Chicago.

Intrusion Detection System / Basic installation photos and information on electrical and mechanical characteristics are given in a 4-page bulletin. The system consists of a transmitter that directs a narrow, infrared beam over distances up to 500 ft or more to a receiver. An intruder breaking the invisible beam would automatically trigger an alarm system. Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh.

Silicone Water Repellents / Applications for construction materials are discussed in a 14-page booklet. Suitable repellents for various types of masonry, unpainted wood and fibrous insulation are described. Eight of the manufacturer's products are discussed. Union Carbide Corp., New York City.

Structural Framing Systems / Extensive application data is included in a 24-page catalog. Structural assembly details, allowable clear-span heights and specifications are given. Keene Corp., Parkersburg, W. Va.

Ceiling System / Detailed descriptions of an integrated, electrical, suspended ceiling are included in a catalog. Standard ceiling tiles may be used with the system. Display lights can be attached at any point, or removed quickly and easily. McGraw-Edison Co., Halo Lighting Div., Rosemond, Ill.

Hardwood Screens / Paneling / More than 20 see-through patterns in a variety of woods are illustrated in a 8-page catalog. Commercial and residential applications include dividers, walls and doors. Solid designs are also available. Penberthy Architectural Products, Los Angeles.

Compact Heating Package / A heater especially designed for limited space areas is described in a 4-page catalog. The unit, with an output of 16,000 BTUs, is factory-wired and ready for wall mounting and hook-up to existing hot water or steam systems. Beacon-Morris Corp., Boston.

Outdoor Lighting Equipment / Product descriptions, retail prices and photometric information for key specification items are included in a 96-page catalog illustrating 1500 items. Stonco Lighting Div., Keene Corp., Kenilworth, N.J.

*Additional product information in Sweet's Architectural File

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How about your next floor?

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HOSPITAL HARDWARE by HAGER

Doing new things with door hardware includes discoveries obviously most suited to hospital application.
The new Hospital 600 Package for example. A combination concealed pivot hinge and a two-way door stop lets a door swing both ways . . . or just one way if desired. The instant conversion is made by the mere flip of Hager's new-type tilt stop.
It's really unobtrusive rescue hardware. The hinges are completely concealed and the door stop is hardly visible.
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This pivot-hinge-tilt-stop combination invites consideration by hospital planners. It is another contribution from Hager research that advances frontiers in space control.

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Just imagine what you can do with Swedcast, the continuous cast acrylic sheet. For more information, write to Swedlow, Inc., Acrylic Sheet Division, 7350 Empire Drive, Florence, Kentucky 41042.

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Which sealants give you more of what you’re looking for?

Here are the facts:

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Compared with two leading competitive types of sealants, the Thiokol polysulfide entry wins in a breeze. It’s not surprising. Besides having a track record which includes the longest period of successful use, sealants based on Thiokol’s LP polysulfide polymer are constantly tested to assure top-notch performance.

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New VariTrane Variable Air Volume System

Trane announces VariTrane, a new variable air volume system which controls temperature by varying the volume of air flowing into a room. Primary applications are in office buildings, schools and institutional buildings of any size, from single-story to high-rise.

Cuts first cost up to 50 cents/sq. ft. (20%)

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Cuts operating costs up to 50%

With a variable air volume system, the cost of extra refrigeration and heat energy needed to cool and reheat the air is avoided. Also, it can provide significant savings in fan horsepower for larger buildings. The result is a saving on the total building operating cost of up to 50% which produces an increase of up to 25% in owners' cash flow.

When compared to other variable air volume systems, VariTrane provides additional cost savings because it requires 10-15% even less total fan pressure. This further reduces annual operating costs by about $4.50 per ton, equivalent to an added yearly saving of $2,250 on a 500-ton system.

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VariTrane controls are actuated by individual wall-mounted thermostats which provide for ease of adjustment and closer control of room temperature at low air flow than may be possible with unit mounted thermostats.

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At 7 lbs. psf, staggered truss delivers a 1971 apartment house for 1968 costs.

A new 12-story apartment house for the elderly in San Francisco is the first application of a staggered steel truss design in the West. And the cost savings that resulted were considerable.

In size and accommodations, the new building is a duplicate of a conventional concrete framed building which was designed two years ago for the same site. Thanks to the economies of staggered truss, the new building—despite substantial increases in material and labor costs over the past few years—costs no more than the 1968 structure.

It costs no more because its structural system costs less. The structural steel weight for the staggered truss was only 7 psf for a typical bay. The fireproofing, intermediate stud walls and ceilings added only 15 psf for a total of 22 psf. This compares to 65 psf for the concrete structure. An additional savings of 27 psf was achieved by the use of the composite steel and concrete floor system. At about half the weight of a concrete structure, the staggered truss system significantly reduces foundation requirements and costs.

But cost wasn't the only advantage of the staggered truss design. It provided an indispensable 70'1" x 60'0" column free garage which increased usable space by 50 percent. There is little or no on-street parking available in this section of San Francisco, and adequate garage accommodations are mandatory legal requirements.

This building is the first application of staggered truss in a seismic design area in this country.

Structural Report

If you're planning a new apartment house or similar structure, you should investigate the staggered truss system. We'll be happy to send you a copy of our "Structural Report—ADUSS 27-5111-01," which details its use in this building. Call our nearest sales office and ask for a USS Construction Marketing Representative or write U.S. Steel, Box 86, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230.

**Construction Details**

**Description**: 12-story apartment with clear-span integral 14-car garage, with a one-story recreation building attached. Steeply sloped site, with closely adjoining buildings on east and west sites. Typical floor contains 10 studio apartments, 2 one-bedroom apartments, two elevators (one large enough to handle stretcher), lobby, corridor and stairway.

