



Architect: Jess Holmes

**Engineer: Howard S.
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Project background: The Wilson Park pool, designed as a neighborhood swimming facility, was one of five such projects approved by Albuquerque voters in 1968. The facilities are intended primarily for instructional purposes with limited time allowance for recreational swimming. Bathhouse facilities are minimal, as most swimmers will come dressed for swimming. There are no diving facilities provided as the pool's depth ranges only from three to five feet.

Project solution: The bathhouse circulation pattern was kept simple and straightforward to lessen confusion among the young children. The design is such to keep vandalism at a minimum. The bathhouse is lighted naturally by top light through clerestories over the dressing benches and ventilated

WILSON PARK SWIMMING POOL

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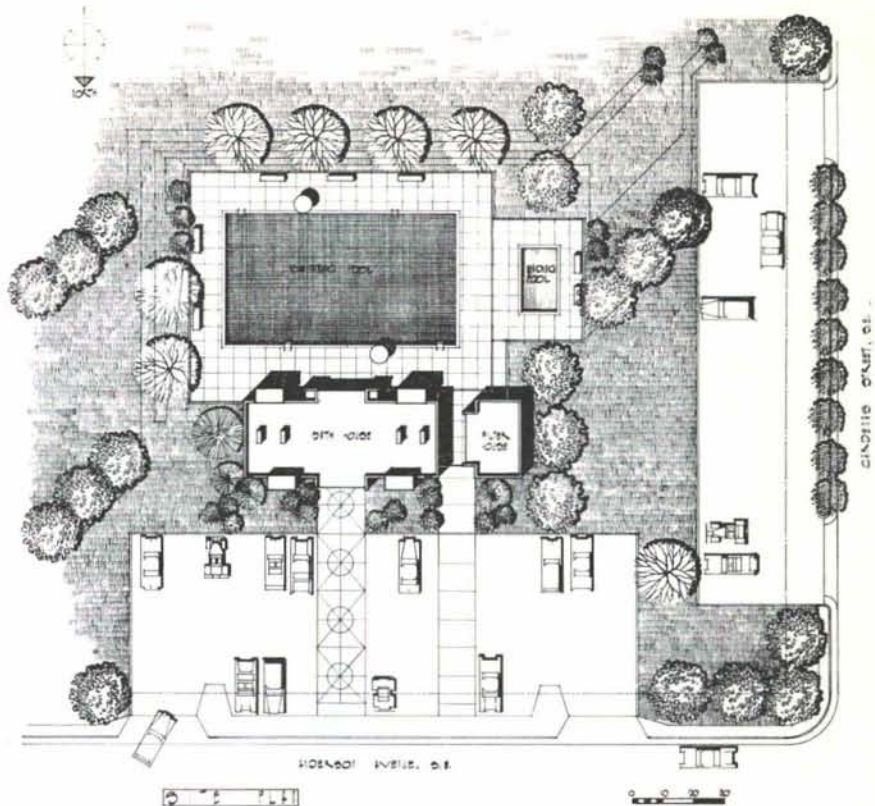


skylights over the showers and toilets.

Graphics are used in lieu of signs to indicate boys' and girls' shower areas. The colors for the graphics, i.e., "sex symbols," were so chosen that girls identify not only with the symbol, but with the lavender color; boys, with a pale blue. These colors are utilized again as accent colors on the interior to re-emphasize the relationship.

The project, as conceived, was an attempt to create a total atmosphere of warmth, cheerfulness, light and spaciousness, qualities that often fail to accompany swimming pool environments.

Total Project Cost: \$87,000 (not including architectural fees).



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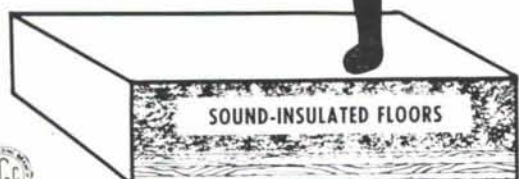
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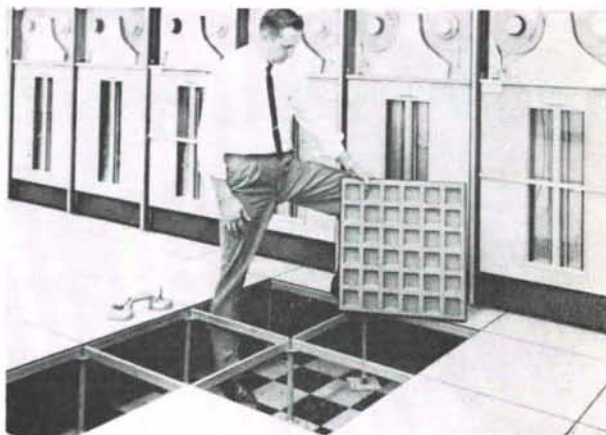


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