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Interior Adaptations

When I first attended the University of Minnesota, Coffman Union was my headquarters away from home. I had a dismal little apartment close by and Coffman offered many amenities I couldn’t otherwise afford.

Some evenings, I’d sprawl on the floor of the music-listening room with headphones on, experiencing Stravinsky, Joni Mitchell or Yes in a sound bubble of splendid isolation while enjoying a certain camaraderie with the other regulars scattered around the room. Other nights my pals and I would slouch in the theater’s cushy seats while watching free movies or sit in rapt attention when such new writers as Jayne Anne Phillips and Patricia Hampl talked about their work.

During the day, when I got tired of milk and granola bars from the vending machines, there was always mac-and-cheese in the union’s basement cafeteria, where I was sure to find one of my friends eating fried eggs or tuna-noodle casserole.

But my real hangout was the south-side atrium, where choreographer Trisha Brown once performed a dance inside a grid of clothes hung from the ceiling. A table in the light-filled atrium was my command post, where I ate lunch, watched people, read, studied and chatted with friends before I trudged home to pound out term papers on my typewriter.

Student needs were simpler back then. Very few campus buildings were air-conditioned and we didn’t seem to mind. If you owned an electric typewriter, you didn’t have to rent one in the basement of Walter Library. And we were still content to eat casserole.

But people, technology and tastes change and thus do the spaces we inhabit, as this edition of Architecture Minnesota shows. When a new generation of students demanded an air-conditioned Coffman Union, as well as franchise food-service options and wireless technology, Ellerbe Becket renovated the historic building into a 21st-century hub. Fallon Worldwide, an advertising agency with blue-chip clients, wanted to break the mold of traditional ad-agency design. So Perkins & Will created a five-level office of glass and light that’s as surprising as it is inspiring.

Home, of course, is where personal expression comes to the fore. Mark Gunstad, AIA, helped his vivacious clients turn their rambling into a festival of color and geometry. Elsewhere in these pages, four other design teams demonstrate how they transformed one small drab room or area of a client’s home into the best-loved room in the house.

Another small project with big impact is the renovation of the St. Louis Park High School theater. Here Cuningham Group employed a sustainable-design solution that included redoing, rather than tossing out, the existing seating. As Tim Dufault, AIA, says of the project, “The character and functionality of the space [were] dramatically changed . . . by simply refurbishing the high-quality materials already there, reducing the scale and giving the theater a richer tone.”

Saving an existing building, of course, is one of the most sustainable initiatives an architect can undertake. Likewise, the reinvention of an existing interior—one in which historical architecture and new technologies, fond memories and fresh ideas, hot casseroles and iced lattes co-exist—can not only enhance an individual’s perceptions of architecture’s role in society, but enrich a whole community’s quality of life.

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Sunday, November 2, 2:00 p.m.
Pantages Theatre
Frank Gehry, FAIA, architect for the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum with Mildred (Mickey) Friedman, former design curator for Walker Art Center, author of Gehry Talks and guest curator for the 2001 Guggenheim Museum exhibition “Frank Gehry, Architect.”

Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.
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Ann Markussen, professor and director, Project on Regional and Industrial Economies, Humphrey Institute, on “The Artistic Dividend: The Hidden Contributions of Architecture and the Arts to the Regional Economy.”

In cooperation with “Architects Shape the New Minneapolis,” and in celebration of the Weisman’s 10th anniversary, the museum also offers a free series, “Four Views: Frank Gehry’s Museum Projects,” at the Weisman.

Thursday, September 11, 12:15 p.m.
Lyndel King, director of the Weisman Art Museum and co-curator of the Guggenheim’s “Frank Gehry, Architect,” provides an overview of Gehry’s museums.

Thursday, September 18, 12:15 p.m.
Renée Cheng, associate professor and director of design, College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota, discusses Gehry’s complex building forms.

Thursday, September 25, 12:15 p.m.
William Conway, AIA, professor of architecture, College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota, speaks on Gehry’s response to urban space.

Thursday, October 2, 12:15 p.m.
Mary Guzowski, associate professor, director of the Architecture Daylighting Lab, and Joon Moom, artist and librarian, College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, discuss light in Gehry’s museums and the impact of light on art.

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INSIDER LINGO By Gina Grensing

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An art building is really a light-industrial facility," says Mark Pharis, chair, art department, University of Minnesota. Accordingly, Meyer Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd., Minneapolis, more than filled that need with its design of the university's new West Bank art building, the Regis Center for Art. According to Garth Rockcastle, FAIA, principal, the design team reflected that theme by using a "durable exposed concrete throughout, which gives the building the feel of an industrial-grade art factory."

The 155,000-square-foot building stretches boldly over two blocks via a connecting skyway. The decision to design a horizontally shaped structure resulted from the department's need to readily move large art-making materials, such as stone, in and out via trucks and forklifts. With the main entrance sited across from Rarig Center, the design team angled the building with a two-story glass curtain wall and tilted the white-stucco facade to serve as a welcoming entrance to the West Bank's arts district, while gesturing toward the neighboring Barbara Barker Center for Dance. The white-stucco east building houses ceramics, sculpture, a foundry and kilns, classrooms and a greatly expanded Katherine Nash Gallery; the west building, clad in red brick, incorporates painting and drawing studios, photography labs and high-tech interactivity classrooms. The interiors feature white walls, steel railings and plenty of daylight. With art the seventh most popular major in the College of Liberal Arts, the new art building is a significant addition to the West Bank arts quarter.

Drivers on West 494 regularly pass a new architectural landmark in Minnetonka—a synagogue in the round, clad in bronze-colored metal and buff-colored precast concrete, designed by Bentz/Thompson/Rietow, Inc., Minneapolis. The Bet Shalom Synagogue conveys traditional Jewish characteristics of welcoming and spirituality. The sanctuary, which seats 500, is an intimate-feeling space with mahogany benches, translucent-glass walls encased in structural-wood trusses, clerestory windows and a hexagonal-shaped ceiling that peaks in a glass lantern. When all 1,300 synagogue members attend a service, the space is easily enlarged via the three back movable walls; the bottom halves slip into the floor, while the top halves slide up into the sanctuary's upper wall. Staff offices and counseling rooms surround the sanctuary. When dedicating the new building, Rabbi Norman M. Cohen said, "This new structure reflects our spirit of inclusiveness, the warmth of the sanctuary, the circle that includes us all at Bet Shalom."

By Bette Hammel

Split Rock Lighthouse, the 1910 Minnesota icon that still stands proudly on a windswept cliff overlooking Lake Superior, now accommodates more travelers thanks to recent expansion of the Visitors' Center. Designed by Robert Claybaugh, Claybaugh Preservation Architecture, Inc., Taylors Falls, the 4,300-square-foot addition nearly triples the size of the retail-sales area. "This shop is a cash cow for the Minnesota Historical Society, so it was important to enlarge it," Claybaugh says. The expansion's Douglas fir matches the existing center's post-and-beam construction, giving the building's interior a cabin-style atmosphere. To keep people moving through the center, Claybaugh's team reorganized circulation patterns in fee and non-fee areas and provided larger restrooms. An elongated reception desk of Lake Superior green granite serves as the new lobby counter. At the new entrance a large deck of exposed-aggregate concrete, sheltered by a wood roof, welcomes visitors. Although the lighthouse signal lights were shut off in 1969, Split Rock still serves as a reminder of the skill of its ingenious 19th-century builders.
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Andrew Riverside Presbyterian Church
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BY ROBERT ROSCOE

On August 11, 2002, the stately 112-year-old Andrew Riverside Presbyterian Church on Fourth Street Southeast and Eighth Avenue in Minneapolis was empty after Sunday-morning services. In the late afternoon, an immigrant African religious community was scheduled to hold its weekly service. An hour before the congregants arrived, the top section of the church's north wall collapsed and limestone chunks fell onto an adjoining residential property and inside the chapel/auditorium. Congregation leaders were dismayed but undaunted.

Ten months earlier, a team of architects and engineers had conducted a building-condition survey after a large horizontal crack appeared along the church's east wall. The team studied the interior junctures of walls and floors and noted no significant separations. They attributed several exterior deformations and separations along the Platteville limestone walls to the material itself, which is prone to such eccentricities. Contractors stabilized a sizable horizontal crevice along the east wall. Preparation of other stabilizations and corrective measures were under way.

The north wall's surprising rupture was due to lack of bonding—either with interlaced stone or a wall-tie system—between the two wythes of limestone that form the 20-inch-thick wall. According to Chuck Liddy, AIA, principal, Miller Dunwiddie Architects, Inc., Minneapolis, whose firm has extensive architectural experience in historic-building preservation, Platteville limestone's sedimentary composition can "grow" when certain conditions—like deteriorated gutters or vegetation on the building's surface—allow water to penetrate the material.

When the outer wythe experiences microenlargement and the other wythe does not, the wall system can be compromised. Many properly constructed limestone walls exhibit slight outward bulges because of this phenomenon, yet they maintain structural stability if "growth" is limited.

After the north wall's collapse, city officials required church officials to immediately close the building and shut off utilities. The church moved its offices to Dinkytown. Since then, services have been held at a YMCA on University Avenue. The repairs could be done, church officials thought, after an insurance-claim settlement, but the claim was delayed. Left vacant and exposed to winter conditions, the church continued to deteriorate. As a result, today a "bare-bones" restoration of the building to basic operational condition puts the cost—estimated between $1.6 and $7.9 million—well beyond the resources of the 100-member congregation.

Andrew Riverside Presbyterian Church was originally constructed in two phases. In 1890, Minneapolis architect Charles Sedgwick designed the first part in the English Gothic Revival style. A chapel auditorium was added in 1899. Sedgwick successfully took this style, dependent on a somewhat sprawling irregular layout, and fit it onto a small land parcel in a residential neighborhood.

The church's picturesque character is enhanced by its simple gable-roof forms articulated with pairs of tall and narrow lancet windows; thin spires at wall corners that sometimes look like flying buttresses; and walls topped with smooth-cut stone that's notched as crenellations to simulate castle battlements.

The walls' rough limestone blocks of varying lengths are set in regular courses. The stones' edges are taper-cut inward giving the stone walls a fine-grained texture that embelishes the architect's principal attributes of form and material with light and shadow.

