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## NEVER LEAVING **WELL ENOUGH** ALONE



In the fashion world it is today a mark of distinction (of sorts) to display the designer's name, e.g. BB, YSL, G or M, etc. etc. The wearer's monogram is seldom seen any more, perhaps on a handkerchief or a shirtpocket. In architecture and all other design fields, it is very rare for the designer to be remembered. Who remembers the Raymond Loewy automobile or the Breuer house in Duluth? It is usually, ironically, the wearer's or the owner's name that is remembered-the Studebaker, the Starkey house in Duluth, the IDS Center, the Hennepin County Government Center. . . . Of course, we speak of a Frank Lloyd Wright house or a Skidmore building, but that is usually because the architect has become identified with a particular approach or type of construction. The greatest exception to these customs is one extraordinary name: Charles Eames. The Eames Lounge Chair is one very specific chair and although his initials were not stamped on the chair, it quickly became and remains the most famous easy chair of modern

Charles Eames died on August 21 at the age of 71, a man often referred to as the Renaissance man of our times. Although his name is best known popularly for the Lounge Chair, he is known for a great many other chair designs, e.g. the molded plywood chair, the molded fiberglass shell chair, the wire mesh chair, etc. Eames designs are far more than cosmetic external designs. They are the results of tireless research and experimentation,

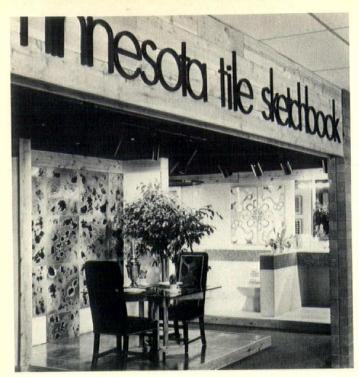
of trial and error, of a search for technological and functional superiority. Eames collected toys, made movies about toys and circuses and also about complex ideas which he explained very simply and clearly. Eames had that part of the child's mind which is continuously unsatiable, which is full of wonderment and enthusiasm. But Eames was not naive. He saw design as a process, as inventing, as problem solving. He understood the rigors of the marketplace and the necessities of mass production. And with clear and unprejudiced vigor he created the synthesis of these needs.

Like many men of genius, Eames was modest about his achievements, supremely aware and awed by the fallability of man and imperfectibility of his works. This soberness was balanced however by a contagious optimism and an inexhaustible enthusiasm.

At a conference\* a few months before his death, someone asked Eames what he thought about all the knock-offs of his lounge chair. He replied that as of his last count, there had been 598 different copies made of his chair. What disturbed him very much was not the knock-offs per se. What really really bothered him was that none of these knock-off artists had bothered at all to try to improve that chair. Perhaps no one can improve on an Eames design. But there is so much left to improve, as Eames often said.

-Bernard Jacob

<sup>\*</sup>at the 1978 Aspen International Design Conference









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Minneapolis architect Arvid Elness has been busy solidifying plans for a 48-unit townhouse project for Windom. Cost of the project is slated at \$1.2 million assisted by a 90 percent mortgage from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Located across from the Windom Area High School, the townhouses will feature mostly twobedroom units and federal rent subsidies will be available to low income tenants. Construction is expected to begin late this year with beginning occupancy scheduled for next August or September.

Eugene Branstrom Architect Associates, Minneapolis, are the designers of a new Le Sueur County Developmental Activity Center which will serve mentally and physically handicapped persons in the county. The \$125,000 center will feature stained cedar walls and a roof resembling cedar shakes. Completion is scheduled for next April.

Plans for a multi-purpose center which will mainly house a gymnasium and music classrooms for the campus of the Minnesota Bible College. Rochester, have been announced. Architect for the \$1.2 million project is the Rochester firm, Architectural Design Group, Inc. Features for the gymnasium include a college-sized basketball court and seating for 1,156 people. The lower floor will also house a portable stage, an exercise room and a kitchen and reception area. On the upper floor will be a choir rehearsal room, offices, music library, a classroom, a meeting room and a storage area. The building will have approximately 26,000 square feet and will be built into a hillside on the northwest side of the campus. Financing will be accomplished by pledges and cash on hand.

A unit of Ellerbe Architects has been awarded a \$7.4 million contract for work on a new civic center to be built in Worchester, Mass. The award went to Finance-Design-Construct, Inc., which shares headquarters facilities with Ellerbe in Bloomington. Finance-Design is manager of the overall civic center project which carries a total price tag of about \$15 million. Different portions of the project will be bid separately.

Gucci of Italy, purveyors of the sole, has arrived in downtown Minneapolis and opened its doors on the Nicollet Mall. Actually, the door will be opened for you by the mall's only doorman, complete with white gloves

and uniform. Inside, the firm's line of shoes, handbags, luggage, accessories and perfumes are attractively displayed in an ornate setting designed by Saint Paul's Hammel Green and Abrahamson who have created an elegant atmosphere complete with a hand-blown glass chandelier from Venice and beveled mirrors and brass. In other endeavors, HGA has been selected to design a new \$9 million junior high school for 1200 young students in Rochester.

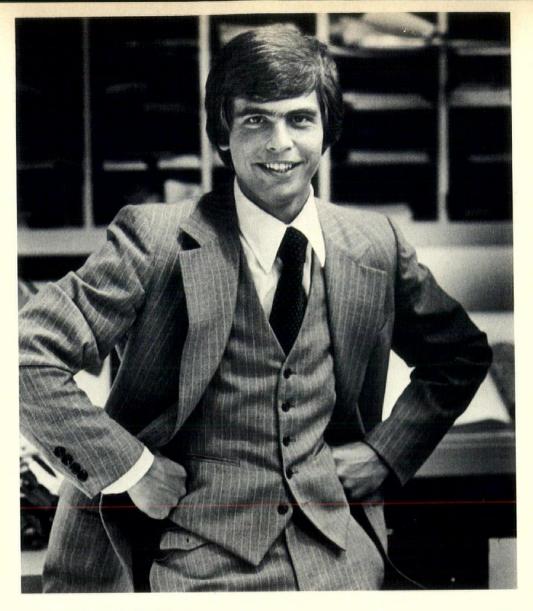
Construction has begun on a four million dollar office building across 66th Street from Southdale Shopping Center in Edina, Minnesota. The 80,000 square foot, 4-story structure is a project of United Properties, the development, investment and management division of the Northland Company. The project, to be known as Southdale Place, is scheduled for completion in mid-1979. Being developed without prior leasing, the building has been designed to accommodate tenants ranging from a few hundred feet to more than 17,000 square feet on a single floor.

A notable feature of Southdale Place will be differentiated suite entries. The entrance to each office suite will be recessed to provide an individualized setting for every tenant's reception area.

The architect for Southdale Place is Baker Associates, Inc., Minneapolis.

Attention all burglars: If you're planning the surreptitious removal of valuable pioneer antiques and ancient Indian artifacts from the new Dakota County Historical Society Museum. Twin Cities architect James Horne has a surprise in store for you. As part of his overall design, an elaborate security system guards the county's treasures. Interior doors are closed to prevent access to certain areas during regular hours and wires with an alarm system keyed to the reception desk. After hours, the facility's exterior entrances are wired to an alarm system in the police station located across the street at the South Saint Paul City Hall. Still not convinced? Then try and break through a motion detection system that has been installed on the two floors and in the basement of the \$750,000, 18,000 square foot museum. We're betting you can't do it.

A prominent part of the Grand Rapids scene since 1894, the historic Pokegama Hotel is ready to assume a new role in the life of the community thanks in large part to a remodeling



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package by Williams/O'Brien Associates, Inc., Minneapolis. Fourteen one-bedroom apartments will be constructed on the second and third floors for federally subsidized Senior Citizen housing. Although the building has not been used as a hotel for many years, the building is reported to be structurally sound and in good condition. Seven apartments on each of the second and third floors will have a bedroom, kitchen, living-dining area and a ceramic-tiled bathroom with shower. One apartment on each floor will be designed especially for the handicapped with wider entries, ramps and a space for a wheel chair to operate. The hotel was first built in 1890, burned to the ground in 1893 and rebuilt in time for a gala grand reopening on Thanksgiving Day, 1894.

