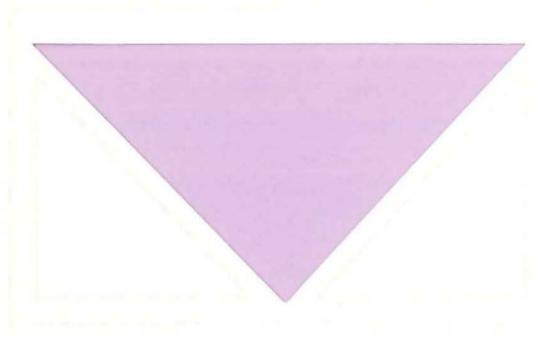
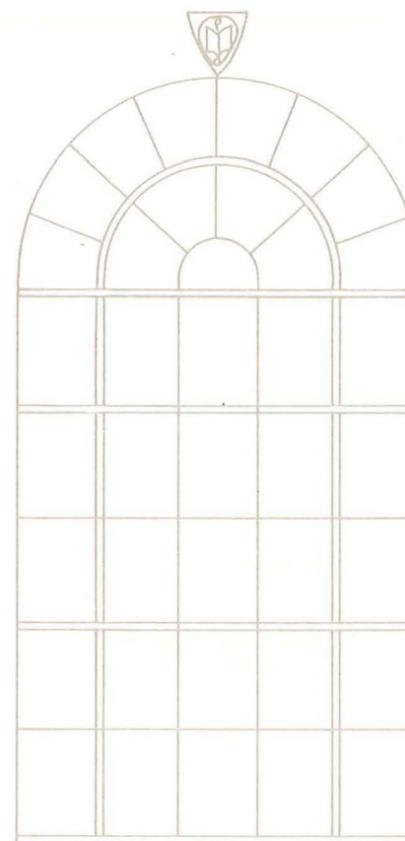


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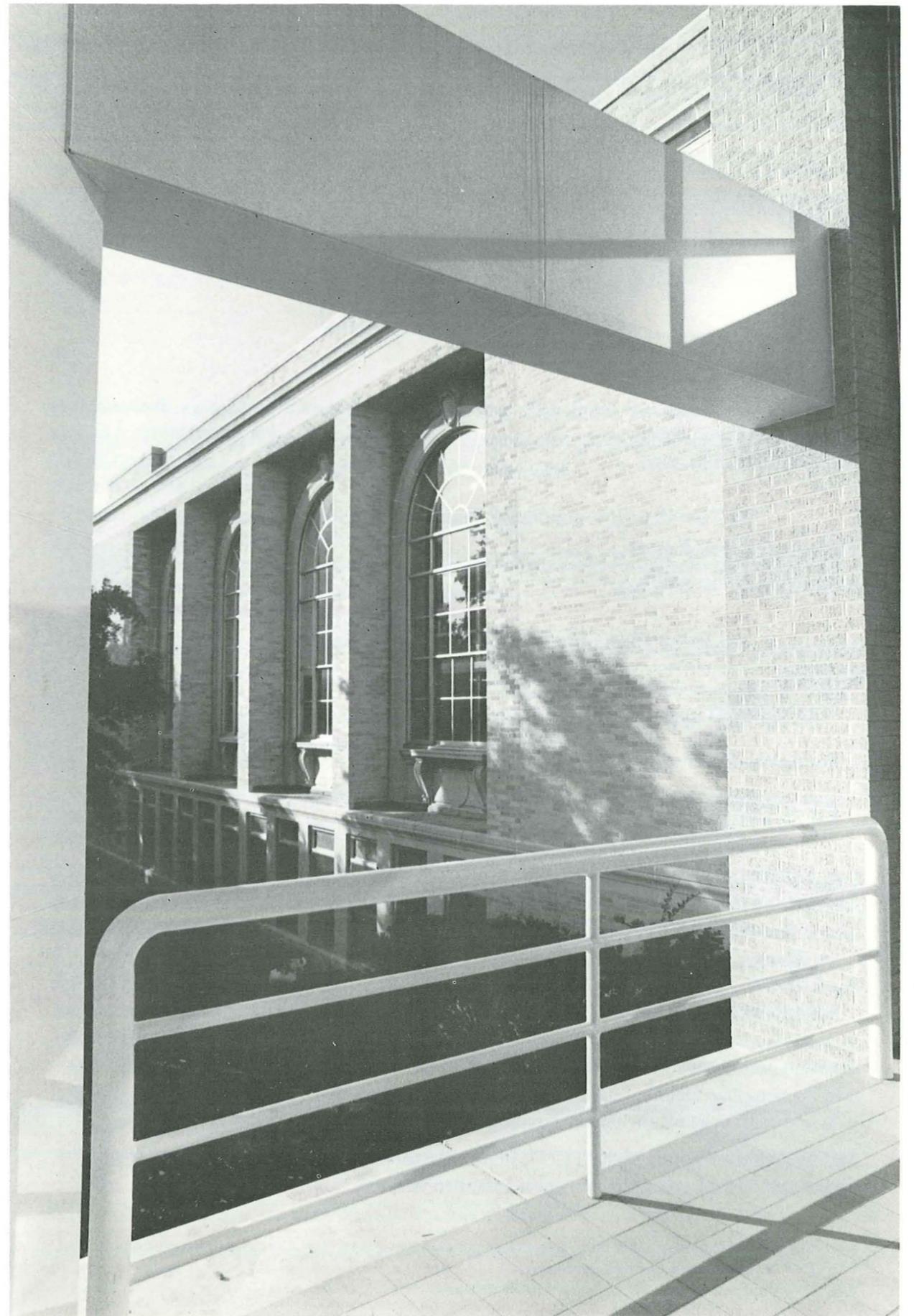