The English Gothic Revival style is also expressed in the church's interior. The nave ceiling's long axis is intersected by a continuous series of transverse vaults whose semicircular faces are filled with pairs of clerestory windows. The floor is raked downward to the altar. An arched stained-glass window on the church's main façade facing Fourth Street (south elevation) rises above the choir balcony that encloses the entry ceiling.

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InformèDesign, an Internet-based clearinghouse on design and human behavior spearheaded by Martin, will enhance public understanding of what architects and interior designers do

BY AMY NASH

Inside McNeal Hall on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, down the hall from the Goldstein Museum of Design (see Interview, Architecture Minnesota, May–June 2003), is the Department of Design, Housing and Apparel. From here a team of researchers led by Caren Martin, Ph.D., director, and Denise Guerin, Ph.D., coordinator and professor, have launched InformèDesign (www.informedesign.umn.edu), the first informational and educational Web site to centralize research on design and human behavior for design professionals and the public.

A collaboration between the University of Minnesota and the American Society of Interior Designers, InformèDesign was created by Martin and Guerin to facilitate design professionals’ use of research as a decision-making tool in the design process. The clearinghouse’s goal is to improve the overall quality of design solutions to protect and enhance the public’s health, safety and welfare. Research ranges from interior design, architecture, landscape architecture and urban planning to sociology/demography, child psychology, cultural anthropology, gerontology and ergonomics.

Before joining the university and leading the InformèDesign team, Martin practiced for 17 years as an interior designer for such architectural firms as Wold Architects and Engineers, St. Paul; Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc., Minneapolis; and Ellerbe Becket, Minneapolis. While working as an interior designer, Martin recognized a long-standing need for practitioners to have better access to academic research on design and human behavior. Much of her own research focuses on the public’s opinion of architecture, interior decoration and interior design.

Martin received a B.F.A. in interior design with honors from Virginia Commonwealth University; an M.A. in design, housing and apparel with a minor in architecture from the University of Minnesota; and a Ph.D. in design, housing and apparel from the University of Minnesota. She is also a certified interior designer and a member of the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design.

Architecture Minnesota visited with Martin to learn how InformèDesign bridges gaps between architecture and interior design, research and practice, and public perception of the professions versus practitioners’ reality.

During your years as an interior designer, you discovered a need for InformèDesign. Can you elaborate on that need?

As a practitioner, I found that we often turn to other practitioners for information on past projects with similar circumstances. This is anecdotal evidence; it’s based on another person’s point of view—“I’ve done it before” or “I think it will work.” As my partner on the project, Denise Guerin, says, “Every design is really a hypothesis,” because the design has never been done in that space for those people in that time period. Being able to get your hands on research about the issues integral to your design is a tremendous help because it will lead to more evidence-based design solutions. At the same time, InformèDesign can reinforce knowledge that designers may know intuitively.

The Web site is also interactive. At the bottom of every research summary, a user can post their comments. For instance, if you know something about the research, we would like you to post a comment and begin a dialogue about the topic. We also offer opportunities for collaboration on our site; a kind of matchmaking service for designers and researchers.

“Clients are demanding the kind of evidence-based knowledge [offered by InformèDesign] because they want design ideas to positively influence their bottom line.”

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THE BEST BUILDINGS ON EARTH ARE STILL BUILT BY HAND

More than a million bricks laid in a series of unique patterns, textures and colors make the Veterans Administration Health Care Facility in Detroit, Michigan, a striking example of masonry design by architects Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates. But masonry was chosen for more than its beauty and flexibility of design. Buildings built of masonry by skilled union craftworkers will outperform, outshine and outlast any others. Add to that the speed and efficiency of union masonry contractors, and you have a prescription for health care facilities that satisfies any schedule and budget. We're The International Masonry Institute, and we'd like to help you design and construct the best buildings on earth. Visit us on the World Wide Web at www.imiweb.org, or call us toll free at 1-800-WI-0988 for design, technical and construction consultation.

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Age Before Beauty

BY BILL BEYER, FAIA

F or the first 10 years of my career, our architectural office was in a historic mansion, saved from demolition mainly by our firm's refusal to let it be sacrificed. For the past 20 years, we have office in a historic wholesale-dry-goods building constructed in 1896 and expanded in 1910. Our space straddles the addition and only a careful examination of the exterior reveals the matchline; the masonry craft is near perfect. Originally designed for garment manufacturing and warehousing, the building has tall ceilings, large windows and an open floor plan that have allowed easy evolution to an enclave of offices and art galleries.

The most satisfying projects in my 30 years of practice have involved renovation, adaptation or addition. Working with an existing building is designing collaboratively with history. Dealing with built-in constraints and discovering unexpected opportunities become part of the adventure. To preserve a building's charms and history of place while enabling it to serve future generations is more rewarding than building new.

I keep Stewart Brand's How Buildings Learn on my short shelf of prized reference materials, and recommend it to clients and architecture students alike. While writing the book, Brand asked everyone he talked to, "What makes a building come to be loved?" The short answer: age. People tend to love older buildings that have survived the vicissitudes of fashion, weather and chance. As evidence he cites the ubiquitous "faux" motifs applied to commercial properties like new suits of clothes.

Expanding on the theories of Frank Duffy, a past president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Brand describes six building elements—Site, Structure, Skin, Services, Space Plan and Stuff—that change over time at different rates, from slower to faster. The last three elements, which change the fastest, become grist for renovation projects as furnace parts wear out, space needs evolve and furniture fashions come and go.

Over the long run, the slower elements control a building's readiness for change. Build on an inappropriate site and no amount of renovation will help. But thoughtful initial choices for structure and skin can make a building more adaptable. "Age plus adaptivity is what makes a building come to be loved," Brand writes. "The building learns from its occupants and they learn from it." Arguing for an architecture that makes adaptation easier, he embraces the notion that all adjustments to buildings should be "future-responsible"—open to possibility and friendly to change.

Brand believes buildings tend to be influenced by technology, money and fashion—in other words, "change for its own sake." He notes that those buildings driven mostly by fashion almost always end up on the trash heap. (The newly fashionable material EIFS, Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems, is among the least enduring of skin materials and is now widely used to cheaply mimic historic form and detail.)

Lately, the "smart-building" label has been applied to electronically rich spaces brimming with information systems. Wireless networks, personal temperature-and-lighting-system controls, high-tech audio/visual systems and even intelligent toasters capable of analyzing the nuances of bread provide today's market sizzle.

But a building designed to adapt is smart beyond its years. Its beauty endures long after more fashionable neighbors are toast. Or as Brand says, "A building is not something you finish. A building is something you start."

"First we shape our buildings, then they shape us, then we shape them again—ad infinitum. Function reforms form, perpetually."

Stewart Brand, How Buildings Learn
Free AGENCY

A GLOBAL ADVERTISING AGENCY BREAKS A TRADITIONAL WORK PARADIGM WITH A MINIMALIST, OPEN-PLAN SPACE THAT STARTLES AND INSPIRES  By Camille LeFevre

When Fallon Worldwide decided to move from the AT&T building in downtown Minneapolis to the top five floors of 50 South Sixth Street, a building designed by Skidmore Owings Merrill, Chicago, the advertising agency—whose blue-chip client roster includes BMW, Time and United Airlines—had specific strategies in mind.

The agency wrote a “new-space brief,” which it handed out to architectural firms interested in designing its 145,000-square-foot headquarters. The booklet stipulated an interior architecture that would help the advertising giant “become faster, smarter, more nimble and proactively address our clients’ problems.”

The brief also specified an open plan with areas that housed interdisciplinary “brand teams,” as opposed to the traditional “silo” or “Model T-assembly-line” approach to ad-agency work. In short, the agency wanted “a piece of brilliant creative...that inspires, lifts and blows our clients and potential clients away.”

“Our primary goal was to create an environment conducive to the collaboration that’s necessary for us to accomplish our work,” explains Joe Duffy, chair, Duffy Worldwide, part of Fallon. “We have various disciplines within our organization and more often than not, our clients expect us to bring all of those disciplines to play in establishing their brand in the marketplace. We also know you have to have spaces within the overall space to accommodate privacy.”

The architectural firm that “found the proper balance,” Duffy adds, was Perkins & Will, Minneapolis. The design team created a minimalist headquarters, he says, that allows “the people within the space, the work displayed and the work in progress to become the centers of energy.”

Behind Fallon’s architectural program, says Chuck Knight, AIA, managing principal, Perkins & Will, was the agency’s desire to “break the paradigm” of traditional ad-agency design by creating epicenters or “brand-team” centers for the 20 to 40 people serving each of the agency’s dozen clients. The design team scattered each of the centers—which include a neighborhood of universal employee workstations, as well as private conference and workrooms—throughout the five levels.

“Because each area is dedicated to a particular client,” Knight says, “everyone can always see what’s going on in the development of the project. At the same time, brand teams are visually connected to adjacent teams, to encourage collaboration and communication.”

Fallon’s new-space brief had also dictated that the headquarters be a “stimulating, startling, surprising, positive and upbeat space.” The design team began with natural light, by locating work-
stations throughout the large floor plates so everyone has a view to the outdoors. In addition, 12 skylights in groupings of four allow daylight into the dramatic 20-by-50-foot opening that penetrates three floors.

Instead of stacking the openings, the design team twisted them slightly so “your vantage point is skewed as you look up,” says Jim Young, principal, Perkins & Will. Narrow bridges outside the vertical openings—including the bridge visitors cross to reach the 28th-floor lobby—were engineered to appear as if they’re floating in space. The interior architecture also integrates glass-paneled staircases designed to foster openness and informal interaction among the agency’s 400 employees.

The design also integrates a network infrastructure to accommodate technical growth, while providing features Fallon can use interactively with its clients. The main presentation room, for instance, houses the state’s largest rear-projection screen. Walls of video monitors broadcast current client ads. Indirect lighting showcases examples of the agency’s accomplishments.

“Our mission was to make an indelible impression on clients and visitors from the very moment they enter Fallon’s workplace,” Young says. “We accomplished this by creating a space that cost Fallon less than the one we did for them 10 years ago.”