Construction has begun on a \$50 million, 540 room luxury hotel and 360,000 square foot trade mart at Grant St. and Nicollet Ave. in Minneapolis. Designed by Peterson, Clark & Associates of Minneapolis and Sobel Roth & Associates of Houston, the Hyatt Corporation project also calls for an athletic club, banking facilities and 30,000 square feet of retail space. In conjunction, the city will add a \$6 million parking ramp for 750 vehicles and 30,000 square feet of exhibit space. Civic optimists who hope the project will secure the financial solvency of the district note that the hotel trade will eventually produce \$1.4 million in annual taxes upon completion in 1980. The new tax revenue will help defray the city's \$25 million expense in removal of nearly 10 square blocks of blighted structures in the Loring Park Development District, officials note.

Backed by nearly \$800,000 in industrial revenue bonds, architectural plans are underway for the construction of a new Surfside Restaurant located in the Lake Minnetonka-area suburb of Mound. Under the direction of Minneapolis architect Thomas Prokasky, plans call for the demolition of the present building followed by a fast track design calling for the restaurant on the first floor topped by apartments on the second and third floors. Landscaping, a concrete boat ramp and an improved parking area will enhance the new eatery, a long-time popular spot with area residents.

Much food for thought was rendered recently by international architect and planner Victor Gruen who is now living in retirement in his native Austria. Known as the "father" of the modern shopping center (his early

designs include Edina's Southdale), Gruen told a foreign correspondent recently that his ideas have been perverted by "fast-buck promoters and speculators" who have abused his concepts by building regional shopping malls in outlying locations that cause energy-wasting automobile trips, lack in harmony and identification with the host communities and serve no purpose aside from pure merchandising. Although his health is declining, Gruen, now 75, may consider a return trip to America to testify against a proposed shopping mall outside of Burlington, VT, which he says will "constitute the premeditated murder of a city by robbing it of practically all of its retailing." Gruen bitterly recalls his early concepts and says that they were to include medical offices, rooms for club activities, circulating libraries and post offices in addition to shops. He wanted them to be closely related to the community, "more than just selling machines."

THE Hodne/Stageberg PARTNERS, Inc., a Minneapolis based architectural/planning/environmental firm, has been selected to design a prototypical School/Community Education Center to be located in the Doyle New Town area of Flint, Michigan.

The \$5.6 million educational center design will integrate K-6, community education and human services in a new-town-in-town development environment. Revitalization of the old Doyle School, circa 1900, to a new social use is a prime consideration of the facilities program.

THE Hodne/Stageberg PARTNERS, Inc. were chosen over a field of nationally recognized architects which included Mitchell/Giurgola, Harry Weese and Associates and Venturi and Rouch by the joint project sponsors, the Flint Community School Board and the Mott Foundation.

The Leonard Parker Associates were chosen by the State Designer Selection Board to design the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. The new building will be superimposed on the existing Science Classroom Building located on the east bank of the Mississippi River adjacent to the Washington Ave. bridge.

The building is expected to cost about \$3-5 million. The funds will come from the money raised by the University of Minnesota Foundation for the institute. The building is expected to be completed in about three years.

Leonard Parker, who heads the 22-year-old architecture firm, said he supported the late Sen. Humphrey but is not a political activist.

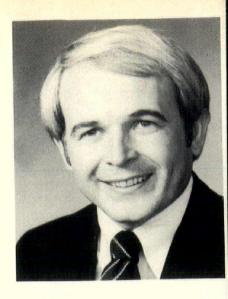
"I've always been an admirer of Humphrey," Parker said. "I want to design a memorial that not only will work well as a school, but also will be an expression of his life. It must be a beautiful building."

Eighteen proposals from local and national firms were given preliminary consideration by the Design Board.

Korsunsky-Krank Architects, Inc., Minneapolis, are the designers of a new office facility for the Central Northwestern National Bank in the northern suburb of Coon Rapids. The \$450,000 trapezoidal structure will feature face brick with stucco soffit and a skylight. . . . Freerks, Sperl, & Flynn Architects of Saint Paul are currently working on the design of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Edina, which will be bid and built early next year. . . . Saint Louis Park architect, John H. Howe, is also preparing drawings for the Advent Christian Church of Maple Grove. . . . Saint Paul's Adkins Assoc., Inc., are the architects for the Hiawatha Park School Neighborhood Recreation Center in south Minneapolis. . . . And northeast Minneapolis can look forward to a new neighborhood park center at Audubon Park now under design by Hustad-Pontinen Architects, Edina. . . . LeBarron Wold Architects, Minneapolis, are busy on a general remodeling and 1,700 square foot addition to the State Bank of Lake Elmo. . . . Saint Paul's Voigt & Fourre, Inc., have completed plans for a new priests' residence at the Saint Paul Seminary. . . . Bissel, Belair & Green, Inc., Minneapolis, are busy with plans for a 22,600 square foot, two level addition to the Mounds View Senior High School. . .

Kenneth Walijarvi, Saint Paul, is designing a new municipal building for the suburb of Oakdale. . . . The Architectural Design Group, Inc., down in Forest City, Iowa, are the architects for the First Federal Savings & Loan drive-in facility in Albert Lea. . . . Korngiebel Architects, Hutchinson, are designing a 16-unit apartment complex for the community of Brooten. . . . Close Associates, Inc., Minneapolis, are working on a 12-unit housing project for the Jackson Housing Authority.

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The Board of Directors of the Minnesota Society American Institute of Architects announced the appointment of its new Executive Director James P. Cramer.

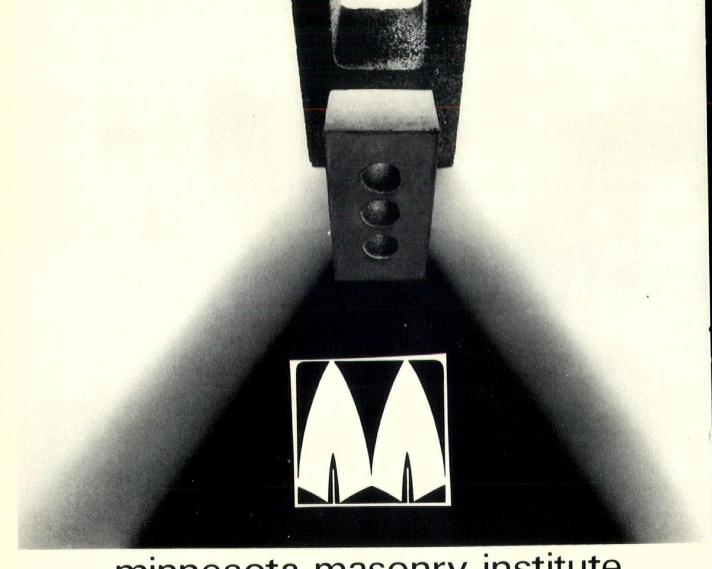
Cramer, 31, of Hopkins, Minnesota, succeeds Daniel J. Sheridan, who has been appointed Executive Vice-President of the California Council, American Institute of Architects located in San Francisco.

As Director of Community Education and Community Services in St. Louis Park for the past several years, Cramer supervised a variety of community service and community education programs for the St. Louis Park Schools and the city of St. Louis Park. He has taught in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Minnesota for the last three years as an adjunct faculty member and has been consultant to school districts and municipalities in Minnesota, as well as Massachusetts, Arkansas, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Utah. His consultant work has been in the areas of program administration, organization and new management systems, lifelong learning, and long-range planning Cramer received his master's degree in community education from the College of St. Thomas.

While at St. Louis Park, Cramer im plemented the "recycling" of severa closed and vacant schools in the St Louis Park School District, including Eliot School, which is now a Center fo the Arts, and Lenox School, which is now a senior citizen center.

Cramer has served on numerous civic councils and committees, in cluding St. Louis Park Rotary Club West Suburban Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Learning System Committee, the University of Minnesota Advisory Committee on Community Education, and the St. Cloud State University Advisory Board of Educational Administration.





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## 1978 HONOR AWARDS

The Minnesota Society American Institute of Architects Annual Awards Program is a highly respected tribute to architectural excellence. The selection is made on the basis of design excellence, the sensitivity to human and functional needs and to the built environment. The purpose of this Awards Program is to encourage a high level of architecture, recognize the clients and architects who have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments and to inform the public of the high architectural quality being brought to bear in the physical environment.

Every year a national jury of renowned professionals, architects and others from allied fields are invited to judge the year's work by Minnesota architects. The jury is chosen from other parts of the country and their personal review and inspection of the local work is done on an anonymous basis so that they may not be influenced by the identity of any local architects. The projects this year were reviewed, on an individual basis, from drawings, photographs, slides and personal site visits by the jury. The jury for the 1978 Awards Program was:

#### THE JURY



Lo-Yi Chan, FAIA, of Prentice & Chan, Olhausen of New York City. After receiving a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Chan joined I.M. Pei & Parthers. Since 1965 he has worked with Prentice & Chan, Olhausen, whose work has received awards from the AIA, Architectural Record and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development among many others. A fellow of AIA, he served as chairman of the AIA Awards Committee twice, and was a panelist for the New York State Council on the Arts in 1977. In 1975, Chan received a Design Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.



