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Sketch Problem: A
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Project #2 - Sketch Problem: A Building For Architecture's Sake

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Design a building for no particular purpose other than as a contribution to the "art" of architecture.

The site is to be considered generally flat and with no distinguishing features such as trees, surrounding buildings or streets. Grass covers the ground. The climate is perpetually mild, ranging from 68° to 72°. There is little wind and no rain (moisture for the grass and other possible plants is supplied from a high water table below ground).

You may assume that all materials are available and any techniques of construction may be used. The construction budget is unlimited.

To be presented on one 15" x 20" illustration board.

I wanted to submit a "best problem statement" to you, primarily for the selfish reason of wanting to receive copies of all others submitted. You may recognize it as one that I used at Nebraska on occasion. The primary intent of the problem is to show the importance of determinants in design - which is accomplished by having the students attempt to design something which has essentially no determinants. The ideal solution (to me) is to submit nothing at all, based on the premise that there is no answer if there is no question. The problem is thought-provoking to the students, opens up a number of channels for discussion - and is fun. The project is simple and warrants only a few hours of time as a sketch problem.

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