Adds Duffy: “For many clients, their visit to our agency might be a highlight of their week. I’ve heard nothing but compliments.”
State of the UNION
RESTORATION OF ITS HISTORIC GRANDEUR AND INSTALLATION OF 21ST-CENTURY UPDATES PUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S COFFMAN UNION BACK AT THE CENTER OF CAMPUS LIFE  By Camille LeFevre

When the University of Minnesota's Coffman Memorial Union opened in 1939, it won rave reviews for its elegant Steamship Moderne design by Clarence Johnston, his son, C. H. Johnston, Jr., and Stirling Horner. Time magazine described the building as "a new Union that rivaled the Hanging Gardens of Babylon" (November 11, 1940). Architectural Record gave the union its top spot among the 10 most distinguished buildings completed in the 1930s.

The building, however, failed to realize an opportunity proposed by Cass Gilbert in his 1909 master plan for the university: connecting Northrop Mall to the Mississippi River. By the 1970s, the union couldn't accommodate a student body that had grown from 14,000 to 42,000. During that decade's remodel, many of the building's original features were lost, while the building remained the campus terminus on the south end.

Twenty years later, the 353,000-square-foot union needed updating again. The development of Riverbend Commons student housing and a new South Mall overlooking the Mississippi
The design team removed the north façade atrium (lower left) and reopened the colonnade (opposite above) to make the building more welcoming. The old student lounges (lower left) were reinvigorated with new furnishings, bountiful lighting and a recognizable color palette for easy wayfinding (above).
River would mean increased pedestrian traffic through the union, which the building couldn't handle. The building also needed better connection with central transit facilities at Washington Avenue and improved accessibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Surveys revealed students wanted their union to be air-conditioned and include national and local food franchises, a computer lab, short-term parking, a bookstore and a state-of-the-art movie theater—none of which Coffman provided. Finally, the building's electrical
system couldn’t accommodate technology upgrades, exterior brick and stone needed tuck-pointing, and the roof and original window systems needed replacing.

All of these upgrades had the potential to restore Coffman Union to the center of campus community life, by providing an accessible comfortable place for students to meet and relax, while housing the amenities and services they need.

“Coffman not only represents an important part of the university’s architectural heritage, but also is a symbol of the importance of student community and social life to the institution,” says Shawn Gaither, AIA, senior project designer, Ellerbe Becket, Minneapolis. Ellerbe Becket led the renovation, completed in 2003, with input from university students and staff, and information gleaned during focus groups and public meetings with campus cultural centers, student organizations, and current and prospective retail tenants.

“Because of Coffman’s importance, we wanted to find ways to bring special attention to three key elements of the project,” he continues. One element involved exploring ways of bringing more light and transparency to the building. Another element was maintaining respect for the past while “breathing new life into the jewels of the building, like the Great Hall and the students’ fireplace lounges,” Gaither explains. The third element involved student services. “The students are the very reason this building exists and the new building needed to integrate the services they demand,” he adds.

As a result of following these principles, the renovated Coffman “links the past and the future, with a historic feel and state-of-the art capabilities fit to serve students of the 21st century,” says Maggie Towle, director, Coffman Union. “We are excited to have delivered to students not only one of the largest, but one of the best unions in the country.”

The transformation began outside the building, with new landscaping and walkways on the north plaza, the south terrace, the west side, the northwest entry and along Delaware Street. Facilitating student access to the building are a new glazed entrance at the northwest corner of the site (allowing multilevel access to the ground floor from the plaza level) and a new second front door at Delaware Street on the building’s ground level (which replaces a former loading dock).

To reinforce the building’s north-south axis—bracketed by Northrop Mall to the north and the Mississippi River to the south—the design team restored the grand central colonnade on the north plaza off Washington Avenue and created a new four-story glass curtain wall on the building’s south side, whose lounges and meeting areas overlook the south terrace and a restored 17th-century Florentine fountain. “With this added transparency,” Gaither explains, “you can see through the building from Northrop Mall to the river.”

A favorite alumni gathering place, the Campus Club, was remodeled into a posh bar and café with a river view. Such historic spaces as the Fireplace Lounge, Great Hall and Mississippi Room were restored. The former underground parking garage was converted into the new central campus bookstore. New elevator systems serving all floors, and escalators connecting the
The existing theater was updated with modern technology and new furnishings (above). The union's south side, facing the Mississippi River, now boasts a stunning glass façade (opposite above) that replaces a former parking entrance (opposite below right) and a narrow atrium (opposite below left) with a new outdoor terrace and several floors of light-filled lounges.

basement level, ground floor and first floors sport a gold-and-maroon color palette (the university's colors) that serves as a wayfinding tool throughout the building.

Coffman is now also home to 35 cultural centers and student organizations, 16 services, 10 dining options and four entertainment venues. It offers wireless computer-network capabilities so students can access the Internet from anywhere within Coffman, as well as from its front lawn or south terrace.

Finally, many of the building's original features were restored, including the 1940s terrazzo floor (with brass inlay representations of Northrop and Coffman) in the central colonnade. Other details of the building's Moderne style were reinterpreted in stainless steel and bronze. Light fixtures and ornamental metalwork reinforce this style with clean crisp details. Patterns and colors in the floors and wall coverings repeat circular motifs and metallic highlights.

"Coffman Memorial Union has been reborn as the distinguished building it once was," Towle says. "It has regained its prominence in the university's historic Northrop Mall, while also being the main portal to the new Riverbend Commons/South Mall area that realizes Cass Gilbert's vision of linking the campus to the Mississippi River."

"In essence," she concludes, "Coffman's renovation has created a sense of place that's respectful of the past, while providing a comprehensive building and program that support student life."

Coffman Memorial Union
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Ellerbe Becket
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Community THEATER

ST. LOUIS PARK HIGH SCHOOL REFURBISHES ITS THEATER AND SAVES COSTS, NATURAL RESOURCES AND A COMMUNITY VENUE  By Linda Shapiro

For most people, high-school auditoriums conjure up memories of student audiences held captive in dreary surroundings. Today, many local school districts are turning these vast and characterless spaces into state-of-the-art theaters. At St. Louis Park High School, tight resources called for a creative solution to transform a tired 1950s facility into a vibrant and welcoming venue that serves the school and the entire St. Louis Park community.

In 2002, St. Louis Park Public Schools approached Cunningham Group Architecture, P.A., Minneapolis, which had already designed theaters for Eden Prairie and Minnetonka high schools. Tim Dufault, AIA, principal, and Janet Dray, interior designer, convinced the client to remodel rather than rebuild. “The superintendent, Barbara Pulliam, told us she wanted her theater to look like Eden Prairie’s—a $7-million-dollar project,” Dufault says. “We were convinced we could create a first-class facility for far less cost and allow the school to keep a historical piece of the theater.”
A key element in the renovation of the 2,000-square-foot space was the refurbishing of existing seating. "Originally, the client wanted new seating," Dray says. But the design team wanted to avoid dumping 900 seats—the equivalent of 2.5 tons of 11 dumpsters worth of waste—into a landfill. Instead, restoring the seating produced a product superior to anything they could have purchased new and at a significant cost benefit to the client.

"The existing seats were all metal with thick cushions," Dufault explains. "You can't get that quality now, because most seats are made of molded plastic." The design team had Irwin Seating, a Canadian company that specializes in restoration, create a mock-up of a refurbished seat. The school advisory group chose the refurbished model over a new seat. "As much as sustainability is an issue now, in this case the dollars were saved and there was an environmental impact," Dray says.

The savings allowed Cuningham Group to make a number of other improvements in the theater. The design team reduced the number of seats from 900 to 750, making the scale of the theater more intimate. They moved the back walls forward to create a larger sound-and-light booth and a storage area. The walls and ceiling were painted in a rich color palette, several plywood panels with mahogany finish were installed on the back wall to warm up the acoustics and incandescent-lighting sconces were attached to the walls.

The team also created an orchestra pit and new proscenium walls. In addition, a small concession/ticket booth was added as part of the new entry, to help establish an identity for the theater. The replacement of mechanical air systems and the addition of air conditioning have made the auditorium a facility the community can use all year.

"The character and functionality of the space are dramatically changed," Dufault says. "By simply refurbishing the high-quality materials already there, reducing the scale and giving the theater a richer tone we've created a world-class facility for very little money."

"My biggest dream for this project was an elegant setting in which to watch our children demonstrate what they have learned in band, orchestra and theater," Pulliam says. "The reality of the finished theater is more powerful than anything we could have imagined. If you have a good process—one that involves all the constituents, including parents, faculty, staff and the school board—the product is something of lasting value to the community."

St. Louis Park High School Theater Renovation
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
Cuningham Group Architecture, P.A.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Design FIESTA

VIBRANT HUES AND BOLD GEOMETRY TRANSFORM A GENERIC SPLIT-LEVEL HOUSE INTO A VIVACIOUS HOME  By Barbara Knox

The original house, located in the South Tyrol Hills neighborhood, “just called to us,” says Dede, a voice teacher at the University of St. Thomas and a singer with the Minnesota Opera Company. The 4,000-square-foot residence is in a neighborhood the Jorstads admire and in their children’s school district. They even liked the complicated four-level layout. “For some people it might have felt too cut up,” Dede adds, “but for us it felt just right.”

How does one standard-issue, split-level house situated on a woods lot in Golden Valley reinvent itself as a geometric pastiche of electric color and bold lines? “Chemistry is everything and we just hit it off,” says Mark Gunstad, AIA, Friedell Construction Company Architects and Builders, St. Louis Park, of his clients, David and Dede Jorstad. “They were so charming and the intensity of what they brought to their program was incredible.”
The house's living room (below left) and family room (below right) were transformed into theatrical living spaces (above and opposite) through color, reconfigured angles and creative spaces.
Working closely with his clients, Gunstad replaced a screen porch with a new family room; reconfigured the awkward split-level entry; renovated a tired bath into a stylish powder room; and created a lively three-season porch. In addition, the team created niches and cutouts throughout the home to display the Jorstads' collections, and designed a coffer system in the living room that masks structural ceiling beams.

The family room addition follows the angle of the lot line, resulting in an unusual angled wall. "We didn't specifically request that the room have angles," says David, an attorney, "but we were open to it. And we love it."

The finished space became a 30/60 triangle, which Gunstad then used as a minor theme throughout the rest of the project with the dining room and deck positioned at that angle. "The angles give incredible movement to the house," Dede says, "and add a whimsical feel."