Barton Myers, of Barton Myers Associates, Toronto, Canada. Barton Myers founded his own firm in 1975 after completing many successful projects as a principal in the firm of Diamond and Myers. With particular expertise in housing and urban design, Barton Myers Associates has received wide recognition for innovative work in neighborhood preservation, urban planning and housing design. His most noted projects include 19 Berryman Street (his own residence in Toronto) and Dundas/Sherbourne, a public housing project in Toronto. Myers, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the University of Pennsylvania, lectures frequently on architecture and planning in Canada and the U.S.



Anthony Lumsden of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, Los Angeles. Born in England and a graduate of the University of Sydney (Australia) School of Architecture, Anthony Lumsden has worked with Eero Saarinen and has been principal of design for Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall since 1964. He participates actively in concept programs, initiates schematic concepts and directs final design of all projects. He has won awards from the AIA, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Progressive Architecture and the American Institute of Steel Construction among many others. Notable award-winning projects include Kukui Gardens in Honolulu, and numerous facilities in the Los Angeles area.

#### HONOR AWARD

Minnesota Zoological Garden Apple Valley, Minnesota

Minnesota Zoological Board State of Minnesota Donald D. Bridgwater, Director Owner

#### Zoo Team Inc.

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InterDesign Inc., Minneapolis
Peterson, Clark & Associates Inc.,
Minneapolis
Robert Lambert & Associates,
Inc., St. Paul

Duane Thorbeck, Design Architect
Roger B. Martin, Landscape Architect
Peter Seitz, Graphic/Exhibit Design
Robert Lambert, Programming/Exhibit
Design
Wilbur Clark, Construction
Documents
Arthur Young, Project Manager
Walter Tuttle, Construction Manager
Lead Designers

Jacus Associates, Inc. Minneapolis Mechanical/Electrical Engineers

Bakke, Kopp, Ballou & McFarlin, Inc. Minneapolis Structural Engineer

Clark Engineering Co. Minneapolis Civil Engineering

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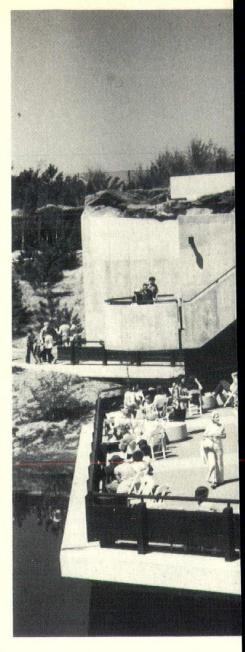
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As the first northern-climate zoo designed to be totally open year-round, and with the integration of man-made elements with the natural environment, the design is at the vanguard for zoos all over the world. Located in Apple Valley about 30 minutes from Minneapolis and St. Paul, the new zoo is sited on 480 acres of rolling farm and wood land with numerous small ponds and lakes.

To stimulate maximum public interest and use, the Minnesota Zoological Board stipulated that the zoo should operate year-round with educational, conservational and research potential intgrated into each exhibit. Animals were to be placed in habitats ecologically appropriate to their natural environments. Funding for the project came from the 1973 State Legislature, after Duane Thorbeck, AIA, and his colleagues at Inter Design, Inc. developed a Master Plan in 1971.

The project was approached as a design problem that could be solved only by the cooperative efforts of many specialized design skills. Animal behaviorists, horticulturalists and geologists worked with the architects and designers to develop a naturalism to the exhibits in the selection of foliage and artificial rockwork. Study models were used to determine the compatibility of animal spaces with people spaces and the attendant support services.

Prior to construction, the zoo received three national design awards: *Progressive Architecture* Design Award in 1972; *Design and Environment* Design Award in 1975; and American Society of Landscape Architects Merit Award in 1972.



#### **Jury Comments**

Chan. After seeing the zoo, it was not a difficult project to award. The children have a great time there. They really can view the exhibits easily and seem to enjoy the relationship of themselves to the exhibit. I think the adults also enjoy the zoo. I am not certain about the animals but there is a great deal of space. The graphics work well, the rock barriers work well, and the circulation is quite clear. Although it is quite varied, it is continuous and it is impossible to get lost. I think this is very important to children.

Lumsden. One of the interesting features that occured to me about the building is that it is a tent. It's an enclosure: A building whose main statement, main ordering concept is to protect the interior from the exterior.



This may be another variation on the theme we discussed concerning the Roger Opp Residence: In this case the interior and exterior enclosure/tent is purest modern, while what it contains is, in a sense, the equivalent of the Romanesque Chateau. Nature here is the deviant archaic found object. Also, it is beautifully sited. It sits down very nicely from the lake side.

However, the details are not exceptional at all. There are some bad junctures between some of the elements, and there are some very poor geometric decisions in the stairs, stair railings, etc. However, this is really very unimportant in the total impact of the building.

Chan. When we first saw the plan, we were suspicious. It was full of 45 degree angles, and we wondered just how it could be pulled off. The

geometry actually works quite well, and I think one of the reasons it does is that the architects layered geometries: the top layer is 45 degrees and the bottom is something else. Having both these geometries overlapping provides a lot of freedom. In addition, there is the false rock which is used as part of the exhibit and which really gives a lot of freedom to it. So, you first have the overlapping geometries and then the irregular rock providing freedom from geometry. The overall impression is one of great variety.

The whale tank observation gallery is a super idea. You are actually standing under the water. The whales put on a fantastic performance. They were fascinating.

Myers. The zoo is something you should really be proud of. It is a

tremendous investment and public gesture that I think Minnesota will be proud of. We have seen in Minnesota many generous gifts to the public.

I compare this to the new Metro Zoo we have in Toronto. In many ways, I like the organization of this zoo better. The Metro Zoo in Toronto is frightening. There is a series of pavillions spaced over a tremendous area creating a huge complex. If you are carrying a 25 pound or 50 pound child on your back for a five mile jaunt, it is very difficult. This has a kind of compactness and yet the kind of size, a space that is just right. It is big enough to feel that you are in a very beautiful garden and it is done very well. In certian respects it is an art to protect any animals from Minnesota winters.

#### HONOR AWARD

Law School Facility West Bank Campus University of Minnesota Minneapolis

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Bakke Kopp Ballou & McFarlin Minneapolis Structural Engineers

Ericksen Ellison & Associates Saint Paul Mechanical/Electrical Engineers

Bailey & Associates Eden Prairie, Minnesota Landscape Architect

Bor-Son Construction Inc. Richfield, Minnesota General Contractors

Midwest Mechanical Services Minneapolis Mechanical Contractors

Electric Repair & Construction Minneapolis Electrical Contractors

R & O Elevator Minneapolis Vertical Transportation

Shin Koyama Photography Housing 1,000 law students, faculty and staff, the Law School sits on a former University parking lot above Highway 12 at the entrance to the West Bank of the University. On the east side, the Law School is physically connected to the Auditorium Classroom Building, offering a connection to other campus facilities.

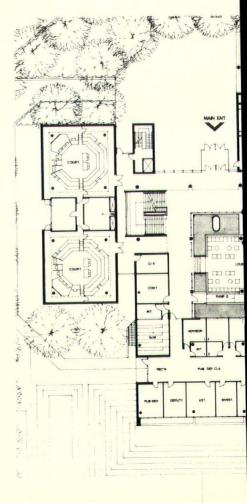
The Law School relates abstractly to the components of law education: justice, service and education. These abstract ideals are expressed physically through 1) courts as instruments of justice; 2) administration, public defender, legal aid as instruments of service; and 3) a law library, classrooms and faculty offices as instruments of education and research in law.

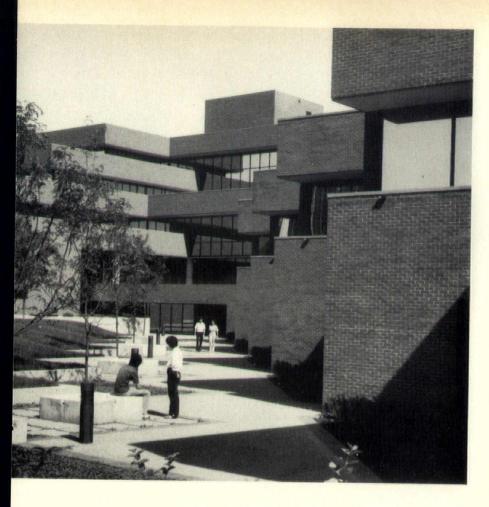
The basic building organization gives symbolic expression to these functions as "building blocks" organized around a central student activity area. Courtrooms, community service and administration facilities are at one end of the building, student activity in the center, and the library, housing 600,000 volumes, is literally stacked above classrooms on the other end.

