

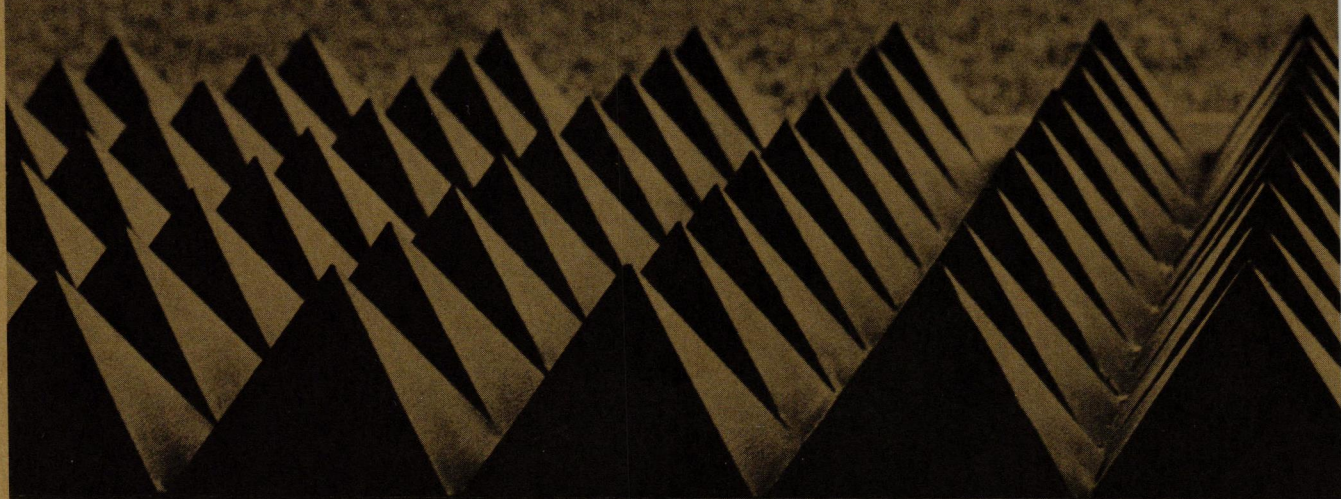
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*"Hubris" . . . a 41 x 82-foot sculpture in black concrete for the University of Hawaii campus.
The artist is Tony Smith.*



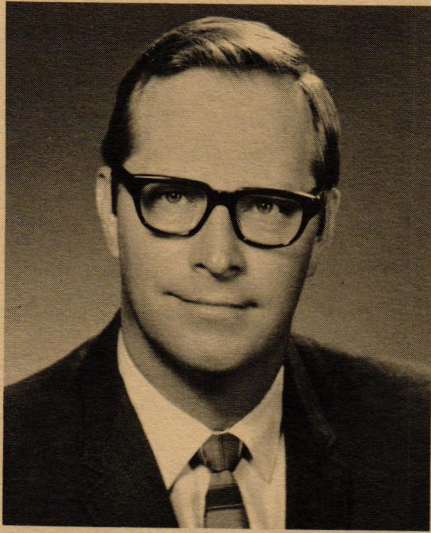
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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The Environment:

On Sunday, I sat in church and heard the Rev. David Sharp say, "Because of the supreme gifts given man, mankind is the steward of this earth. Through irresponsibility he can so ravish the gifts of nature in our own lifetime that we can create a literal hell for generations to follow."

On Monday, I heard Robert Theobald say, "A parasite eats the host. When the host is gone the parasite dies. Man has been earth's parasite. The outcome will be the same if he doesn't change."

On Tuesday, I listened to university student, Willie Newberry, state, "Catastrophe will not 'come' to us, but will be 'brought' on the hands of the human decisions made today and tomorrow."

On Wednesday, while jogging, a housewife stopped me and admonished, "Run softer, you're wearing down the earth." These comments exemplified how broad the concern for our environment runs through our community.

Never has the time been more ripe for architects to share their unique abilities to help solve the environmental challenges we face. No group has broader background, training, or awareness than the architects. Obviously, we are a major group that should be involved and giving the needed guidance. Why, then, are so few architects in attendance at well publicized public meetings where environmental policy decisions are being formulated? For example: at the excellent State-sponsored lecture-panel audience discussion program titled, "Eco-Problems: The Avoidance of Catastrophe," there were 250 people in attendance, but only three of them were architects.

The one theme that runs consistently through the heart of these meetings is, "This may well be our last chance for

survival." Likewise, if we, as architects, don't act now, we may never get the chance again. Decisions on our environment will be made. It is our charge to see that they are valid. As Honolulu Advertiser Editor, George Chaplin, expressed to me, "The architects will be listened to and their advice heeded, but they just aren't speaking up." Is it possible that we architects may not be the informed leaders we have led people to believe we are? I hope not.

Community Design Center:

An AIA Community Design Center in Honolulu will most likely be a reality within the next two months if Herb Luke and Hugh Burgess return with "an encouraging word" from an AIA conference this month in Washington, D.C.

The expenses to send Mr. Hugh Burgess to Washington, D.C. are being shared by the CCPI, Trade Publishing Company, the Wood Products Association of Hawaii and the AIA. Herb is paying his own way.

Student AIA Chapter at U. of H.:

I am very pleased that we have established an AIA Student Chapter at the University of Hawaii. I'm sure you will all agree that closer contact between those in the profession and the students has long been in order. I urge you to fully support this new student chapter and give it any assistance requested. Names of officers and advisors are; Chris Lum, President, Val Yanagihara, Vice-President, John Chong, Treasurer and Annette Morishima, Secretary. Chapter Advisor is Thomas Creighton and Faculty Advisor Hugh Burgess.

Housing Committee:

Because of Lew Ingleson's commitments serving on the City Planning Commission, Mel Choy has now assumed leadership of the AIA Housing Committee. Among other projects, this committee is working on a presentation of those

design elements that have proved desirable or unique in Island housing. This presentation will be available for use by those working on our housing problems in hopes that the solutions will retain a regional feeling and recognize the Island climate and cultural influences.

Profit Planning Seminar:

Ed Aotani, Chairman of the Office Practice Committee, has put together a profit planning seminar to be led by Case & Company, noted management consultants. Ed has worked hard on this and needs your backing. Please be assured that your attendance at this seminar will certainly be beneficial and could well increase your company profits. More on this to follow.

Ke Kaha Ki'i:

Part of a continuing effort to improve the communications between chapter members is exemplified by the new enlarged Ke Kaha Ki'i magazine format. The Public Relations Committee and our graphics consultant, Tom Lee, will continue to work on the layout of this magazine to make it as professional as possible. As you know, this publication is produced at no cost to us by the Crossroads Press, Inc. in exchange for the privilege to present advertising within it. Articles by chapter members are welcome.

Chapter AIA Awards:

Because of the change of date on the Municipal Office Building Competition, the arrival of Mr. George Rockrise has been moved to April. Mr. Rockrise is also serving on the AIA Awards Jury and, hopefully, will be involved in the April chapter meeting. Because of this, the deadlines for the chapter awards submittals have been moved to April and the awards dinner will be rescheduled at a later date.