JOHN WADE 1926 - 1991

John Wade died this year following a difficult fight against cancer. We are deeply saddened by this loss of the individual who deserves credit for initiating and developing the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UWM.

John was our Founding Dean. It was his vision that established a program of education modeled on the integration of scholarship, research, and practice. His enthusiasm and persistence in pursuing that vision set us on course to become one of the foremost schools of architecture and planning in the nation.

John received a B.A. from Harvard in 1949, followed by a B.Arch. from the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1952. He earned his M.Arch. from the College of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania in 1964. John came to UWM in 1969 after four years at Tuskegee Institute — another landmark program which he founded and led as its chairman.

During his fifteen years at UWM he hired over twenty-five faculty, many of whom carry forward the basic principles and dedication which he established. It was under his guidance that the School developed into two distinct departments — Architecture and Urban Planning. He established the basic research orientation of the program as well as many of the curricular goals which are fundamental to our continuing academic quality.

John was never subtle — we always knew his opinion and he was an untiring champion for his program. He believed that a new architectural school should make an outstanding contribution to the local community, the state, and the nation — especially if it was innovative and on the cutting edge of new approaches to theory, research, and practice.

John visited us during our School's 20th Anniversary Symposium in 1990. It was a wonderful opportunity for many of us to recall the early years of our School's growth, the battles won and lost, the debates over architectural education, and the faculty who have since gone on to lead other programs.

Many of his ideas and approaches to the development of our School were derived from his thoughts on design process. These beliefs and investigations were reflected in his book *Architecture, Problems, & Purposes* which was written and published during his tenure as Dean.

After retiring from UWM, he joined the faculty at Virginia Tech as a Professor of Architecture, where he continued his research in computer programming and the design process.

*John’s legacy is the School — a continuing tribute to his foresight and commitment to excellence in architectural education.*