The concept of a new structure serving as a physical link was generally appreciated. It was felt, however, that there were several problems that still had to be resolved. The major problem seemed to be that the meshing of the new student union was not compatible with the rest of the structures it was attempting to combine. Another problem seemed to develop in the attempt to discover a new meshing for the extension of the existing Teacher's College. It was generally agreed that although the most logical solution to this extension would be a reflected plan of the existing structure, this should not be interpreted as being the most satisfactory solution. The architect should take the responsibility of at least offering a better solution to the extension problem. The absence of landscaping was also considered an element that should be dealt with. Since I have taken the position of assuming that MacNary has become a pedestrian mall and there would be established a pedestrian underpass under Riviere Avenue to non-complete separation of the pedestrian from the vehicular traffic, it was suggested that I feel in the underpass system that would be incorporated in the design.
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The pedestrian walk has become of paramount importance. There has been added a central space to the building which would serve as an orientation node as well as a multi-functional space for the university. A courtyard system has been developed to serve as a node plan entrance. Closely linked to the pedestrian entrance is the development of a landscaped area between Riverside Ave. and the entrance of the student union.
JURY COMMENTS

There was an appreciation of the landscaping done, especially the pedestrian uniform system. The problem of noise at the student union relates to the surrounding structures has not yet been resolved. The major problem and the area that received the most criticism is the present panel system that was used on the exterior of the structure. It was also suggested that the entire mall area be reinvestigated and become a lot less rigid.
A series of investigations have been done as to what the façade could best be. Ultimately, it was felt that the use of brick, concrete, and glass was the most appropriate. The use of brick and concrete provided a strong sense of identity and the use of glass allowed for a connection to the outside environment. The façade was designed to be visually interesting, with varying textures and colors. The use of different materials and colors creates a dynamic façade that is both functional and visually appealing.
The last two weeks of the quarter were spent working on a schematic design solution as to the possibility of incorporating the pedestrian underpass as an actual part of the student union. This study was done in conjunction with the belief that this solution would start to develop a hand-in-hand solution between landscape architecture and architecture. Landscape architecture should not be merely construed as the planting of trees and shrubs, or the development of places, but as a total use of land to unite and solve the problems that the architect faces.