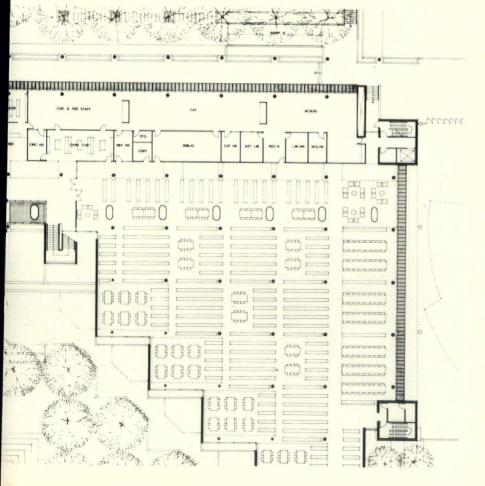
The stepped massing on the south facade places the greatest number of books in the closest proximity to the main reading room at plaza level, expresses the reading and study functions as "rooms" along the building edge, and cuts off views and noise of Highway 12.

The building shows a concern for energy consumption with such features as earth-covered roofs planted with evergreens, deep overhangs, and reflective glass.









#### **Jury Comments**

Chan. The new law school forms a good entrance to the campus and establishes a sense of place for this part of the university. I am not sure which elevation is the front or back. It has that nice ambiguity. One elevation is a gesture to the south end of the campus and arrival by automobile, and the other side creates a sense of entrance. It is located across a difficult site, with a freeway running through it as well as a long connection to the main campus. The overall quality of workmanship, the consistency of carrying the idea through, the whole organizational structure, its relationship to the campus, in particular the tough problem of integrating sprinkler systems is very, very well worked out. Obviously, they had a large budget. We think the lawyers will be very proud of their building.

Myers. To raise some questions: One of the problems that all of us face is the issue of the relationship of form to content, of symbolic appropriateness. This building is highly articulated and it raises the question of whether the traditional approach of a blocklike form rather than so much articulation would be more symbolically appropriate to this climate. However, it's a very handsome building. It is well organized in plan and we had no difficulty finding our way around.

Lumsden. With respect to the point Barton made about articulation, I have a different interpretation. I would call it a variant formed building, and my response to the criticism of this variant form would be: If the functions work equally well under the variant form, the variant form is as sensible as any other form.

#### HONOR AWARD

Rappaport Residence Deephaven, Minnesota

Frederick Bentz/Milo Thompson & Associates, Inc.
Minneapolis
Architect

Meyer, Borgman & Johnson, Inc. Structural Engineers

Oftedal, Locke, Broadston & Associates, Inc.
Mechanical Engineers

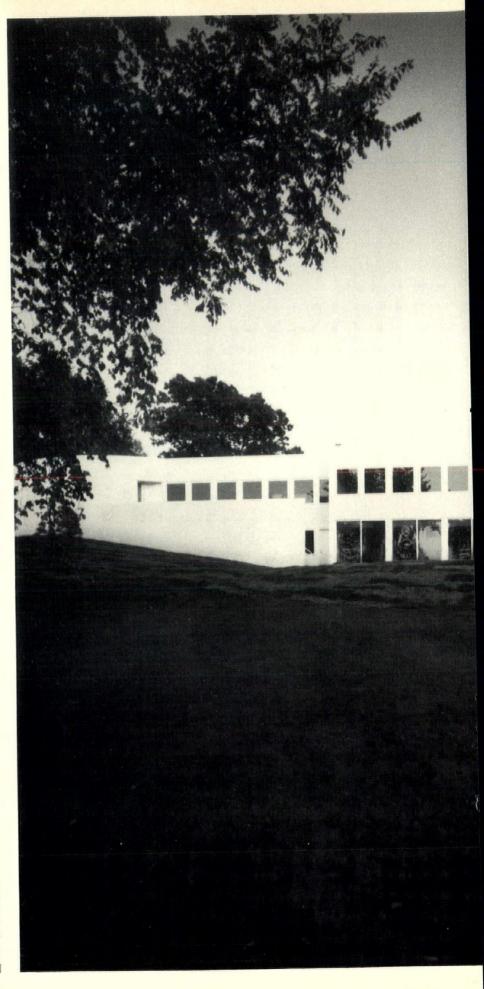
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rappaport Deephaven, Minnesota Owner

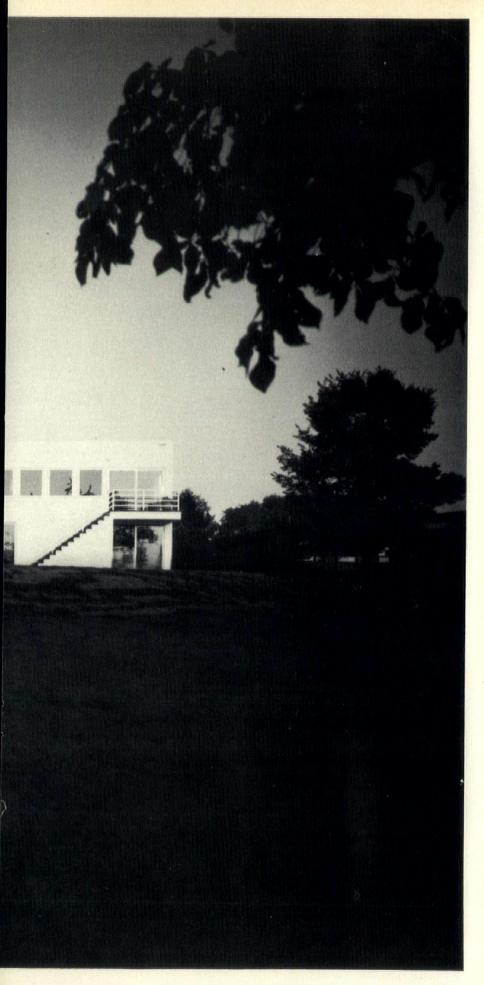
Joe Peterson Construction Co. General Contractor

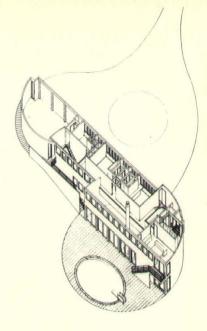
The Rappaport home reflects the family's active social and home life. An interest in music, entertaining, books and plants, an expanding art collection, and an enjoyment of Lake Minnetonka were all recognized in the design of the house.

The linear quality of the house takes into account the narrow, one-acre site, which slopes gradually from the street to the east shore of Lake Minnetonka and is bordered on the street by evergreen trees. Designed to be viewed from all sides, the long and narrow structure is softened by curved walls at both ends, giving it a sculptural "in-the-round" look, with full advantage taken of the lake view.

The main living area is designed as a single room. Sliding screens separate the kitchen from the living/dining area when guests are present. At the south end of the house the living area includes a library/den which, together with the guest bathroom, can be closed off from the living room to provide a guest room accomodation.



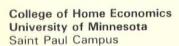




#### **Jury Comments**

Chan. The site is narrow and it slopes down to the water. Also, the two ends of the building are close to adjacent property. Therefore, it had to be designed to provide privacy. Also, the program calls for a very large building in volume and the architects handled its extreme length in a rich way and kept it simple. Quite a task. It is really a classy house. The curved ends soften its length and they work spatially.

