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The debut of *Cantilever* occurs at an exciting time in our history. Selser Schaefer Architects recently celebrated its eleventh anniversary and, coincidentally, moved up to the eleventh floor of the International Plaza to accommodate recent and future growth. You might say everything seems to be heading in the right direction. ▶▶ We have our wonderful staff to thank, of course, for our leading position in the Tulsa architectural community. And we are especially grateful to our clientele, past and present, who have given us the opportunity to learn about and be associated with their inspiring work. ▶▶ In the feature story of this newsletter, you'll learn about our work with The Tulsa Boys' Home, an organization that has been making a big difference in the lives of young men for more than 80 years. As we developed designs for their facilities, we also developed a deep appreciation for their commitment to providing residents a new outlook on life. The new environment we're creating for them will better facilitate this mission. ▶▶ Among the other community-minded organizations we are presently serving are Owasso Family YMCA, which is committed to families and improving their quality of life; HEB, a Texas-based grocer that coordinates fund-raising for the Special Olympics, and other children's charities in Texas; and the Nature Conservancy and University of Tulsa, which are jointly creating an ecological research facility on the Tallgrass Prairie. We've also been tapped for projects by Paradise Partners, a group of Tulsa business leaders and athletes dedicated to improving retail business support and opportunities to North Tulsa, and Morton Medical, which is expanding to serve more patients. ▶▶ I am happy to report that there is no shortage of great companies working to improve the lives of fellow Tulsans and Americans of all walks of life. We are privileged to serve some of these organizations, and take seriously our challenge to create environments that continue to make their good works possible.



--- Bob Schaefer

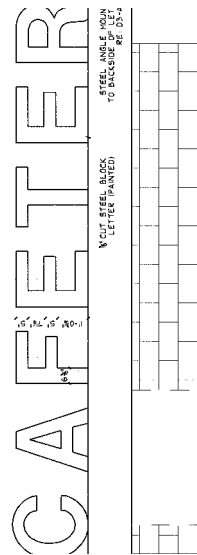
CLIENT: City of Pryor
PROJECT: Pryor Community Recreation Center
SIZE: 51,200 square feet
LOCATION: Pryor, Oklahoma

The new Pryor Community and Recreation Center is designed to address the needs of a growing community. The facility will contain a multi-lane, indoor pool with a zero-depth-entry "beach," locker and shower rooms, a gymnasium, aerobic room, free-weight and cardiovascular area, child-care area, and an elevated walking track spanning the entire building. The Pryor Boys and Girls Club, which is integrated into the facility, will contain a computer lab, arts and crafts areas, and an activity center for teens and pre-teens. Adults and seniors will gather here for community programs, and local non-profit organizations will share access to an office with a desk, filing system, and phone/fax/copy machine.



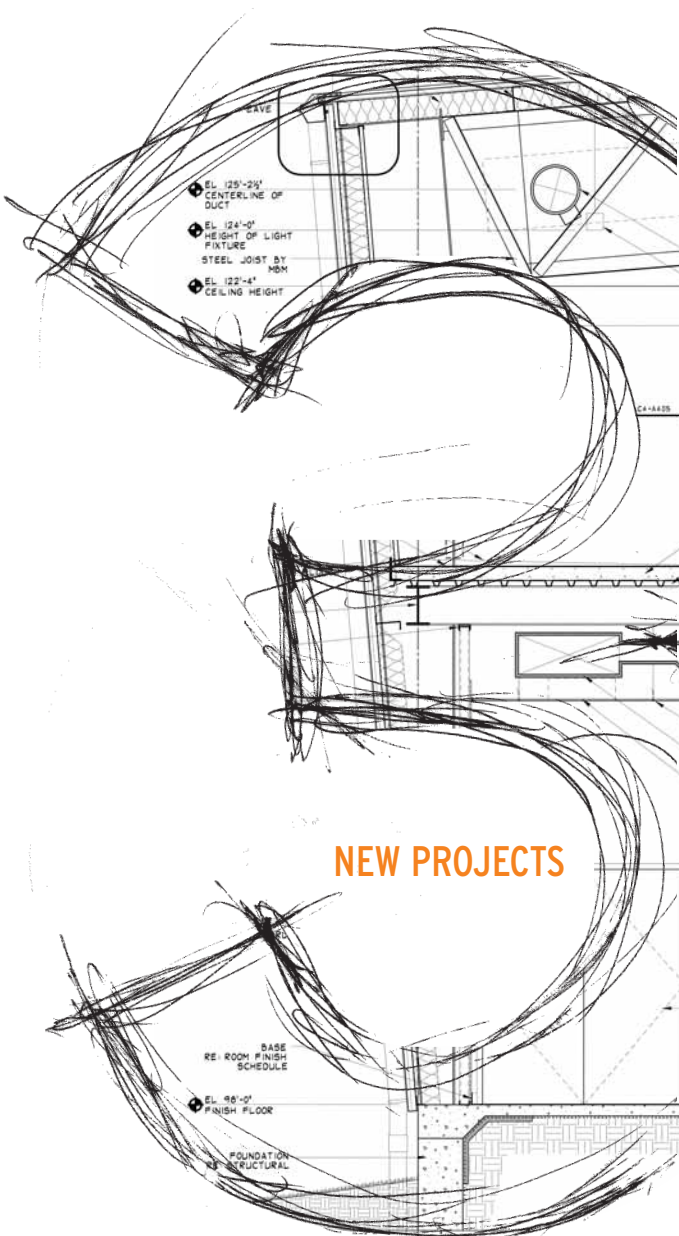
CLIENT: Briggs Public School
PROJECT: Safe Room/Cafeteria and Kitchen Addition
SIZE: 6,200 square feet
LOCATION: Tahlequah, Oklahoma

The new Briggs Public School safe room is a far cry from the old root cellar. With a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the elementary school has commissioned the building of a 700-person-capacity safe room that will not only protect students and faculty in the event of severe weather, but also will function as the school's cafeteria and activities center. With additional funding, the school is also receiving a new, more efficient kitchen adjacent to the safe room/cafeteria. It will feature a larger freezer and greater storage space.