In the split-level foyer, Gunstad reworked the stair and added a wall to give the entry more definition. To add function, he removed an existing coat closet and turned it into a display space, then added a maple closet on the opposite side of the foyer, the top and back of which form a wall in the living room above.

The open plan on the main living level radiates out from the kitchen, which acts as neutral home base that stabilizes the intense palette of colors and angles in the adjacent rooms. Because the Jorstads liked the clean lines of the kitchen, which had been renovated in the late 1980s, they opted to leave that room intact—white walls and all—and only changed the backsplashes and hardware.

Elsewhere in the house, the homeowners made bold color choices. A vivid red and purple scheme, culled from a piece of fabric Dede had found years earlier at a yard sale, electrifies the house. The black columns, red fireplace, blue cutouts and a crisp black-and-white checkerboard floor point to a love of the dramatic and upbeat.

"We have always had saturated colors around us," Dede says, "so these choices didn't seem strange. But I don't make quick decisions, so I give Mark and the rest of the team so much credit. They were always willing to listen and talk with us. They seemed to love that they were creating a space that we would love."

"This is a family that lives large," Gunstad adds, laughing. "They're fun people who like theatricality. This is a house that really fits the personality of its owners."

Jorstad House
Golden Valley, Minnesota
Friedell Construction Company Architects & Builders
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
The dining room (opposite above) has been reinvented (above) to reflect the homeowners’ love of bold color and theatrical spaces.
Small Is BEAUTIFUL

FOUR ONE-ROOM RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS IMPROVE LIVING SPACE AND QUALITY OF LIFE  By Barbara Knox

Basement Redo

When Scott Newland, AIA, Newland Architecture, Minneapolis, first saw the basement of the Moquists' Edina rambler it was a dreary space. "The clients wanted a cheerful bright family room with a modern feel," Newland says. His eye-popping transformation gave the couple all they asked for and more.

The 1,220-square-foot basement now includes an informal living space with bar, exercise room, guest bedroom and bath, and laundry and utility rooms. The family room/bar is the focus. Here a fireplace and granite-topped bar face one another in a long space defined on one side by a bright-red, curvilinear wall. The wall masks the main bathroom, which opens off the guest room. "The wall was meant to organize the space, to be something you walk around," Newland explains.

To highlight the red wall, Newland specified downlights that wash across its surface. Elsewhere in the space he used wall sconces, low-voltage downlights, decorative pendants and under-cabinet lighting—all on dimmers—to give the Moquists options for creating moods.

Since the Moquists requested wood, Newland chose light-toned birch and maple to keep the space cheerful and upbeat. "We really didn't want your average basement rec room," says Kristin Moquist, "and Scott gave us something modern and fun." When twin baby girls made their arrival shortly after the project was completed, the new family room took on even more importance.

"Right now it's an oasis for us, a place to retreat from all the baby equipment," Moquist says. Newland offers another take on the project: "I like the idea that two little girls will be growing up in this vibrant space and perhaps be positively affected by the architecture."

Moquist Basement Renovation
Edina, Minnesota
Newland Architecture
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Porch and Terrace Addition

Because Minnesota summers are fleeting, the Reyelts wanted a screen porch to help them enjoy every minute of their balmiest season. For Martha Yunker, AIA, YA Architecture, Minneapolis, and colleague Anthony Scott, the challenge of adding the porch was pure pleasure, as it was "a blending of the practical and the aesthetic," Yunker says. "It’s important for architects to do some small projects, because an architecturally savvy remodel or addition can improve a client’s living environment."

Yunker credits the Reyelts for staying true to their Minneapolis home’s original turn-of-the-20th-century French style. “They wanted everything done to this house to continue the standard of the original architecture,” she says. Her scheme included both a 15-by-20-foot wood-framed screen porch that opens off the home’s informal eating area and a bluestone terrace in what was a muddy pass-through between kitchen and garage. By adding a fountain to the exterior wall of the garage, Yunker created a restful courtyard feel on the new terrace.

On the porch, a large hipped-roof skylight pours light into the interior of the space. Inside, a granite-topped buffet, dining table and informal seating area make the porch a multi-function room that the family can use from spring through fall. Detailed woodwork is finished in the same gray-green as the house trim.

“Porches are always fun because they bridge the indoors and the outside,” Yunker says. "In this case, it was even better because we had a client that wanted architectural character, something that truly fits the style of the house.”

Reyelt Screen Porch and Terrace
Minneapolis, Minnesota
YA Architecture
Minneapolis, Minnesota
The original kitchen (above) was transformed with warm maple woodwork and flexible lighting (top), and the addition of such amenities as a window seat (right).

**Kitchen Renewal**

The kitchen inside the 1950s rambler owned by Camilla Madson and Stephen Obaid still sported its original pickled-plywood cabinetry when the couple decided it was time for an upgrade. Turning to Robert Gerloff, AIA, Robert Gerloff Residential Architects, Minneapolis, the couple asked that the 13-by-19-foot space be made “more functional, more inviting.”

Because the clients liked the style of their house, Gerloff says he worked within the framework of the rambler aesthetic and didn’t “tart it up to be something it wasn’t.” Instead, he played up the horizontal lines of the rambler’s architecture in his kitchen redo, which centers on an oval-shaped island mirrored by an oval-shaped soffit above. “Finishing the underside of the ceiling oval in maple really warmed up the room,” Gerloff says. “It was like creating a hearth for the kitchen.”

Custom maple cabinets finished with a gold stain provide a neutral backdrop for brilliant-red Corian countertops. A narrow maple shelf that extends four inches from the bottom edge of the soffit lowers the horizontal lines of the space. Gerloff also enlarged the window opening, added a window seat and cookbook storage, and specified all new appliances.

Madson calls her new kitchen “a little jewel box,” but she singles out the lighting scheme as one of her favorite elements: “The kitchen is like a theater set in the sense that you can create different moods day or night.” Low-voltage lights set into the soffit, halogen lights mounted over the cabinets and decorative pendants over the island allow for the flexible lighting plan.

“Small remodelings are so fun to work on,” Gerloff says, “as they can refresh and renew an older home.”
Shared Home Office

When a private client asked Todd Hansen, AIA, Albertsson Hansen Architecture, Minneapolis, to create a home office for two out of a nine-by-14-foot closet as part of larger remodeling project, he happily took on the challenge. “When fitting a highly detailed program into a small predetermined space,” he says, “you have to make it work ergonomically as well as stylistically, and that adds another dimension to the project.”

While the Minneapolis homeowners had an office on the lower level of their home, they wanted a small office in their private living quarters so they could access ongoing projects from the comfort of their adjacent master-bedroom suite. “The program was straightforward in that they needed two work stations and lots of storage,” Hansen explains. “We also wanted the space to fit aesthetically with the elegant style of the rest of the house.”

The design team’s solution called for a built-in table that bisects the main wall, with individual workstations on either side. Full-height cabinets at each end of the office contain file drawers, audio-visual equipment, printers and other office necessities.

The materials and detailing ensure the tiny office feels seamlessly connected to the rest of the house. Paint-grade cabinetry, finished in off-white, plays off oak floors and fabric-covered walls backed with Homosote, which can double as a display surface (Homosote easily accommodates pushpins). Custom-made blotters match the wallcovering for a finishing touch.

“Making the walls work for you, turning the cabinetry into a functional part of the architecture, I enjoy those aspects of a project,” Hansen says, adding that “small projects can be a satisfying integration of function, materials and space.”

Shared Home Office
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Albertsson Hansen Architecture
Minneapolis, Minnesota
The architect-designed chairs in the library of the University of Minnesota's College of Architecture and
Landscape Architecture (CALA) Library at the University of Minnesota is filled with students. Located in Ralph Rapson Hall, the new library holds more than 35,000 volumes on architecture and landscape architecture. Students gain knowledge not only from the books on the shelves, but also from the chairs in which they sit, which are part of a unique collection.

The idea for the chair collection started with CALA librarian Joon Mornes, who believed the library had the opportunity to reinforce CALA's design curriculum by furnishing the library with "examples of what designers do, specifically work of particular interest to students," she says. Although many museums have collections of chairs created by architects and industrial designers, most are for viewing only. Mornes wanted to collect a variety of visually appealing architect-designed chairs that would also be used as furniture. Most importantly, she wanted students to be able to closely examine the various materials, methods of construction and joinery techniques designers use. In effect, the chair collection would function as a hands-on design laboratory.

Lacking funds to purchase the chairs, Mornes relied on gifts to start the collection. The first gift came in 1996 from Mr. and Mrs. John Watt in memory of their son John, a CALA student who died in April 1995. Although John's illness prevented him from completing his degree, he was passionate about architecture and spent many hours in the library. "He was always coming in to read the most current periodicals and books," Mornes recalls. "We often had conversations about architectural issues."

When the Watts offered the gift to the library, Mornes suggested part of it be used for the collection's inaugural

**Skywater Table and Chairs**

Designed and built by Winston Close, FAIA, and Elizabeth Close, FAIA, 1941.


This suite of plywood furniture was created for "Skywater," the rustic weekend retreat designed by the Closes for writer Dagmar Doneghy Beach and her husband Joseph Beach, a professor of English at the University of Minnesota. Working with a furniture budget of $50, the Closes used inexpensive fir plywood and clothesline to create practical innovative pieces of modern design. All components of one table, one chair and one footstool can be cut from a single four-by-eight-foot sheet of plywood.

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Landscape Architecture offer lessons in style and comfort

Eames Molded Plywood Lounge Chairs, Coffee Table and Storage Unit
Designed by Charles and Ray Eames, 1946 (table 1946-57).
Chairs manufactured by Herman Miller.
Table reissued by Herman Miller in 1994.
Gift of CALA Library Gift Fund.

The Eameses experimented with manufacturing molded-plywood furniture that would follow the contours of the human body. The chairs, one of their most ubiquitous designs, feature a molded-plywood seat and backrest set in a chrome-plated steel frame. The challenge of the wood-to-metal connections was solved with the addition of black-rubber shock mounts. An original chair, one of 40 purchased by the architecture school in 1960, is also in the library’s collection. The lounge chairs are constructed of wood only. The table features slightly indented, light-ash face veneers with lightweight maple inner plies and eight-ply legs.