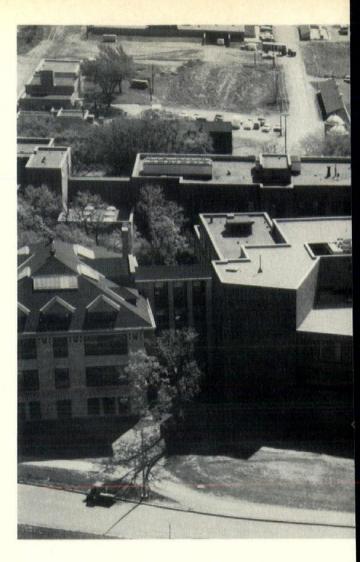
#### HONOR AWARD



The University of Minnesota Board of Regents Owner

THE Hodne/Stageberg PARTNERS, Inc. Minneapolis Architect

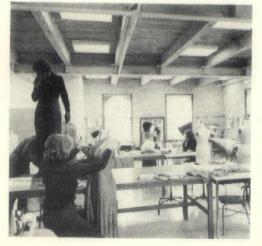
The St. Paul Campus' College of Home Economics, in 1972, was scattered through three older buildings dating from 1896, 1918, and 1955. THE Hodne/Stageberg PARTNERS, Inc. was retained to physically and programmatically consolidate the seven different departments within the College in three construction phases to minimize program disruption. The unique challenge of the project was to renovate, and successfully integrate with new construction, the three existing buildings of disparate architectural style and brick cladding. The complex became a pilot demonstration of the Campus Master Plan's concepts of infill buildings, as well as climate controlled pedestrian "streets" intended to eventually link all campus buildings.











#### **Jury Comments**

Chan. We were all very impressed with this project. It's a tough problem of urban consolidation. In this case it's an urban campus consolidation. It had to fit a program in and be a keystone that connects three disjointed pieces of architecture, all of which are different in style, period of growth and function. We thought this was done superbly, particularly its major interior space, which is one of the most beautiful spaces we have seen.

Myers. It illustrates my view of how tough constraints and the toughest kinds of problems really produce the most ingenious and exciting kinds of ideas in architecture. We seem to, somehow or other, become confused when we start with a clean slate and lots of urban design illustrates this problem. When the designer is completely free he often blows his opportunity. This seems to illustrate my idea that we need more constraints and this is a superb job in handling many.

Chan. The main space is surprisingly small, although it seems to be very well scaled to its function. One of the interesting things, as you can see, is that it works very beautifully with a large crowd and it also felt comfortable when we were the only people using it. To be able to accomplish this is a real art. One of the small lounges is very tight and tiny just off a ramp system that connects to one of the older buildings. Here you get this elegant style. It's just what Tony asked for in relationship to the Roger Opp residence. These architects put the Chateau/Romanesque interior in the modernist exterior.

Lumsden. We did come up with one question. The three existing buildings had different kinds of brick and we were wondering why the architects decided on a fourth? It would have been kind of fun to put all three together. I think there are about 90 different bricks in the 90 adjacent buildings and they all are better bricks. The actual quality of the brick is inferior to virtually every building within five miles.

Chan. However, the building is very good in terms of urban design. A lovely space to work in and its connections to adjacent buildings are accomplished in very little space. The building extends so that it can connect with other levels of adjacent buildings. When you come from adjacent buildings into the space, you have a forewarning of the space and appreciation of it by the light quality that comes from the exterior into the central volume.

Roger Opp Residence Saint Paul

Roger Opp Owner

Design Consortium, Inc. Minneapolis Architect

James Geisler Project Architect

Place Makers General Contractors

This 19th century three-story row house, originally a single family unit, was remodeled in the 1920s and converted to rental apartments. Over the years, it had fallen into a state of disrepair. Design Consortium, Inc. renovated the row house to provide a living unit for the owner and one income-producing rental unit.

Some major elements of the existing structure were retained: a fireplace mantel, the stair to the upper unit, the load-bearing wall and columns in the basement and the bathroom location and major plumbing connections. All of the existing non-load bearing walls were removed.

#### **Jury Comments**

Lumsden. We visited the exterior of this project near Summit Avenue in Saint Paul. It is a very handsome area with extremely handsome old buildings. The project is a renovation, and I think that particular theme appealed to us and should appeal to all architects. It's very important that these beautiful old buildings be saved.

I think there are some very interesting points to be discussed concerning this building. It raises certain questions. These questions are not limited to this particular solution or design. The first one is the old adage of the exterior being an extension of the interior. There are, I think, notions of the relationship of form following content, especially with the relationship of the exterior and interior facing materials. It is obvious, I think, that in any case, form follows aesthetic discipline. This particular architect knows this discipline well, and executed the project well in relationship to that discipline. An interesting question is raised concerning a purist interior with a semi-Romanesque/ Chateau exterior. It raises the question of whether some designers are willing to do a Chateau interior in a purist exterior.





Remodeling of and Addition to **Bachman's, Inc.**a retail nursery and distribution center Minneapolis

Carl Bachman and Jim Kelly In Charge

BWBR Architects Saint Paul

Charles D. Wahlberg, AIA Principal-In-Charge

Brian Cluts Job Captain

Michaud Cooley Hallberg Erickson & Associates, Inc. Minneapolis Mechanical and Electrical Engineers

Clark Engineering Co. Minneapolis Structural Engineers

McGough Construction Co., Inc. Saint Paul General Contractors

Eagan McKay Mechanical and Electrical Contractors
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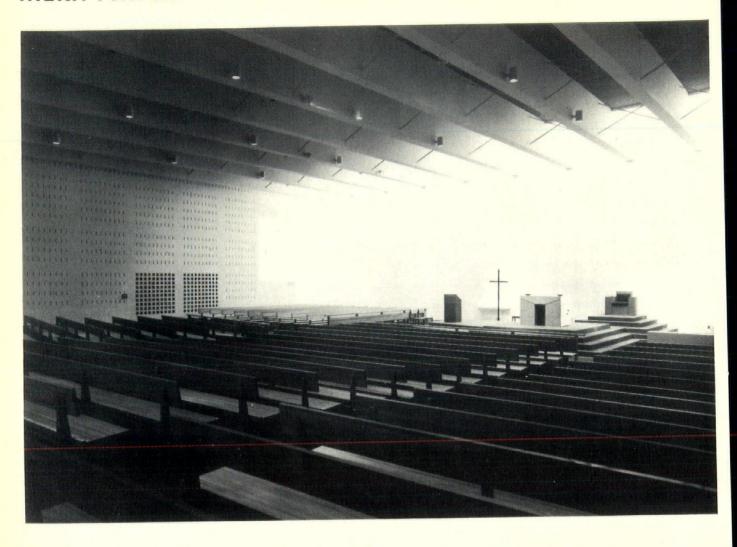


Bachman's, Inc. is the largest nursery/retail florist in the world. The problems set before the architect included the following: Master Plan future growth; create some semblance of order and continuity out of a conglomeration of buildings with various functions (total area in excess of 500,000 sq. ft.) which had grown without plan since the business was founded in 1885; create an orderly flow of incoming goods, warehousing and distribution; improve customer convenience; enhance public "image."

#### **Jury Comments**

Myers. We chose this project as one that typifies the direction many of us will be considering concerning quality. The architect's tough problem in this case was to bring valid order to tremendous disorder, also of dealing with ad hoc developments of a major commercial nursery on a restricted site was really a very difficult job. The architect's organization of these elements made it a very exciting area. The best nursery we have ever seen!

Although it wasn't crowded, one can imagine the major open square taking a tremendous amount of volume on an active day. The major gallery of greenhouses and the corridor are the organizing systems that give access to other kinds of specialized nurseries. It's a difficult job well done!



Parish Center Burnsville, Minnesota

### Church of the Risen Savior of Apple Valley

Owner
Father George Cussler, Pastor
Alan Balhorn, Chairman, Building
Committee

Griswold and Rauma, Architects, Inc. Minneapolis

Milan Johnston, Johnston/Sahlman Structural Engineer

Oftedal, Locke, Broadston & Assoc., Inc. Mechanical Engineer

Herb Baldwin Landscape Consultant

Frank Kacmarcik Liturgical Arts Consultant

M.A. Mortenson General Contractor The Parish Center includes a church seating 650, a meditation chapel, multipurpose space, and nursery, and is planned for future additions to increase church seating, add parish offices, and a chapel for 125.

The project construction cost was approximately \$750,000, which includes pews and granite sanctuary furnishings. The low cost was achieved through use of ordinary and economical materials and building systems.

The people-centered design was a collaborative effort of the church building and grounds committee and Rev. Frederick Cussler, Pastor. The parish and architect worked with Dr. Frank Kacmarcik, Jr., nationally recognized liturgical arts consultant.

Focus on the center for worship and the liturgy was achieved by the play of daylight into the interior spaces of the building, which provides a brilliant backdrop for parish activities.

The grassy knolls of the building setting were restored and re-seeded with native wild grasses which characterized the farm land and pastures donated to the parish for its worship center.

#### **Jury Comments**

Chan. The interior view typifies the entire design. The introduction of natural light is central to its organization. The design represents very fastidious choices, awareness of good materials and appropriate colors. Concrete block walls are used for their pattern.