Dedication Ceremony  
for the expanded  
Mary Couets Burnett Library  
March 25, 1983

"All my mind was set  
serious to learn and know, and thence to do,  
what might be public good; myself I thought  
born to that end, born to promote all truth  
and righteous things"

Milton—*Paradise Regained*

The above inscription appears on a marble plaque in the original 1924 library  
reading room, now The Cecil and Ida Green Reading Room.



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the expanded Mary Coutts Burnett Library  
Friday, March 25, 1983  
2:00 p.m.

Prelude .....	Brass Quintet
Sonata — Johann Pezel	Merlin Jenkins, Director
Choral Call to Dedication .....	Concert Chorale
	Ronald L. Shirey, Director
“All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye The Lord” — Renee Clausen	
Welcome and Introductions .....	William E. Tucker, Chancellor
Presentation of the Building .....	Lester Clark
	Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees
Acceptance .....	Chancellor Tucker
Responses	
For the Faculty .....	Glenn C. Routt
	Chairman, Faculty Senate
For the Students .....	Michael W. Lang
	President, House of Student Representatives
For the Library .....	Paul Parham
	University Librarian
Litany of Dedication .....	Chancellor Tucker
	and the audience
Choral Benediction .....	Concert Chorale
“A Blessing” — Martin Shaw	
Postlude .....	Brass Quintet
Sonata — Johann Pezel	

Open house follows immediately in the Mary Coutts Burnett Library. You are encouraged to visit the complete facility. Library staff members will be available to conduct tours and to provide information about the library building and library services.

Members of the Friends of the TCU Libraries are ushers and hostesses for the Dedication Ceremony. Special acknowledgement is extended to them.

Litany of Dedication

**Leader:** We come together to dedicate the building which holds and keeps records of our heritage. The mind and insight, talent and art of those who preceded us made these records, potent with life and vital as those whose creation they were.

**People:** Where we are unknowing, let us seek to know.

**Leader:** We come together to acknowledge those whose work of mind and hand and those whose gifts of time, labor, and love provide this place.

