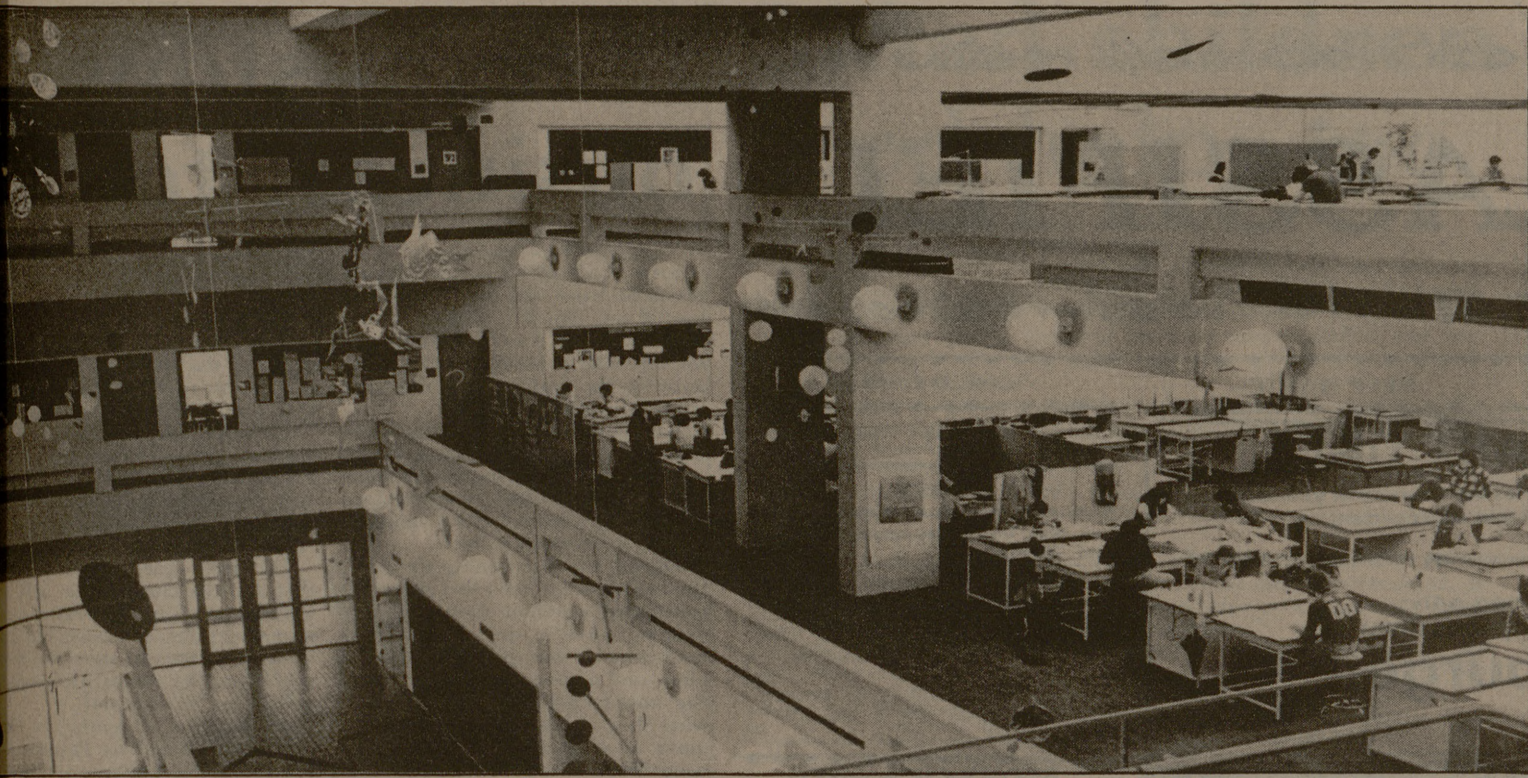
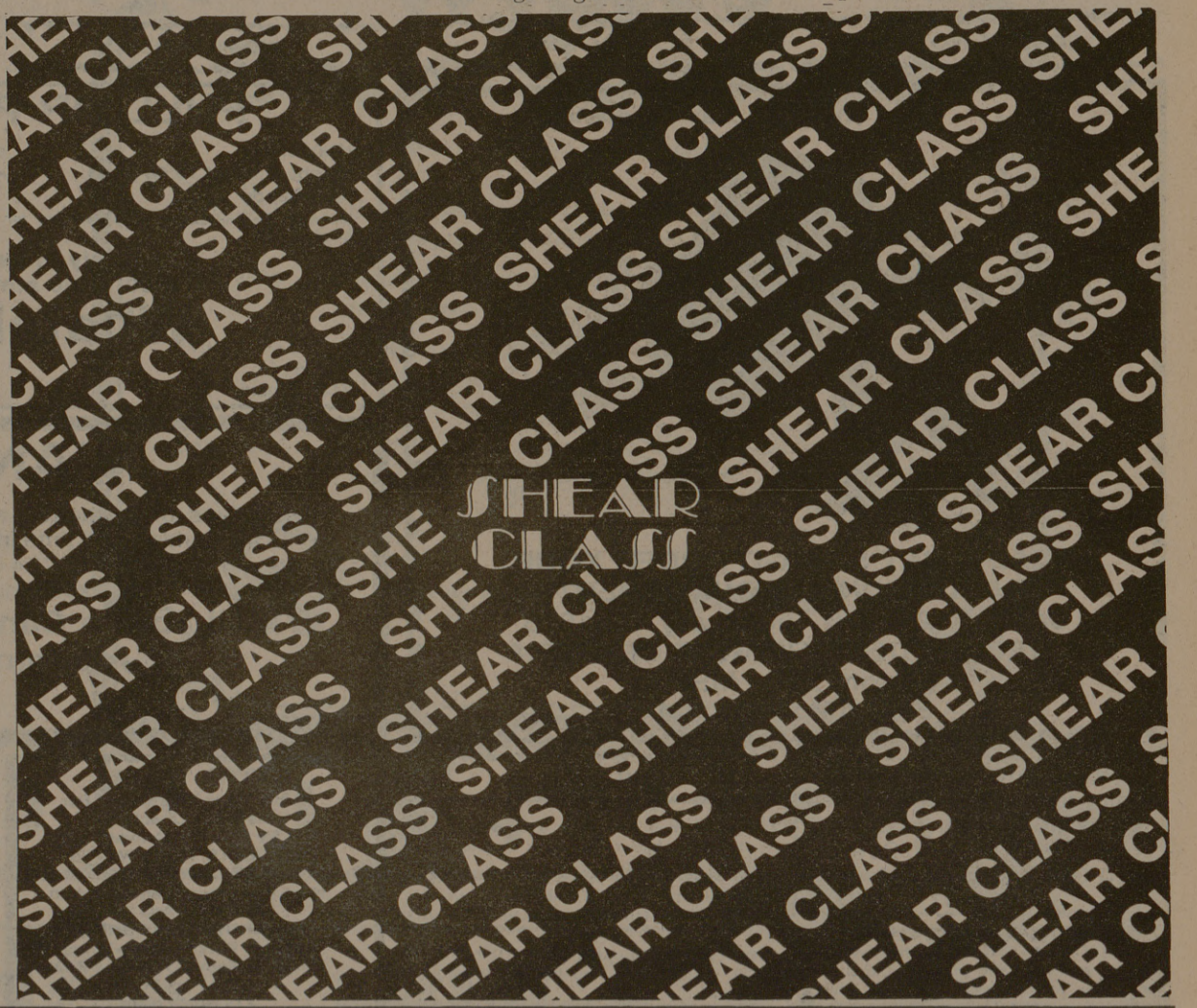