We were somewhat disappointed in the design of the altar. Most of the altar elements were very well designed. However, the altar itself does not present the image that we would like to have seen.

This project approximates a stereotype. It is what we would expect from a North European architect and we think it's a completely well ordered design. It is obviously a low budget project and what impressed us is that although there are inexpensive materials consistently used throughout, the project does come off as being very elegant.

Northland Park Sports & Health Club Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Northland Development Co. of Mpls., Inc.

Owner/Developer/Contractor

Paul Pink and Associates, Inc. Minneapolis Architect

Jeremy P. Mayberg Project Architect

Westburg-Kraus Associates, Inc. Barbara Anderson, Interior Designer Consultant

A vacant ice skating and ice hockey arena was renovated into the Northland Park Sports and Health Club. The original exterior building shell, landscaping and parking were retained, and new building functions were integrated into the existing arena to accommodate a private sports and health/recreational exercise club. The architect encouraged the owner to develop a design which would encourage individual members to be more cognizant of other members, of his/her relationship to other activities, and to the group as a whole.

The resulting design places all of the recreational facilities in the open space within the intact and unmodified building, so that the patron can see the exercise pools, the suspended running track and exercise decks. This exposure to the ''open' planning for these facilities also encourages the patron to explore all the available activities.



#### **Jury Comments**

Chan. This fell into the category of Schumacher's "Small is Beautiful." Sometimes it is important to know how little we need to do to make improvements. This project illustrates that idea very well.

This is essentially a building that was recycled and reused. It appeared to be an old hockey rink which was vacated and reconverted into an athletic club. Very little work was done on the exterior and only necessary work was done on the interior. Everything you see is the new infill within the old big shed roof that forms the interior space.



Apple Valley Senior High School Apple Valley, Minnesota

Independent School District #196 Rosemount, Minnesota Owner

Hammel Green and Abrahamson, Inc. Saint Paul Architects and Engineers

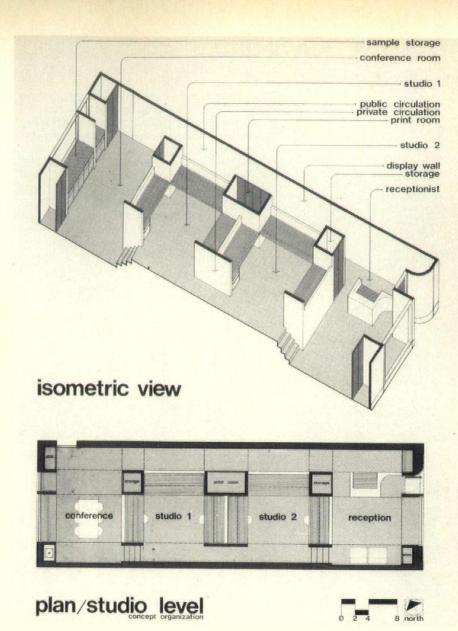
James Steele Construction Co. Saint Paul General Contractor An expandable facility for 1,200 students (grades 9 - 12), Apple Valley Senior High School is located in the fastest growing school district in Minnesota. Exterior and interior walls are made to be moved and revised, and with expansion of the school currently underway, expandability is a necessity, as enrollment is expected to grow even more in the future.

The inexpensive and functional school was designed to involve the community, to stimulate cultural activities, integrate learning experiences and promote lifetime sports. A central student "street" connects major gathering spaces such as the instructional materials, the theaterauditorium, student lounge and cafeteria. Ceiling heights, floor planes and materials change to give accent and excitement to the experience of moving through the building via this "street." Through an open, flexible design, staff can share equipment and integrate learning experiences. Acoustically enclosed instructional spaces are provided for industrial arts, fine arts, home economics, music and physical education.

#### **Jury Comments**

Chan. We were impressed with the marvelous richness of the program. It is a tough problem to take large volumes and put them together in a way that is rational and of human scale.

We were quite impressed. The handling of the big forms is very well done. The spatial flow of the interior was excellent. There is an area which serves as a connecting link through a number of systems. A major auditorium is placed within the body of another volume and it serves to create all kinds of nooks and crannies, some of which are ideal for various intimate uses.



The Minneapolis architectural firm, Design Consortium, Inc., converted an existing storefront in downtown Minneapolis into an office for their own use.

The existing space was long and narrow, with limited exposure to the outside at each end and a 13' ceiling. The architect's objective was to provide a zoned office separation between the public/client spaces and the private/work areas without sacrificing the exterior exposure of either area. In addition, they wanted to strong identity on the exterior with their office facing Marquette Avenue, and to create a stimulating environment for both client and personnel.

As a result, the major public areas were placed directly adjacent to the exterior exposures, with the reception/display facing the street and the conference space at the rear. The central space was zoned into two studio areas, raised 2-1/2 feet from the main area to allow for some privacy and yet take advantage of the outside exposure. Files were built in under the elevated floor.

#### **Jury Comments**

Chan. We found the design of the Design Consortium Offices to be elegant and completely under control. The drafting spaces are raised slightly higher from the circulation spaces so that you have a certain amount of privacy. The entire design was very well done.

Architect's Office

Design Consortium, Inc.

Minneapolis

James Geisler Project Architect

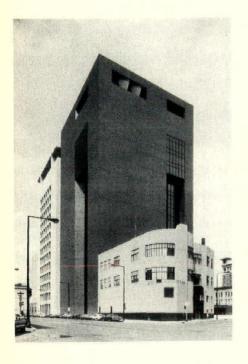
Place Makers General Contractor

### CITATION AWARDS

never been on a jury that has worked as well as ours, especially where we are philosophically divergent. All of the projects we saw earlier might raise some questions. But, as a group, we were philosophically very together on the whole selection process. I have found from previous juries that it is very difficult to quickly look at projects and make conclusions. I think this is one of the best presentations that we have ever seen. Every one of the 65 projects presented was well put together. This made it much easier

Chan. I would like to say that I have

for us. I have also found from other juries that things that are highly controversial (good ideas but not worked out) tend to split a jury because of their controversy. The jury is usually not quite sure how to deal with controversy and you get penalized for that. It is just a fact of life. The following projects are not of a lesser degree of quality. They are more provocative; more difficult to deal with; and raise a lot of issues. Consequently, we wanted to make a special category, the Citations.







Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. Market Street Addition Saint Paul

Ellerbe Associates, Inc.
Bloomington, Minnesota
Architects/Engineers/Planners

Ron Pearson Project Manager

Wayne Bishop Project Designer

Ron Smith Project Captain

James Moeller Structural Engineer

Bill Grube Mechanical Engineer

Jack Elliot Electrical Engineer

Tony DesRosier Interior Designer Vacation House Lake Placid Deerwood, Minnesota

Frederick Bentz/Milo Thompson & Associates, Inc.
Milo H. Thompson, AIA, Architect
Minneapolis

Meyer, Borgman & Johnson, Inc. Jack Borgman, Structural Engineer

Jacus Associates, Inc. Minneapolis Richard Peterson, Mechanical Engineer

Milo H. Thompson Family Minneapolis Owner

Pro-Con, Production Construction Corp. Brainerd, Minnesota General Contractor Curt Heikhenen, President Douglas Tscheu, Chief Carpenter and Job Superintendent Findley Place Housing Minneapolis

Williams/O'Brien Associates, Inc. Minneapolis Architect

Findley Place Housing Corp.
Owner

McGough Construction Co. General Contractor

Gayle Edwards Photographer

Bakke, Kopp, Ballou and McFarlin, Inc. Structural Engineer

Park Engineers Mechanical Engineer

Environmental Engineers Electrical Engineer

#### SPECIAL AWARDS

Each year the Minnesota Society American Institute of Architects presents Special Awards to selected individuals or organizations who have distinguished themselves by their extraordinary contribution to the enhancement of the physical environment and the quality of life in the State of Minnesota.

The ideals of the architectural profession are often advanced by those outside the profession who by courage, determination, vision and dedication have shown a high level of sensitivity to the social and physical needs of the community.

In 1978 the following individuals and organizations are being honored.



#### Milton Bergstedt, AIA

For a distinguished career of accomplishment and service to the architectural profession and for dedication to numerous community and governmental organizations in Saint Paul and Minnesota. He has been a key figure in the Saint Paul United Fund, Saint Paul Urban League, Saint Paul and Minnesota Council of Churches plus many more.