**People:** It is in labor that we find fulfillment, and it is in giving that we receive.

**Leader:** We dedicate this building to its use as a library, and we dedicate ourselves to study, reflection, and creativity. By knowing our past we seek to understand the present and the purpose for which the world and all in it are made.

**People:** Save us from error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice. May God's mercy direct, sanctify, and govern us in our work.

**Leader:** As we are enlightened, let us seek to create records worthy of our best purposes and talents. As our records define our place in time, we are made wiser, and we offer wisdom and beauty to those who follow us.

**Leader and People:** Enlighten with wisdom those who learn, those who teach, those who create that rejoicing in their quest to discover truth they may worship and serve God from generation to generation. Praise the words of the Most High partly heard by human ears.

## Other Events in Celebration of the Library Dedication

Addison and Randolph Clark Society Annual Meeting	March 24 7:15 p.m.	Americana Hotel Ballroom
Opening of the Edith and Edgar Deen Collection	March 27 3:00 p.m.	Library Second Floor East
Concert celebrating the relocation of the Music Library	March 28 8:00 p.m.	Library Second Floor West
Forum Series Larry McMurtry, author	March 29 11:00 a.m.	Ed Landreth Auditorium
Walter Netsch, architect	March 29 7:30 p.m.	Sid W. Richardson Boardroom
William Barney, poet	March 30 3:30 p.m.	Student Center Room 218
Larry McMurtry	March 30 7:30 p.m.	Student Center Ballroom
N. Scott Momaday, author	March 31 7:30 p.m.	Student Center Ballroom
Friends of the TCU Libraries Annual Meeting	April 1 6:30 p.m.	Library Lobby

Exhibited in the Library throughout the period will be materials from the Deen Collection and architectural sketches and drawings from the work of Walter Netsch.

The McMurtry and Barney appearances are scheduled for both the Library dedication observance and Creative Writing Week.

*Prologue: The TCU Library to 1983* by Betsy Colquitt, a short history tracing the growth of the library and recording the work and gifts of those on campus and beyond who aided this growth, will be available as a commemorative item.

## The Library Expansion Project

The library expansion project has effectively integrated the spaces of three buildings into a single, functional library facility. The unique character of each of the two earlier structures has not only been maintained but improved. The special flavor of the 1924 reading room, now housing current periodicals, has been restored by uncovering the vaulted ceiling and arched windows. The modular open spaces of the 1957 addition have been remodeled to provide spacious accommodations for bound periodicals, serials department, the music library, graduate research areas, and open stack collections.

The 1982 addition, of contemporary design, houses the departments of reference, circulation and technical services on the first floor. Reading areas for Brite students, special collections, and display areas are located on the second floor. The basement level provides space for instructional media, faculty research areas, group study rooms, and open stack areas with perimeter seating. The lounge level accommodates a well-appointed student lounge and a storage area where opportunities exist for future expansion.

The architectural history of the library complex is dramatically revealed in the exterior facade of the building. The four arched windows of the 1924 building rise just to the left of the main entrance. The 1957 addition is now characterized by the small, recessed slot windows which have replaced the vertical louvers. The triangular skylights and the large faceted bay windows which extend through the southeast facade are the central design features of the 1982 library addition. The geometric patterns of the skylights are repeated in the covered portico of the main entrance and again in the ceiling design of the main building itself. Yellow or tan brick which has come to be called TCU brick has been utilized to harmonize all these components of the library expansion into a beautiful library facility designed to meet the needs of the university.