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**OKLAHOMA CITY** — A local man, claiming his brain had been pickled by beer, has filed a \$2 million lawsuit against Coors beer and the tavern owner who sold it to him.  
 Woodrow W. Bussey filed the suit Monday against the Adolph Coors Co. and tavern owner Adrian Lovett. Bussey claimed he has been a regular customer of the tavern since May 1978 and "consumed much Coors beer, which was supposedly non-intoxicating."  
 "This ingesting of Coors beer has

pickled the brain of the plaintiff, rendering him incapable of writing up to his potential or even writing in a professional manner," the lawsuit said.  
 The lawsuit seeks \$1.5 million for "irreparable brain damage, damage to his reputation, damage to his sexual prowess and damage to his literary career," and \$500,000 for past and future medical expenses.  
 Oklahoma law prohibits sale of beverages containing more than 3.2 percent alcohol for consumption on the premises.

## Beer pickled brain?



The "open" concept design of the Ernest Langford Architecture Center is pleasant to the eye, but some people are complaining about the side effects of the open structure: too much noise and a lack of privacy. *Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill*

## Noise, leaks, privacy, codes

# Langford Center: problems

By PEGGY C. McCULLEN  
 Battalion Reporter

The Ernest Langford Architecture Center has been carpeted and a University official says the building's acoustical problems are solved. But the building has some other problems.

The building, completed in 1977 at a cost of \$6,438,100, drew complaints for its noise level. A combination of hard floors, concrete walls and a lack of partitions between classes caused reverberations which disturbed occupants of classrooms and offices.

Originally, bids were taken to carpet the floors and spray the ceilings with insulation, but the \$110,000 allocated to the project was not enough for both jobs, said Dr. Raymond D. Reed, dean of the college of architecture.

Carpeting the third and fourth floors cost \$76,000 and was completed over the Christmas break, he said.

