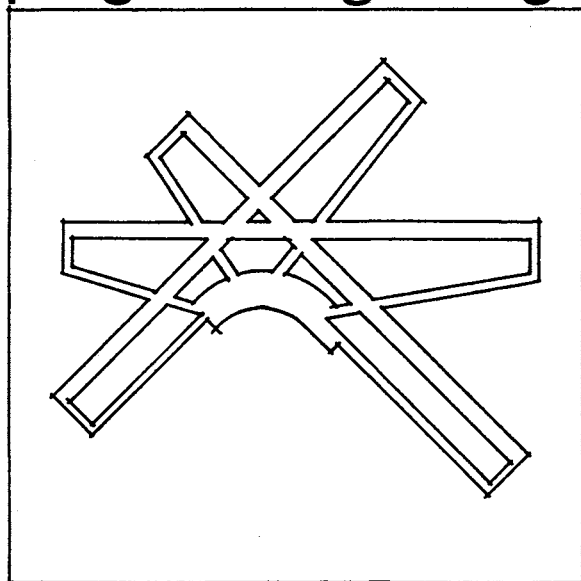


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design program
design development

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RESOURCE PEOPLE

client: Bruce Hoover ; Department
Head, Aviation Education

advisors: Uim Knight ; Professor,
School of Architecture, Architect

George Chamberlain ; Professor,
School of Architecture, Architect,
Pilot

THE CLIENT

student pilots:

The airports flight training program is one of the most outstanding in the nation with most of the activity coming from students attending Oklahoma State University. 500 students are enrolled per academic year, although 500 are enrolled only 200 students are in flight training. The remaining students are on campus at Oklahoma State University. These students range from freshman to graduate students handling approximately 6000 hours flight time per year. By the year 2000 the projected growth of flight students will be 400 per academic year.

staff:

There are currently 14 staff members working at the present training facility located in the terminal building at Stillwater Municipal Airport. Bruce Hoover is the present department head of Aviation Education at Oklahoma State University and will represent the department.

STILLWATER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Stillwater's airport became a reality in December, 1929, when the city of Stillwater acquired 240 acres of land, a portion of the present airport. In the early 1930's George E. Searcy agreed to manage the turf landing strips. He died in an accident near the Lake of the Ozarks while returning to Stillwater with a new plane. His father over the airport management to carry out George's plans. Later the airport was named Searcy Field in honor of George E. Searcy. However, because of confusion between the name of Searcy Field and Searcy Municipal Airport in Arkansas, the city commission changed the airport's name to Stillwater Municipal Airport on September 19, 1977.

Arthur Kimman, Jack Huff, Al Guthrie, Glenn Rucker, and in 1952 Hoyt Walkup followed Searcy as airport managers, but it was Hoyt Walkup who is credited for most of the airport's growth and stature in today's aviation community.

Early in 1943, the airport was turned over to the war assets administration and, under the development of landing areas for national defense program, the U.S. department of navy began the

construction of three runways, taxiways and apron in the basic configuration that exists today. 175 acres of land were acquired in 1941 and 900 acres were added in 1943 bringing the total airport size to 1,315 acres. All three runways were equipped with low intensity lighting.

Following this initial development program the City constructed an aircraft storage hangar, and Oklahoma A & M College built an aircraft storage hangar. The City and the College constructed the Administration Building in 1951 and various FAA participating projects such as fencing, aircraft parking aprons, access road, medium intensity runway lights, strengthening of runways, fire rescue equipment and building, additional land, centerline taxiway lighting, visual approach slope indicators and runway end identifier systems. A ten-unit T-hanger was constructed by the city in 1969.

SITE DATA

size: 290' x 550' . 159,500 ϕ

restrictions: 75' building restriction line
from taxiway
· 15' setback line from airport
road
· existing tie-down area

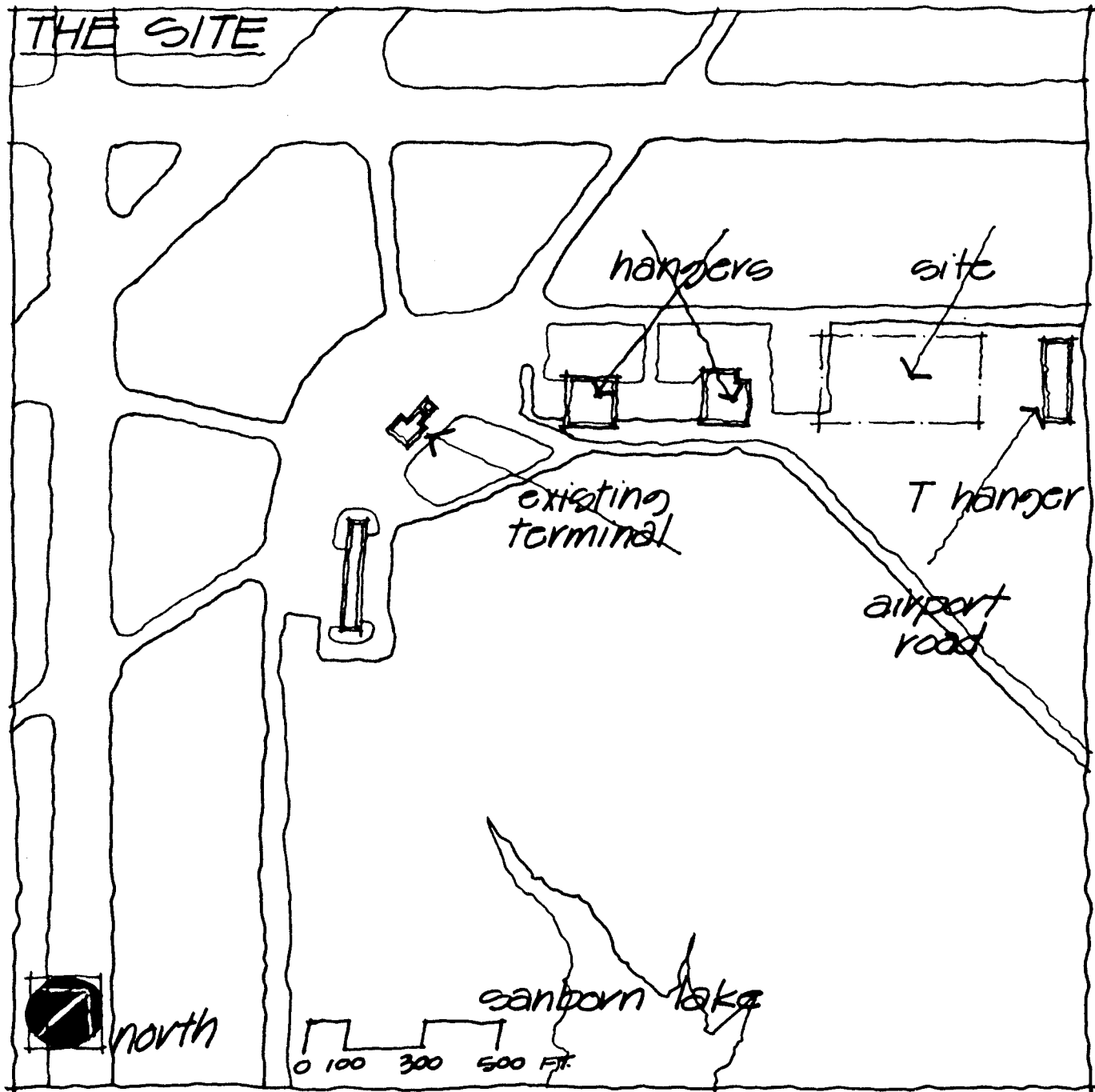
buildable area: 200' x 545' . 109,000 ϕ

tree cover: none

accessibility: auto: from airport road on
southeast side of site
aircraft: from taxiway on
northwest side and from the
existing tie-down area on
southwest side of the site
walking: to and from the
existing terminal to the south-
west - 1200'

traffic volume: there are presently 125
parking positions at the terminal

THE SITE



hangars

site

existing terminal

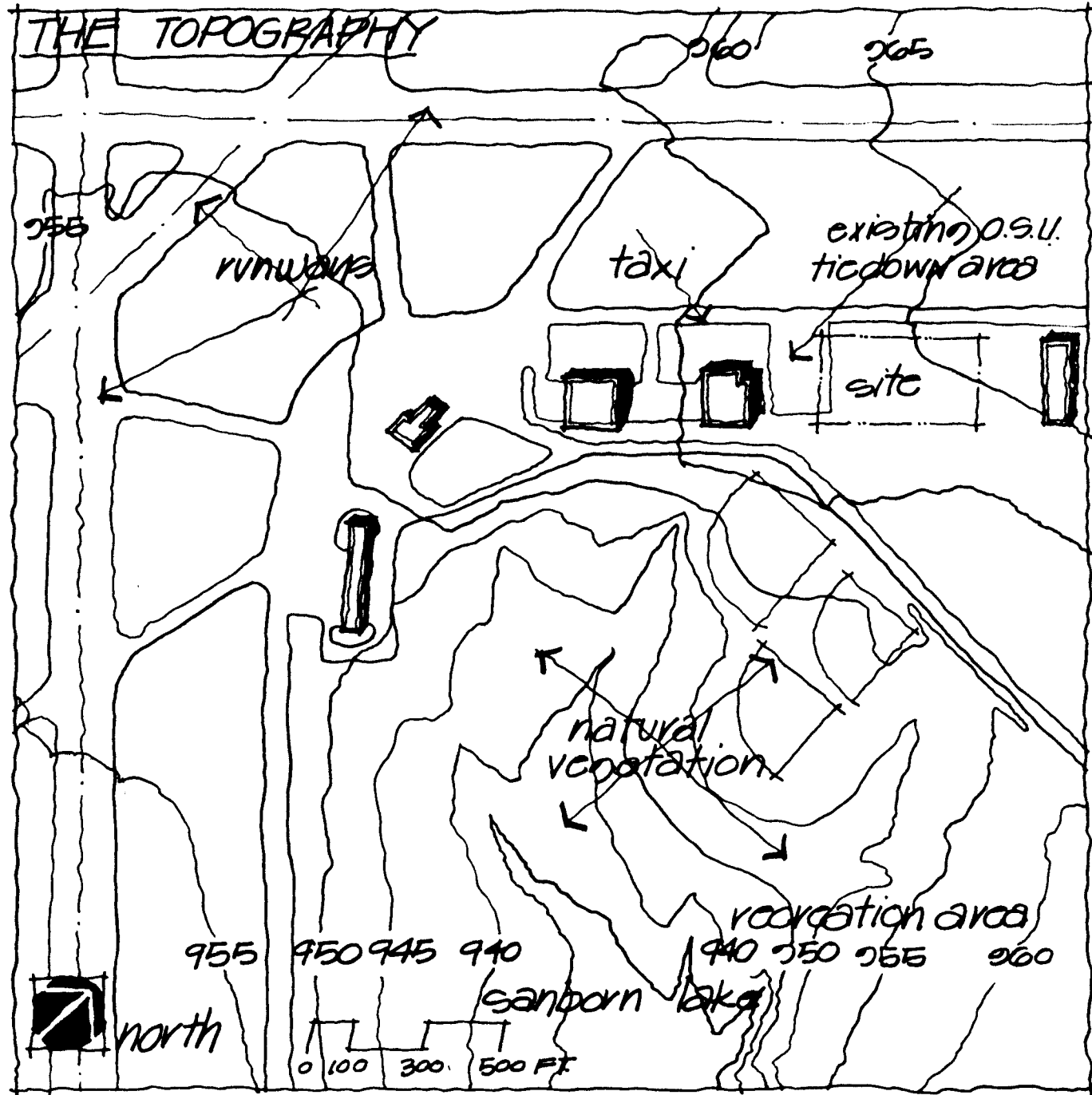
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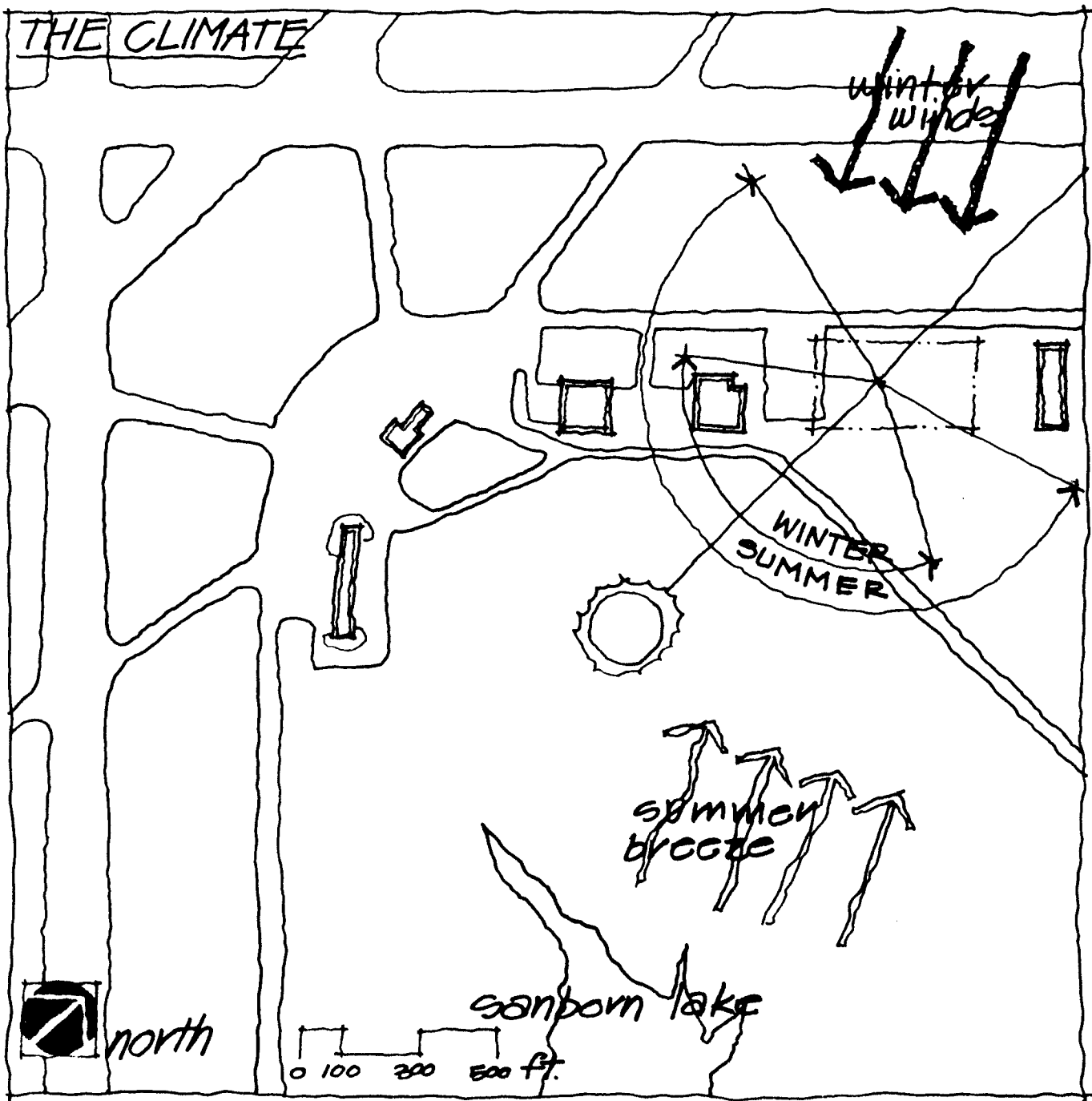
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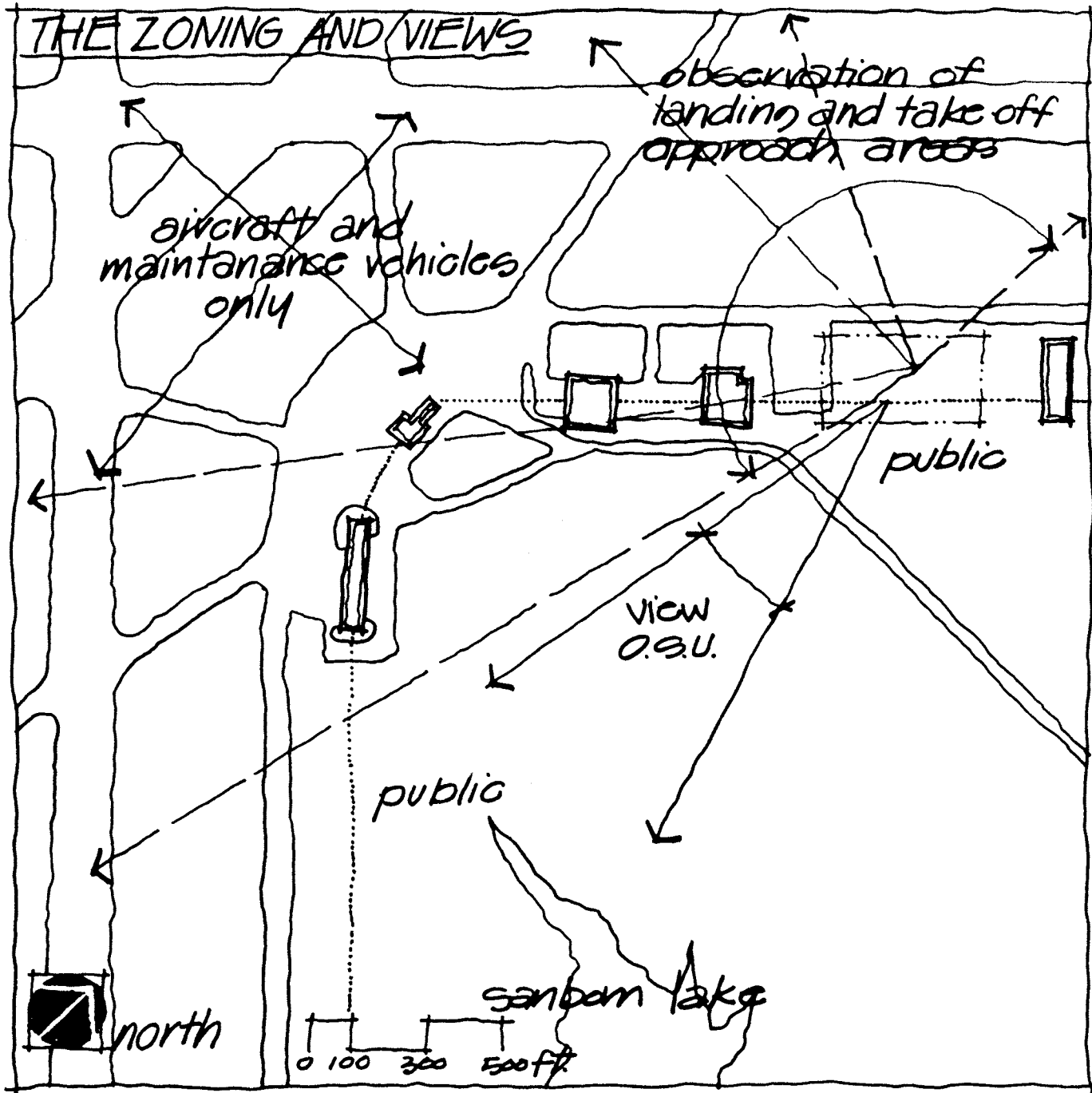
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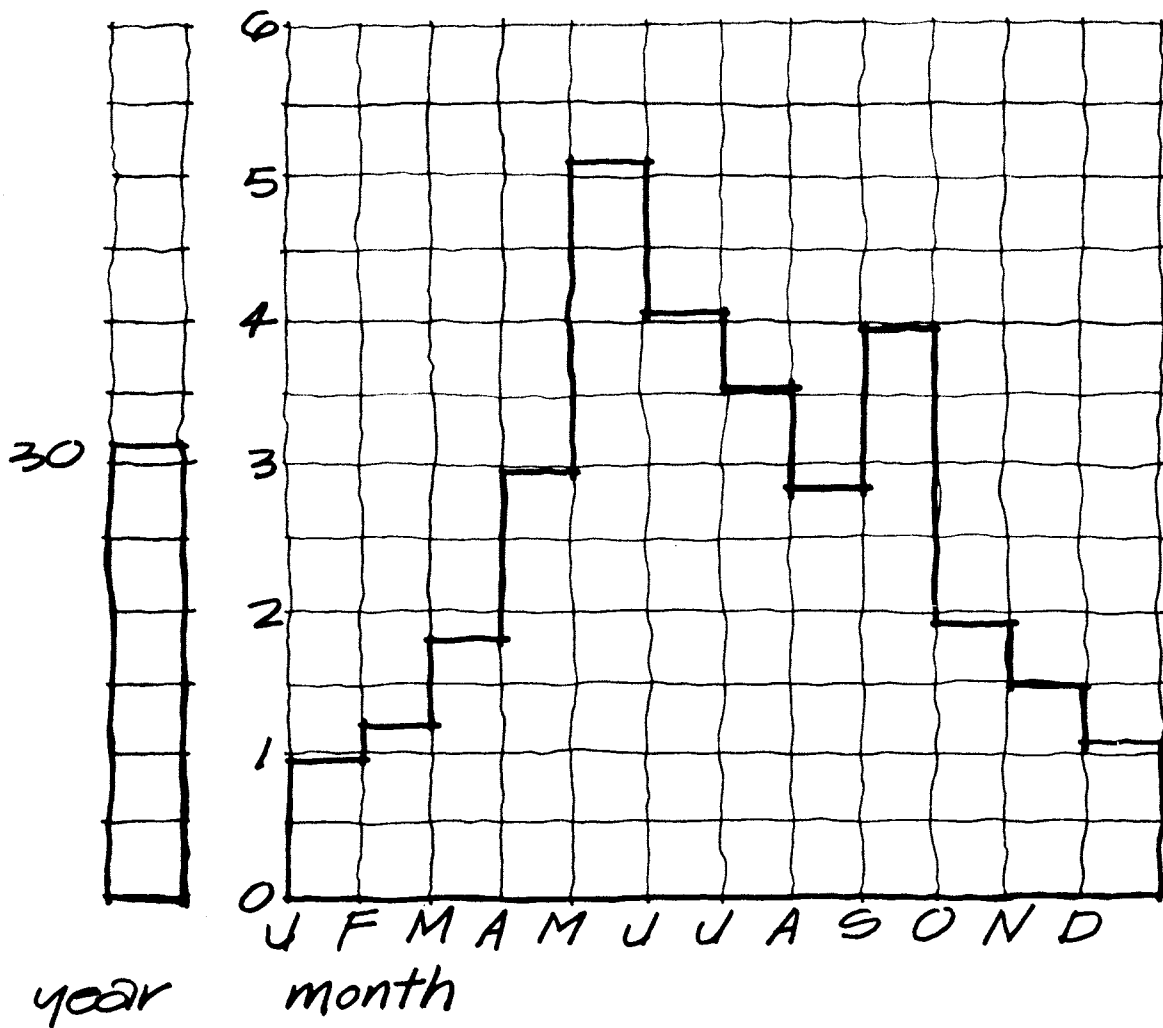
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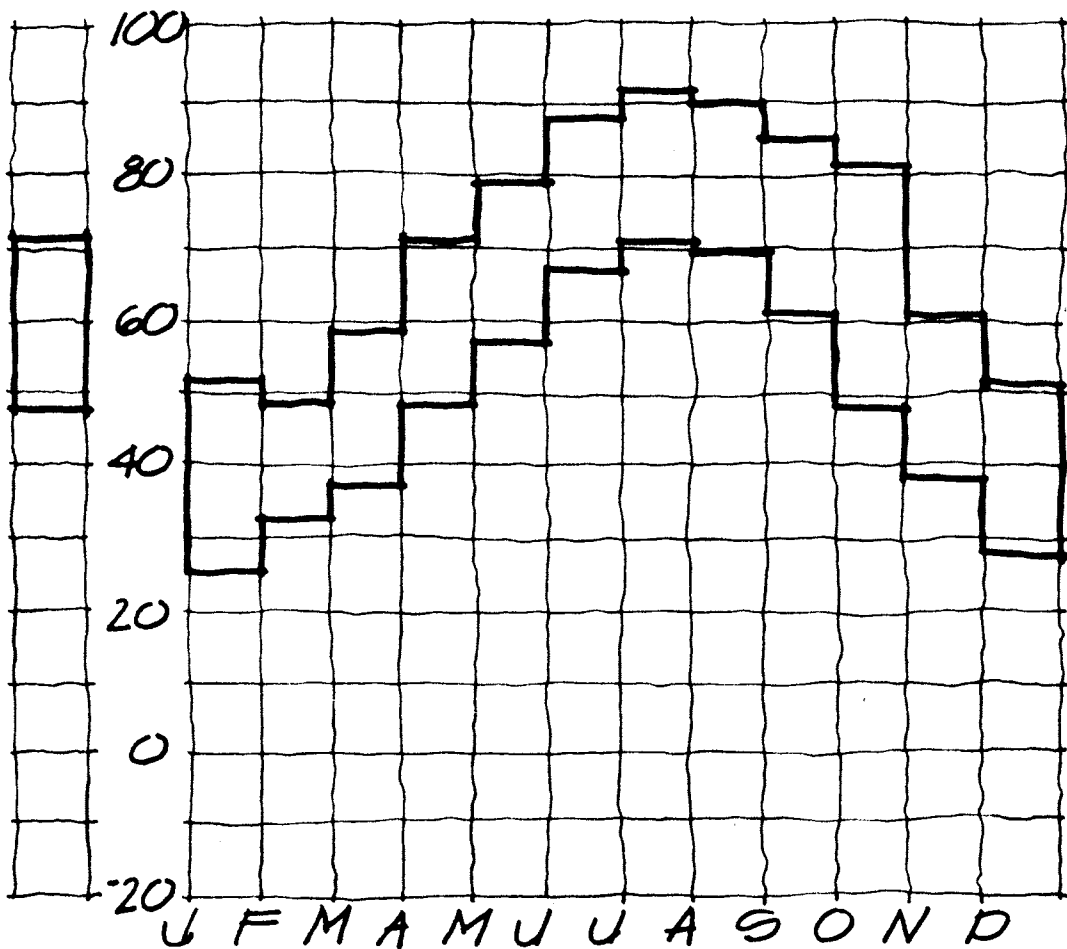
- flight training areas • educational occupancy
- classroom > 50 people • place of assembly
- hanger area • storage occupancy
- parts storage area • storage occupancy