CLIENT: Paradise Plaza Partners LLC
PROJECT: Paradise Plaza
SIZE: Total site - 3 acres; Phase 1 Retail/Office Building - 23,500 square feet
LOCATION: Corner of North Peoria Avenue and East Reading Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

The construction of Paradise Plaza, a mixed-use development, will enhance the local community's quality of life and promote growth for nearby businesses. The developers, who grew up in the area, are committed to making this development one of the area's main attractions, and their vision guided the design of the project. Shoppers will experience beautifully landscaped, well-lit grounds, a spacious plaza area with sidewalk tables and room to relax, and a variety of restaurants, retail shops, and office space. The design emphasizes pedestrian traffic and flow, and also features a city bus stop.



FEATURED PROJECT:

COMING HOME

Tulsa Boys' Home.

For more than 85 years, the Tulsa Boys' Home (TBH) has been successfully reintegrating young men into the community at large. After an extensive building and remodeling project by Selser Schaefer Architects, the campus itself will have a greater overall sense of community.

Two years of research and design preceded construction of this extensive project, which breathed new life into the buildings and landscape of the 150-acre TBH campus, located west of Tulsa. Preliminary research always involves the Selser Schaefer Architects project team immersing themselves in the client's day-to-day activities in order to design the ideal environment. In this case, our architects spent many hours observing the boys interacting with the TBH staff, taking detailed notes as the boys ate community meals, attended group meetings, and engaged in numerous other daily activities. Our research was assisted by a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, which enabled a committee of TBH officials and the Selser Schaefer Architects design team to tour similar facilities

around the country. We also conducted focus groups comprised of current TBH residents, the staff, and community stakeholders.

By the time construction is completed in the fall, Oklahoma's oldest residential treatment facility will look like its newest. Six brand new residential cottages will each house 10 boys and provide, a therapist's office that includes therapy space and waiting areas. The open design and layout of each cottage accomplishes TBH's goal of maximizing the safety of each boy and the staff. Plenty of natural day lighting, varying ceiling heights, and many other qualities will give each boy a strong sense of living in a residence, not an institution.

Incorporating the same design philosophy and architectural elements as the new buildings, six original buildings are being remodeled inside and out: the dining hall, gymnasium, transitional living quarters, and administration, vocational, and educational buildings. Residents and staff also will be able to enjoy a new perspective outdoors, with updated landscaping all around the campus, including biking and



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fitness trails. And the new Donald W. Reynolds Training Center will incorporate the latest in audio/visual technologies, including full videoconferencing capabilities. In this facility, staff members will be able to conduct conferences and training sessions both locally and nationwide. This center also will be available for community events.

We are excited to help the Tulsa Boys' Home begin its next 85 years with a fresh new outlook.



Campbell's

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SOUP
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Can We Do It? Yes, We Can!

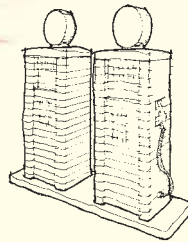
We like a challenge. So when we were asked to design and build a structure made entirely of canned foods, we couldn't resist. Especially since it was for such a good cause.

The recent Tulsa CANstruction Competition, benefiting the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, helped raise awareness for the organization's 19th Annual "Food for Families" food drive. Working with uncanny diligence, Selser Schaefer Architects' team of talented interns worked through three weeks' worth of lunch hours and several evenings to complete the design, then built the structure—a pair of vintage filling station pumps—in about four hours. Entitled "No One Can Run on Empty," the finished product drew its character from nostalgic roadside images and used more than 3,500 cans.

Homestyle
CHICKEN
NOODLES

Shannon West captained the team, which included Neil Chace, Shane Hood, Andrew McCready, Jason Walker, and Ryan Woolard. Their dedication and imagination paid off as they netted the top prize, the "Jurors' Favorite," and a slide of their winning entry will go on to a national competition.

The CANstruction Competition was a joint effort of the Food Bank, local architecture firms, the AIA Eastern Oklahoma chapter, Woodland Hills Mall, and Allen's Manufacturing Company, which donated 40,000 pounds of canned food.



Michael E. Schmitz, AIA, recently joined the Selser Schaefer Architects team as a project architect. Mike obtained his bachelor's degree in architectural studies in 1980 and his master's degree in architecture in 1983, both from Oklahoma State University.

Ryan Woolard has joined Selser Schaefer Architects as an architectural intern. He has a bachelor's degree in architecture from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

Krista Dietz is the firm's new marketing manager. Krista received her bachelor's degree in graphic design from the Kansas City Art Institute, and has 18 years of marketing and graphic design experience.

Roberto Moran joined Selser Schaefer Architects in 2004. He earned his architectural degree from Catholic University in Ecuador, and has 15 years of experience in architectural design and documentation of a wide array of building types.

Dustin Siegrist recently joined the firm as an intern. He graduated in May 2004 with a bachelor's degree in architecture from Oklahoma State University.

Britton Hart is the firm's interior designer. She earned her bachelor's degree in interior design from OSU-Tulsa and is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

NEW!
TO THE
TEAM