Eames Aluminum Chairs and Table
Designed by Charles and Ray Eames, 1958.
Manufactured by Herman Miller.
Recycled from within the university’s libraries.

Originally designed for outdoor use, the lightweight aluminum-framed chair sits on a pedestal base. The chair is upholstered in a thin but sturdy three-layered, heat-sealed pad—an innovation at the time—developed by the Eameses.
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chair: a Cross Check Lounge Chair, designed by Frank Gehry. They agreed. In March 2000, a second gift from Mrs. Watt added a Rapson Rapid Rocker to the collection. Currently there are eight pieces or sets in the collection. The chairs are scattered throughout the library among the open stacks and along the two-story translucent glass wall, looking every bit like the art collection they are.

Recently, the collection proved to be a useful teaching tool. When a graduate design studio focused on prefabricated housing, students studied the Eames chair’s manufacturing and assembly process as a model of experimentation and efficiency. According to student Zoe Adler-Resnick, “having the opportunity to look at the chair up close” enabled her to study “not only the details of the chair’s assembly and construction, but the spirit in which Charles and Ray Eames took advantage of new mass-production technologies to create a chair that has become a modern classic.”

Mornes says certain students gravitate toward certain chairs. She can’t help speculating about how John Watt might have felt about the collection. “I think John would have liked the way each chair advances a particular idea and the fact that the chairs link the architecture library to the larger design community,” she explains. Noting that he would also have liked the comfort a well-designed chair affords, she adds, “In my mind I can see him relaxing in the Rapson Rapid Rocker with the latest issue of Architectural Record in his lap.”

Cross Check Lounge Chair (far right)
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Watt, in memory of their son John, 1996.
The Cross Check Lounge Chair is one of a line of bentwood chairs, tables and ottomans inspired by the bushel basket. (Gehry derived the chair’s name from an ice-hockey term in a nod to his favorite sport.) It’s constructed of woven strips of laminated maple finished with an environmentally sound water-based dip system developed by Knoll. Gehry produced 120 prototypes for the line and eventually marketed four chairs, two tables and an ottoman.

Rapson Rapid Rocker (right middle)
Designed by Ralph Rapson, FAIA, 1945.
Reissued by redrivered in 2002.
The Rapson Rapid Rocker evolved from a chair originally manufactured by H. G. Knoll Associates in 1945 as part of the Rapson Line and Rapson’s 1950 bentwood version of the chair. Rapson reworked and modified the original cantilevered-arm design to create new templates from which Leck could work. Originally, the chair was conceived as an affordable, mass-market product for the middle class.

Arne Jacobsen Series 7 Chairs (back)
Two of the 52 Jacobsen chairs purchased by CALA Library in 2002.

Red-Blue Chair (left middle)
Designed by Gerrit Rietveld, 1918-23.
Reproduction date and fabricator unknown.
Gift of anonymous architectural firm.
The original chair was a three-dimensional realization of the principles of the Dutch de Stijl movement, which favored grid-generated designs and primary colors. Although the earliest version of the chair was unpainted, this version derives its name from the painted planes of the seat and back. The exposed edges of all other pieces of the wood frame are painted yellow.

MR 10 Chair (left front)
Designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, 1927.
Designed in 1927 when van der Rohe was teaching at the Bauhaus, the chair is considered to be the first successful tubular-metal chair. Constructed of a nickel-plated, bent-tubular frame with a woven-cane seat and back, the chair bears the patina of use and age, as well as the restrained elegance of van der Rohe’s design aesthetic.
New York artist and architect Maya Lin's ongoing concerns with landscape,

In downtown Minneapolis, a unique public space enclosed in a glass cube with water flowing down the inside and outside of the curtain wall ranks as a major work of art. Titled The Character of a Hill, Under Glass, the space was designed by Maya Lin, the artist and architect who rose to fame at age 21 for creating the Vietnam Veterans Memorial design in Washington, D.C., in 1982.

The interior of the piece, Lin's first Minnesota commission, includes a laminated maple floor that undulates like gentle waves on the sea, black-olive trees and a few granite benches. In summer, when a ribbon of water streams down the inside of the glass wall into an L-shaped pool, visitors enjoy the refreshing sound of falling water. In winter, when water flowing on the glass wall's exterior freezes, visitors enjoy continually changing ice patterns on the sparkling glass.

It's this feature that led to the project's more colloquial name, "Winter Garden." American Express Financial Advisors commissioned Lin to design the space, completed in 2002, for its Client Services Building. "We wanted a place of serenity within a very hectic business building," explains Barry Murphy, executive vice president.

To implement her vision, Lin worked closely with RSP Architects, Minneapolis, who were al-
topography and natural phenomena manifest in her first Minnesota commission

ready involved as interior architects for AmEx’s new 14-story tower, which was designed by HKS, Dallas. Mark Forsberg, AIA, project architect, RSP, says, “Maya was a dream to work with. She was humble and understanding.”

While developing plans for the Client Services Building, AmEx included a three-story public space for art off the lobby as part of Minneapolis’s now-on-hold “Avenue of the Arts” project. AmEx didn’t want art hanging on the walls, but rather an indoor garden that passersby could enjoy year-round. After one meeting with Lin, the client was convinced of her singular ability to combine art and architecture.
Lin's work is known for its contemplative qualities, which are present in the "Winter Garden" with its indoor trees, curved floor and glass walls (above).

“They asked me to create an inside refuge for people to get away from their work, a place that brings the outside in,” says Lin, whose work is known for its contemplative qualities, during an interview in her New York studio. Her work dealing with landscape is inspired by a childhood spent in the gently rolling hills of Ohio. What Lin strives for in these environmental projects is “to slightly alter one’s perception of the landscape.”

Her innovative design for the undulating floor of the Winter Garden grew from her exploration of fluid and aerodynamics, which she began in 1993–94 with Wave Field at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Here she reshaped a quadrangle into a series of gently rolling earth mounds. Lin also describes her work as having a “tactile quality,” largely evident in her use of water features. In her 1988 Civil Rights Memorial, in Montgomery, Alabama, and The Women’s Table at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, completed in 1993, water flows over the sculptures and viewers are encouraged to touch the surfaces and create ripples.

Lin began the Winter Garden installation by modifying the glass cube’s proportions, structural framing and glass curtain wall to create a lighter, more ethereal building. Next came the water-wall concept, which she wanted to function in winter when icy particles would create interesting patterns on the glass.

Engineers explained that while water walls are common, no one had ever tried freezing water on exterior glass. Lin persisted. She selected her own curtain-wall and fountain consultants to work with her through schematic design. Contractors then built the curtain wall to withstand a quarter-inch of ice on the exterior glass, thus achieving her goal. RSP took it from there, working out technical detailing to meet Lin’s aesthetic requirements.

For the floor’s design, Lin says, she asked herself, “What happens when you take a gentle rolling hillscape and bring it inside?” The result is a sculptural landscape, 28 by 55 feet, built using narrow maple floorboards laid over a substructure (an egg-carton grid of thinly laid plywood) that was computer cut to achieve the compound curves of the floor. It’s the floor that inspired the project’s name, The Character of a Hill, Under Glass.

Outside, on the Tenth Street corner, is a small outdoor landscape designed by Lin’s team, RSP and Damon Farber Associates, Minneapolis. Planted with grass and river birch, it features a path of flamed granite leading to the entrance of the Winter Garden. Water from the curtain wall spills into a small pool bubbling at the street’s edge.

While AmEx employees often spend lunch hours relaxing in the Winter Garden, the company also encourages visitors and pedestrians to visit the public space for visual enjoyment and inspiration during normal company hours, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lin says she hopes visitors will step out on the wavy floor to feel what it’s like to walk over a hilly landscape normally only found outdoors. “All I’m after,” she says, “is to make people rethink what is reality.”
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multicolored glass. Side balconies lend variance to the interior geometry. The pews and reredos have a dark varnish, while other wood trim is painted white. Interior wall and vault surfaces are white plaster, highlighting the interior's emphasis on structure shaping architecture.

As did other churches built in the area in the late 19th century, Andrew Riverside drew its parishioners from the surrounding neighborhood, eliminating the need for a parking lot. Church pastor Harry Maghakian notes that the church's origins parallel the growth of the Marcy Holmes neighborhood and the nearby Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota "This church has contributed to the life of southeast Minneapolis and this community has contributed so much to our life," he says.

The current situation, he adds, "is a nightmare." On one hand, demolition seems a foregone conclusion, but the cost to raze the church is estimated at $265,000—a sum that would drain church finances and leave few funds for a replacement facility. Constructing a new church on the same 132-by-165-foot parcel runs afoul of zoning requirements; the lot would provide only 65 parking spaces, short of the required 100-car parking lot.

Liddy has searched for a solution to the church's dilemma, but says the situation finds him recommending demolition as the only outcome. "It's the worst thing I've ever had to do in my professional life," he says with regret. Nonetheless, Andrew Riverside's application to the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission for a demolition permit was only partially successful. The commission approved demolition of the north section containing the collapsed wall, but denied demolition of the whole structure, asking the church to further explore possible reuses for the south section, which was unaffected by the wall's collapse. Andrew Presbyterian had explored new uses and attempted to market the property. As of late July, the Minneapolis City Council seemed likely to sustain the HPC's action.

Although church exteriors so often guide the footsteps of people around them, Andrew Riverside's magnificent interior has

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guided the minds and souls of worshipers. Minnesota has lost many churches in urban and rural areas to demolition, as well as an uncounted number of church interiors to insensitive remodels. Both measures effectively strip away elements that were archetypes formed over millennia to evoke ineffable spiritual aspects in our consciousness.

Last May, the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places of 2003 included "Urban Houses of Worship." According to the National Trust: "Whether churches, synagogues, meeting houses or mosques, America's urban religious structures give eloquent testimony to the American experience and the quest for religious freedom that helped shape our nation. But these monuments to faith, many of which are architectural landmarks as well as vital community anchors, are falling victim to changing demographics, limited capital budgets and soaring real-estate values."

Andrew Riverside may be the next to fall. AM

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Clients are demanding this kind of evidence-based knowledge because they want design ideas to positively influence their bottom line. Researchers have to do research and publish their research, or they won't get promoted or get tenure. For designers, this type of collaboration can be a tremendous benefit because often firms don't have money for research or post-occupancy evaluations, and the client won't pay for it. On this Web site are researchers who have knowledge about funds.