note: The City of Stillwater has in effect the height restriction zoning ordinance for Stillwater Municipal Airport, this ordinance will be used in reference to this project. The City of Stillwater endorses "Life Safety Code", the life safety code handbook will also be used in reference to the code applications.

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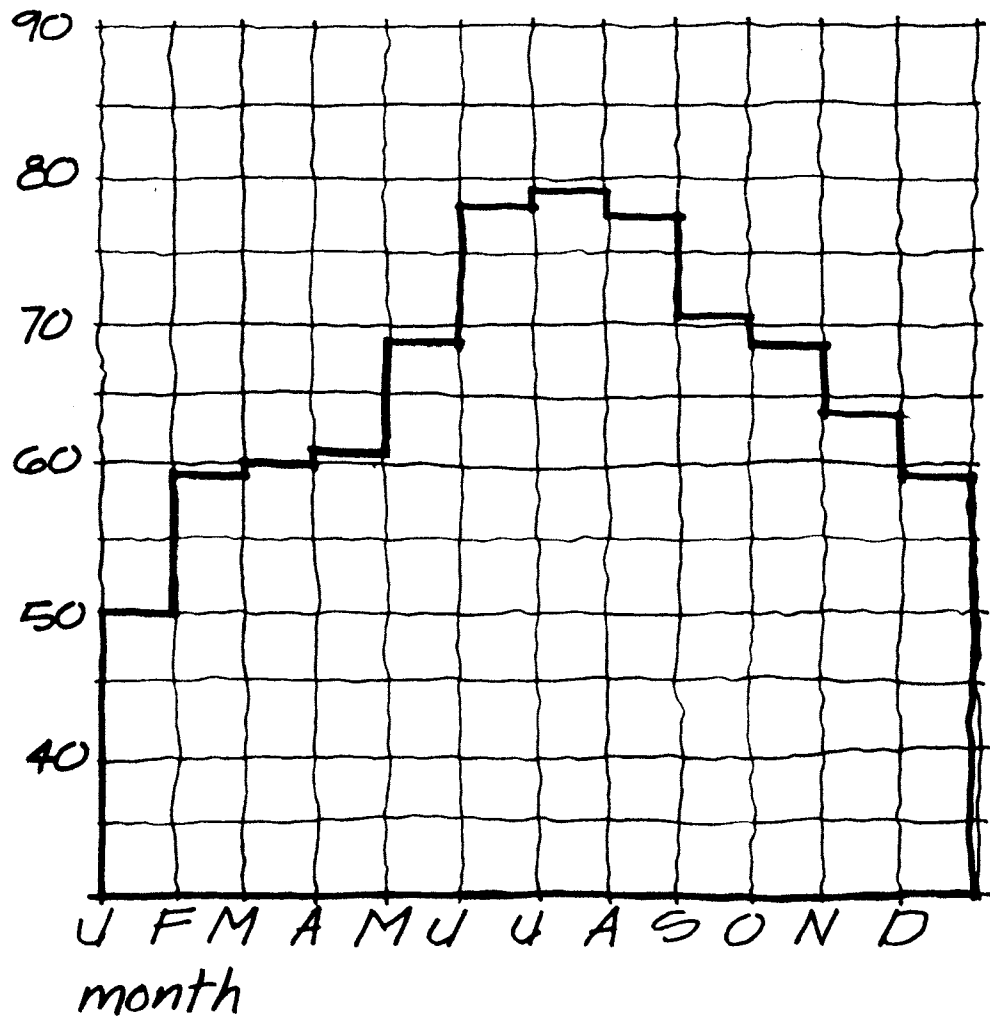


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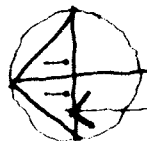
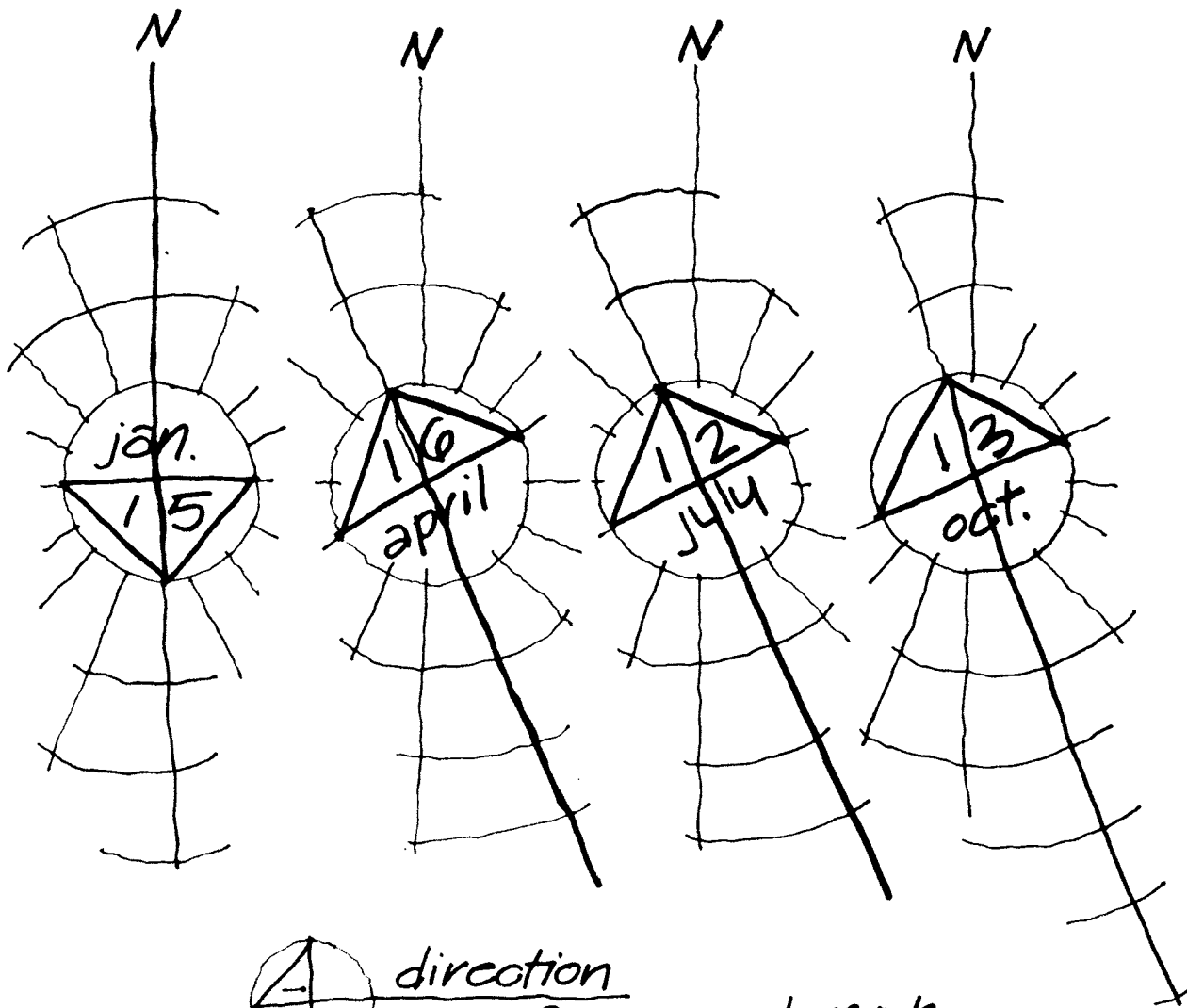


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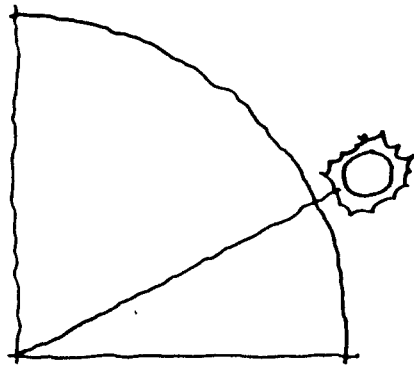


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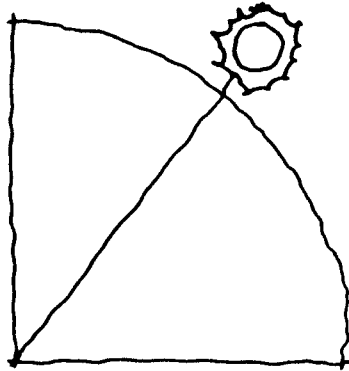


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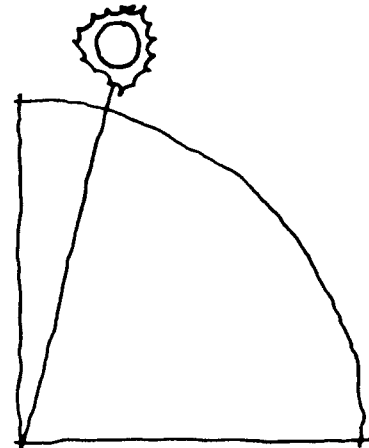
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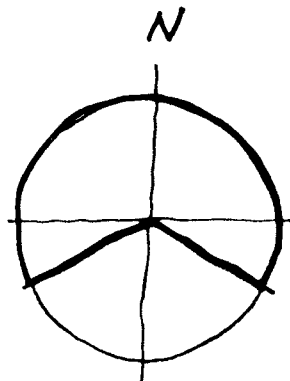
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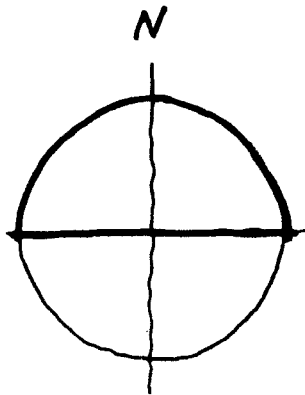
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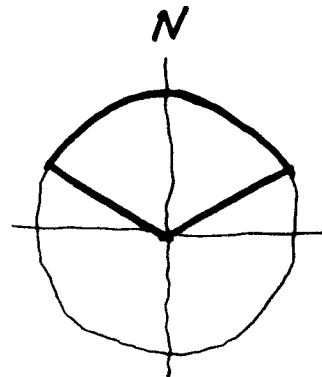
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PART TWO: needs

SECRETARIAL AREA

activities: secretary to dept. head & instructors

users: secretary

relationships:

positive: department head · faculty offices

negative: hanger area

equipment:

built-in: counter space · filing

movable: chairs · desk

specialties: work area · counter space

<u>area</u> :	work area	200 #
	secretary	200
	total	<u>400 #</u>

RECEPTIONIST / LOBBY

activities: waiting area · display · receiving

users: students · staff · faculty · public

relationships:

positive: administration and offices

negative: study zones · classroom

equipment:

built-in: counter space · displays

moveable: seating

specialties: image of lobby · views

area: waiting for 5-10 people 200 #
reception 150 #
display 300 #
total 650 #

DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICE

activities: administration · instruction · discussion

user: department head

relationship:

positive: secretary · receptionist · instructor
offices · lobby

negative: hangers

equipment:

built-in: bookshelves · bulletin board

moveable: desk · filing

area: 200 ϕ

INSTRUCTOR OFFICE

activities: office space for instructor

user: flight instructor

relationships:

positive: dept. head. sec.

negative: hangars

equipment:

built-in: desk. filing. locker

movable: chairs

specialties: this office space will serve as
the faculty members permanent space

area: 3 @ 150 sq ft ca. 450 total

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR OFFICE

activities: office space for flight instructors.
pre-flight prep

users: flight instructor

relationships:

positive: flight operations. pilot
briefing.

negative: hangers

equipment:

built-in: t.v. monitor.

movable: desk. files. reference material

specialties: safety. administration. visual
observation of student operations

area: 150 sq ft

CONFERENCE ROOM

activities: faculty meetings

users: staff and faculty

relationships:

positive: instructor offices. administrative areas. lobby

negative: hangovers

equipment:

built-in: projection screen. graphic wall

moveable: conference table and chairs

specialties: control natural light

area: 400-500 sq ft min. seating 14

STUDENT / INSTRUCTOR STATION

activities: pre-flight testing

users: aviation students & flight instructors

relationships:

positive: flight operations · instructor
offices

negative: hangars (noise)

equipment: bulletin board · desk

specialties: instructor observation of students
handling planes

area: 80 - 100 sq ft ea. · 14 required

total: 1120 - 1400 sq ft

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

activities: pilots and pilot trainees check weather, time, in & out flights, pre flight planning & navigation

users: flight instructors, students, flight services pilots

relationships:

positive: chief instructor, instructors, pilot briefing modules

negative: hangars

equipment:

built-in: T.V. monitor, 2 "APPLE" computer terminals, clocks, telephones, wall space for maps, linear counter space for charting

specialties: visual contact with runway & taxi areas

area: 500 - 600 sq ft

CLASSROOM

activities: lectures · small classes · filming
anglic meetings · movies · safety
presentations

users: faculty and students

relationships:

positive: faculty offices · public
negative: hangers · noise control

equipment:

built-in: movie screen · blackboard
moveable: desks · chairs · lecturn

specialties: block natural light for visual
aids ·

area: 600 - 1000 ft^2 6-8 ft^2 per person

seating capacity · 20-40 people

FLIGHT SIMULATION

activities: observation of students simulating flight

users: students and faculty

relationships:

positive: administration control · chief instructor · instructor offices

negative: noise control · public areas

equipment:

built-in: adequate power

movable: flight simulators · instructor station

specialties: dark area for observation of digital computers · accessibility of large simulator machines

area: 90 sq ft per simulator · 6 required
space for instructor · 100 sq ft
660 sq ft total

LIBRARY / REFERENCE

activities: research · study · reading

users: students · staff · faculty

relationships:

positive: administration · flight
operations

negative: hangars

equipment:

built-in: bookshelves · map storage

moveable: tables · chairs · lounge furniture

specialties: quiet space required

area: 500 - 700 sq

STUDENT / STAFF LOUNGE

activities: breaks, informal meetings

users: students & staff

relationships:

positive: training & administration areas

negative: library, offices

equipment:

built-in:

moveable: lounge furniture & table

specialties: access to toilets & vending areas
· kitchen

area: 300 - 500 sq ft

FLIGHT SERVICES

activities: planing and deplaning of guests
and oklahoma state university employees

users: pilots · secretary · guests

relationships:

positive: public entry · flight operations ·
taxi-way

negative: active student training areas

equipment:

built-in:

moveable: desks · chairs · furniture

specialties: access to and from plane

area:

secretary · 150 #

waiting area · 200 #

2 pilot stations · 400 #

750 # total

HANGER AREA

activities: plane storage · maintenance · safety checks · parts storage · offices · avionics

Users: maintenance crews · students · instructors

relationships:

positive: taxiway · administration

negative: noise controlled areas

equipment:

built-in: work stations · tool and parts storage lockers

moveable: portable tool carts

specialties: compressed air · high security area · hanger area must be accessible from 2 sides for easy mobility of planes

area: plane size ~ $25' \times 40' = 1000 \text{ sq ft}$ per plane

14 planes required = $14,000 \text{ sq ft}$ total

MAINTENANCE OFFICES

activities: security control of hanger & parts area.
mechanics office. safety observation

users: mechanics & staff

relationships:

positive: hanger. parts storage. administration

negative: public

equipment:

movable: desk. file space

specialties: visual control with hanger & tie down
areas

area: 2 offices @ 200 sq ft each

PARTS STORAGE

activities: storage of tools · parts · & equipment

users: mechanics · staff · students

relationships:

positive: hammers · maintenance office

negative: public ·

equipment:

built-in: shelves

moveable: tool carts

specialties: service access · chemical storage

area: 1000 ft^2

AVIONICS

activities: study and repair of airplane instrumentation

users: staff · faculty · students · technicians

relationships:

positive: hanger area · parts storage
maintenance

negative: hanger floor

equipment:

built-in: storage space for parts · work
stations

moveable: seating

specialties: block natural light for viewing
of oscilloscopes · dust free environment

area: 400 - 500 sq ft

TIEDOWN AND RAMP AREA

activities: plane storage · preflight safety checks ·
pilot familiarization · display plane

users: pilots · trainees · instructors · maintenance ·
planing and deplaning passengers

relationships:

positive: hanger · maintenance · visual security

negative: classroom and training areas

equipment:

built-in: tiedown hardware · lighting

movable: gas & maintenance vehicles

specialties: visual security control · observation of
handling of planes

area: 1000 \square per plane

TOILETS

activities:

users:

relationships:

positive: public areas. janitor closet.
vending. kitchenette

negative:

equipment:

built-in:

specialties:

area: average capacity - 60 people

- water closets · 1 per 25 people
- lavatories · 1 per 25 people
- urinals · 1 per 12 males

AUXILLARY AREAS

- telephonic equipment room 50 #
- toilet in hanger 100 #
- elevator 100 #
- janitor closet 100 #
- storage areas 300 #
- workroom 100 #
- lockers

total area 750 #

TOTAL AREA

total space requirement:

hangar area · 15,500 sq ft

training area · 8,320 sq ft

total 23,820 sq ft

10% mechanical equipment allowance 2,382 sq ft

15% circulation allowance 3,573 sq ft

total area in square ft. 29,775 sq ft

• the total building area on the buildable area of the site is 28%

SITE REQUIREMENTS

parking: minimum of 30 stalls required

tie-down: 20 aircraft tie-down areas

service: access to hangar for delivery of large parts and planes

- service entry for garbages and small deliveries

specialties: auto drop off area for flight services • departures and arrivals

- aircraft drop off area for flight services
- landscaping
- outdoor space for plane exhibits

parking area: 30 stalls @ 200 \$ each
6000 \$ total

- parking area for cars is 16% of total buildable area of site

PART THREE: goals

GOALS

function:

- to be the flight training facility for aviation education, and the educational center of the airport community.
- to provide for dual use of the facility by students for education and the flight services department of Oklahoma State University.
- to lend interest and excitement in flight and flight procedures to the approach, arrival, and movement through the facility.

form:

- the aesthetic orientation should leave the user with a feeling of flight with academic overtones.
- the image projected to the community should reflect the intent of the user. that of safety, professionalism, and technology in flight.