#### Marge Vogel

A long time civic activist in Red Wing in the areas of preservation, promotion of the arts and committment to quality architectural design; as a member on the Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board; and for service on boards of many arts organizations in Red Wing and statewide including the Architectural Panel of the Minnesota State Arts Board.

#### Professor Walter Vivrett School of Architecture, U of M

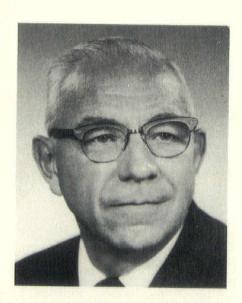
For distinguished accomplishment and service to the architectural profession; for many years as a dedicated teacher and particularly for his role in the Minnesota Experimental City Project.

#### Dayton-Hudson Foundation, Minneapolis

For their leadership and contribution to neighborhood revitalization and preservation as evidenced by their involvement in the Whittier neighborhood planning study and by other grants and activities in the community revitalization area.

#### **Old Town Restoration**

Old Town is a non-profit community organization with a legacy of activism and accomplishment in historic preservation and neighborhood revitalization in Saint Paul. Old Town has been instrumental along with many other neighborhood organizations and individuals in giving leadership to the Ramsey Summit Hill efforts. Significant also are their many public education programs and their sponsorship of a national "Back to the Cities" program in Saint Paul.



#### Edwin Krafft, AIA

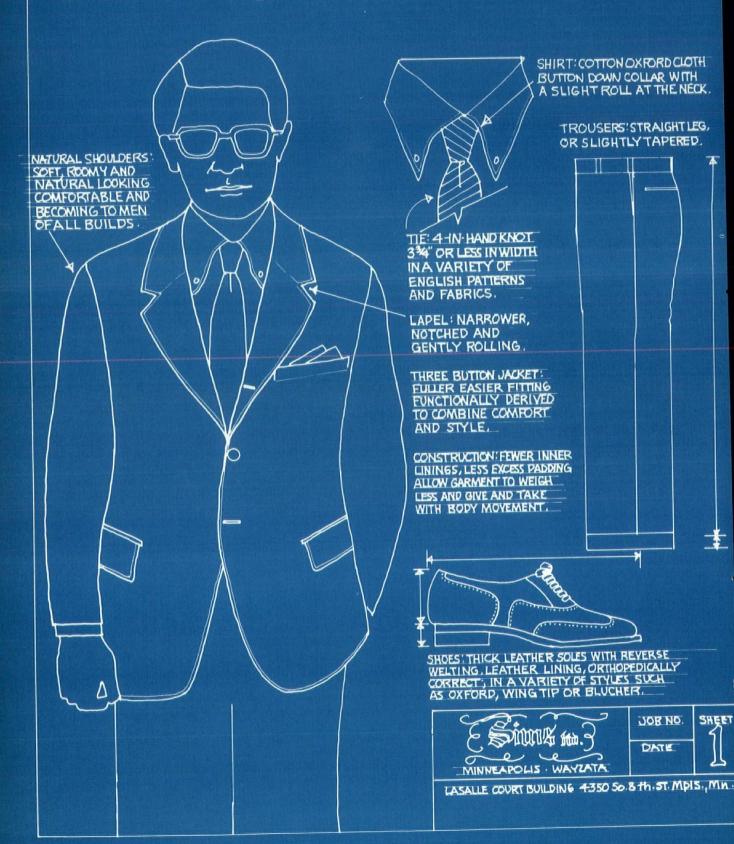
For a distinguished career of over 50 years of accomplishment and service to the architectural profession and for involvement in numerous community affairs such as Citizens League, Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Planning Commission for the Village of Edina.



#### Ernest Sandeen and David Lanegran

Ernest Sandeen and David Lanegran are two activists and academicians who have, through the Living Historical Museum and personal initiative, contributed immeasurably to historical, architectural and neighborhood awareness. They are also authors of several books and involved in many civic activities.

# Sims explains traditional clothing in terms any architect can understand.



# The 1978 Awards Program — Towards New Directions

#### by Ed Frenette

It is no accident that the seeds for both physical and social change were first sown in Paris during the beginning of this century. Similarly, it is not surprising that the current architectural revolution grew in New York, then Los Angeles and Chicago. Some argue that all places of intellectual ferment possess one common ground, dialogue, often in the form of "Pub Culture."

Conversely, it is surprising to learn that true innovation, more often than not, originates in areas close enough to "the action" to allow practitioners to be spectators rather than combatants, but far enough to allow contemplation rather than confusion. Evidence of the use of this critical distance is all around us. The Guthrie Theatre was post-modern in concept before the term became superficially "in." Minnesota's Energy Code and the built response to it have become a model for the nation. Also, regionalism in design, adaptive reuse and historic preservation are nowhere more a part of the architectural dialogue.

Here in Minneapolis, one of our mediums for an architectural dialogue is the Annual Awards Program. A few years ago we endeavored to make it a contributor to our discussion of architectural ideas. This year many of our members felt that the debate which developed during the awards program made a significant contribution to our architectural thoughts. Consequently, it is presented here "relatively" unedited.

Chan. In our review of the submitted projects we found that this area's architects share the world-wide confusion over new directions in architecture and ''post-modernism.'' However, we found a commendable high level of competence.

Central to the jury's concern were two questions, both of which are related. First, it was suggested that this area's architects were having as much difficulty in finding legitimate new directions in architecture as the rest of the nation, during this era of intellectual wondering. One juror suggested that it was our insistence on 'legitimate directions' rather than on-

ly "new ones" that made our searching more rigorous.

In the case of the Roger Opp residence, the modern movement dictum, "the exterior should be the extension of the interior," was violated. Furthermore, it was this violation of a normal modern movement constraint that the jury praised. One would expect most non-architects to feel the same, considering the richness that the Romanesque exterior adds to the neighborhood and the livability of the interior.

Economy of means was a praise

given to no less than five of the winning entries. The jury was obviously telling us to learn to use economy as a positive constraint: to always do more with less and never use more money, materials, articulation, etc. than absolutely necessary. Perhaps the greatest, but all too common, architectural sin is to "blow it" with a large budget.

In regard to the vacation house, the jury obviously felt that when one makes a tower, one is obliged to put some recognition of the tower inside. This is something that this particular



house does well, but larger buildings have difficulty with. The IDS complex accomplishes this with the view provided through the roof of the Crystal Court or of adjacent sister buildings. However, most towers bow to the constraints of twelve-foot floor to floor heights and fall flat spatially.

The constraints of a project's context were seen by the jury as the single most productive method of determining an architectural direction. Whether discussing the appropriateness of a building's symbolic form to its climatic context, the relationship of form and color to one's neighbors or methods of responding to adjacent brick colors, the jury returned to these ideas for determining a building's design.

Perhaps it is through the continued recognition of our own unique situation (physical, social and historical context) and the employment of it as a design constraint that we will more fully develop our own "new directions." As the jury suggested, we never really start with a blank sheet. There is always a building nearby, the remnant of a road, the sun is always to the south and welcome in the winter when the winds come from the north. Furthermore, history is becoming increasingly important to our culture which is primarily homogeneous.

Some scholars even argue that our geographical context should determine our intellectual methods. If it is true that island countries such as Britain and Japan best synthesize the ideas of the world, perhaps it is our direction to synthesize the ideas of a continent. Are we or should we become eclectics in the best sense of the word? Is this the place where East meets West and both are collaged with grass roots understanding?