How does InformeDesign build on other models and how is it unique?
During the process of applying for the ASID grant that's funding the program through 2005, we checked to see if there were other clearinghouses out there. The answer is no. There are all kinds of source lists available, offered by such groups as the Environmental Design Research Association. But they don't directly bring the information to you. Library systems, such as LUMINA here at the University of Minnesota, provide indexes of resources. But none of these systems really pulls the information together in one place and the literature is often written in a scholarly format.

The lack of a clearinghouse for design-and-human-behavior research became more apparent when we began our literature search to determine which journals to pull original literature from to review and transform into research summaries for InformeDesign. Denise and I spent an entire afternoon at the Magrath Library across the street searching through business and healthcare publications, using 20 keywords we thought would bring up information about interior design, architecture, human behavior and the environment. Only a handful of articles came up. That's one of the reasons it is so hard for designers of the built environment to get their hands on current research. InformeDesign provides this kind of keyword search, as well as a full-text search.

How is the research gathered?
We are currently pulling journal articles from 1997 to the present. We originally started pulling back to 1995, but our window needs to move as research continues to evolve. Our list of journals, ones we believe have information valuable to designers of the built en-
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environment, numbers about 225. Of those, we started with roughly 50 journals and did a bottom-up search. For example, we went through the *Journal of Environmental Psychology* starting back in 1995 and searched through all of the issues to the present because we know the keywords we need will not surface in an indices search.

The top-down search can be more promising in terms of getting extremely rich articles. This involves going to the author’s references so we can find their primary sources for research. For instance, while searching on the Internet, one of our graduate-research assistants found an article on how visually impaired people find their way through buildings. We pulled this article from the *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness* and now that journal is one we will probably do a bottom-up search on.

Such organizations as the Center for Health Design have learned about our site and have been very generous in sharing references from articles they have published. We also have a Technical Review Board—which includes three practitioners and three researchers in the fields of interior design, architecture, and design and workplace ergonomics from around the country—with whom we meet annually to ensure we are following InformeDesign’s mission and goals.

How can architects use InformeDesign?
Architects will see that we are already transforming literature from the architecture journals into practitioner-friendly language. There is as much on the site for architects as there is for interior designers; the two professions are InformeDesign’s primary audience. We all design for people and we are all keyed into how the design of a space will influence human behavior. We hope the Web site will create dialogue among the different disciplines.

How would you characterize public opinion of the professions in the past and today?
Even as recently as 25 years ago, the public thought architects could do it all. Frank Lloyd Wright is the obvious example—designing the site, the orientation of the building, the material specification, the structural design, the furniture, the fabric, etc. No one can do that anymore. There’s way too much to know. So we’ve all become specialists.

Clients today have actually driven architects and interior designers to collaborate more. In the future, I see that development growing. Existing conflicts in the workplace between architects and interior designers will disappear over time, as long as we all recognize that we have a tremendous amount of knowledge to contribute.

There is also a gap between public perception and reality about what a profession is. Doctors and lawyers are seen as professionals, but architects and interior designers are not—at least to the same level. Another prevailing misperception is that people still believe architects and interior designers only design for people with a lot of money. In the general press, you find articles on design in which the writers don’t talk about how the design improved quality of life for the clients or how productivity was increased or why kids feel safe in a building or how the elderly can find their way to the exit.

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| Firm Personnel by Discipline | 17 | | | | | | | |
| Architects | | | | | | | | |
| Interior Designers | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Other Technical | 7 | | | | | | | |
| Administrative | 8 | | | | | | | |
| Total in Firm | 32 | | | | | | | |

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| Firm Personnel Discipline | 46 | | | | | | | |
| Architects | | | | | | | | |
| Interior Designers | 8 | | | | | | | |
| Other Technical | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Administrative | 10 | | | | | | | |
| Total in Firm | 76 | | | | | | | |

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| Karen Harris CID | | | | | | | | |
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| Firm Personnel by Discipline | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Architects | | | | | | | | |
| Interior Designers | 13 | | | | | | | |
| Other Technical | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Administrative | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Total in Firm | 23 | | | | | | | |
| Housing/Multiple | 20 | | | | | | | |
| Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial | 45 | | | | | | | |
| Retail/Commercial | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing/Industrial | 10 | | | | | | | |
| Medical/Health Care | 15 | | | | | | | |
| Churches/Worship | 5 | | | | | | | |

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Architects 18
Interior Designers 5
Technical 1
Administrative 1
Total in Firm 20
—
Housing/Multiple 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 10
Retail/Commercial 15
Churches/Worship 20
Municipal 10
Education/Academic 20
Interior Architecture 20
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Architects 24
Interior Designers 4
Engineers 9
Other Professional 1
Other Technical 1
Administrative 5
Total in Firm 44
—
Work %
Housing/Multiple 20
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 30
Retail/Commercial 5
Churches/Worship 5
Municipal 30
Education/Academic 10

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Other Professional 3
Technical 3
Administrative 1.5
Total in Firm 9.5
—
Work %
Housing/Multiple 25
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Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
Retail/Commercial 10
Manufacturing/Industrial 5
Municipal 20
Education/Academic 15
Renovation 30

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Interior Designers 5
Engineers 4
Other Professional 3
Technical 1
Administrative 2
Total in Firm 30
—
Work %
Housing/Multiple 20
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
Retail/Commercial 10
Manufacturing/Industrial 10
Municipal 25
Education/Academic 15

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Architects 34
Interior Designers 6
Other Professional 38
Technical 13
Administrative 27
Total in Firm 118

Work %
Housing/Multiple 10
Office Bldgs/Banks/ Financial 10
Retail/Commercial 15
Churches/Worship 5
Education/Academic 30
Entertainment 30

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Other Professional 38
Technical 13
Administrative 27
Total in Firm 118

Work %
Housing/Multiple 10
Office Bldgs/Banks/ Financial 10
Retail/Commercial 15
Churches/Worship 5
Education/Academic 30
Entertainment 30

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Interior Designers 2
Other Professional 6
Technical 19
Administrative 4
Total in Firm 70
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Work %
Housing/Multiuse 60
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
Retail/Commercial 10
Manufacturing/Industrial 5
Municipal 5
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Architects 215
Interior Designers 33
Engineers 115
Other Professionals 25
Technical 19
Administrative 125
Total in Firm 532
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Work %
Residences/New & Remodel 90
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 10
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Engineers 4
Other Professional 6
Technical 3
Administrative 4
Total in Firm 31
—
Work %
Medical/Health Care 85
Senior Housing 15
—
Brewster Village (New), Appleton, WI; Boone County Hospital (Addition and Renovation), Boone, IA; Regina Medical Center (Addition and Renovation), Hastings, MN; Bridges Medical Center (New Hospital and SF), Ada, MN; Covenant Village Senior Housing (Addition and Renovation), Golden Valley, MN; Riverview Healthcare Center (Addition and Renovation), Crookston, MN
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  Architects: 80
  Interior Designers: 9
  Engineers: 1
  Other Professionals: 45
  Administrative: 25
  Total in Firm: 160
  Work %
  Housing/Multiple: 10
  Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial: 25
  Retail/Commercial: 15
  Medical/Health Care: 5
  Municipal: 10
  Education/Academic: 25
  Total in Firm: 16
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  Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial: 10
  Retail/Commercial: 5
  Medical/Health Care: 5
  Churches/Worship: 5
  Municipal: 15
  Education/Academic: 20
  Total in Firm: 28

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  Architects: 11
  Other Professionals: 1
  Administrative: 10
  Total in Firm: 16
  Work %
  Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial: 5
  Retail/Commercial: 10
  Manufacturing/Industrial: 5
  Medical/Health Care: 10
  Municipal: 15
  Churches/Worship: 10
  Education/Academic: 20
  Total in Firm: 25

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  Architects: 30
  Interior Designers: 6
  Engineers: 31
  Surveyors: 2
  Technical: 41
  Administrative: 30
  Total in Firm: 140
  Work %
  Housing/Multiple: 10
  Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial: 5
  Retail/Commercial: 5
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  Medical/Health Care: 15
  Municipal: 20
  Education/Academic: 20

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  Architects: 40
  Interior Designers: 10
  Other Professionals: 1
  Technical: 5
  Administrative: 11
  Total in Firm: 67
  Work %
  Housing/Multiple: 5
  Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial: 10
  Libraries/Museums: 15
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  Interior Designers: 2
  Engineers: 3
  Technical: 4
  Administrative: 4
  Total in Firm: 28

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    - Interior Designers: 6
    - Technical: 5
    - Administrative: 3
    - Total in Firm: 22
  - Work %
    - Housing/Multiple: 5
    - Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial: 40
    - Retail/Commercial: 5
    - Medical/Health Care: 45
    - Education/Academic: 5
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  - Architects: 4
  - Interior Designers: 3
  - Engineers: 1
  - Other Professional: 1
  - Technical: 6
  - Administrative: 2
  - Total in Firm: 17
  - Work %
    - Housing/Multiple: 5
    - Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial: 25
    - Retail/Commercial: 10
    - Medical/Health Care: 10
    - Churches/Worship: 10
    - Municipal: 20
    - Education/Academic: 20

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    - Interior Designers: 30
    - Technical: 103
    - Administrative: 42
    - Total in Firm: 219
  - Work %
    - Housing/Multiple: 10
    - Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial: 45
    - Retail/Commercial: 30
    - Manufacturing/Industrial: 5
    - Education/Academic: 10
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— Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 24
Interior Designers 1
Engineers 389
Other Technical 258
Administrative 37
Total in Firm 709

— Work %
Office Bldgs/Banks/ Financial 10
Retail/Commercial 15
Manufacturing/Industrial 15
 Churches/Worship 5
Municipal 40
Education/Academic 15

City of Mound Public Safety Building, Mound, MN; Sauk Rapids Maintenance Facility, Sauk Rapids, MN; Relocation of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Regional Offices Study, Minneapolis, MN; Wilderness at Fortune Bay Golf Course Club House, Tower, MN; Steves County Historical Society Museum, Morris, MN; Aapot’s Foods Distribution Center Addition, St. Cloud, MN

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— Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 279
Interior Designers 55
Engineers 332
Technical 46
Administrative 271
Total in Firm 983