GOALS (cont.)

economy:

- with today's energy costs energy conservation should be reflected in the design to save operational costs.
- the budget should be adequate for good quality construction; however it is not without design implications.

time:

- the facilities are to be flexible to accommodate the high rate of growth in the technology in aviation education and in aviation in general.

PART FOUR: concepts

PEOPLE GROUPING

· educational —————> students

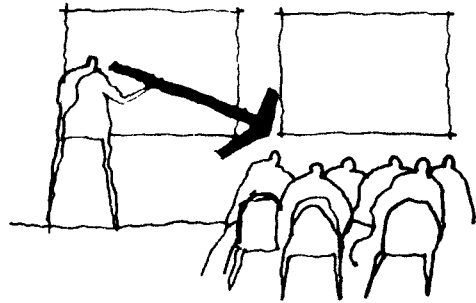
· administrative —————> staff and faculty

· observational —————> faculty

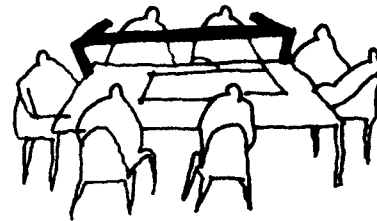
group functions: flight operations · faculty meetings · classes · club meetings

individual functions: charting · study · office · weather · maintenance

communication:



one-way

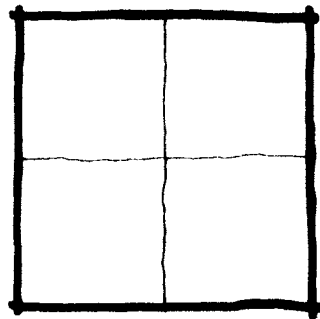


two-way

SERVICE GROUPING

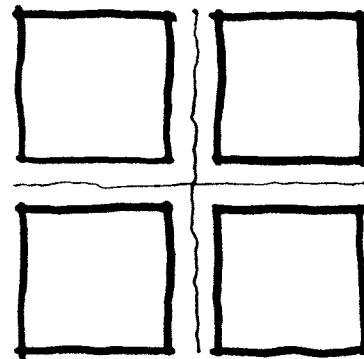
centralized

- flight training areas
safety administration
- mechanical equipment
energy conservation
- administration areas
observation and control
- flight operations
safety observation



decentralized

- office spaces
privacy
- hanger area
storage
- individual training areas
privacy and concentration
- service entries and areas
- flight services

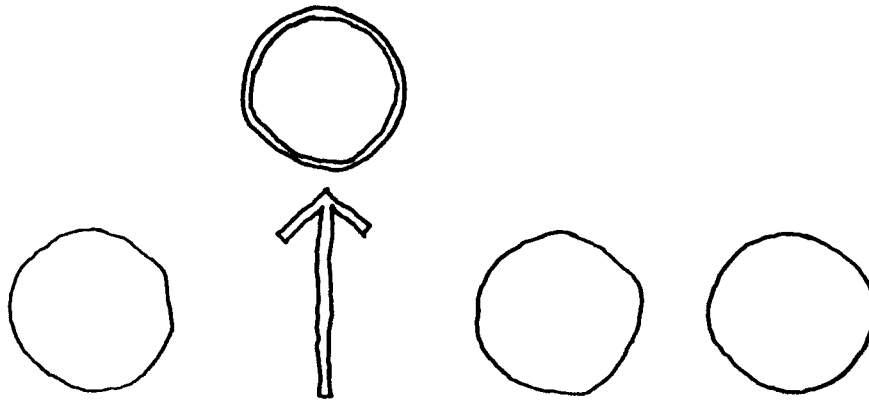


PRIORITY

• position $\xrightarrow{\text{safety}}$ observation

• social value $\xrightarrow{\text{flight}}$ education

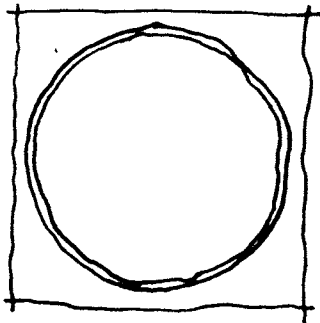
• size $\xrightarrow{\text{rank}}$ office



ACTIVITY GROUPING

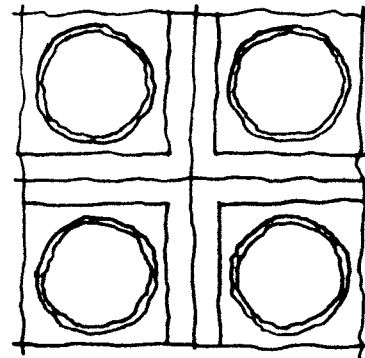
integrated

- flight operations
 observation / safety
 and interaction
- flight simulation
 · observation
- public spaces
 interaction



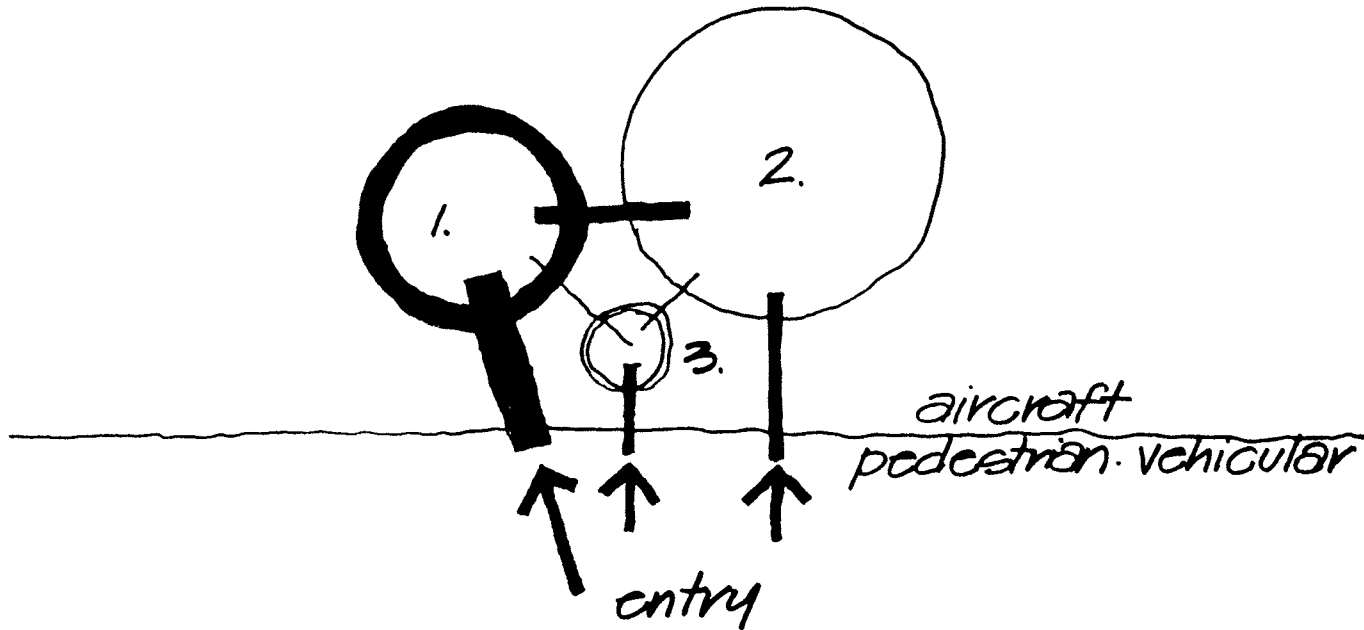
compartmentalized

- flight services
 separate service
- office areas
 privacy
- hanger area
 security
- student / instructor pre-
 flight instruction



RELATIONSHIPS

1. flight training areas and administration
2. hangar area, maintenance, and parts
3. flight services



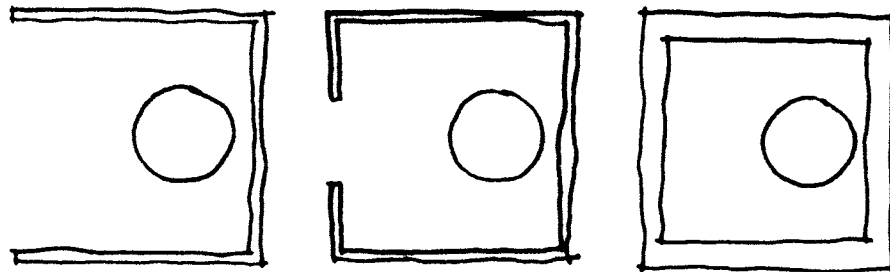
SECURITY CONTROLS

- minimum: public areas • flight services • administration
- medium: flight simulation • taxiway
- maximum: flight operations • hanger area • parts storage

types: observation: control personnel movement



enclosure

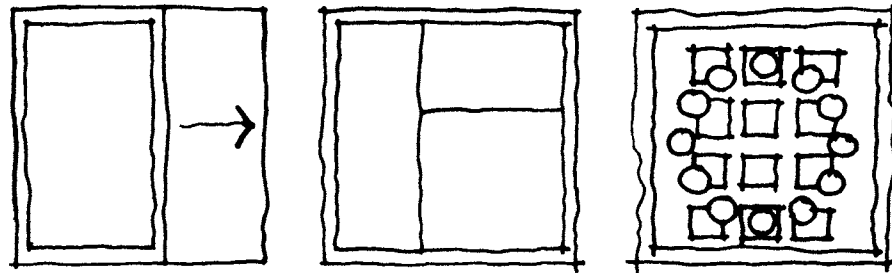


FLEXIBILITY

expansion: the project growth for the year 2000 is 400 students per academic year. This growth would include flight training facilities and administration areas. i.e. flight simulation and office space.

conversion: due to the high technology of aviation education, i.e. flight simulation, the convertibility would be one of equipment rather than space

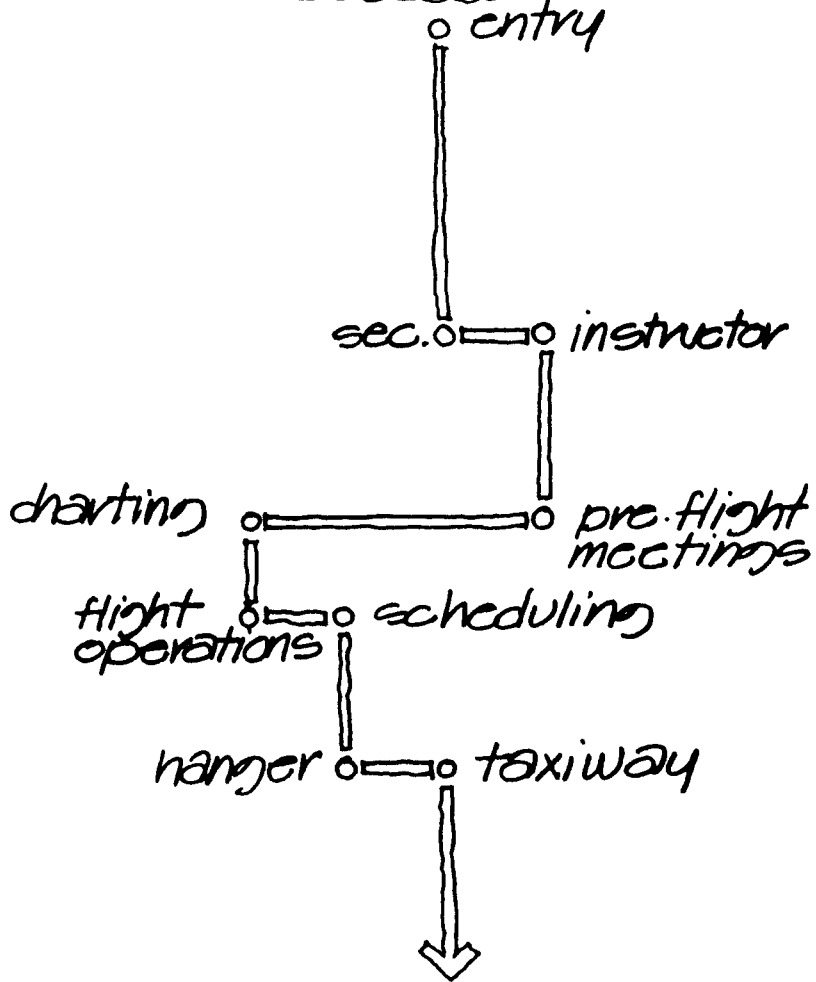
versatility: the flight operations area will be used by the flight services department in conjunction with student trainees. the classroom will be used also by the flying anglers.



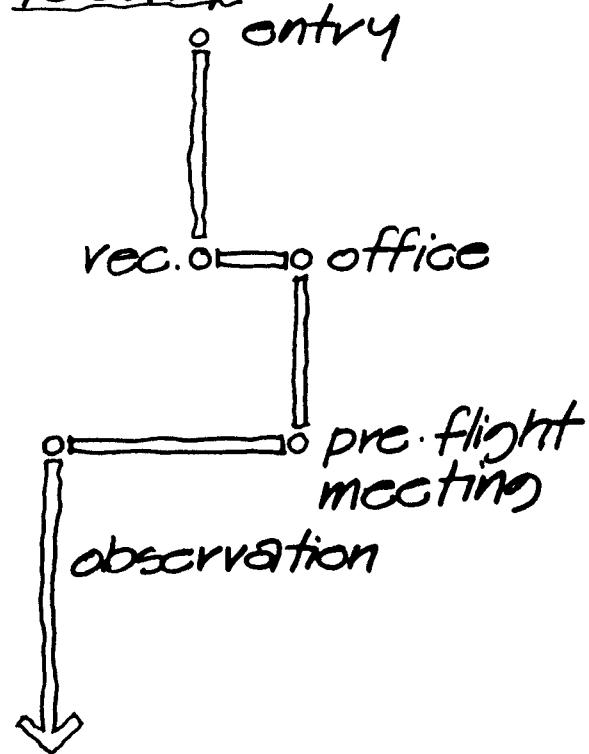
SEQUENTIAL FLOW

progression of people:
students, staff, and visitors

students:

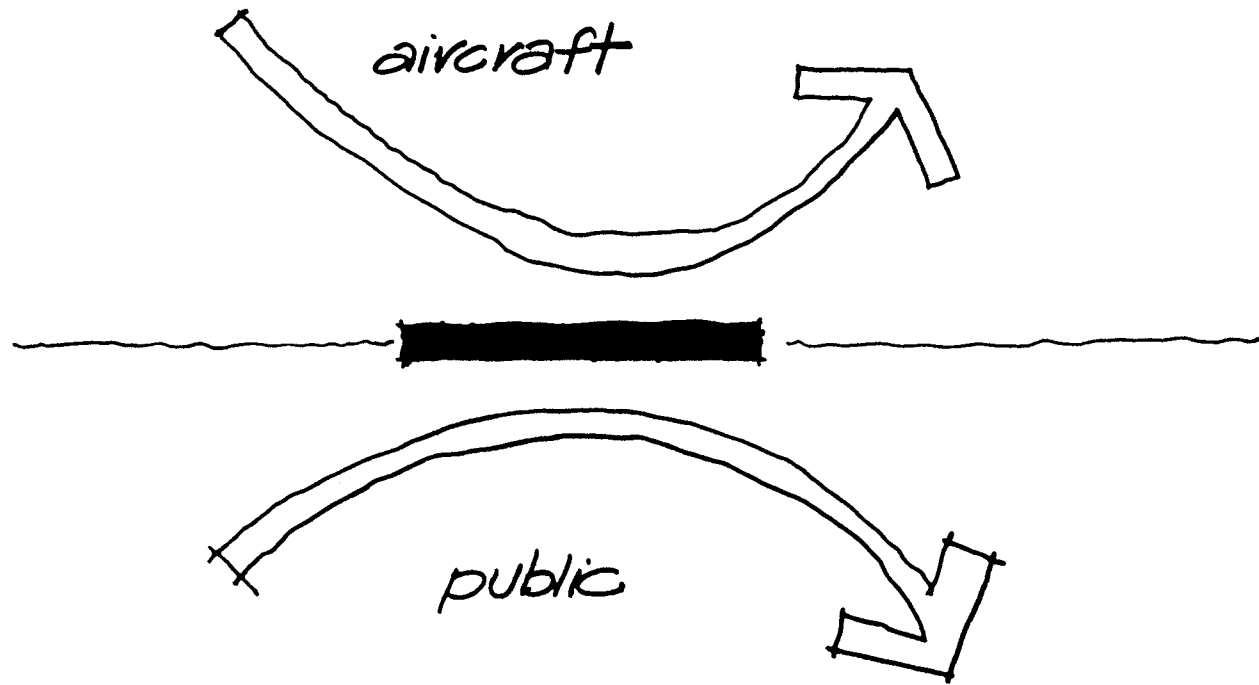


faculty:



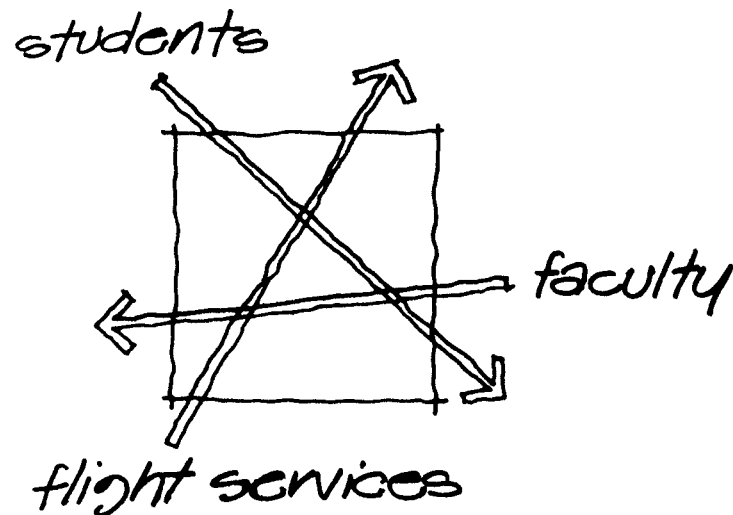
SEPARATED FLOW

types: aircraft • vehicular • pedestrian



MIXED FLOW

- aviation education is safety oriented, therefore the interaction of faculty and students is important
- flight services will share the facility with the aviation education department. this service is an active part of flight operations. due to safety all parts of flight should be aware of each other

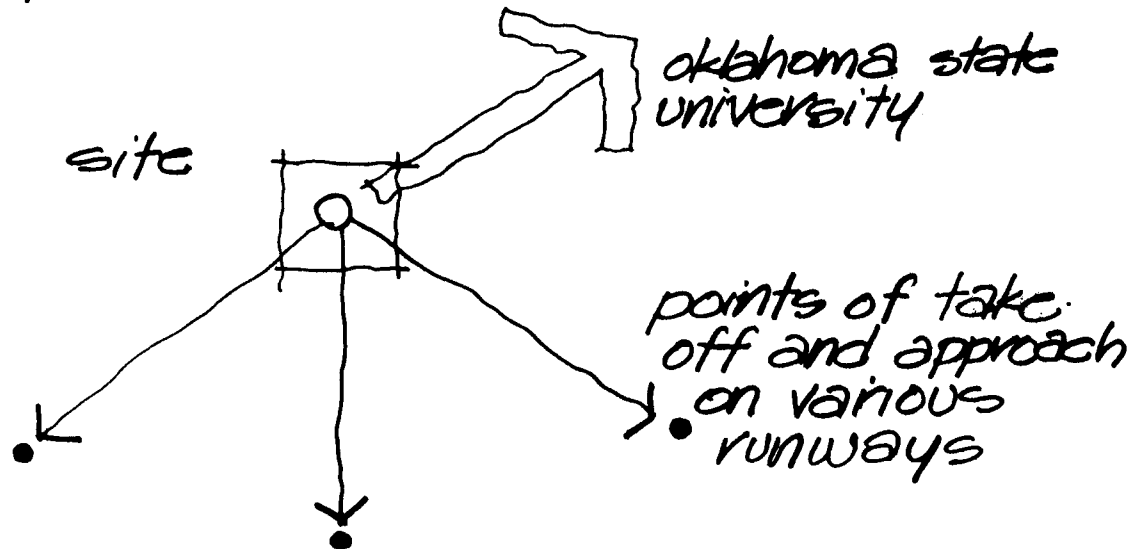


ORIENTATION

points of reference.

safety: an important part of aviation education is observation of flight and plane handling. approach and take off areas are critical points of reference

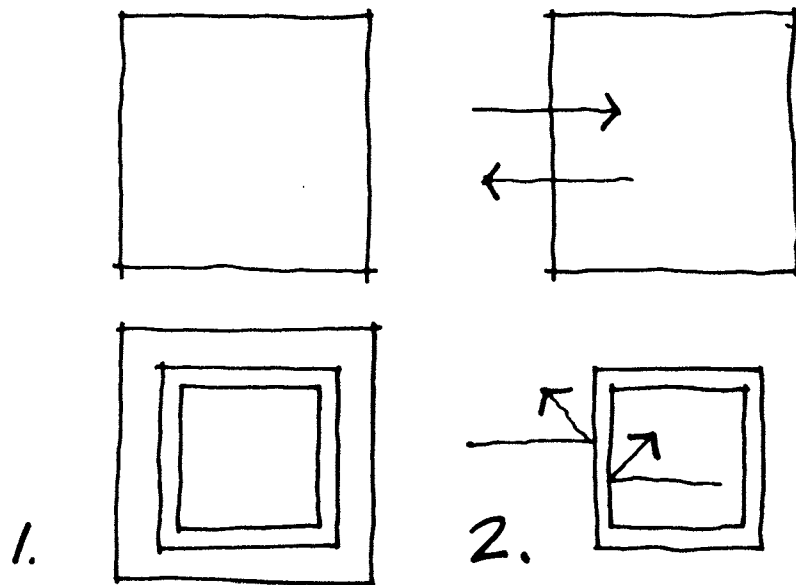
educational: oklahoma state university can be seen from the site. this is an "educational" link with the main campus



ENERGY CONSERVATION

conservation of energy is of prime importance. there are two basic way that lead to energy efficient buildings.