Building Summary: Size of addition: 74,260 sq. ft.  
Size of total library complex: 158,605 sq. ft.  
Reader stations: 1,100  
Collection capacity: 1.8 million volumes  
Total cost: \$10 million, including endowment

Architects: Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Chicago  
Walter Netsch, partner (retired)  
Don Ohlson, associate partner  
Craig Hartman, associate partner

Engineers: Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Chicago  
Friberg, Alexander, Maloney, Gipson and Weir, Inc., Fort Worth,  
consultant

Contractor: Walker Construction Company, Fort Worth

Project Supervisors: Walker Construction Company  
Willie Lehrmann, project manager  
Donn Dougherty, job superintendent  
Texas Christian University  
Sidney Padgett, facilities coordinator



## Library Milestones

- 1873 — AddRan Male and Female College opens in Thorp Spring
- 1874 — AddRan Literary Society develops a small collection of books
- 1877 — Major John T. Walton donates 300 books to Walton Literary Society
- 1889 — Name of school becomes AddRan Christian University
- 1892 — Edwin J. Toof of New Haven, Connecticut, gives the University 1,045 books; a library is formed from these three collections
- 1895 — AddRan Christian University relocates in Waco; library of 2,044 volumes is valued at \$3,000
- 1898 — Library is designated a U.S. government document depository
- 1902 — Name of school is changed to Texas Christian University  
— Mabel Grey Crosse is named as first librarian
- 1904 — Mrs. M. B. M. Gibbons succeeds Miss Crosse
- 1905 — Book collection is cataloged by Dewey Decimal Classification system
- 1906 — Mrs. E. C. Boynton becomes librarian
- 1908 — Nell Andrew, Mrs. Boynton's successor, becomes the first librarian of long tenure
- 1910 — The Library Association, an organization to promote the general interest of the library, is formed on February 10  
— Fire on March 22 destroys the Main Building housing the library of 8,000 volumes valued at \$15,000  
— TCU moves to Fort Worth and holds classes in downtown building; students use the Fort Worth Carnegie Library
- 1911 — TCU moves to present campus; library is 24' x 36' room on second floor of the Main Building
- 1915 — Earliest annual report of the library shows 4,716 volumes
- 1923 — The University announces the Mary Coutts Burnett gift in December; \$150,000 is designated for the library building
- 1925 — Mary Coutts Burnett Library is dedicated on February 27; holdings number 30,000 at the time Miss Andrew resigns  
— Arthur Curry becomes fifth librarian
- 1932 — With the depression, enrollment drops dramatically and book budget is cut to \$100
- 1938 — Bertie Hall Mothershead, acting librarian since 1933, is named sixth librarian
- 1943 — *North Texas Regional Union List of Serials* is published — the first library cooperative effort in the region
- 1949 — Fine Arts Library opens in Ed Landreth Hall
- 1953 — C. Glenn Sparks becomes seventh librarian
- 1955 — William Luther Lewis Collection of English and American Literature, gift of the Amon G. Carter Foundation, is dedicated on May 27
- 1957 — Construction begins on library addition
- 1958 — First printed library handbook for students is prepared
- 1959 — Library building is dedicated on March 5; holdings number 330,000
- 1963 — Sunday library hours are instituted
- 1964 — Library Committee of Inter-University Council of Dallas and Fort Worth Metropolitan Areas holds first meeting  
— Library holdings pass the half-million mark
- 1965 — Paul Parham becomes University Librarian
- 1970 — Computerized circulation operation begins on July 14 — marking advent of technology in the library's operations
- 1972 — Friends of the TCU Libraries is organized on January 28  
— Committee to Plan the Expansion of the Library is appointed in November
- 1973 — Library's Centennial gift to the University is the completion of reclassification of book collection by the Library of Congress system, begun in 1966
- 1974 — Contract signed with OCLC provides access to shared cataloging database
- 1978 — Computer database searching becomes part of reference service
- 1981 — Froissart's *Cronycles* is added as library's millionth item in January  
— Ground is broken on April 11 for library addition
- 1983 — Expanded Mary Coutts Burnett Library is dedicated on March 25

