THE UNIVERSITY CLUB, 1 West 56th Street, Borough of Manhattan. Begun 1897, completed 1899; architects McKim, Mead & White.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1270, Lot 34.

On May 10, 1966, the Landmarks Preservation Commission held a public hearing on the proposed designation as a Landmark of The University Club and the proposed designation of the related Landmark Site. (Item No. 16). The hearing had been duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of law. Three witnesses spoke in favor of designation. There were no speakers in opposition to designation. The Commission received several letters approving designation. In a letter to the Commission the President of the University Club said, "It is the sentiment of the Club's governing body that the Club will be honored by being thus designated." In connection with possible later alterations to its building, the Club said, "We reserve the right to appeal, to your Commission itself or to the courts, any initial adverse decision by your Commission, or even to seek to have the Law declared unconstitutional as so applied to us."

DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS

The University Club on its conspicuous corner site is one of the handsomest buildings on Fifth Avenue. Although this granite building of stately and noble proportions closely resembles a sixteenth century Italian Renaissance palazzo, its exterior displays a combination of original archi...