1. keep heated area to a minimum by efficient planning
2. keep heat flow to a minimum with insulation, correct orientation to sun and wind, sun controls and reflective surfaces.



PART FIVE : problem statement

PROBLEM STATEMENT

function:

- the new facility must accommodate a variety of functions and traffic. a key problem is to accommodate this mix, taking care to minimize the conflicts while accentuating the positive interactions necessary to flight safety.
- the essence of the training school is the circulation of students, staff, and aircraft.
- since emphasis must be placed on flight safety the design must provide for separation of the pedestrian movement, vehicular traffic and aircraft traffic.

form:

- the large flat site will influence the form of the building towards a more horizontal development.

PROBLEM STATEMENT cont.

form:

- because of the remoteness of the site from the main campus the design must provide a link back to campus using views, building materials and elements from campus.
- since the security of certain areas and the public image are both important, the design should provide the required security controls without developing a fortress like atmosphere.
- since the school provides the needs of the trainee, the design should facilitate the unscheduled social interactions of the participants as well as scheduled educational activities.
- since the area is barren and austere, the design should create green planted areas between the approach to the building and the runways.

PROBLEM STATEMENT cont.

economy:

- since the budget is adequate, but not lavish, the design must respond with simplicity and directness.

time:

- since the design must be flexible to respond to change, the planning framework must be established to structured development.

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BOOK TWO: design

DESIGN OBJECTIVES

overall: to work with an actual client toward a realistic solution.

concept search: to test client attitudes towards general approaches to the problem

• to be as simple as possible offering only an approach to the problem not a solid design statement

schematic: to test client attitudes toward spacial relationships and concepts.

design development: to refine and develop the predetermined ideas of a three dimensional design

PART ONE : concept search

SCHEME A

concepts: to relate the hangar to the existing tie-down area

- to separate the hangar structure from the school
- to provide a view of O.S.U. from the flight school.

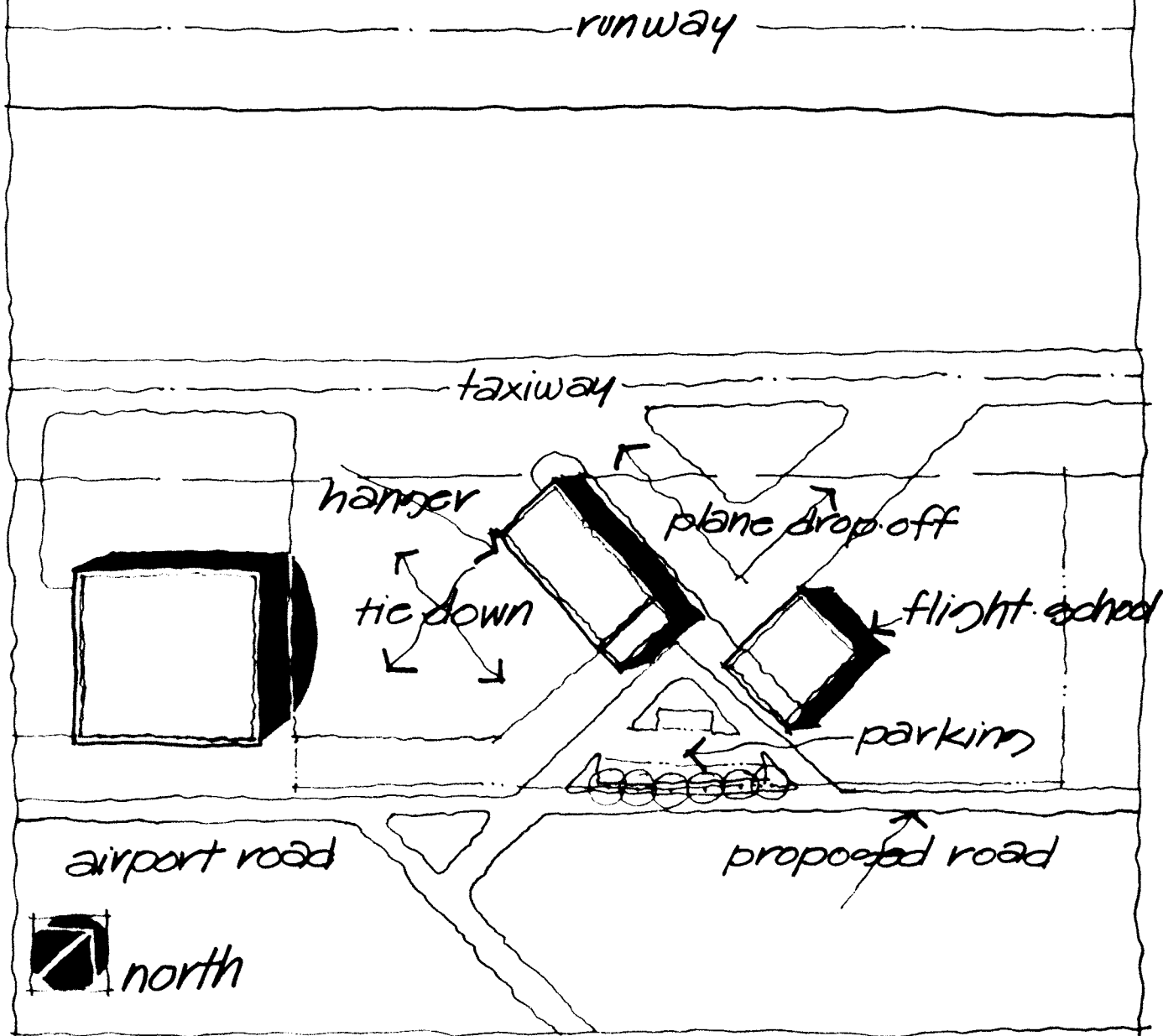
advantages: minimizes northern exposure of open hangar area.

- convenient plane drop-off for flight services
- addresses approach from airport road image.

disadvantages: not a very strong barrier between flight and public areas.

- weak connection between buildings

SCHEME A



SCHEME B

concepts: to expose the school to views of active flight areas.

- to relate the two structures with a common plaza area.

advantages: visual control of immediate flight areas from school & hangars.

- hangar relates to existing tie-down area.
- clear definition between public and flight areas.

disadvantages: not enough tie-down and aircraft space.

- poor relationship to existing structures.

SCHEME B

runway

taxiway

flight school

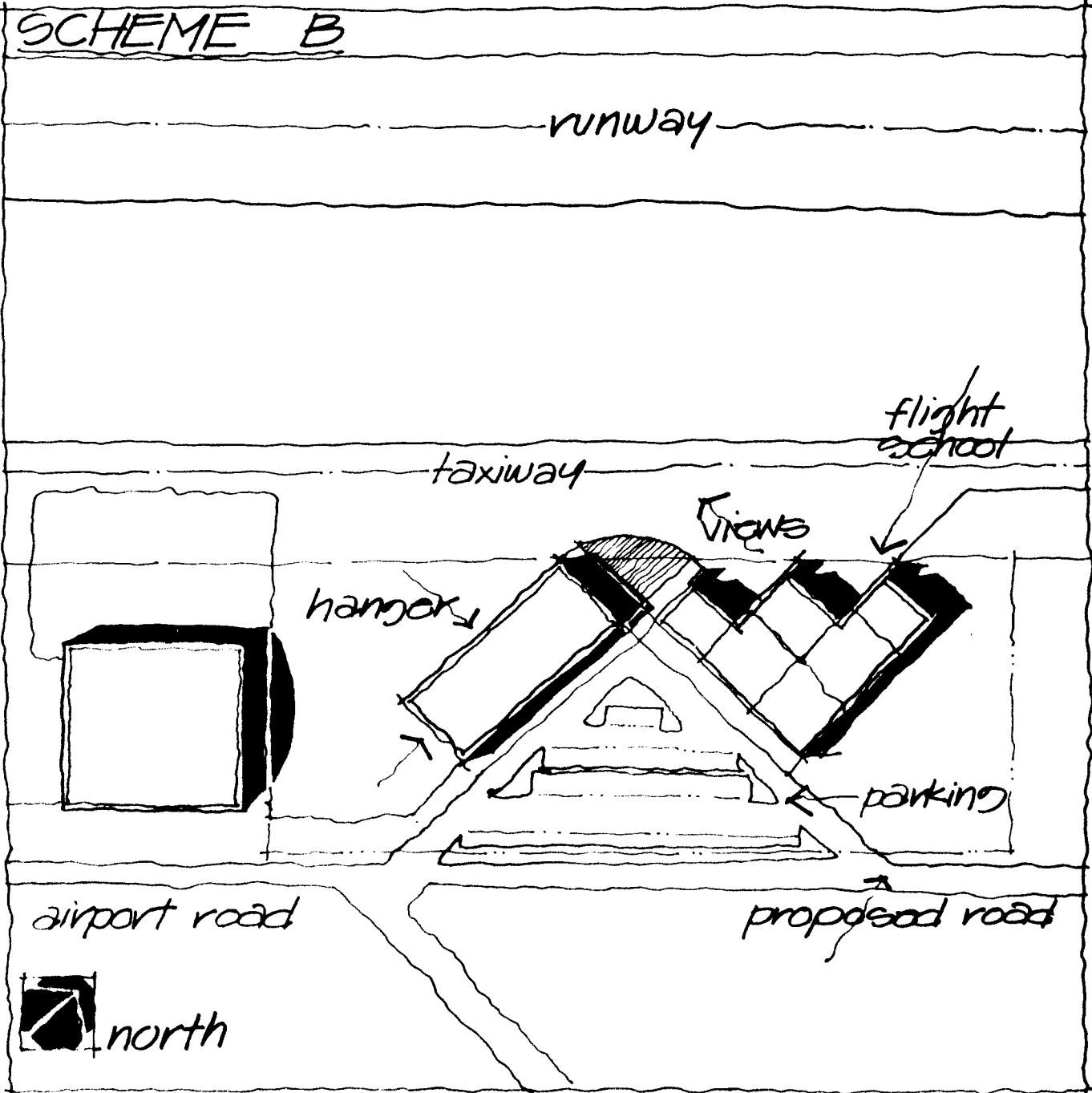
views

hangar

parking

airport road

proposed road



SCHEME C

concepts: to extend the facilities for maximum adjacency to aircraft areas.

◦ to set the hangar away from public areas, accentuating the flight school.

advantages: easy accessibility to and from hangar area.

◦ large area for aircraft tie down and mobility.

disadvantages: weak relationship between flight school and runways and taxiway

◦ weak barrier between public and flight areas.

SCHEME C

runway

taxiway

plaza

school

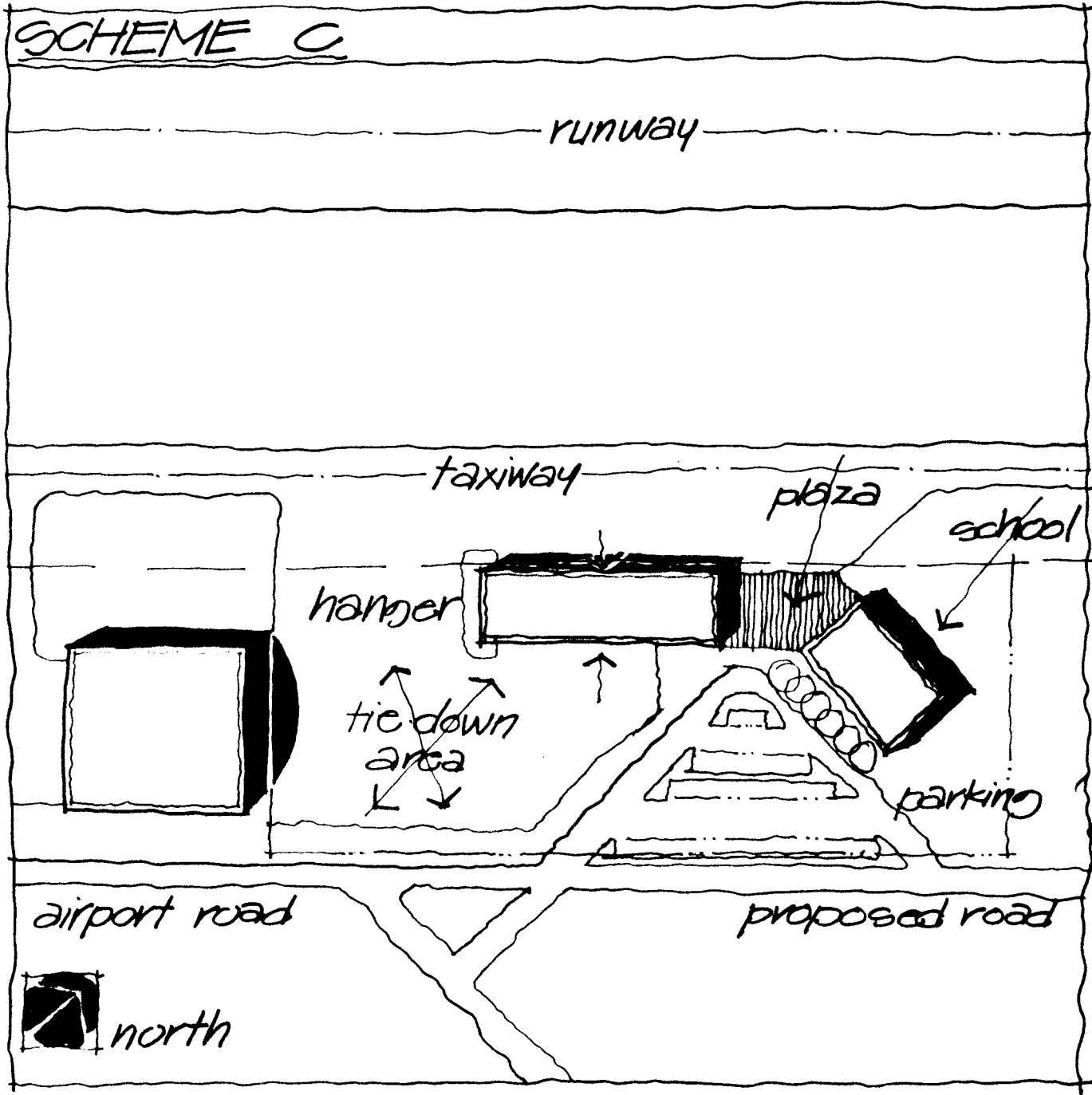
hangar

tie down
area

parking

airport road

proposed road



SCHEME D

concepts: to maximize the area between the the building and runway for aircraft mobility

- to provide a strong barrier between public and flight areas.

advantages: maximum visual control of high activity flight areas

- public and plane areas are clearly defined by the placement of the hanger and flight school.

disadvantages: public areas are minimal

- extensive paved area

SCHEME D

runway

taxiway

tie-down area

hangar

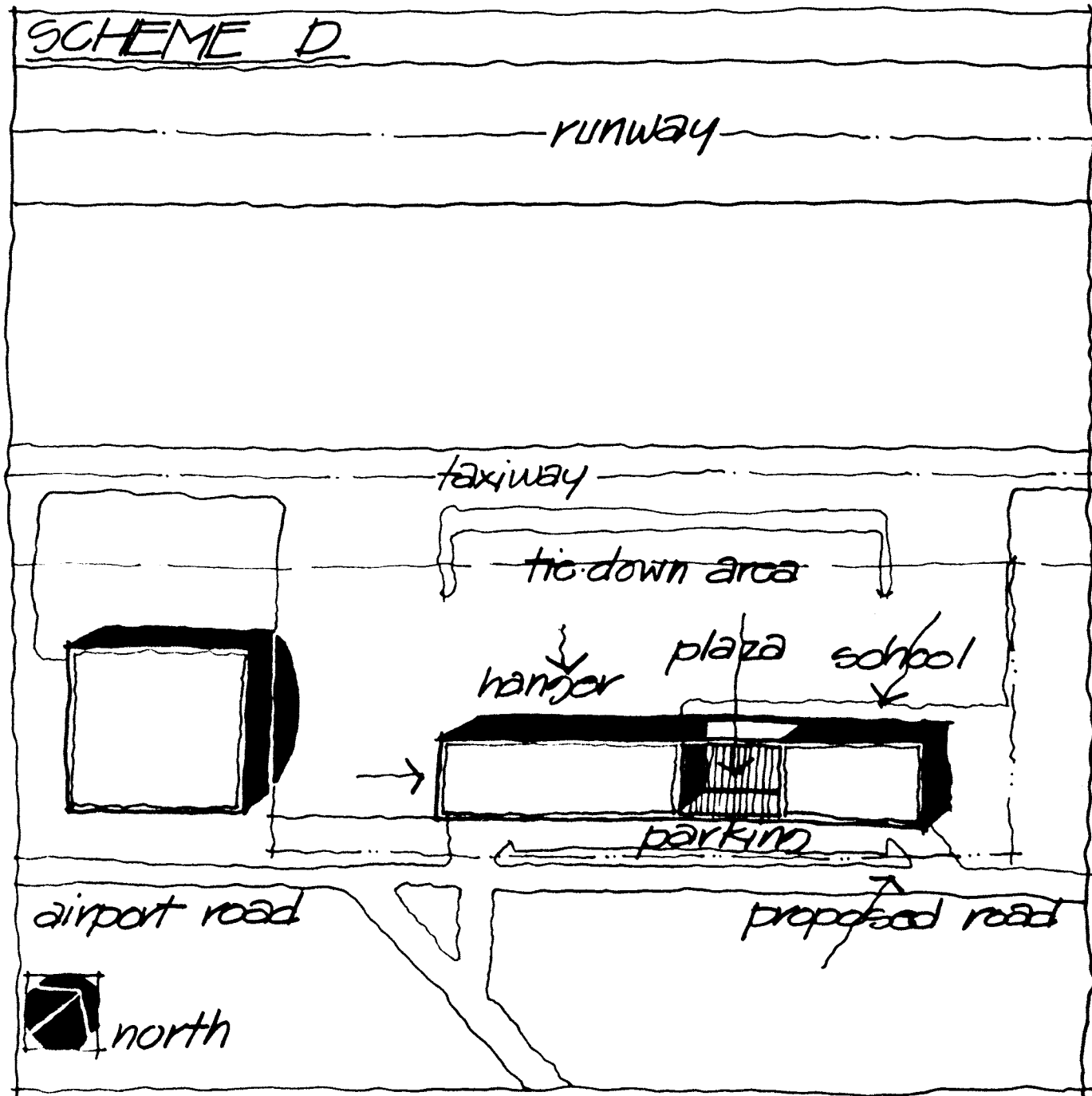
plaza

school

parking

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proposed road



CONCEPT SEARCH • CONCLUSION

- The four approaches A, B, C, and D and the advantages and disadvantages of each were discussed informally with Aviation Education Department Head Bruce Hoover, and designer Kevin Wingate.
- At this time the client showed the most interest in scheme "D" because the design allowed the most area for aircraft mobility and tie-down space, while adequately providing a definite barrier between active flight areas and public areas.
- It was decided that scheme "D" would be pursued with the same basic site approach with more attention to public areas and approach (form).