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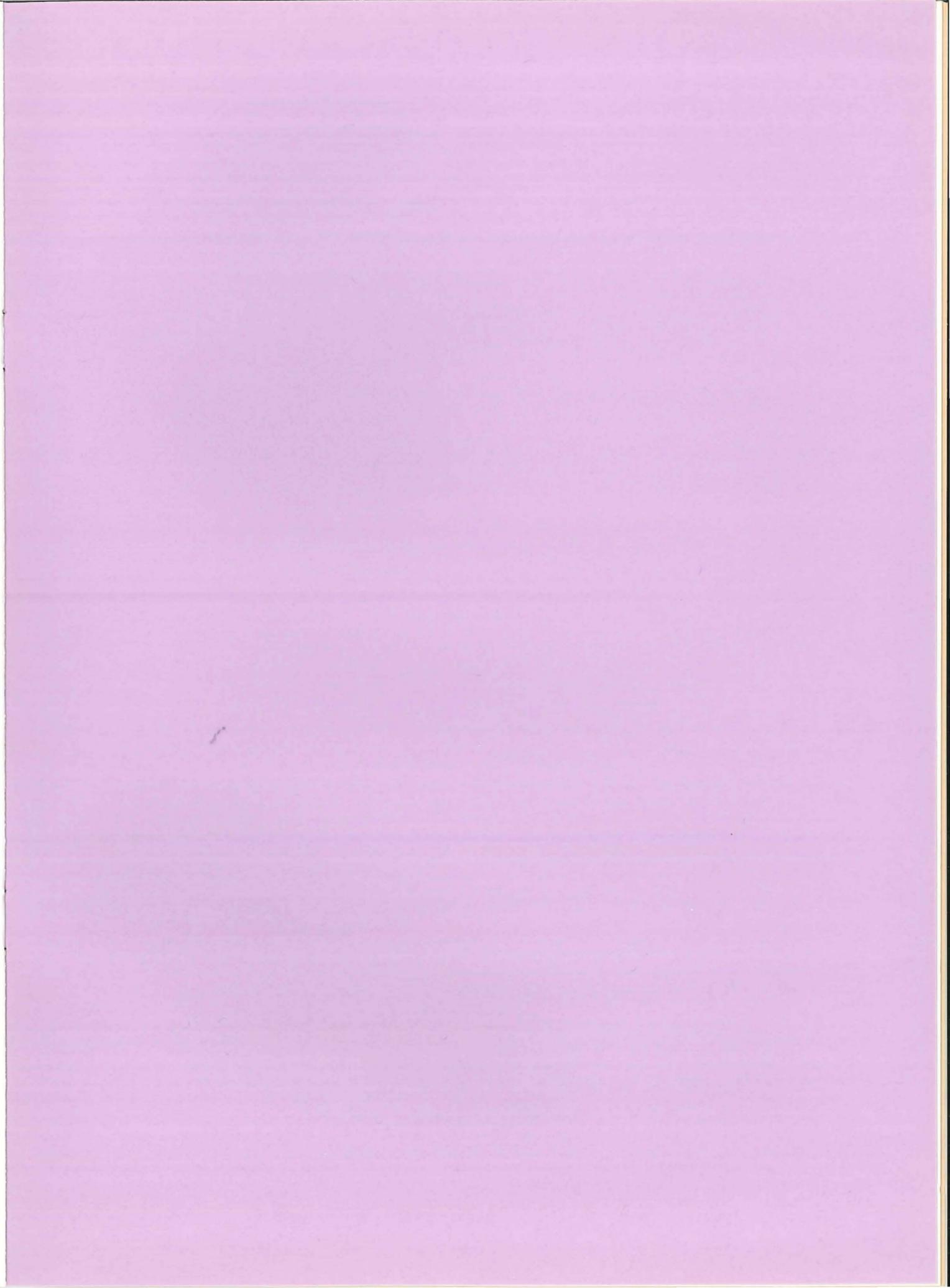
