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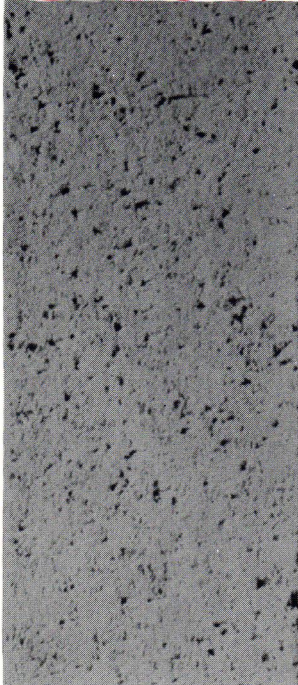
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From the President



It seems as though we have just finished a very lengthy legislative session and now we find ourselves making plans for the next one. You may recall that among the numerous bills affecting architects which were introduced in the last session, the number one issue was Construction Management. There is a strong possibility that the number one issue during the 1982 legislature will also involve construction. This issue of *Indiana Architect* focuses on a very timely problem – construction financing. Although this subject can be very broad and include all phases of construction, one area of importance is the method of financing schools in the state of Indiana.

There has been a Legislative Council directive issued which mandates that, "A committee is established to study funding alternatives for the construction of public schools. In particular, the committee shall examine the use of cumulative building funds, the use of public and private school building holding corporations, and the use of bonding. The committee will also examine the impact of using uniform construction standards for all school buildings in Indiana."

This study committee had hearings on July 15, August 6, and August 11, during which school administrators, educators and exponents of various school construction methods testified. Of specific concern to the ISA were discussions on stock school plans and design-bid-build. A review of our legislative concerns in the last 10 years indicates that the ISA has taken a very strong stand against both of these methods. Several ISA members have spoken in opposition to these methods on numerous occasions to hearing committees. At this time we do not know what the study committee will recommend. However, we maintain a very active surveillance of the legislature and will keep you informed of what is taking place.

In the current issue of "*Sketches*," the ISA newsletter, I reported on the long-range planning report, 1981, which was sent to me by the national AIA. I think the concluding statement of that report is very apropos to the challenge that faces our profession and specifically the ISA. "The general public's perception of the practice of architecture and, indeed, the narrow view held even by some practitioners tend to limit the opportunity for leadership and diversification in the field of architecture. While many architects seem to be content to be designer/technicians rather than creators of the total environment and managers of the creative process, our free enterprise society is crying out for imaginative, creative and strong leadership in these areas so critical to the present and future well-being of humanity. That is why architects need a professional organization focused both inward at members' immediate concerns and outward at the society the professionals must serve. This requires fostering understanding of the collaboration and leadership of the design profession and the building industry. It means cooperation with other leaders of every major social institution. Finally, it necessitates clearly communicating to members of the profession and to the public that architecture is more than design. It is the management of the total building process, the adaptation of the built environment to the needs of the people who live in and use it."

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