PART TWO : schematic design

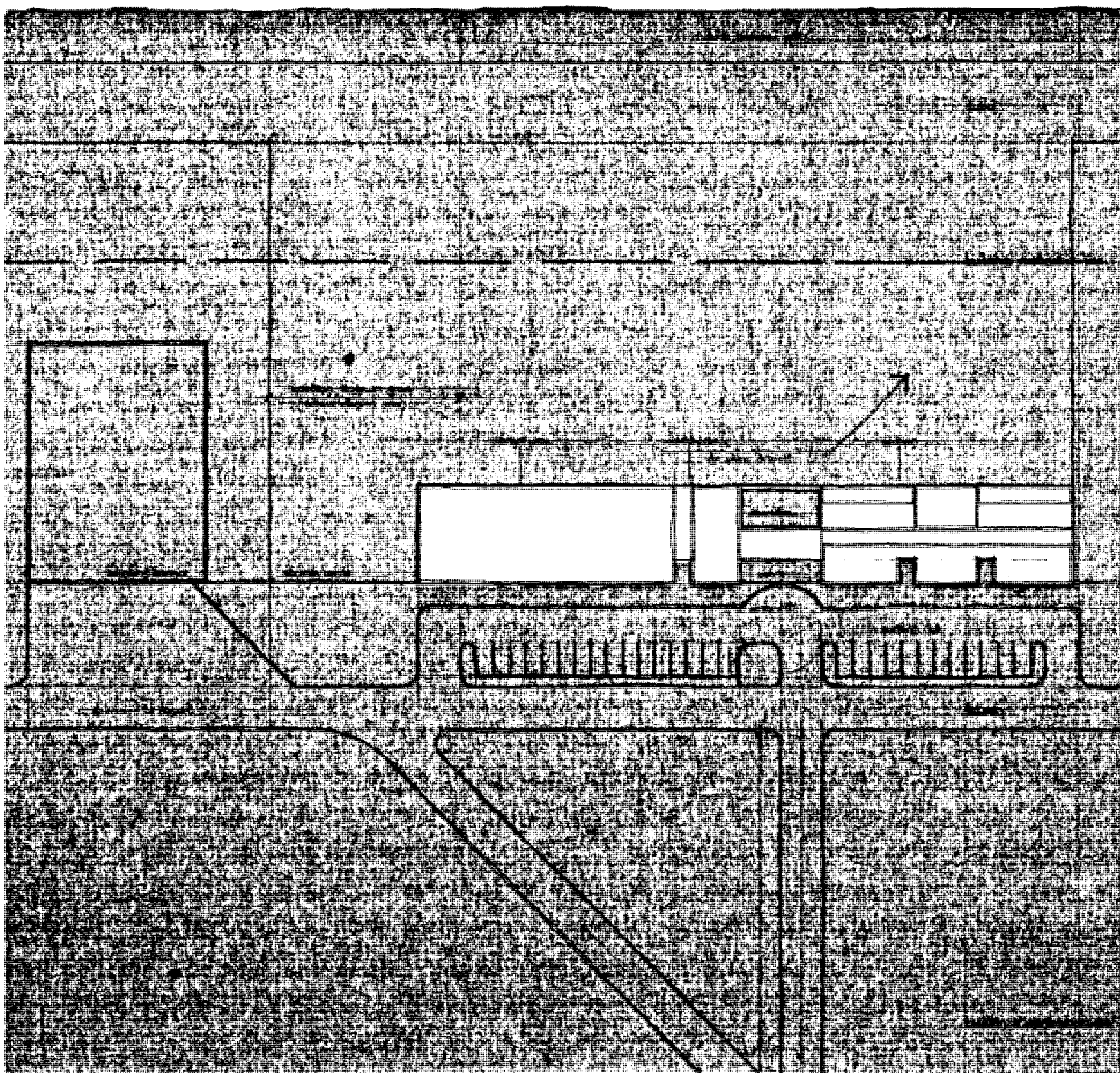
SCHEME 1

concepts: to establish a physical connection between the flight school and the hangar area by using a common entry space.

- organization of space off of a central circulation system.
- to use the mechanical aspects of the building as an expression of technology, reflecting aircraft and the industry.
- utilize a module system to accommodate the flexibility of aviation education.

advantages: the use of a central circulation corridor would encourage the interaction of all participants.

- in the building section views are maintained throughout the structure of immediate flight areas.



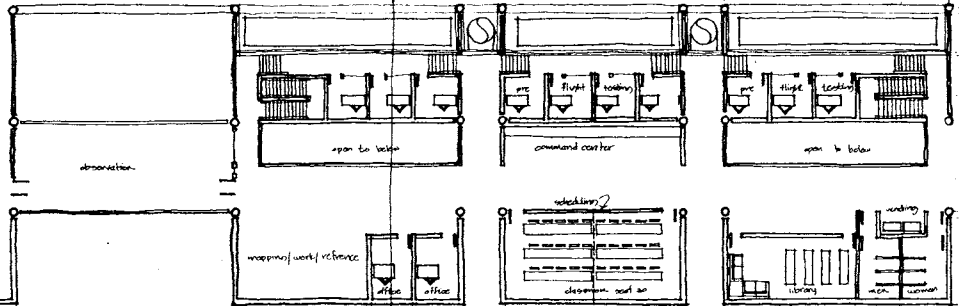
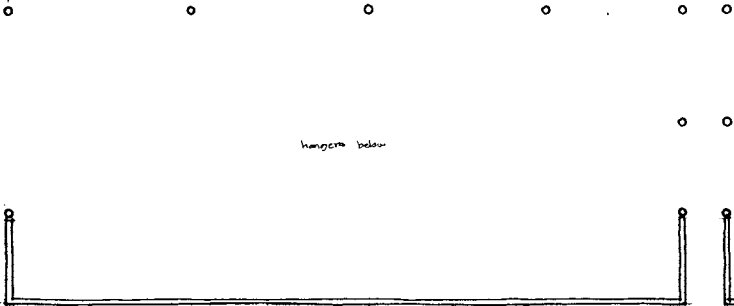
site plan



scheme

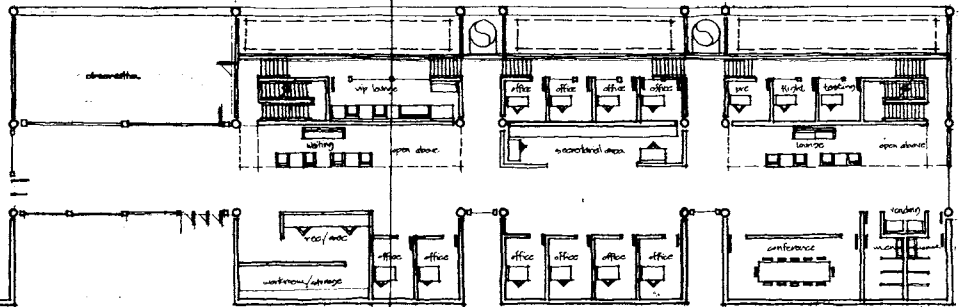
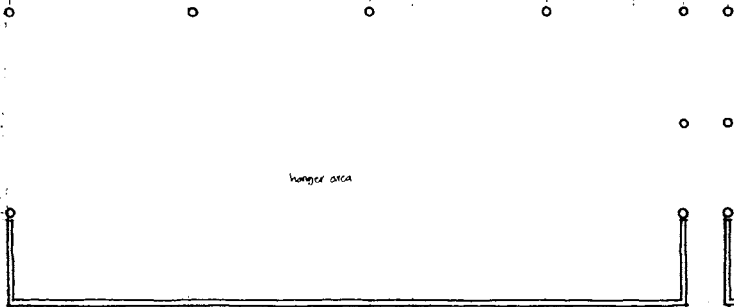
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hangar below



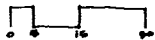
upper level

hangar area



entry level

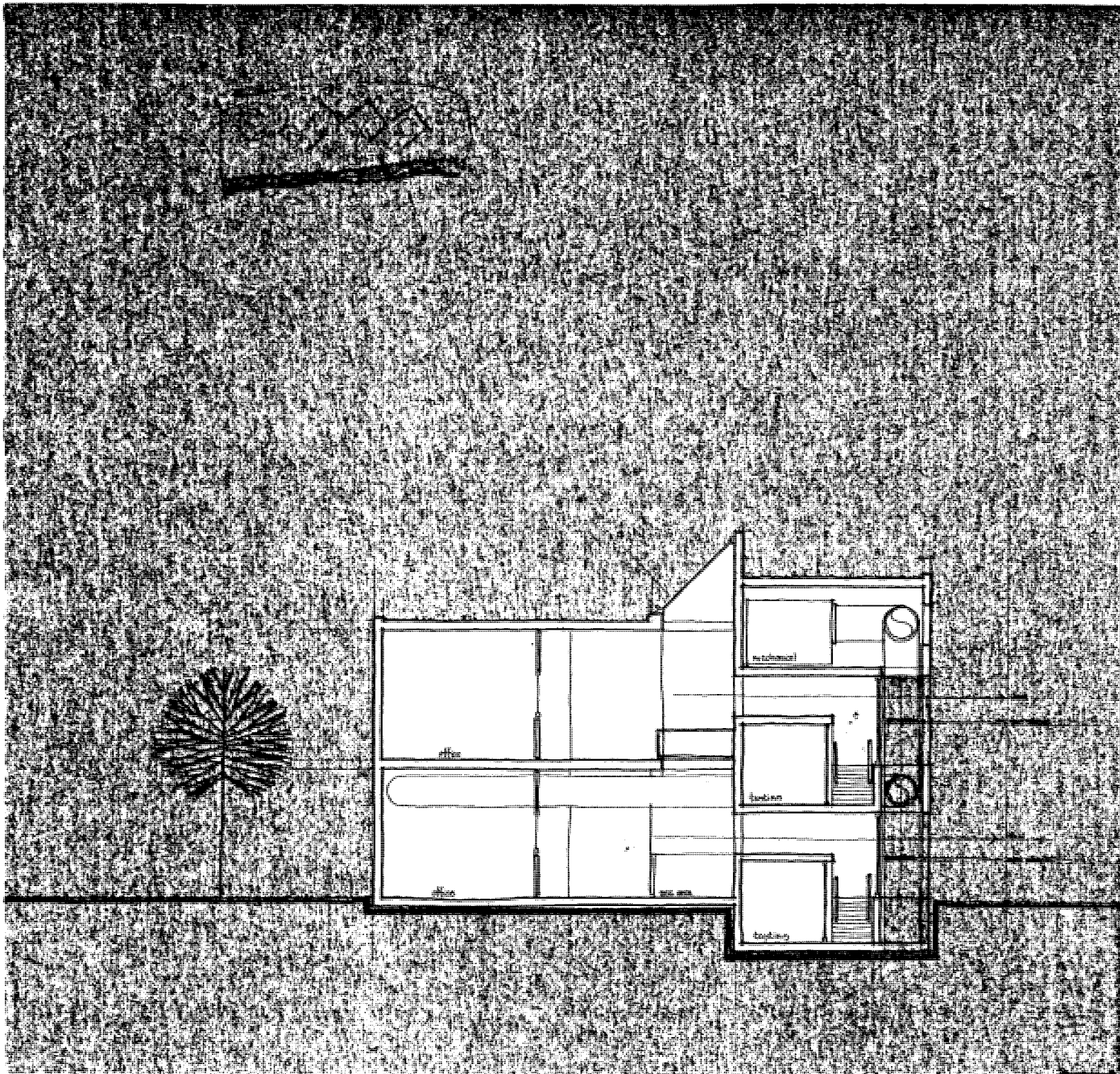
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scheme

1



section



scheme

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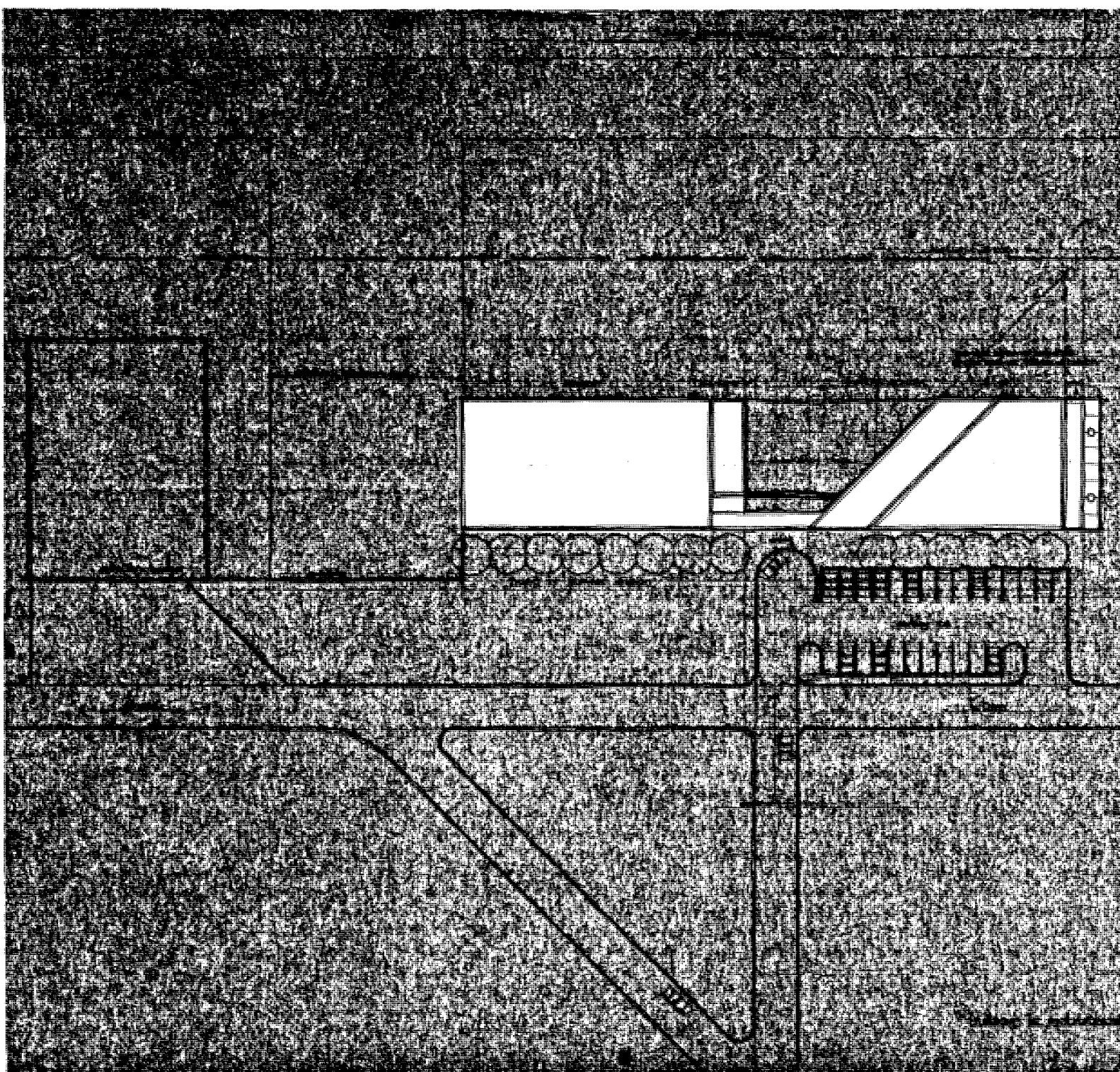
SCHEME 2

concepts: to create a "gateway" to flight by separating the hangar from the flight school accentuating the active flight area on the taxiways and runways.

- to organize the functions around a central activity area
- to use the common space between the structures for observation and exhibit area.

advantages: by centralizing activities, the safety required in flight education can be achieved.

- the building has a strong image from airport road and the proposed approach road.

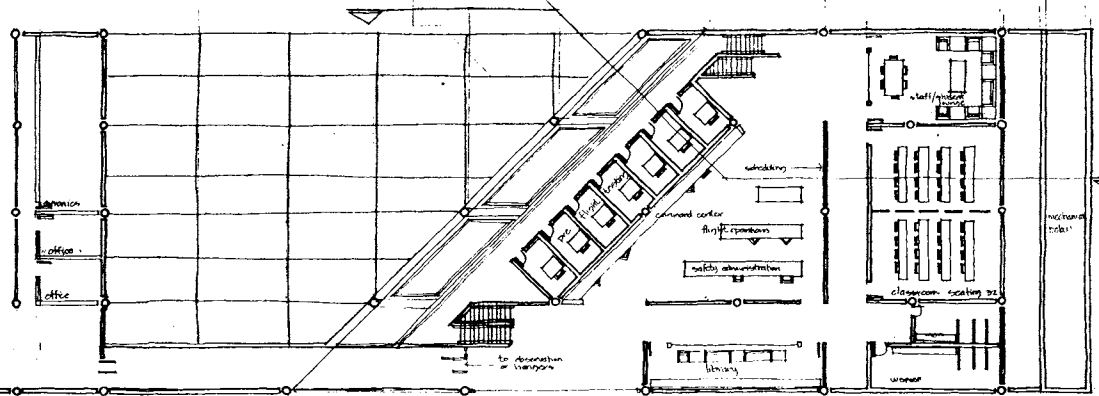


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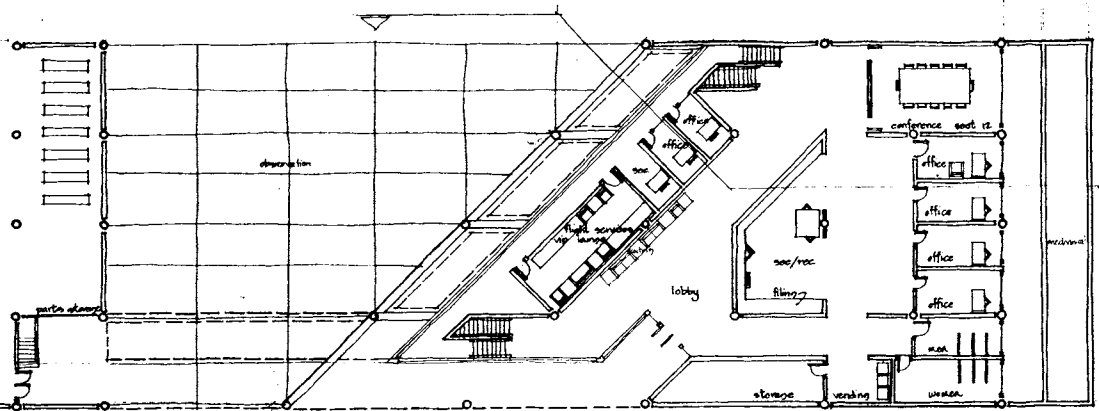


scheme

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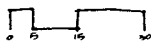


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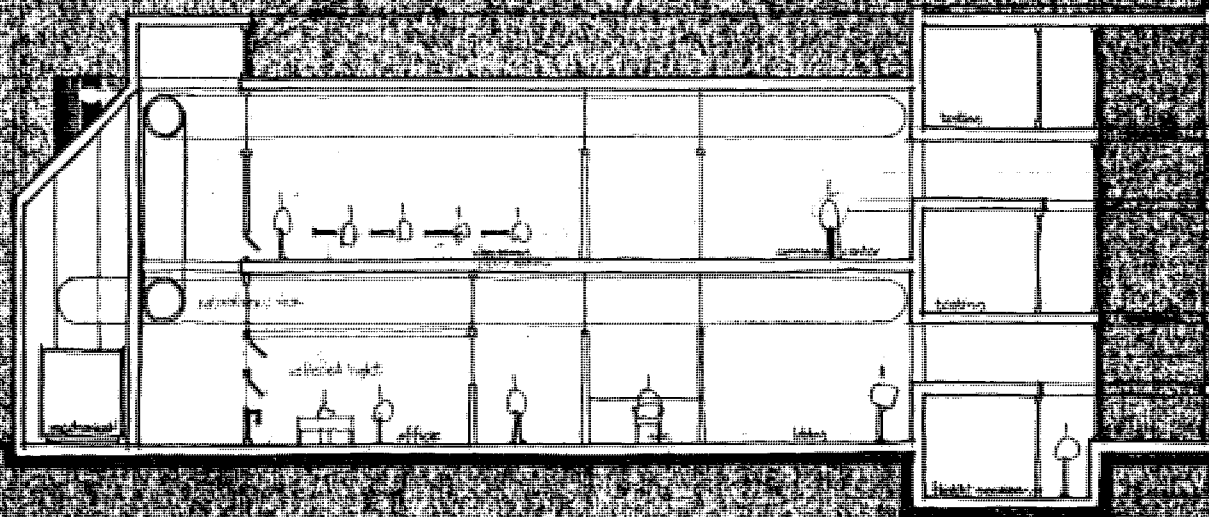
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scheme

2



section



scheme

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SCHEMATIC DESIGN CONCLUSION

- The two schematic designs were discussed in a formal presentation to Aviation Education Department Head Bruce Hoover, advisors Jim Knight and George Chamberlain.

responses:

client: did not think the exposed mechanical systems in the building would reflect flight.

