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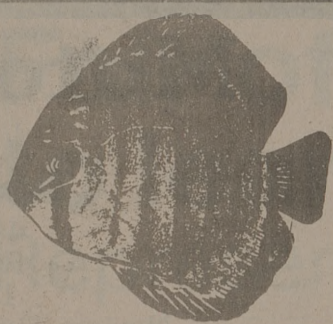
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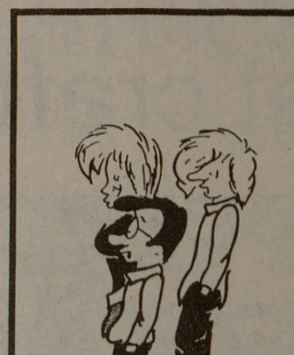
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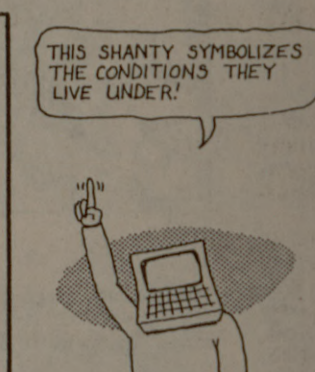
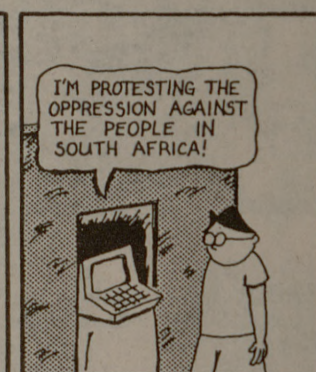
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Speaker: Architects' designs should reflect people's needs

By Shane Hall
Reporter

Designers and architects often ignore people and their needs when designing buildings, Dr. Brian Nettleton said Wednesday.

In a lecture titled "The Designer's Dilemma: People," Nettleton spoke to an audience of students, faculty and staff members of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. He addressed the need for architects to consider people when designing a structure.

"If there were no people, there would be no buildings," Nettleton told his audience.

Nettleton said the first question one must ask oneself is whether architects do indeed ignore people. His lecture, accompanied by slides, addressed observations he made regarding this question. Nettleton said there was evidence that architects still ignore people.

He said he once went into the Sterling C. Evans Library and pulled every fifth book dealing with people from the architecture section and did an analysis to see how often the books were borrowed. About 10 percent had actually been borrowed, Nettleton said.

"Architecture is not very often involved with dialogue with clients."
— Dr. Brian Nettleton

There is other evidence of architects not being taught to consider people, he added. He spoke of when he first arrived at Texas A&M and looked at sketches of the interior of the Langford Architecture Center done by more than 40 first-year students.

"I looked at them all and there was only one sketch that had people in it," Nettleton said. When he asked the student why the sketch had people, Nettleton said the student told him of a professor who said things should be human scale.

"Good man, I told him," Nettleton said. "10 out of 10 on the scale for you!"

In reviewing student designs, questions about how the design would affect those who would use the building are rarely asked, Nettleton explained.

"Totally absent were questions

about "What are the characteristics of the individuals who are likely to make up a majority of the users he said. Nettleton said he once saw a student who was designing a generation housing complex. He knew anything about the mobility of the elderly and what of pathway would be appropriate construct for these people. The student, he said, "displayed a lack of knowledge for these kinds of needs."

Nettleton said he felt such as this demonstrated a need for architects to be taught to keep people in mind more.

"Architecture is not very often involved with dialogue with clients," he added, saying that architects should better know the kind of people they are working with on design-related problems.

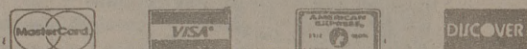
Nettleton explained that there seems to be much concern on the part of architects with the activity of the design, consistency of people does not necessarily result in dull architecture.

The constant challenge of architecture, Nettleton explained, is to integrate creativity with a number of vital elements, "including people

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