John Merchant, manager of the construction division of the University, said the acoustics problem has been solved and that nothing else is planned for improving the situation. Some people do not agree.

The center uses an "open" concept of design in which some classrooms, offices, study areas and hallways are not separated by walls. These offices are open to the building's atrium.

The perimeter of the center has some private offices and a few closed

classrooms. The office of the dean is also enclosed.

Occupants of offices lining the atrium are not allowed to put up curtains or partitions. The noise level is high and little privacy exists.

Reed said original plans put student advisers in the private offices but some advisers are in the open offices.

Another problem in privacy exists in the drawing areas. There are no partitions between desks.

Reed said this was meant to allow students in one discipline of the college to share ideas with those of another. The five disciplines are landscape, urban and regional planning, environmental design, building construction, and architecture.

Several students questioned at random approved of this idea and cited its importance in creativity.

The four-story, 102,000 square-foot building has also had leaks in the roof.

Merchant said some of the leaks have been repaired and their causes are being researched.

Merchant said one problem with the roof is foot traffic. Solar energy

studies are being conducted on the roof of the building by the department of architecture and environmental design. This contributes to "foot traffic" on the tar and gravel roof, he said.

Another problem may be in land shifting, Merchant said. This may cause structural damage and is not due to faulty construction.

Rooney Construction Co. of Dallas built the center and has fixed some of the leaks. Costs are covered by the builder's warranty.

Merchant said a roof ventilation system, which will allow moisture to escape from the roof, is being planned to help avoid future problems. Allegations have been made that the steps which lead to the east entrance of the architecture center are in violation of the building code.

The university architects follow two building codes, the Southern Building and the Uniform Building Code, Merchant said.

He says the steps do not violate either code.

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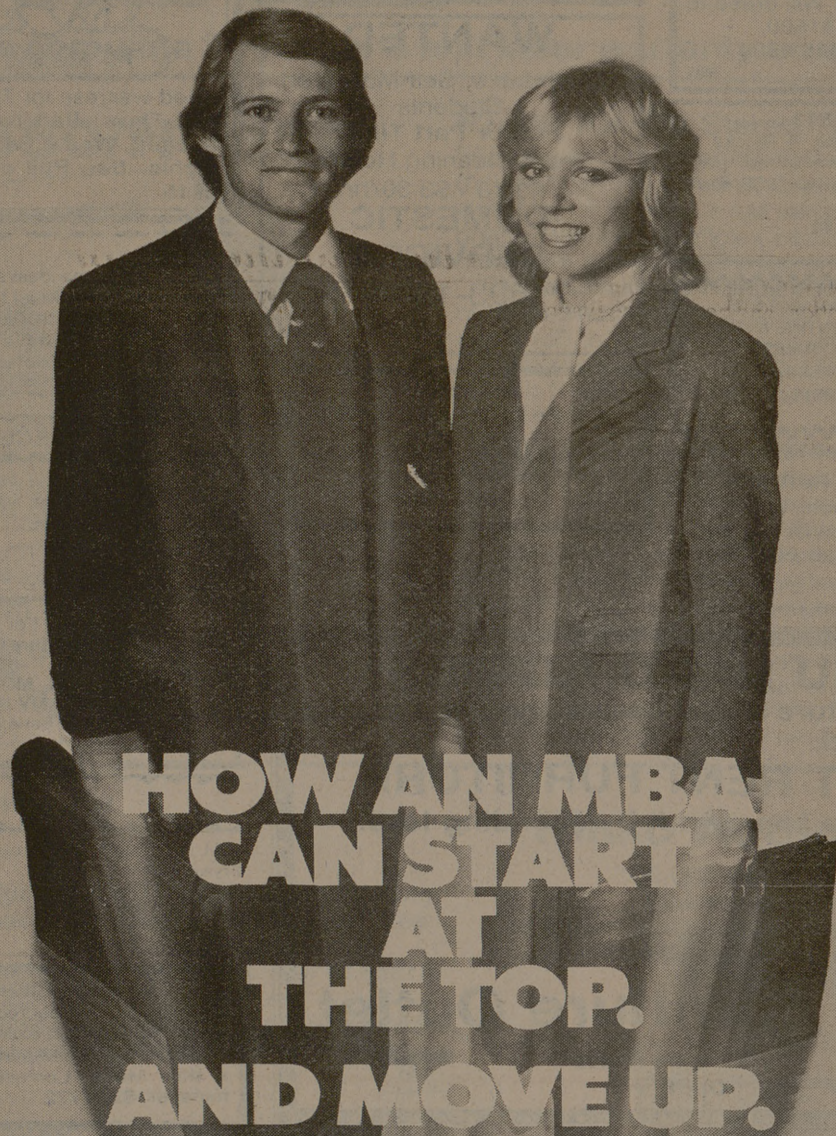
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