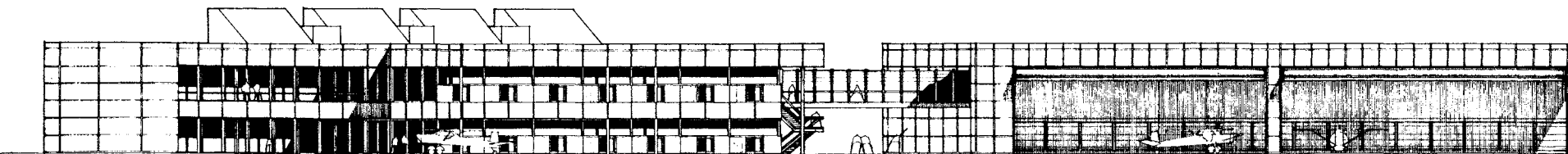
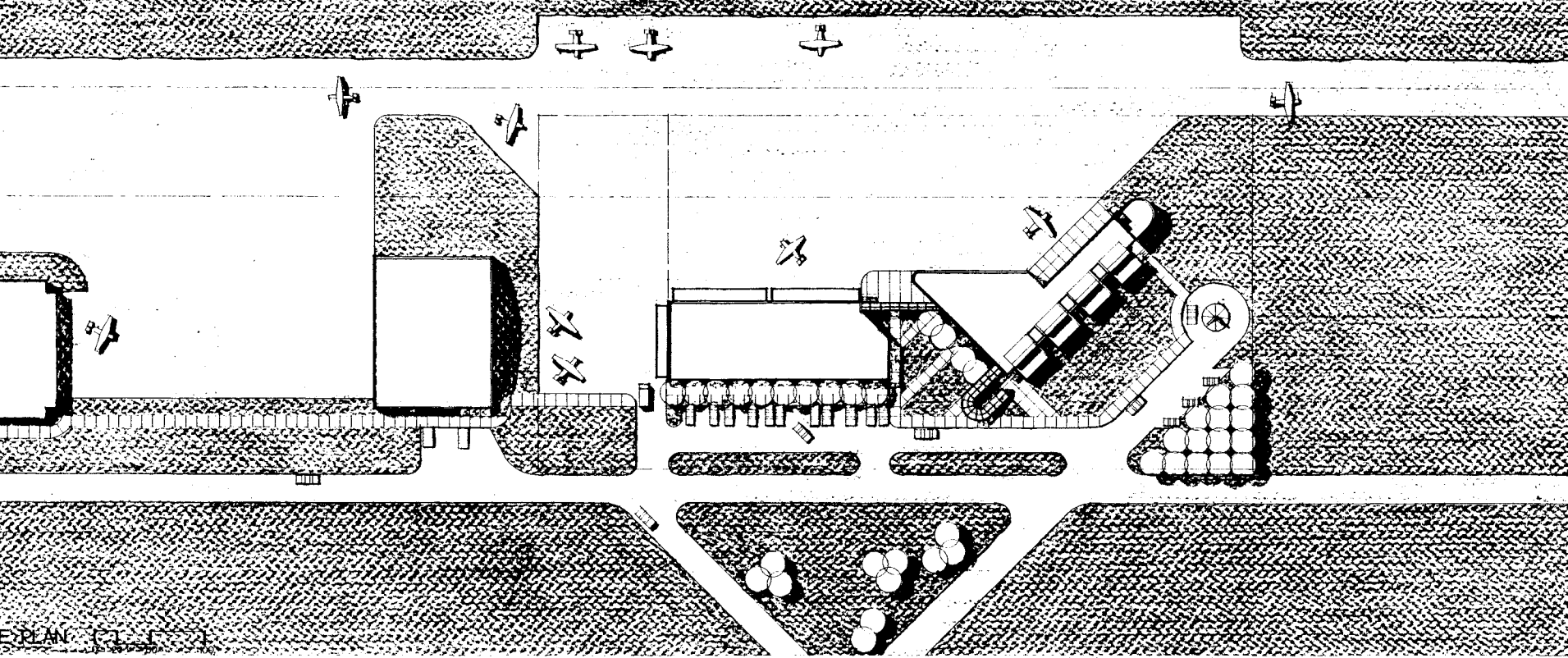
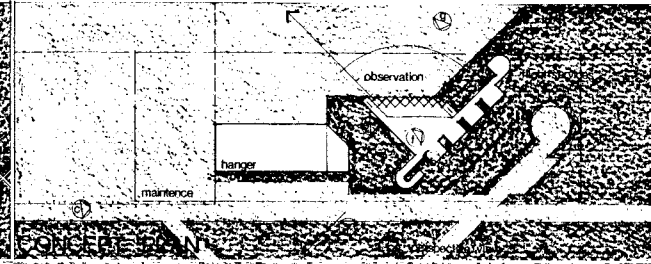
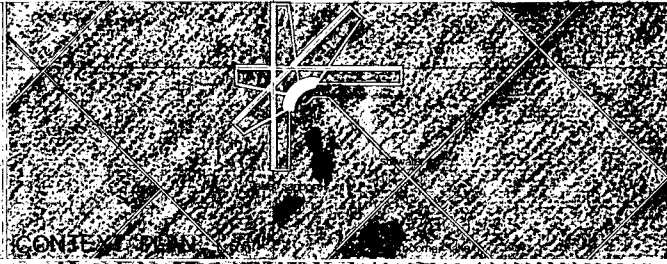
- more separation of flight services and flight areas
- encouragement of an active flight operations area centrally located.

advisors: more attention needed in response to sight lines.

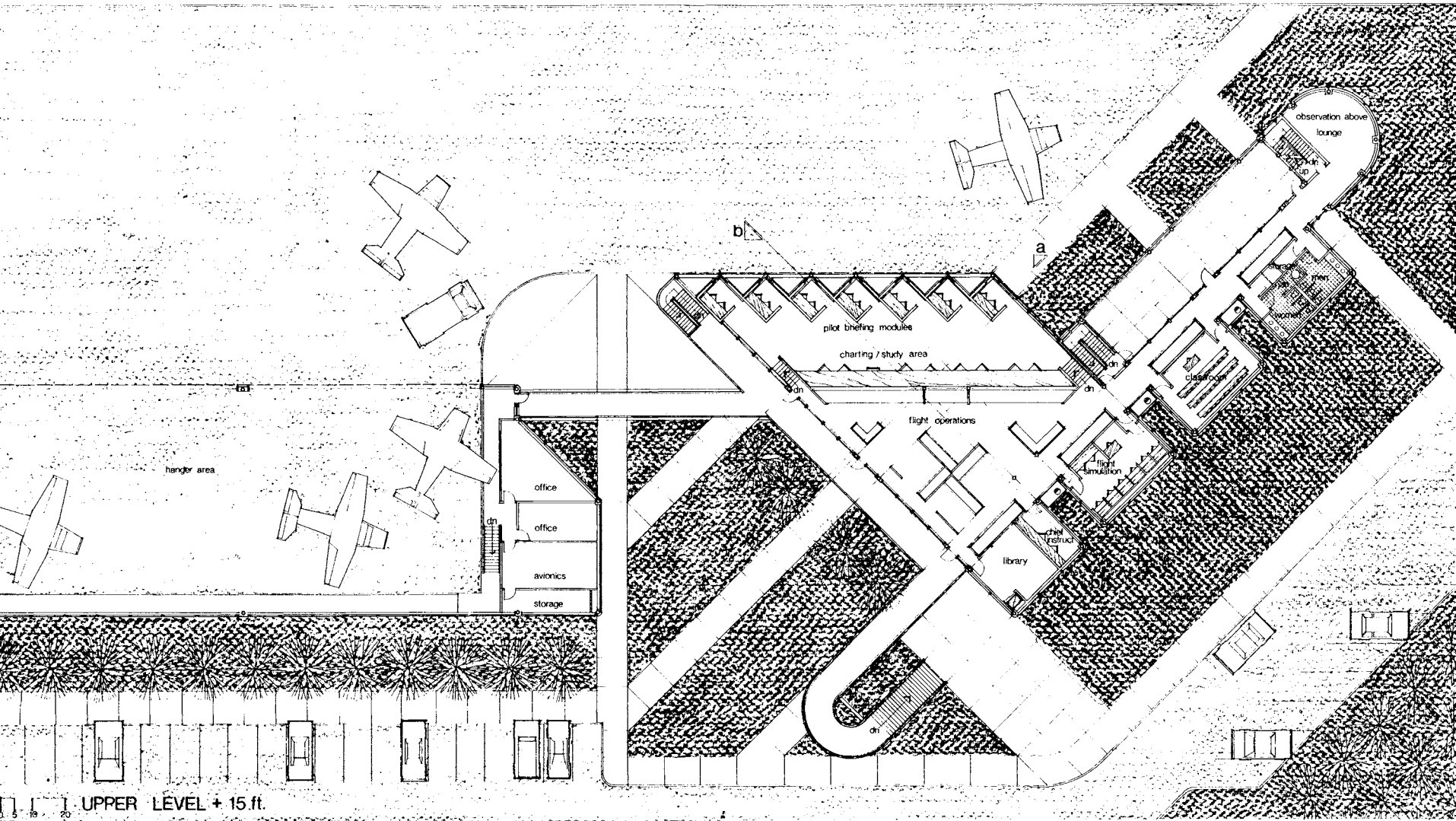
- concerned with amount of glass in scheme #1

PART THREE : design development

FLIGHT SCHOOL FOR
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AVIATION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
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WEST ELEVATION 1:16



hangar area

office
office
avionics
storage

pilot briefing modules

charting / study area

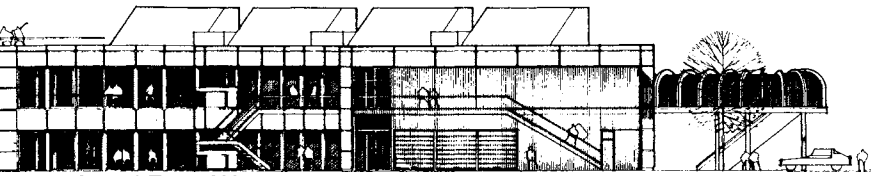
flight operations

library

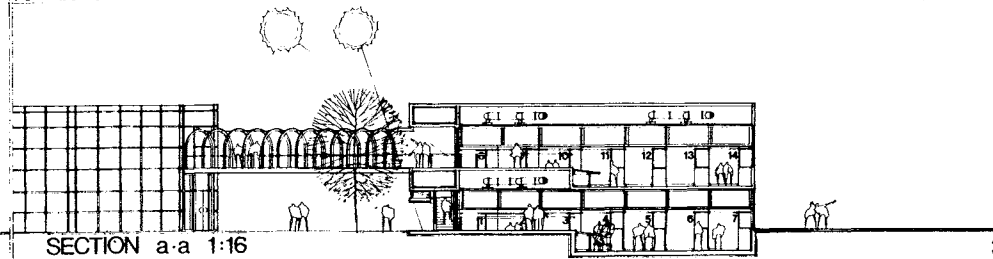
flight simulation

observation above lounge

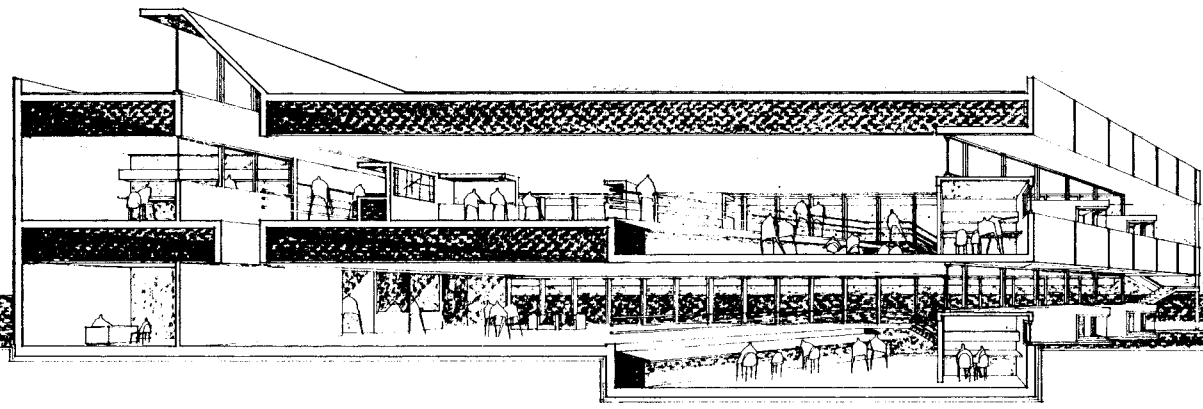
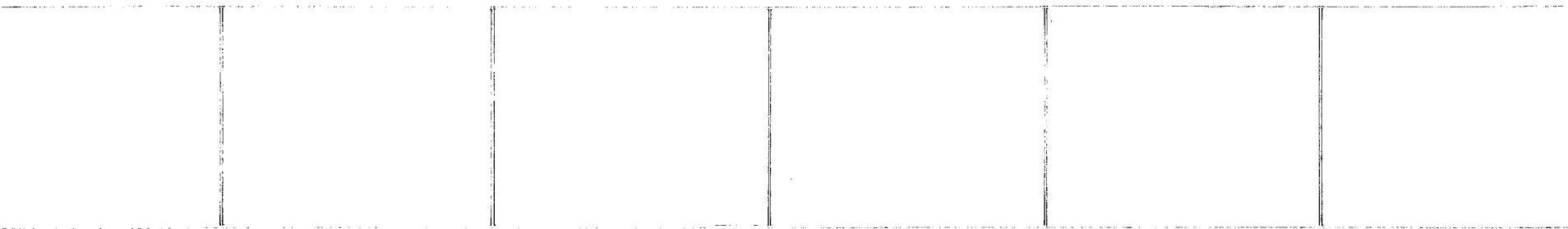
UPPER LEVEL + 15.ft.



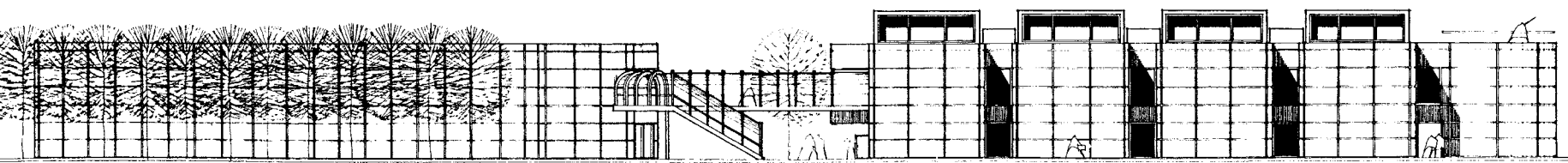
NORTHWEST ELEVATION 1:16



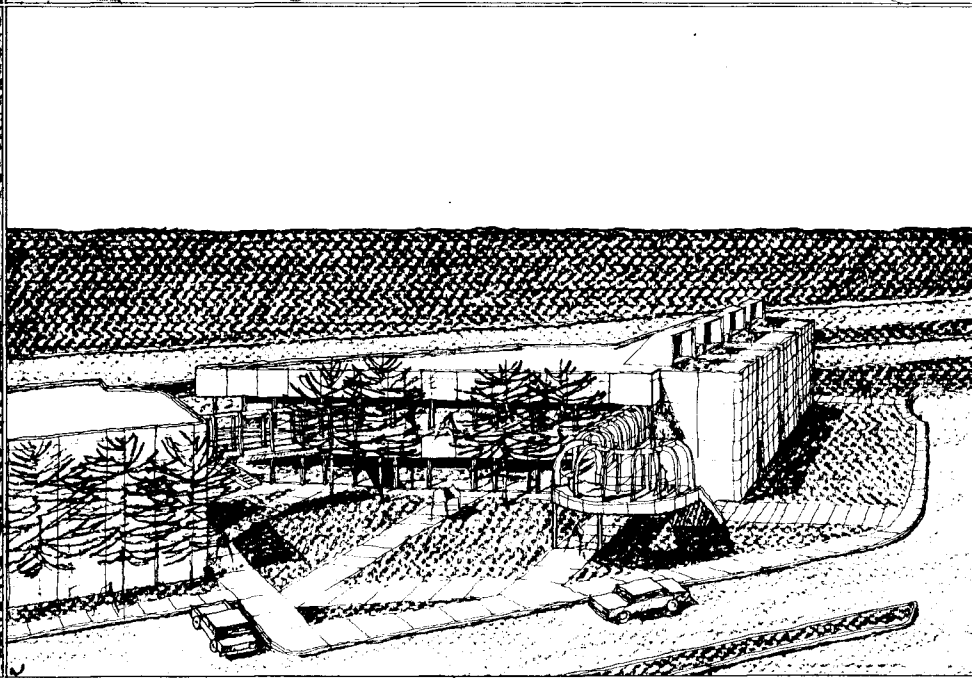
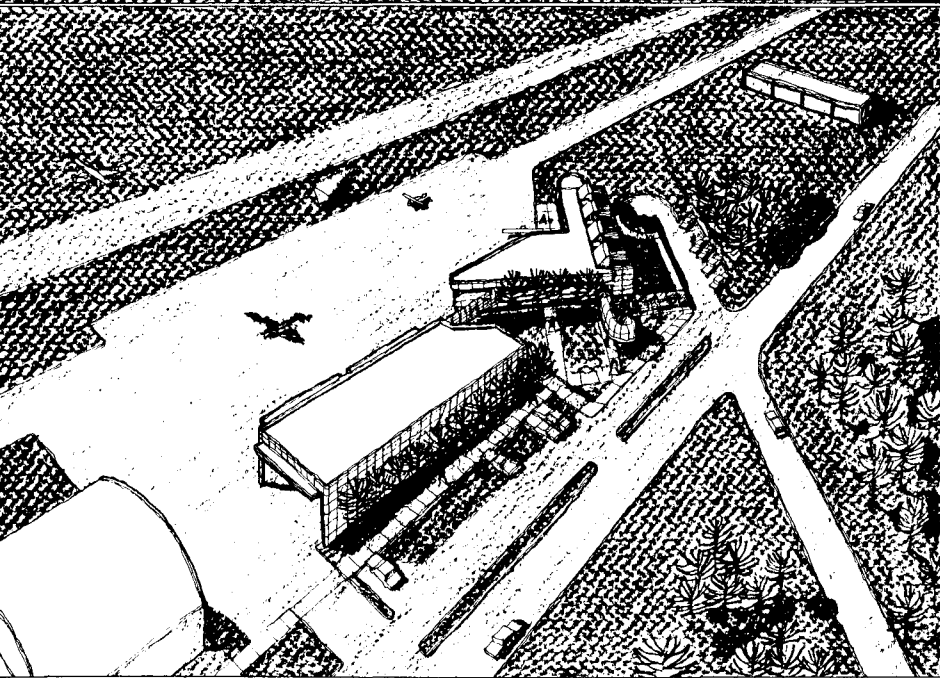
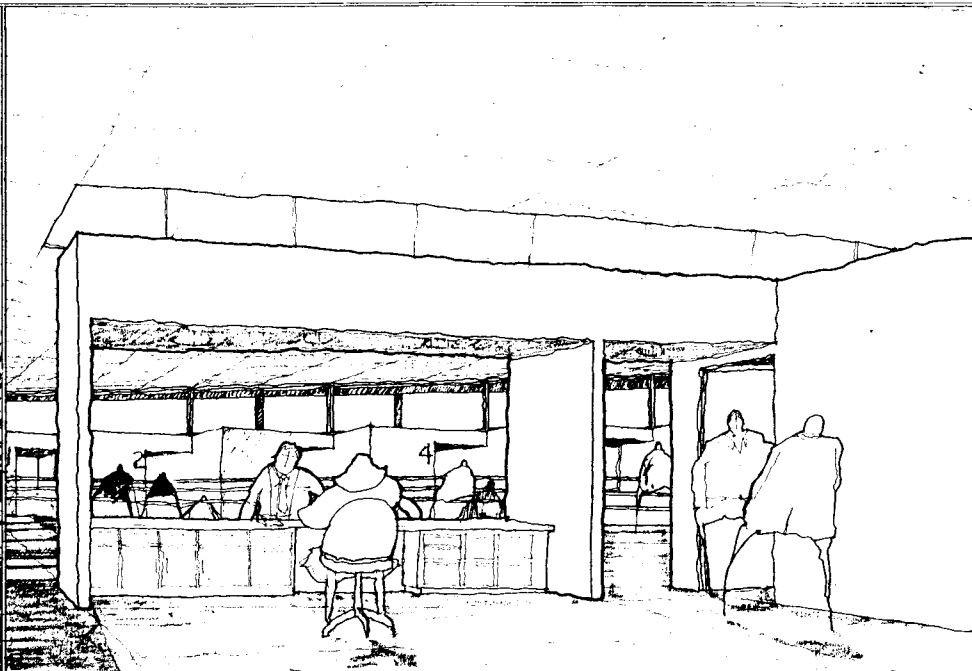
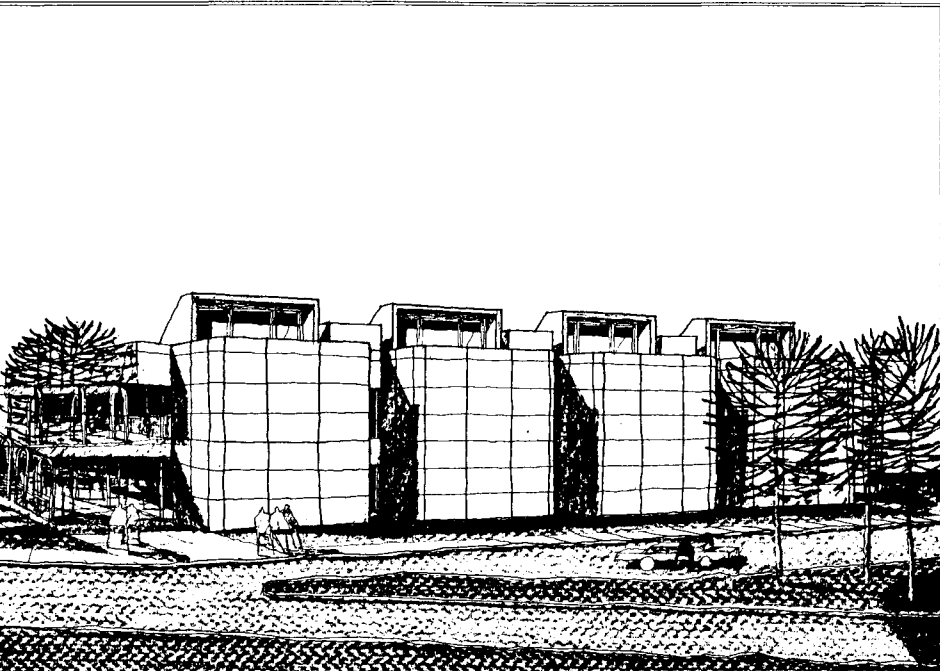
SECTION a-a 1:16