**Erection**: Floor-by-floor due to steep, cramped site.

**Design Live Loads**:

- Wind: 40 psf
- Floors: 20 psf
- Roof: 20 psf
- Stairways: 100 psf
- Roof Terrace: 50 psf

**Building Code**: City of San Francisco

**Structural Steel**: 120 tons of A-36 steel 7# psf of structure.

**Floor Deck**: 3" metal deck; H.H. Robertson (I. Q. L-21)

**Shear Walls**: Concrete service cores at north and south ends.

**Foundations**: Square Footings and Belled Caissons.

**Curtain Wall**: Exposed formed concrete and 3-3/8" precast wall panels.

**Interior Walls**: At trusses: 1/2" insulating plaster on metal lath and steel channel furring. At stud walls: 1/2" gypsum board on each side and 1/16" batt insulation with 2/16" and 6" steel studs.

**Ceiling**: 1/2" gypsum board on 1/4" steel furring channels. 1/2" sprayed fireproofing.

**Elevators**: Two at 200 fpm (one accommodates stretcher). Fire Resistance: Trusses—3 hours @ interior walls. Trusses—4 hours @ exterior walls. Columns—4 hours. Floor and Ceilings—2 hours / Inner Walls—1 hour.

**Construction Costs**: Total—$2,057,500 (includes site development). Steel (erected) — $92,800.

**Construction Time**: 510 days (due to adverse site conditions).

**Gross Area**: 77,505 sq. ft.

**Floor-to-floor height**: 8'6-3/4"

**Floor-to-ceiling height**: 8'
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The makeshift shim. It might do the job for a while.

The misplaced shim. It can't do the right job when it is in the wrong place.

All but the Pre-shimmed Tremco 440 Tape can cause problems that might crack or break glass, or cause sealant pump-out or failure.

If a shim is unevenly spaced it creates pressure points which could cause glass breakage. A makeshift shim, like a splinter of wood or piece of floor tile, could cause sealant adhesive failure resulting from improper wind load transfer from glass to seal. And if there is no shim at all, the pumping action of the glass will soon squeeze out the sealant.

That's why you should specify Pre-shimmed Tremco 440 Tape. It's a highly adhesive, preformed, shrinkproof sealant with a built-in shim running through the center.

This shim — a continuous elastomeric rod reinforced by a fiberglass core — distributes loading stress uniformly around the perimeter of the frame.

So you don't get pressure points. Or sealant squeeze-out. Or adhesive or cohesive failure.

And with the trend to larger, heavier, more
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PANELING / Designed for commercial interiors, this plastic-finished hardboard resists heat, moisture and stains. A damp wiping is the only maintenance required. The panels can be coordinated with a wide range of accessories. ■ Marlite Paneling, Dover, Ohio.

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ACOUSTICAL DOORS / A continuous compression-silencer seal and two sets of permanent magnets eliminating the need for noisy latch mechanisms deliver acoustical performance. ■ Industrial Acoustics Co., Inc., New York City.

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STEEL CEILING SUSPENSION SYSTEM / Up to three hours of fire protection under bar joist and concrete floor construction are provided by this exposed grid system. Single thickness, cross-tee offsets are said to provide superior board alignment at all intersections of mains and cross tees. ■ Flangeldamp Corp., Buffalo.

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FOAM-CORE STEEL DOOR / Interior and exterior steel "skins" bonded to the core are separated by a "thermal break," a built-in slot which reportedly prevents thermal transfer from one face of the door to the other. ■ Pease Co., Hamilton, Ohio.

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In the most recent of their articles Clibbon and Sachs describe a number of ways in which the clinical technique spaces might be organized given different organizational constraints and different rates of growth. At the descriptive level their illustrations are most convincing. Almost any known or hypothetical way of organizing the surgical suite, for example, would seem to be capable of being interpreted as one variation on the theme of relating activities to the techniques they depend on. In so illustrating the beginning of their new language, the authors also show how a clarity is introduced into the architectural program that will direct the architect's attention to those aspects of the organization that are critically affected by differential rates of growth and change. One of their illustrations, for instance, shows how the surgical suite can evolve (in terms of its absolute size) without disruption of the delicate balance between the spaces devoted to surgical, recovery, anaesthetic, etc.

All of this, however, is illustrated in purely diagrammatic terms. It is not until one tries to imagine (and one is put in the position of having to imagine) what all this implies for the actual design of the building, that doubts arise. The diagrams—in order to illustrate the generality of the programming principles—are 'context-free'. That is, they take no account of an actual site or other physical constraint that might well generate distortions of the essential relationships. As such, one is left distinctly uncomfortable about the whole question of how such diagrams (and consequently the components of the programming language) relate to the technology required.

In another recent study of these same problems (1), an attempt is made to relate a generalized programming language to an appropriate building technology. In this work, the hospital organization is described in terms of the way in which its individual parts change over time. Essentially, this work suggests that any hospital can be described in terms of its "organizational variants" (i.e., those parts which tend to mutate over time). This distinction is then reflected in a "hard" technology used in the construction of the basic building shell, and a "soft" technology used to adapt the shell to changes over time. The practical outcome of this is that organizational variations—because they have explicit technological implications—can be accommodated despite widely differing physical constraints.

The diagrammatic presentation used by Clibbon and Sachs may well do their ideas an injustice. None of the diagrams in either article appears to take account of the technological distinction above nor is suggestive of alternative building strategies. It is unclear, in fact, just what technological implications—if any—their ideas have. At the conceptual level their work is seductively attractive, introducing an admirable clarity into an area that is all too often treated in a confused way. Without some evidence of the technological implications of these ideas, however, it would be a further injustice to call them practical.
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