



Process Sketch: Additive and Subtractive Form



Final Model: View of Sacred Wing at South of site



Final Model: View of Sacred Wing roof plan

When Ira rolled up his sleeve, I knew I had to have one. It covered almost his entire forearm, a fierce black dragon. I got a chrysanthemum - - the poetic side of the Japanese national character. Yes it hurt. Yes, there was blood. But it healed and looked fabulous. Later a salamander for mystic wisdom. Why, at 60, get a tattoo - - or two? Well, I'm a '60's sort of guy, but now extremely domesticated. Happily married, no drugs, my motorcycle is a memory. It's a way of wearing my identity under my sleeve.⁵

Housing

The terminally ill often have to stop working because they are too sick or because they need to move to another city to receive certain treatments. When this occurs, the sick are forced to find new, cheaper housing or they are forced onto the streets and into shelters. Discrimination and lost wages due to illness often make finding and maintaining appropriate, affordable housing difficult. The Holistic Center houses residents from various income levels, providing the financial security of subsidized room and board for those in need.

The Holistic Center offers many different levels of care for patients at varying stages of illness. In-House residents may begin in independent care, moving next to assisted living and finally to intensive care. The Center also provides out-patient day treatment, through the research facility, for those who are living in their own homes. Home visit treatment options are available to the immobile.

The residents of the Holistic Center range in age from children to senior citizens. Apartments provide residents with much more than just a hospital room. The Holistic Center has most of the same amenities as a luxury apartment complex. Plenty of space is provided for each resident and their visitors. Health care providers have come to realize that bringing families into the healing process significantly increases recovery. Studio apartments accommodate each resident and their family. Costing significantly less, shared apartments accommodate two residents and day visits from families and friends.



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Final Model: View of partial building model at Residence Wing, West of site

The most elementary provision to enable people to take possession of their direct environment is probably the provision of seating (the opportunity to seat one self having everything to do, linguistically, with settlement). A place to sit offers an opportunity for temporary appropriation, while creating the circumstances for contact with others. ^{10 (p.77)}

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The Holistic Center is an inclusive facility. The residents, as good neighbors, interact with the community and the community is invited into the Center's halls, galleries, library and sacred spaces. The Holistic Center is an important civic institution. Interaction between residents is encouraged as well. Large and small group spaces are provided within the Center. The Dining Hall, as the largest gathering space is the site of the majority of the Center's daily activity.

Patients with a terminal illness often have to ask themselves, "Where do I want to spend the last days of my life?" They ask, "Will I be surrounded by family and friends or hospital staff and doctors?" These are questions of immediate concern for many people diagnosed with a terminal illness or with diseases and ailments for which there is a treatment but no cure. These persons must make plans for their own extended care or their eventual demise. The Holistic Center is a large-scale facility, for approximately 60 residents, in an urban setting. Professionals experienced with the needs of HIV/AIDS and cancer patients staff the building. A supportive staff works with patients to extend their time on Earth in a healthy and nurturing environment. The Center is a shelter for residents but not a leper colony or a fortress wall to hide behind; it is more of an oasis in the city. It serves as a refuge which is warm, inviting, and enjoyable architecturally. It is a retreat and treatment center for the care of mind, body, and soul.