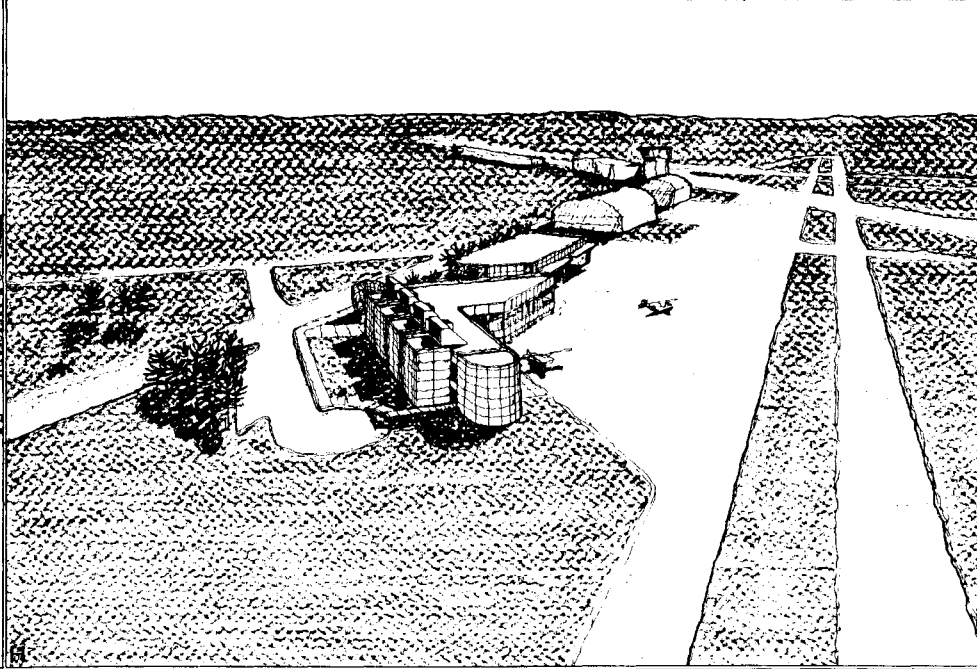
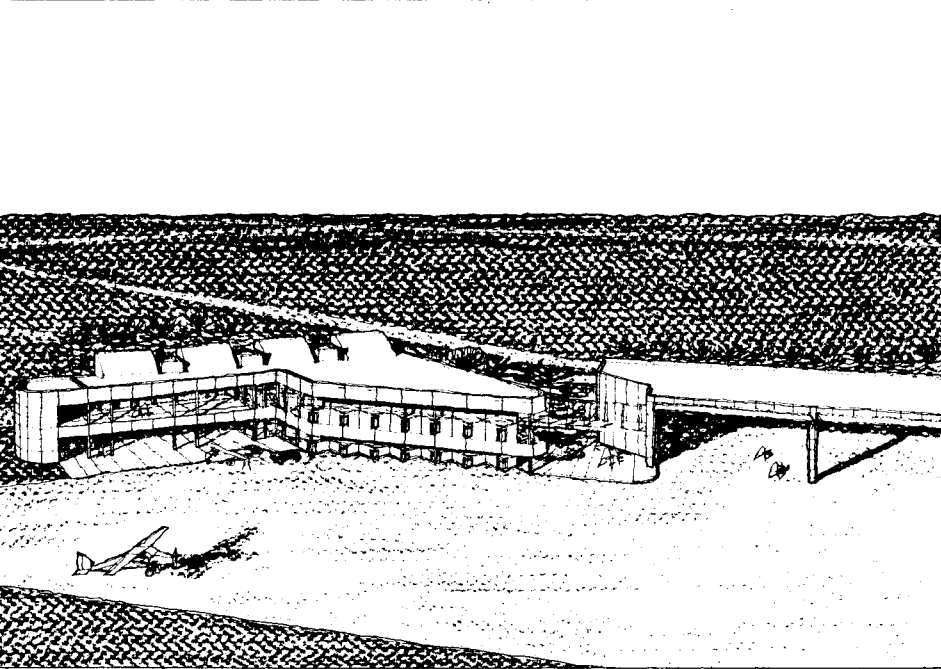
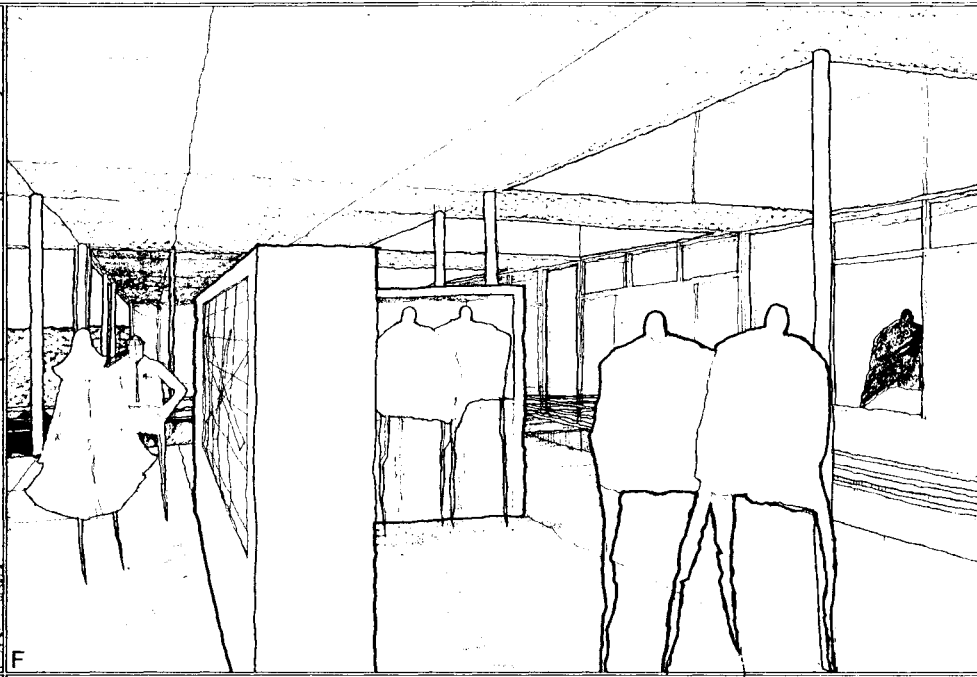
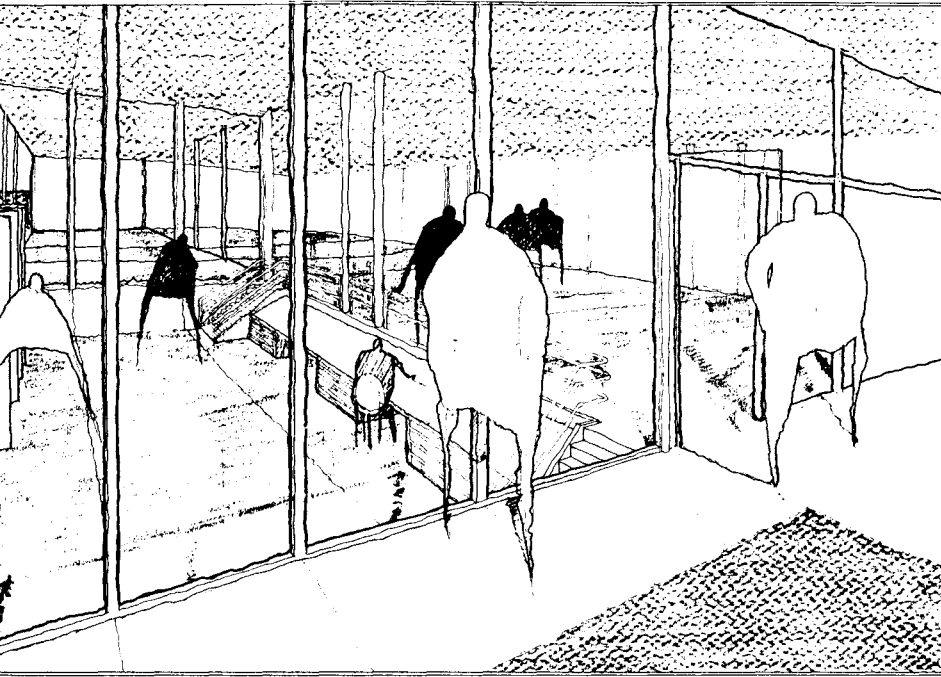


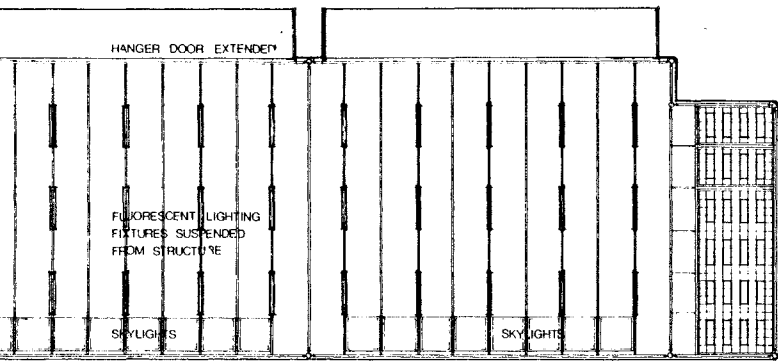
SECTION PERSPECTIVE b-b 1:8



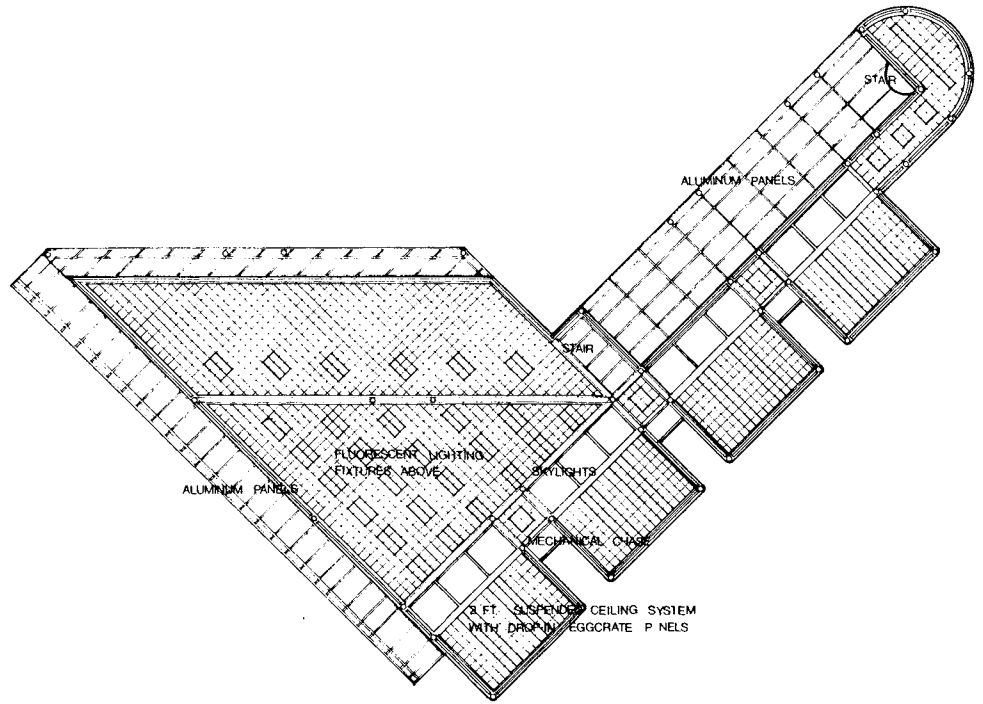
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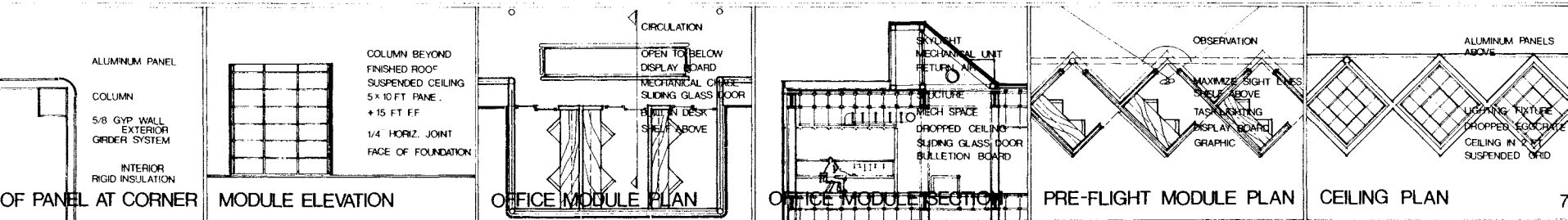


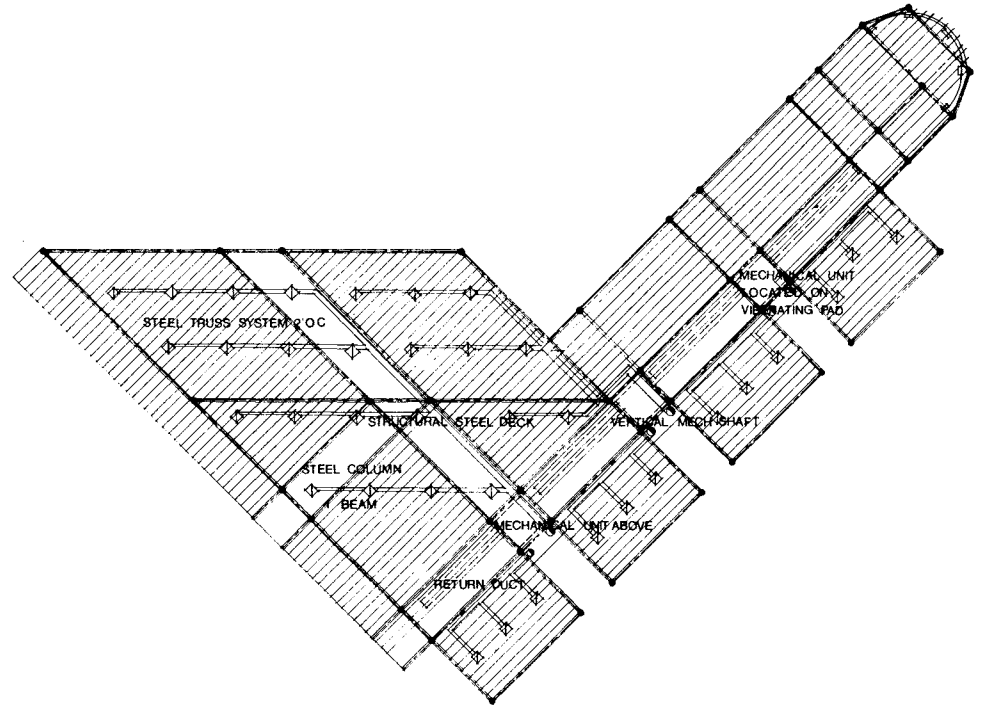
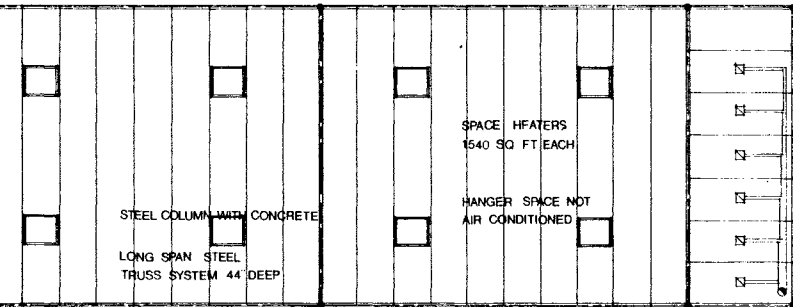


CONCEPT OF SUSPENDED EGGRATE PANELS ALLOWS FOR LIGHTING AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS FOR VARIATION OF VARIOUS USES



LECTED CEILING PLAN +15 FT.

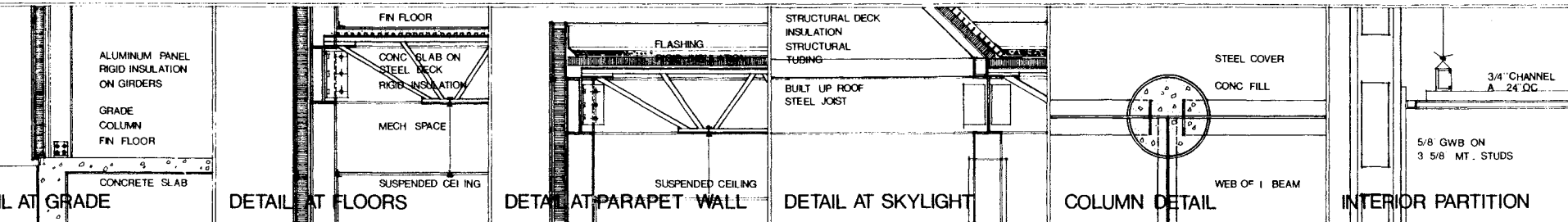


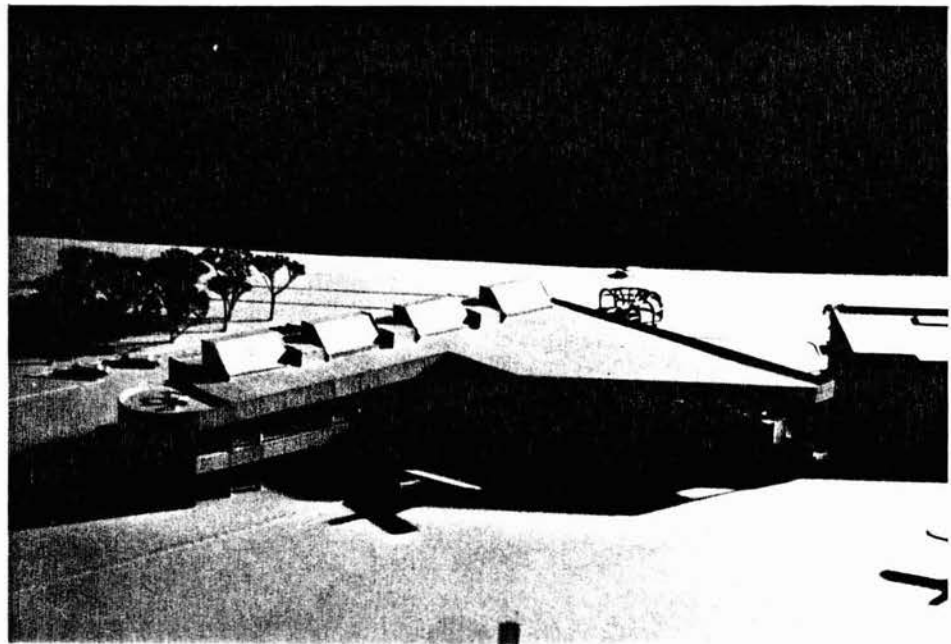
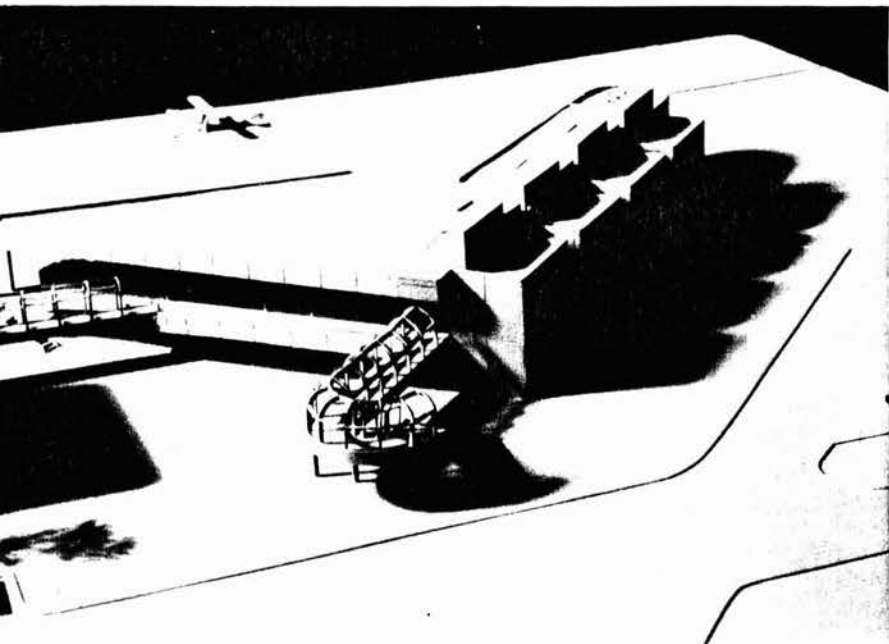
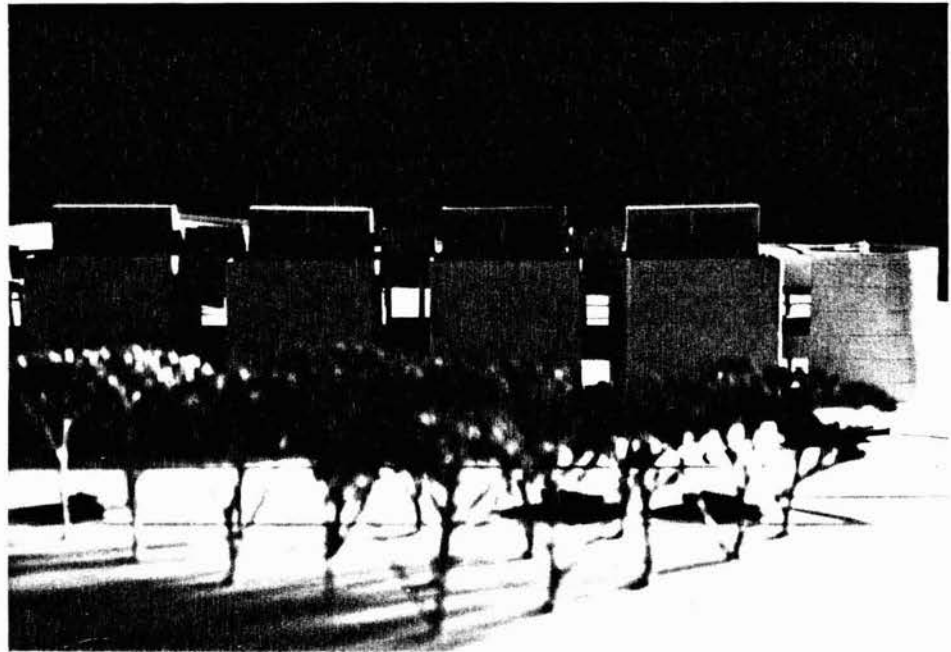
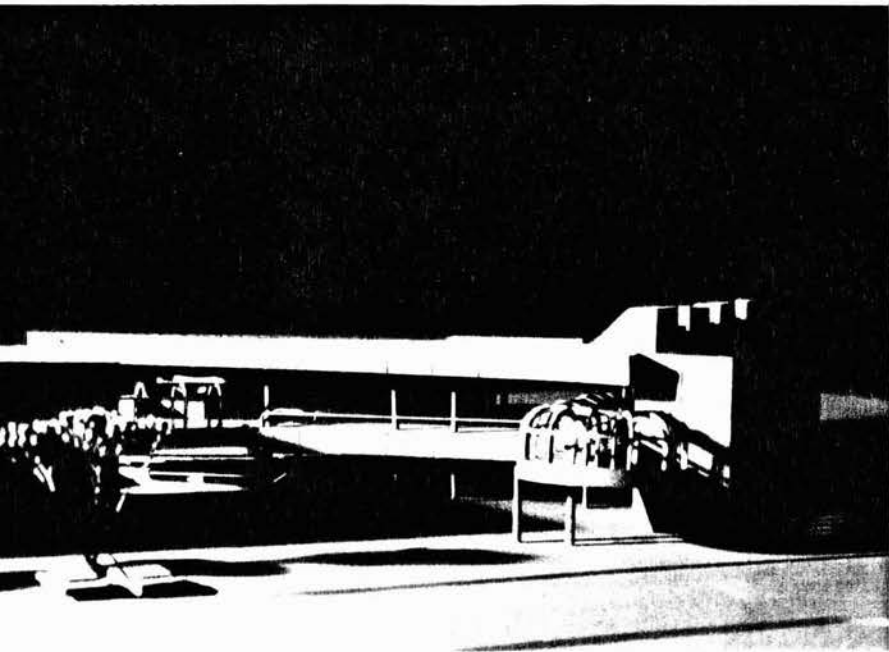