'One who dares to think for himself, to go back to the clearest general principles, and accept nothing except on evidence and from all philosophies which he has analyzed without respect to bias develops a philosophy of his own." Ed Frenette Chairman, Honor Awards Committee

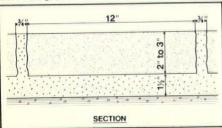
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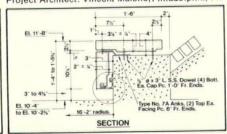
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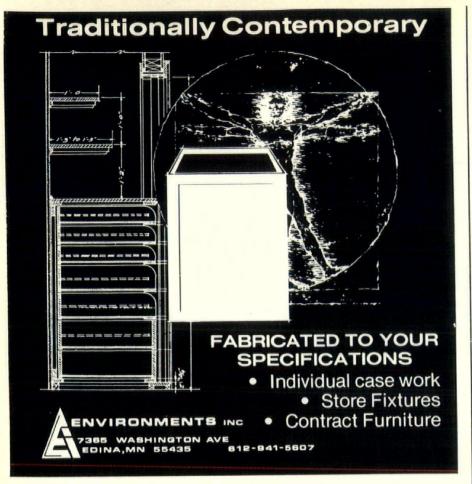
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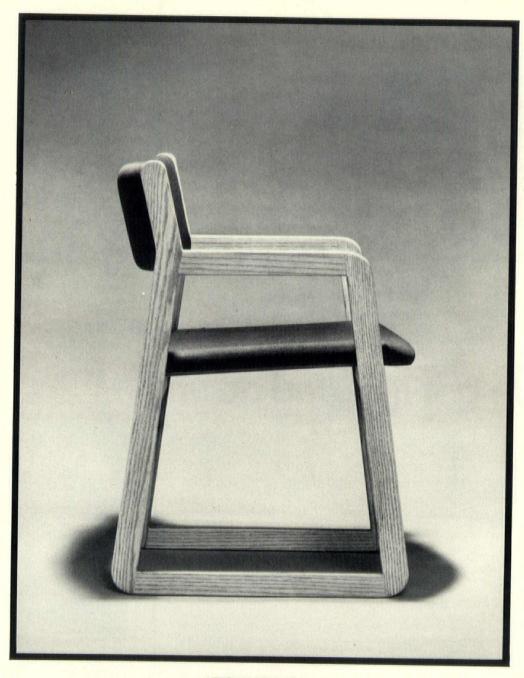
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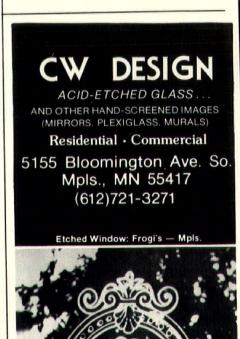
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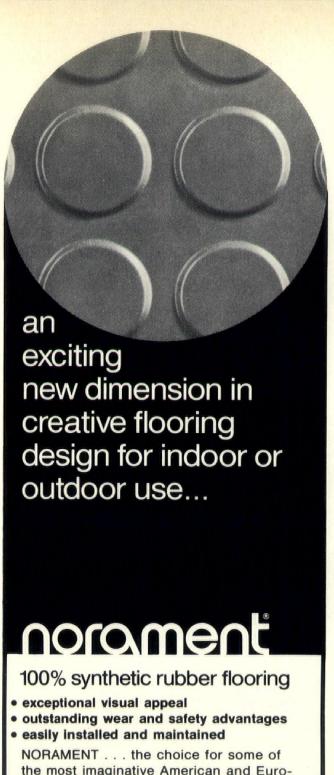
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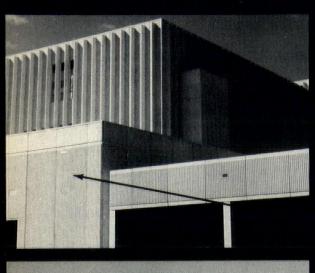


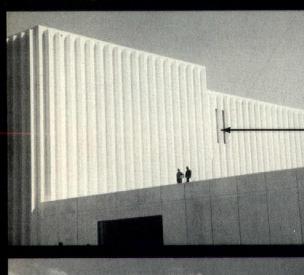
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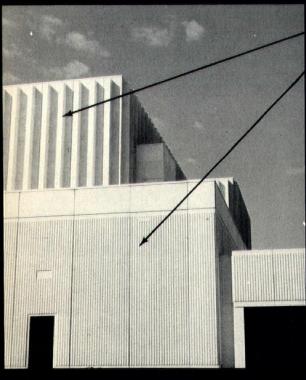


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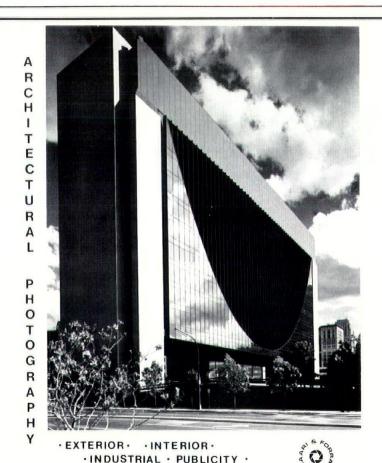
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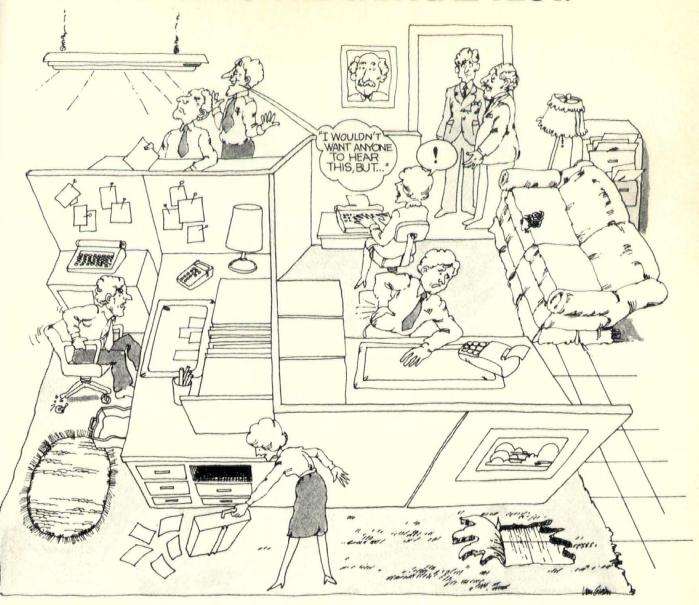
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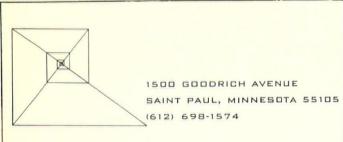
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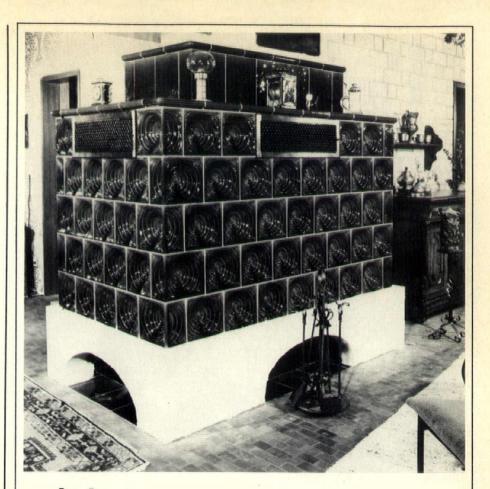
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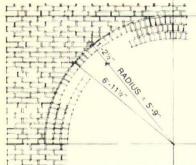
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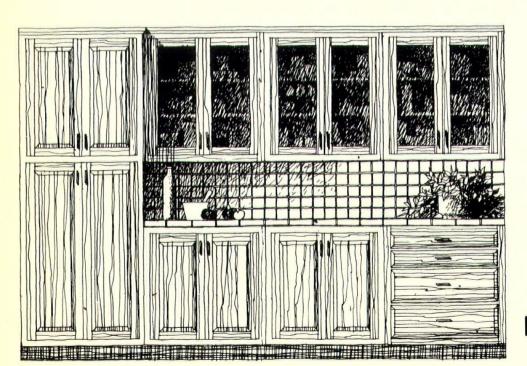
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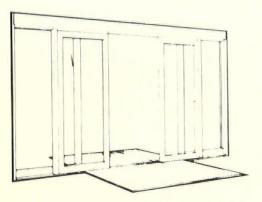
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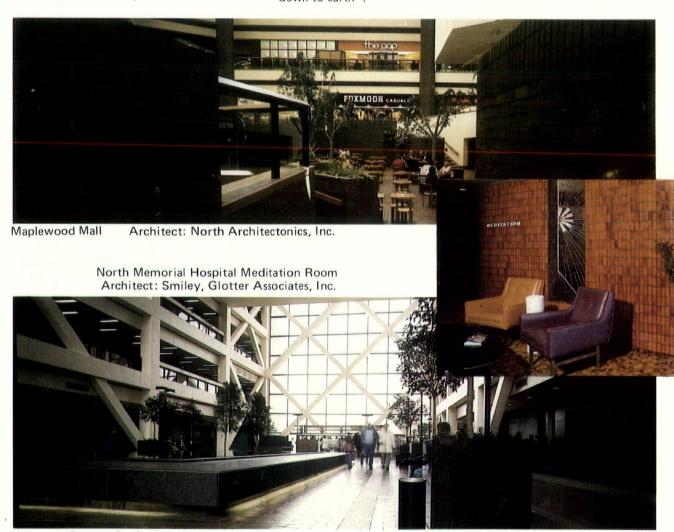
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