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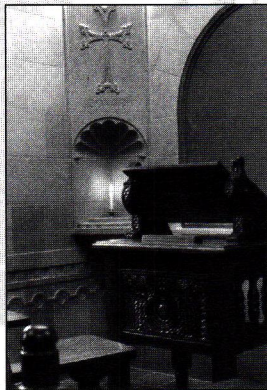
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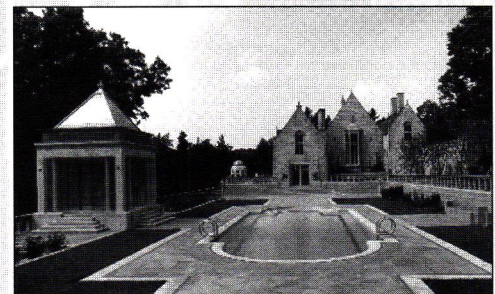


The Armenian room located on the third floor of the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh is the 22nd nationality room to be established at the university. The stone arched room copies the masonry techniques of church and monastery builders of the 11th century. This magnificent classroom was designed by Torkom Khrimiam who emigrated from Armenia in 1978.

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"Elm Court", a 9-acre private estate located north of Pittsburgh, involves unique additions and renovations. For example, the pool above is heated and has an ozone purification system. The deep blue water is surrounded by a granite surface edged in limestone. The pool is lined with hand made ceramic tile. On the left is a pool house sitting area. To the right is the "Fish Slide" built to hold two antique Indian carved marble panels giving the appearance of two carved fish swimming in the current of the fountain.

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Changing Climates

by Michelle Fanzo, Editor



I returned to Pittsburgh to find that I didn't have to go to another continent to discover people actively concerned and doing something about the environment.

Every so often you are reminded

that something larger than yourself is at work. It may just be coincidence—like meeting someone new and then seeing him or her all over town—but environmental issues have played a prominent role in my life recently, culminating in this month's *Columns* cover story about sustainable development. This eco-theme started with an invitation to a conference near Cologne, Germany to learn how Bayer Corporation was addressing environmental issues in chemical production. I had already arranged to spend six weeks in Munich this summer studying German, so I went, thinking it would be a welcome diversion from days filled with grammar rules and unpronounceable vowels.

My eco-education began upon arrival in Germany, a country where environmental issues take precedent over sex scandals and national reunification. (In fact, a 1992 German university survey found German citizens consider the environment to be the most important problem of the day, followed by worries about the preservation of peace and the economic situation.) Every morning as I waited for the subway, an electronic information screen displayed the time, date, weather and the ozone warning level of the day. Often these signs, as well as police driving around with loud speakers, would inform residents that the ozone level had reached a critical point and that drivers were required to stay within a certain speed limit to diminish the amount of carbon dioxide emissions being produced from their vehicles. (Though Germany is a highly eco-conscious country, restricting driving speed does not go over very well.) As I became increasingly conscious of the ozone concern, so was I educated about what many Germans felt were high skin cancer rates and an (ominously) abnormally hot summer.

Bayer's conference, a trip to Berlin—where city planners hosted an exhibit emphasizing sustainable development—and the hue and cry around the disposal of the Brent Spar oil rig continued to add to my awareness of environmental concerns and their impact on daily life.

On a train, I met a former Irish seaman who had decided to merge his concern for the ocean with business savvy by creating a salvage company specializing in environmentally sound methods of oil rig disposal. Having grown up in the seaside city of Cork, he spoke of the ocean like a car fanatic speaks of a pristine '57 Chevy; but he also anticipated having no problems earning a handsome living off of "doing the right thing."

I returned to Pittsburgh to find that I didn't have to go to another continent to discover people actively concerned and doing something about the environment. There were heartfelt discussions going on here about sustainable development by people who wanted to see the city mature in a way that was economically and environmentally viable. The environmental charrette that had been slated for October was being moved to the spring, I was told, because organizers wanted to take the additional time to garner more funding to make sure it was a strong, well-organized endeavor that would make a significant impact. Then I met Bob Kobet, AIA—who wrote this month's cover story on sustainable development—and he was as fired up about "doing the right thing" and the economic benefits of this approach as the Irishman on the train.

Pittsburgh and most of the U.S. has a way to go before environmentally sensitive design becomes a primary element in development. But as more and more people become aware of the issues at stake, environmental sensitivity and economic viability will hopefully no longer seem like two distant countries but rather, two supportive relatives. ♣

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