— Work %
Housing/Multiple 10
Office Bldgs/Banks/ Financial 44
Retail/Commercial 5
Manufacturing/Industrial 5
Medical/Health Care 5
Churches/Worship 5
Municipal 10
Education/Academic 8
Aviation 8

— Minneapolis Convention Center (Expansion), Minneapolis, MN; Fairview Medical Center (New), Red Wing, MN; Pueblo Sandia Casino (New), Albuquerque, NM; JW Marriott Ihilani Resort (New), Kapolei, HI; Carlson Marketing Group (Expansion), Minneapolis, MN; Ellsworth Air Force Base Consolidated Education Center, Ellsworth, SD

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Architects 21
Interior Designers 11
Other Professional 3
Technical 14
Administrative 4
Total in Firm 53

— Work %
Housing/Multiple 20
Office Bldgs/Banks/ Financial 35
Retail/Commercial 10
Manufacturing/Industrial 10
Entertainment/Hospitality: Resorts & Casinos 25

— Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Interior Architecture and Interior Design); BORN Information Services (Interior Design), Minnetonka, MN; RBC Dain Corporate Headquarters (Ongoing Interior Design and Facilities Management Services), Minneapolis, MN; Marquette Plaza (Adaptive Re-use and Addition), Minneapolis, MN; Warm Springs Destination Resort (Master Planning and Design), Columbia River Area; The Bluffs at Nine Mile Creek (New), Eden Prairie, MN

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  - Work %
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  Retail/Commercial 15
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  - Wise Swim School, Retail (New), Apple Valley, MN;
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  Interior Designers 3
  Architects 45
  Engineers 35
  Landscape Architects 9
  Other Professionals 22
  Administrative 6
  Total in Firm 120
  - Work %
  Education/Academic 98
  Other 2
  - Park Rapids Area Century Community K-8 School, Park
    Rapids, MN; Minnesota Business Academy, St. Paul, MN;
    Northrop Education Center, Rochester, MN; Osseo Area
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  Firm Personnel by Discipline
  Interior Designers 6
  Architects 34
  Other Professional 38
  Technical 13
  Administrative 27
  Total in Firm 118
  - Work %
  Housing/Multiple Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 10
  Retail/Commercial 15
  Churches/Worship 5
  Education/Academic 30
  Entertainment 30
  - Epic Systems Corporation (New), Madison, WI; Westwood
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    Destination Resort (New), Monticello, NY; Wheelock
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**Legend**

- AIA: Registered and a Member of the American Institute of Architects
- Assoc. AIA: Associate Member of the American Institute of Architects
- ASID: American Society of Interior Designers
- CID: Certified Interior Designer
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers 2
Architects 11
Other Professionals 1
Technical 20
Administrative 5
Total in Firm 40

—
Housing/Multiple 5
Residences/New & Remodel 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 10
Retail/Commercial 10
Manufacturing/Industrial 5
Medical/Healthcare 10
Municipal 10
Education/Academic 10
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers 12
Architects 1
Administrative 2
Total in Firm 15

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Housing/Multiple 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 40
Medical/Healthcare 30
Education/Academic 15
Stadiums/ Arenas 10

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Gray Plant Mooty Corporate Offices, Minneapolis, MN; Coffman Memorial Union (Renovation), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN; Leslie and Susan Gonda Building, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; Hays Companies, Corporate Offices, Minneapolis, MN; Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center, Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, MN; Pepsi Americas Corporate Offices, Minneapolis, MN

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
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Architects 39
Other Professional 6
Technical 19
Administrative 4
Total in Firm 70

—
Housing/Multiple 60
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
Retail/Commercial 10
Manufacturing/Industrial 5
Municipal 5

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers 33
Architects 215
Engineers 115
Other Professional 25
Technical 19
Administrative 125
Total in Firm 532

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Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
Medical/Healthcare 50
Churches/Worship 5
Municipal 5
Education/Academic 15
Museums/Theaters/Restaurants 15

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers 1
Architects 2
Other Professional 4
Administrative 1
Total in Firm 8

—
Residences/New & Remodel 90
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 10
Historic Restoration/Preservation 70

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West Calhoun Residence (Remodel and Addition), Minneapolis, MN; Marcy Holmes Historic District Residence (Remodel and Addition), Minneapolis, MN; Summit Avenue Residence (Interior Restoration and Furnished), St. Paul, MN; Deephaven Boat House (Reconstruction), Deephaven, MN; Rosewood Residence (Remodel, Addition and Interiors), Fargo, ND; Crocus Hill Residence (Remodel, Addition and Interiors), St. Paul, MN

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Interior Designers 3
Architects 11
Engineers 4
Other Professional 3
Technical 3
Administrative 4
Total in Firm 31
—
Medical/Health Care 85
Senior Housing 15
—
Brewster Village (New), Appleton, WI; Boone County Hospital (Addition and Renovation), Boone, IA; Regina Medical Center (Addition and Renovation), Hastings, MN; Bridges Medical Services (New Hospital and SNF), Ada, MN; Covenant Village Senior Housing (Addition and Renovation), Golden Valley, MN; Riverview Healthcare Center (Addition and Renovation), Crookston, MN
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers 2
Architects 15
Engineers 3
Technical 4
Administrative 4
Total in Firm 28
—
Work %
Housing/Multiple 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 10
Retail/Commercial 10
Medical/Health Care 5
Municipal 10
Education/Academic 20
Gopher Resource Corporation, Corporate Offices (New), Eagan, MN; Saint Paul Public Schools, Spanish Immersion (Addition), St. Paul, MN; Khoury's Family Restaurant (New), Inver Grove Heights, MN; St. Louis Park Recreation Center (West Arena Renovation), St. Louis Park, MN; Eagan Hills Alliance Church (Addition and Remodeling), Eagan, MN; The Tile Shop Retail Stores, Nationwide
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers 10
Architects 40
Other Professional 1
Technical 5
Administrative 11
Total in Firm 67
—
Work %
Housing/Multiple 5
Residences/New, Remodel 10
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
Education/Academic 15
Libraries/Museums 50
—
Ridge Pointe Senior Housing (New), Minnetonka, MN; Private Residence and Guest House (New), Orono, MN; Drake Marble Building (Adaptive Re-use), St. Paul, MN; University of Minnesota Art Teaching and Research Facility (New), Minneapolis, MN; Saint Paul Central Library (Historic Renovation), Saint Paul, MN; Mill City Museum (Adaptive Re-use), Minneapolis, MN
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Architects 8
Technical 5
Administrative 3
Total in Firm 22
—
Work %
Housing/Multiple 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 40
Retail/Commercial 5
Medical/Health Care 45
Education/Academic 5
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Architects 4
Engineers 1
Other Professional 1
Technical 6
Administrative 2
Total in Firm 17
— Work %
Housing/Multiple 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 25
Retail/Commercial 10
Medical/Health Care 10
Factories/Worship 10
Municipal 20
Education/Academic 20
— Hormel Foods Spa Museum and Corporate Office South (Renovation), Austin, MN; St. Peter Community Center (New), St. Peter, MN; Pediatric and Adolescent Dentistry Clinic (New), Mankato, MN; Owatonna College and University Center (New), Owatonna, MN; Snell Motors Auto Campus (Renovation), Mankato, MN; Midwest Wireless Communications Headquarters (New), Mankato, MN

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— Work %
Residences: New/Remodel 80
Office 10
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Architects 44
Other Technical 103
Total in Firm 219
— Work %
Housing/Multiple 10
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 45
Retail/Commercial 30
Manufacturing/Industrial 5
Education/Academic 10
— American Express Co., World Financial Center (Retrofit), New York City, NY; Pierre Bottineau Community Library, Minneapolis, MN; Wells Fargo, Shoreview Operations Center, Shoreview, MN; Famous Dave’s BBQ, Mall of America, Bloomington, MN; UnitedHealth Group, National Design Program; ComERICA, National Design Program

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Interior Designers 7
Architects 31
Technical 7
Administrative 5
Total in Firm 50
— Work %
Housing/Multiple 10
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 15
Retail/Commercial 5
Municipal 20
Education/Academic 15
Convention Centers 20
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— Work %
Residences: New/Remodel/Additions 80
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Ocean-going Vessels, Private Aircraft 10
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers
1
Architects
24
Engineers
389
Other Technical
258
Administrative
37
Total in Firm
709

Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial
10
Retail/Commercial
15
Manufacturing/Industrial
15
Churches/Worship
5
Municipal
40
Education/Academic
15

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers
55
Architects
279
Engineers
332
Technical
46
Administrative
271
Total in Firm
983

Housing/Multiple
10
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial
44
Retail/Commercial
5
Manufacturing/Industrial
5
Medical/Health Care
5
Churches/Worship
5
Municipal
10
Education/Academic
8
Aviation
8

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers
4
Architects
6
Technical
8
Administrative
4
Total in Firm
22

Retail/Commercial
10
Churches/Worship
70
Municipal
10
Education/Academic
10

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Interior Designers
11
Architects
21
Other Professional
3
Technical
14
Administrative
4
Total in Firm
53

Housing/Multiple
20
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial
35
Retail/Commercial
10
Manufacturing/Industrial
10
Hospitality/Entertainment -
Resorts and Casinos
25

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Minneapolis, MN; Marquette
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Warm Springs Destination Re-
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Bluffs at Nine Mile Creek (New),
Eden Prairie, MN