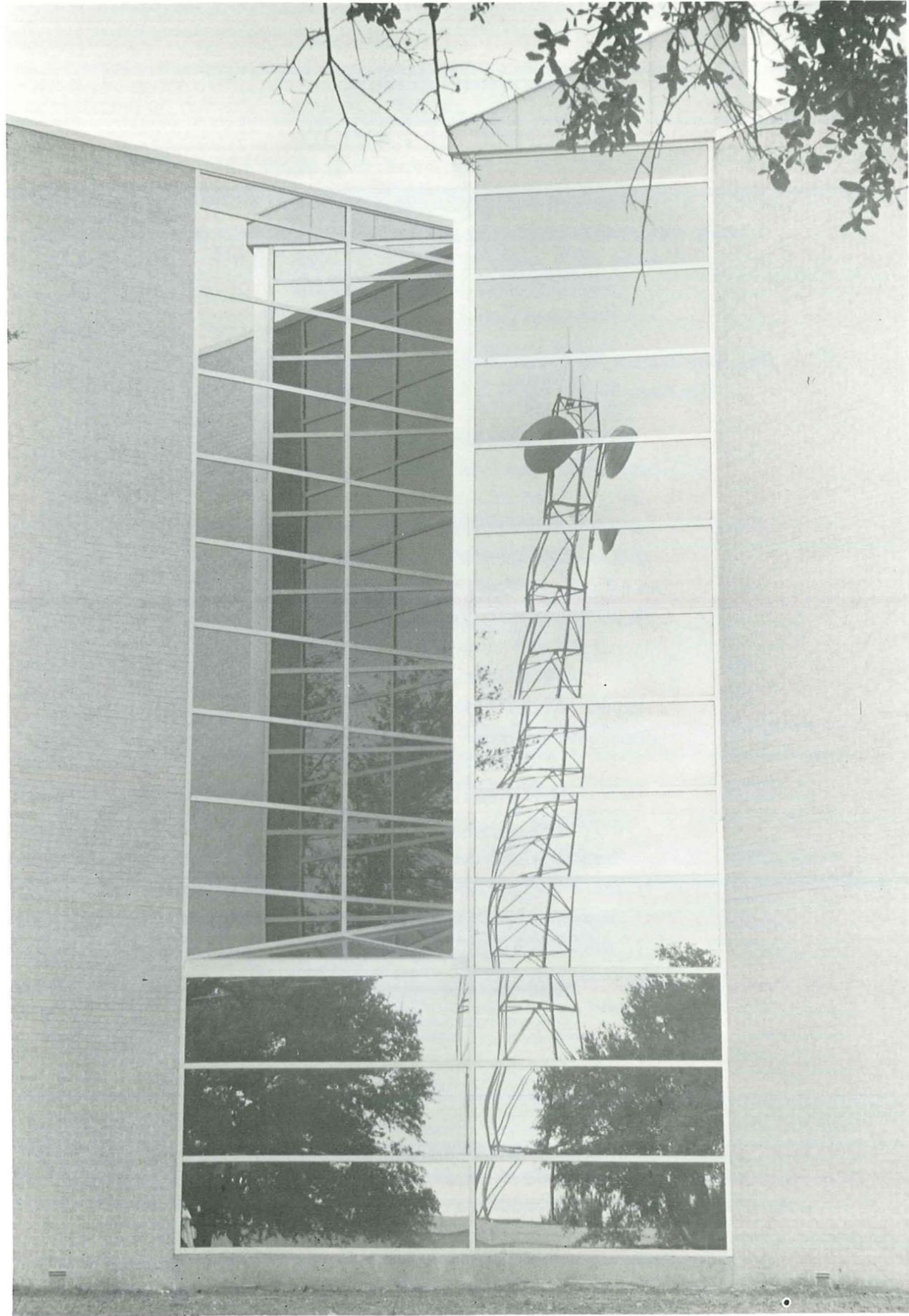
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