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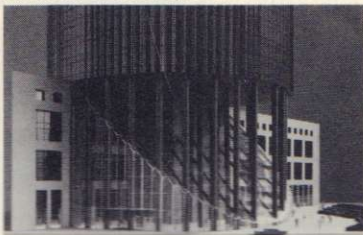
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Because the decline in a residential building will be confined mostly to 1979, while the weakness in nonresidential building will be concentrated in 1980, *total* construction contract value over the two years will be steadier than its major components.

75 Building costs Construction costs show a 13.8 per cent twelve-month increase

A recent survey of key building materials and wage rates points to anticipated monthly cost increases of 2 to 3 per cent.

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105 Two Pittsburgh houses
by Tasso Katselas

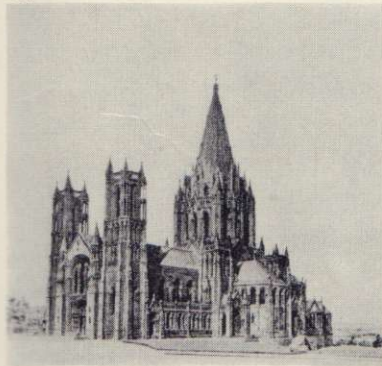
Different materials, different sites, different clients, but two designs that share an appreciation of structure and a delight in the kinds of spaces that a strong structural idea can produce.

103 Addition to the American Cyanamid Corporate Headquarters

Architects Schofield/Colgan have provided a major addition to American Cyanamid's existing 1,100-foot-long Wayne, N.J. headquarters with a great deal of sensitivity and flair, utilizing a steep slope in front of the original entrance plaza.

119 Reflections upon the new beginnings at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

Work is now underway to finish the stone towers of the west front after a 37-year hiatus, according to a 1929 design by Ralph Adams Cram. Since this great church on New York City's Morningside Heights has been the focus of arguments over style since Grant LaFarge won a competition for its design in 1891, the decision to complete the west front is a major architectural event. Architectural designer Gavin Macrae-Gibson discusses its significance in the context of the re-emerging legitimacy of the eclectic approach.



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127 Opting for the unconventional interior: a New York City apartment
by Ron Doud Inc.

While not too much really new in furniture design has happened lately, these young designers have come up with an approach to such design and to the treatment of the spaces in which the furniture sits that is both derivative and novel.

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87 College Buildings

The four community colleges in this study were all conceived as single, integrated structures. The first, designed in the late sixties and finished in the late seventies, is a linear scheme. The latter three, designed in the mid-seventies and constructed to a faster time table, are interwoven lattices. The study contrasts these two design approaches.

88 Kingsborough Community College Brooklyn, New York

by architects Katz Waisman Weber Strauss Blumenkranz and Bernhard; Warner Burns Toan and Lunde.

94 Northlake Community College Irving, Texas

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98 Community College of Baltimore, Harbor Campus Baltimore, Maryland

by architects Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall.

100 Florida Community College, Cumberland Campus Jacksonville, Florida

by architects Reynolds, Smith & Hills; associated architects: Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall.

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131 Building systems: something special in a Pei high-rise

The structure, the hvac system and the security and fire protection systems are unusual for a New York City office building—arising from problems posed by a tight site, and by the owner's desire for individual floor air-handling systems and for deluxe features to offer tenants at a premier Park Avenue address.

134 Massive Trombe wall and skylights save energy in a Vermont warehouse

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