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100 Years of Student Drawings:
Celebrating the School of Architecture’s
Centennial
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Northrop Gallery

Curator: Jane King Hession

For 100 years, students at the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota have been learning through drawing. Although modes of representation, media, tools, aesthetic preferences and prevailing styles have changed over the decades, the fundamental importance of drawing as a means of conveying the power and beauty of architectural concepts has not.

The drawings reproduced in the exhibition “100 Years of Student Drawings” were selected from the College of Design Drawing Archives, a repository of student work dating back to the formative years of the School.

The goal of the exhibition, originally organized for the School’s centennial celebration in October, 2013, is to showcase—as broadly as possible—the range of architectural problems tackled by students over the last ten decades, the myriad design solutions proposed, and the diverse methods of representation used to communicate those ideas. Due to space limitations, a mere ninety drawings were selected from several thousand compelling works in the archive.

Collectively, the drawings tell the story of 100 years of visual representation at the School of Architecture -- from the Beaux-Arts traditions of the early 20th century, to the “Minnesota Style” of the Rapson era at midcentury, to the shift to digital drawing tools in the new millennium.

Each drawing on display communicates a fundamental architectural idea, but each also stands alone as a work of art. All speak to the quality of architectural education at the School. Each is testament to the talent, proficiency and artistry of its originator.
General Information
The Goldstein Museum of Design (GMD), part of the University of Minnesota's College of Design, supports design teaching, research, and discovery through exhibitions, publications, programs, and partnerships.

Location
The Northrop Gallery is located on the 4th floor of Northrop Hall.
Northrop
84 Church Street S.E.
Minneapolis, MN  55455
612-625-6600

Northrop Gallery Hours
Monday-Friday 7am-10pm
Weekends 10am-6pm
FREE admission. Open to the public.

Parking
There are numerous parking options around Northrop Hall. Visit http://www.northrop.umn.edu/visit/parking-directions or call 612-625-6600 for details.

Accessibility
There are disability parking spaces along Pillsbury Avenue on the north side of Northrop. Elevators are located on both the west and east side of the building, and all levels are accessible via these elevators.

Public Transit
For bus information, call (612) 373-3333 or visit http://www1.umn.edu/pts/bus/connectors.html or http://www.metrotransit.org/

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