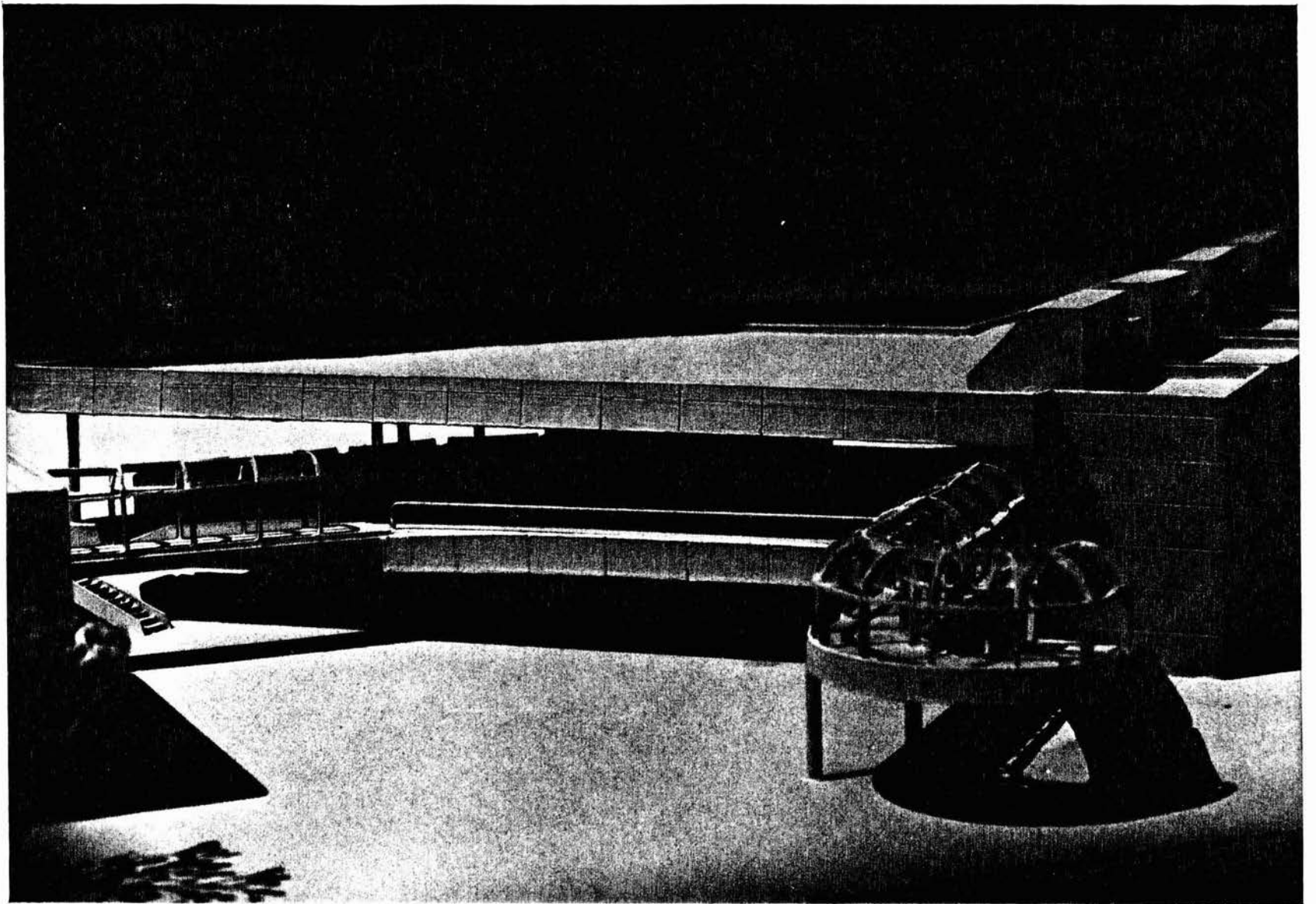
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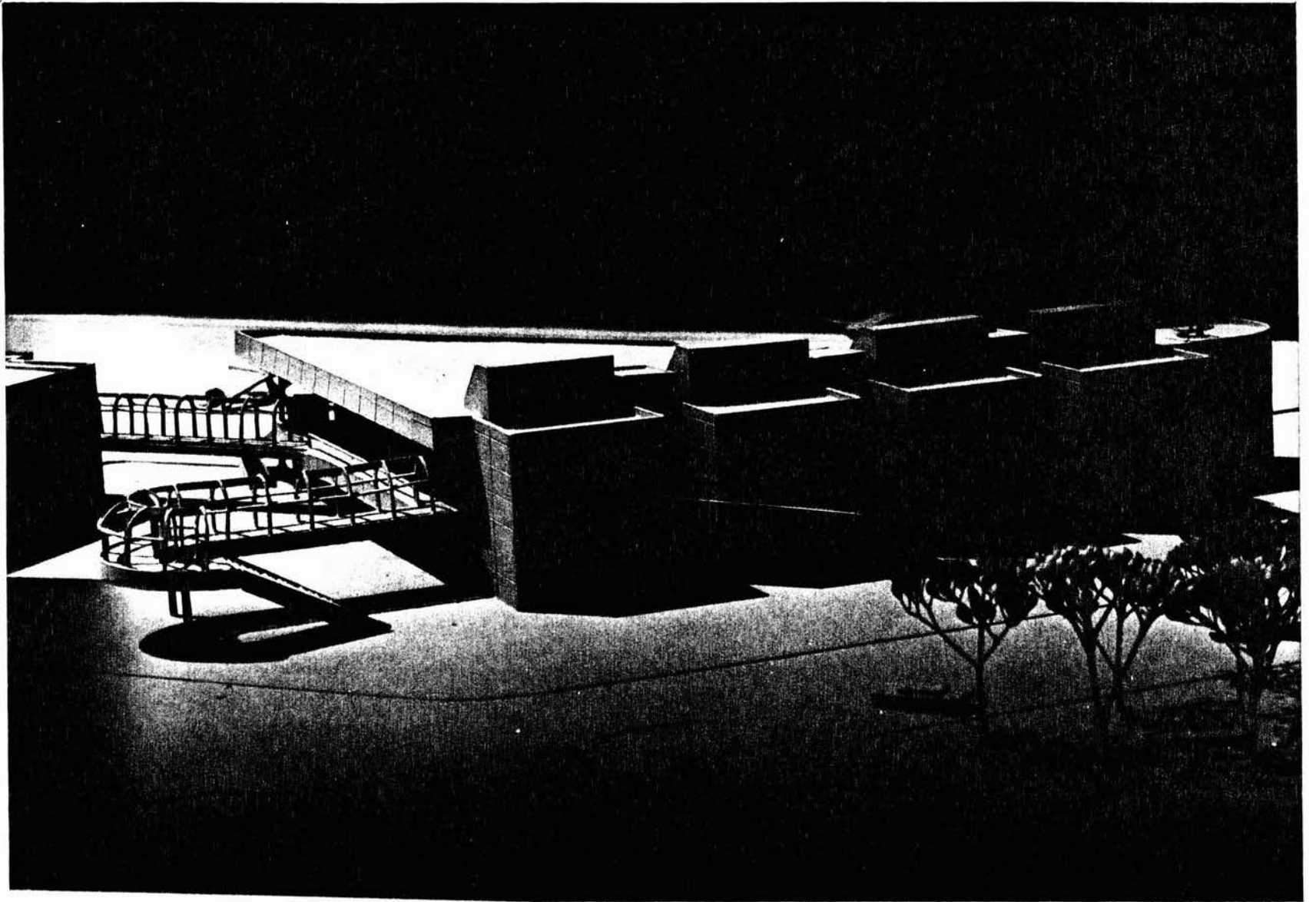
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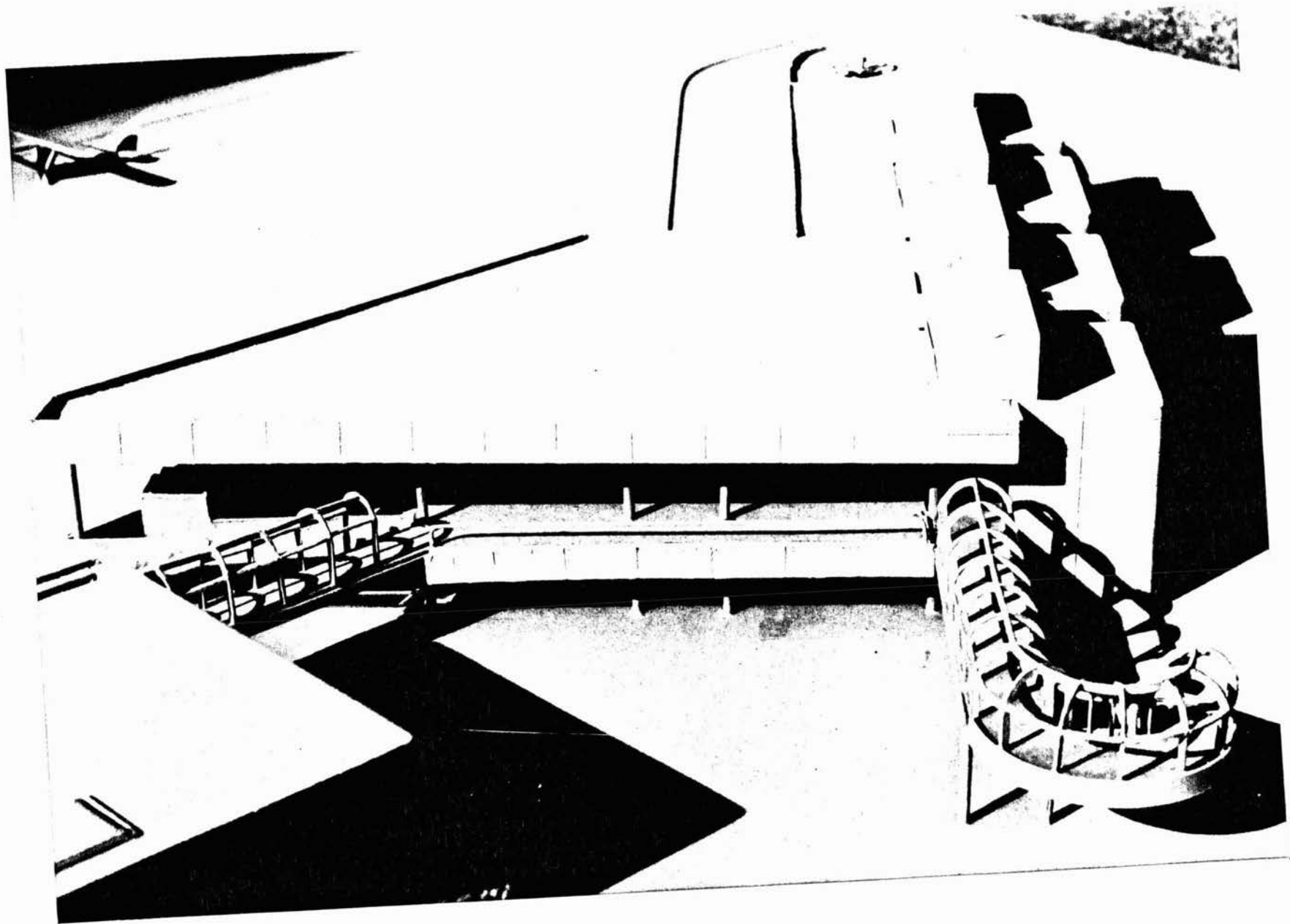
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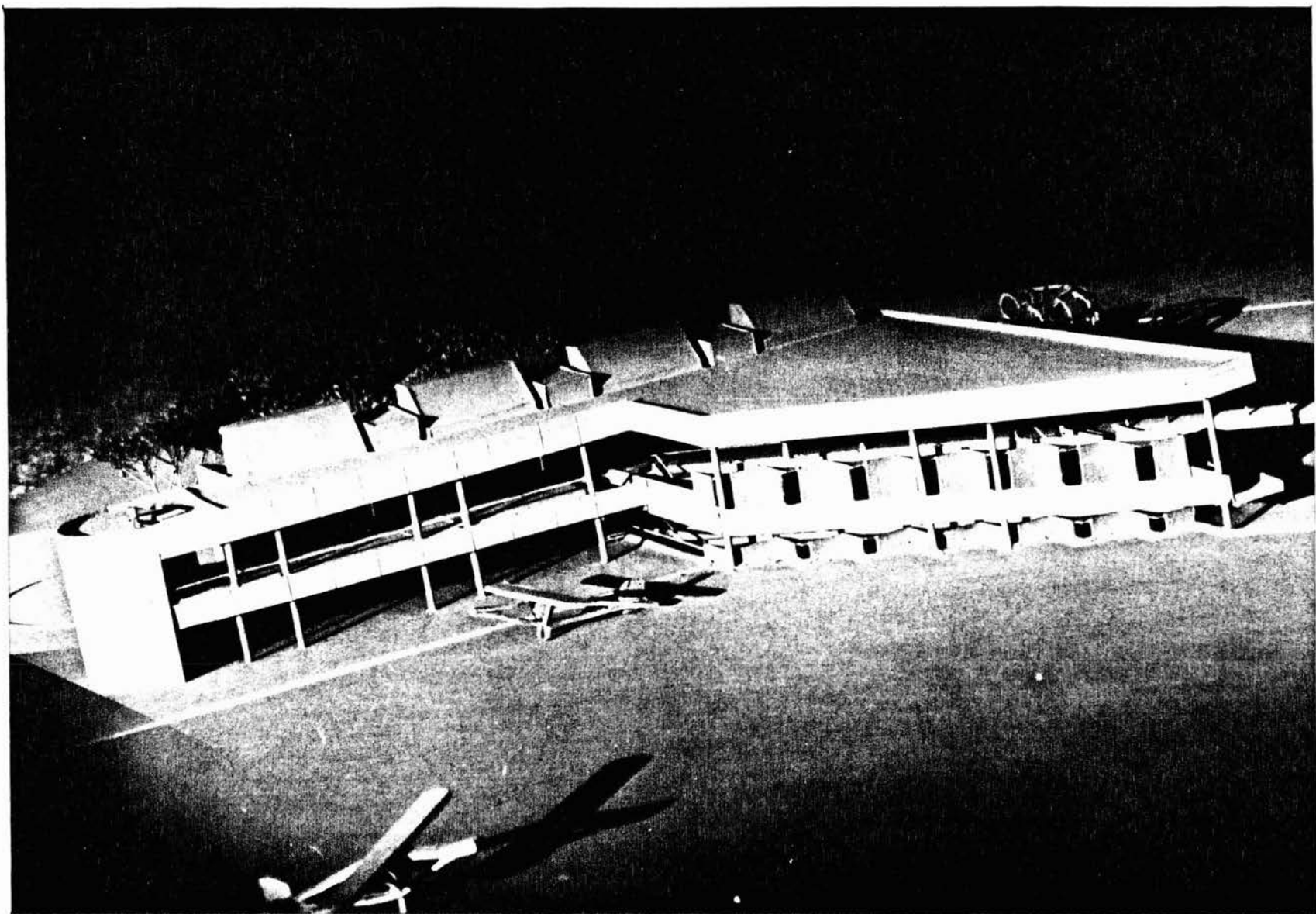












DESIGN DEVELOPMENT CONCLUSION

This final solution was formally presented to the client; Bruce Hoover, advisors Jim Knight and George Chamberlain, and guests John Bryant, Head of School of Architecture and David Jones; Professor, School of Architecture.

function: Currently the school of Aviation is located in the Airport terminal building at Stillwater Municipal Airport. Both the quality and amount of space are inadequate. The aviation program is split, lecture classes are on the main campus while the laboratory or flight training classes are located at the airport. Therefore it is essential that the new facilities provide a "sense of place" for students and faculty as well as a strong image to the public. This concept was applied to the design in opening a gateway through the two structures enclosing an open court area which will be used for exhibits, and common entry space to the public. This

allows the building to act as a security barrier between the public and flight areas.

Due to the safety enforcement of Aviation Education it is clear that the active flight areas required internal and external observation to achieve this. Therefore active flight training areas require adjacency to the runways. This was done by centralizing flight operations on the second floor and the lobby on the first floor, while keeping the pilot briefing modules adjacent to flight areas for views. Since the emphasis is on education, these areas have been centrally located, while the support areas grouped around a circulation spine. These support areas; administration, classroom, library, toilets, and flight simulation, are expressed in module form, insuring identity for the user and the grouping of common activities. Since the separation of activities is important it was decided that the public and administration areas would be kept on the ground floor, reflecting the idea of a solid education, the student flight areas would be located on the second floor, reflecting

flight and insuring better observation of tie down areas, trainees, and the weather.

form: In order to maintain better observation the pilot briefing modules were set back from one another allowing for a window at the corner for a greater view of the runways. This area is five feet below grade allowing for a glass area above the module insuring better views from the lobby and flight operations on both levels and the support areas also. Due to the desirable views to the west, there is also a problem of the low western sun, this is handled by keeping glass areas to a minimum and using a overhang above the glass to help the problem of glare in the afternoons.

The small groupings of support activities are expressed in a modular form on the public side of the site. This is further expressed with a skylight above to enhance the quality of the circulation space and provide additional daylighting to the activities in each module.

Flight Services has been provided

with a separate entry, insuring privacy, and a circular form expressing a different function in the facility and providing an identity for the user.

The courtyard exhibit area is opened to the public side of the site forming a gateway between the buildings. The use of a second level covered walkway provides a visual link to the hanger while providing a feeling of excitement associated with flight. The stair is a link for students and flight operations located on the second floor, insuring privacy for administrative areas on the first floor.

The material used on the skin of the building is made of aluminum panels. Using a slick metal skin on the building is a response to the skin of an airplane, signifying a machine.

economy: Due to the high cost of construction efficient space planning and technology have been adhered to in the design.

Active solar energy sources were not pursued, rather passive energy techniques have been pursued. The southern exposure

is gained in the winter and rejected in the summer by a calculated overhang and deciduous trees to the south to provide shade. Minimizing glass while accentuating views is comprimised to the required observation.

The use of skylight will help minimize the operational electricity cost.

time: Flexibility has been provided for in the modules allowing common activities to change and adapt as required. If expansion is required in the future the building would grow through the module to another set of modules parallel to the developed modules.