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**Fallon Worldwide**
Location: Minneapolis, MN
Client: Fallon Worldwide
Architect: Perkins & Will
Principal in charge: Chuck Knight, AIA
Project lead designer: James Young
Project team: Chuck Knight, AIA, Kar-Keat Chong, William Lyons, Andrew Branch, James Young
Structural-engineering team: BKBM Engineers
Mechanical-engineering team: Gausman & Moore
Electrical-engineering team: Gausman & Moore
Lighting designer: Perkins & Will
Open-office general lighting: direct/indirect fixture by Finelite
Project room and galley lighting: track system by Halo of Cooper Lighting
Accent/decorative lighting: Lightolier, Modular Lighting, Delray Lighting, LBL Lighting
Interior design: Perkins & Will
Furniture/finishes consultant: Big Design
Audio/visual consultant: SPL Integrated Solutions
AV/ID suites consultant: Z Systems
Stone: Solnhofen
Granite: Cold Springs
Flooring systems/materials: floor epoxy paint - Sherwin Williams
Custom carpet: Durkan Commercial
Bamboo flooring: Timbergrass
Millwork: Perkins & Will custom designed curvicle workstations, reception desk and conference tables implemented by: DL Fixture and Millwork, Madsen Fixture and Millwork
Fabric wallcovering: Knoll Textiles
Tackable Corks: Hirsfield's
Upholstery covering: Maharam
Paint: Benjamin Moore
Custom metals: Gruppo Architectural Metals
Glass: Harmon Glass
Task chairs: Herman Miller
Project-room task chairs: Lamm
Project-room/face-to-face room furniture: Ligne Roset, Totem Design
Reception-area furniture: Design Link
Galley furniture: Hothouse, Allemuir
Custom curvicle workstations, reception desk and conference tables: DL Fixture and Millwork, Madsen Fixture and Millwork
Building management: Hines
General contractor: MP Johnson Construction
Photographer: Christopher Barrett from Hedrich Blessing Photography

**Coffman Memorial Union Renovation**
Location: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Client: University of Minnesota and Ryan Companies US, Inc.
Architect/interior designer: Ellerbe Becket, Inc.
Project team: Sandra Becker, Randy Bolduc, Steve Busse, Kelley Casey, Jan Dehnert, Shawn Gaither, AIA, Rollin Hansen, Mic Johnson, AIA, Matt Mahoney, David Rova; Mike Sullivan, Holly Thompson, Jenna Toburen, Jeffrey Walden
Structural-engineering team: Meyer, Borgman & Johnson, Inc. - Daniel Murphy, W. Allen Olson, Graig W. Bursch
Mechanical-engineering team: Horwitz, Inc. - Bill Mckoskey Master Mechanical, Inc. - Tom Palermo PE
Electrical-engineering team: Hunt Electrical Corp. - Tony Schumacher, Tim Holmberg, Kendall Swenson
Sanjay Donaldson - West Johnson, Dan Holden, Bob Tschida
Civil-engineering team: Ellerbe Becket, Inc., Robert Brown
Lighting-design team: Ellerbe Becket, Inc., Shawn Gaither, AIA, Mic Johnson, AIA, Hunt Electric, Tony Schumacher; Davis & Associates, Mike Brabeck; Lighting Affiliates, Charles Leavitt; Dunham Associates - Sandy Andersen
Design/Builder: Ryan Companies US, Inc. - Mike Bauer, Mark Maghrak, Tom Sahlmen
Landscape architect: Ellerbe Becket, Inc., Trent Luger
Landscape project team: Sub-contractor, Scott Shanesy, Arteka Valley Crest
Masonry restoration: Western Waterproofing Co.
Cabinet network: Heebink Architectural Woodwork
Terrazzo and Ceramic Tile: Twin City Tile & Marble, Inc.
Carpet and Resilient Flooring: Sonus Interiors, Inc.
Window systems: Twin City Glass
Concrete work: Ryan Companies US, Inc., Mike Jones Ceko Concrete Construction
Waterproofing: Brent Anderson Associates, Inc.
Gypsum-board assemblies: Berg Drywall, Inc., Randy Schneewind
Painting: Colorstyles Painting Co., Scott Lanphere
Food-service designer: Robert Rippe Associates, Inc., Terry Pellegrino
Food-service equipment: Nielsen's Equipment & Design, Inc.
Audio-visual systems: AVI Systems, Rand Olson
Engineering and building sciences: Braun Intertec Corp.
Transportation engineering & design: SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
Energy design assistance: The Weidt Group
Photographer: Brian Droege

**St. Louis Park Senior High School Theater Renovation**
Location: St. Louis Park, MN
Client: St. Louis Park Public Schools, ISD 283
Architect: Cunningham Group Architecture, P.A.
Principal in charge: Tim Dufaut, AIA
Project manager: Paul Ragozzino, AIA
Project architect: Paolo Lovagnini
Project designer: John Vande Castle
Project interior designer: Janet Dray
Project team: Kathy Wallace, AIA, Mark LeChevalier, Amy Randy
Structural-engineering team: Clark Engineering Corporation
Mechanical-engineering team: Karges-Faulconbridge, Inc.
Electrical-engineering team: Paulson & Clark Engineering, Inc.
Interior design: Cunningham Group Architecture, P.A.
Construction manager: Adolphson & Peterson
Auditorium-seating contractor: Arch Spec, Inc.
Painting contractor: Swanson & Youngdale, Inc.
Photographer: Don F. Wong

**Jorstad Residence**
Location: Golden Valley, MN
Client: Dede and David Jorstad
Architect: Mark Gunstad, AIA
Principal in charge: Mark Gunstad, AIA
Project lead designer: Mark Gunstad, AIA
Project team: Mark Gunstad, AIA, Jason Briles, Assoc. AIA
Interior design: Mark Gunstad, AIA
Construction manager: Roger Friedell, Friedell Construction Co. Architects and Builders
Landscape architect: Derek Young Landscape Architecture
Landscape project team: Derek Young
Cabinet network: Ramsey Woodworking
Flooring systems/materials: Intersource Carpet and VCT
Window systems: Marvin Windows
Millwork: Scherer Bros. Lumber Co.
Painters: Prince-Frederick Interiors
Photographer: Marc Scholtes

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**Moquixt Basement Renovation**
Location: Edina, MN
Client: Chris and Kristin Moquist
Architect: Newland Architecture
Principal in charge: Scott J. Newland, AIA
Project manager: Scott J. Newland, AIA
Lighting designer: Scott J. Newland, AIA
Lighting supplier: Carrier Lighting
Interior design: Scott J. Newland, AIA
Construction manager: Steve Merrifield
Photographer: Saari & Fornal Photography
Reyelt Screen Porch and Terrace
Location: Minneapolis, MN
Client: Paul and Mary Reyelt
Architect: YA Architecture
Principal in charge: Martha Yunker, AIA
Project team: Martha Yunker, AIA, Anthony Scott*
Interior design: Carol Belz
Construction manager: Yerigan Construction
Landscape architect: Mark Lumry, Ivy Crest
Stone: Bluestone
Cabinetwork: Schmidt’s Cabinet Shop
Flooring systems/materials: Bluestone
Window systems: Skylight: Naturallite/EPI
Skylight Systems
Millwork: AWP
Photographer: Karen Melvin Photography, courtesy of Meredith Corp.
*No longer with YA Architecture

Madson/Obaid Kitchen Renewal
Location: Edina, MN
Client: Camilla Madson & Stephen Obaid
Architect: Robert Gerloff Residential Architects
Principal in charge: Robert Gerloff, AIA
Project team: Jeremiah Battles
Structural-engineering team: Joe Cain at Mattson/MacDonald
Lighting designer: Todd Pearsall @ Filament
Builder: Van Heel Brothers Construction
Cabinetwork: Steven Cabinets
Flooring: Armstrong “Marmorette” linoleum from Artistic Floors
Window systems: Marvin Windows
Photographer: John Danicic, Jr.

Shared Home Office
Location: Orono, MN
Client: Name withheld at owner’s request
Architect: Albertson Hansen Architecture, Ltd.
Principal in charge: Todd Hansen AIA
Project manager: Todd Hansen AIA
Project architect: Todd Hansen AIA
Project lead designer: Todd Hansen AIA
Project team: Todd Hansen AIA, Greta Trygstad
Structural-engineering team: Wes Mattson, Mattson Macdonald Engineers
Lighting designer: Michael DiBlasi, Julia Gordon, Schuler & Shook Inc.
Interior design: Michael Simon Interiors, Inc.
Construction manager: Allen Bernard, The Bainey Group
Cabinetwork: Andy Berg, Jim Lee Cabinets by Choice
Flooring systems/materials: Schaeffer Hardwood Floors
Millwork: Jim McGraw, Choice Wood
General contractor: Choice Wood Company
General contractor, project manager: John Greely
General contractor, job superintendent: Scott Goodwin
Photographer: Andrea Rugg

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Whether its rooms were hosting bridesmaids, jamming musicians or felons committing various crimes, the Fair Oaks Motel was always better known for what took place behind its doors than for how its exterior looked. The motel was a thoroughly unremarkable building—a low cinderblock structure set behind a parking lot. But within the walls of this notorious lodging house, life played out in ways that often shocked and angered people in the surrounding neighborhood.

The Fair Oaks seemed plagued by hard luck from the start. W. R. Frank, a producer who financed five movies (including biopics of Chief Sitting Bull and the racehorse Dan Patch) learned that early plans for the construction of Interstate 35 called for the freeway to run alongside the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. So he bought a nearby tract of land and built the motel in 1956.

Unfortunately for Frank, but fortunately for the art museum, the highway was later rerouted. Located on a site with a distinguished history—it was once the property of Dorilus Morrison, a wealthy miller who became the first mayor of Minneapolis, and it was later used for a rectory belonging to St. Stephen’s Church—Frank’s motel didn’t have convenient access to the new highway.

The Fair Oaks of the late 1950s and early ’60s didn’t much resemble the disorderly motel it later became. (The photo shows a guestroom in 1957.) Its early customers included wedding parties, museum visitors and conventionees in search of inexpensive rooms near downtown. It also had an unusual amenity for the area: a swimming pool. Later, touring musicians who were booked at the nightclubs along Nicollet Avenue began taking up temporary residency. The motel’s attached restaurant, which housed a series of traditional coffee shops, Indian eateries and Mediterranean cafés up through the 1990s, often had a good culinary reputation.

But gunmen robbed the restaurant in 1965. Two police detectives were among the customers who lost money. Serious trouble began brewing in the ’70s, when the Fair Oaks became a hangout of drug dealers and prostitutes. The criminal element frightened the law-abiding immigrants and poor families who also lived at the motel and outraged neighbors. Lawlessness at the Fair Oaks reached a peak on December 9, 1985, when 21-year-old Russell Hyatt murdered Nicole Davis in room 303.

By the end, after the motel had been renamed the Rodeway Inn by new owners, it was logging more than 100 police calls per year. Neighbors rejoiced when the motel was demolished in 2000 and replaced by a parking lot. In the future, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts might build a parking ramp or multiuse building on the site. Jack El-Hai
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