David Jasper, the owner of the University Technology Enterprise Center (the building that we knew as Marshall High School) said that he signed a purchase agreement in March to sell the building to GEM Realty Capital, Inc. According to Kimberly Holien, a Minneapolis city planner, the building and its adjacent parking lot would be replaced by a mixed-use building with 336 residential units and three ground floor commercial spaces, one of which would be a grocery store. The project will not be finalized until it gets city approval.

The Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association appears to be in favor of the development, but the Dinkytown Business Association members have concerns and reservations. Skott Johnson, the association president, is concerned about the type of retail businesses that would move into the ground floor spaces. He believes that the developer needs to care about the history of Dinkytown and what services are needed.

Laurel Bauer, the owner of the House of Hanson, shares Skott’s concerns. Her family-owned business will celebrate its 80th anniversary in October. From her corner at 14th Avenue and 5th Street, Laurel worries about a grocery store being built across the street. She feels that she is already competing with the CVS pharmacy that opened up recently just two blocks away.

The plans for the project have not been finalized as far as we know, but some in Dinkytown are worried about the project’s size (more than one square block and five or six stories high). No one that I talked to said anything about the planned project being “beautiful,” but the word “ugly” did come up.

David Jasper has owned and operated the UTEC building for the last 27 years. He said that the building, which originally opened in 1924, was in need of repairs and updates that he could not afford. The developer’s original plans included remodeling the building, but it was decided that remodeling was not feasible.

GEM Realty has been in discussions regarding its plans with the Minneapolis City Planning Commission. A public hearing was to be held in August according to Kimberly Holien.

Tenants at UTEC were notified about the tentative sale agreement in March in a memo from David Jasper. He informed them that the building would most likely be closed in December. At that rate, it is possible that ground could be broken by early 2013 and the project could be finished by July 2014.

It is our understanding that David Jasper has been a very good landlord who made a number of welcome improvements to the building including air conditioning and turning the old auditorium into an attractive atrium and office spaces. He is also credited with charging very reasonable rents.

Wrecking Ball May Be In Marshall’s Future

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MAEF to give $3,300 to three students

The Disability Services’ Scholarship Committee announced its scholarship awards at its July 23rd meeting. The committee members had previously reviewed the applications of 30 disabled students. The students’ disabilities cover a wide range and include Cystic Fibrosis, blindness, leukemia, ADHD, and dyslexia. All are good students and many have very specific career goals including music therapy, medical research and dentistry. All seem destined, as one student wrote, “to make a difference in the world.”

The Marshall Access and Education Fund (MAEF) has grown over the years so that this year we are awarding three scholarships of $1,100. The three students who are receiving the MAEF grants are Emily Duffield, Susan Pederson, and Jacob Anderson. Emily Duffield is a senior this year and was also awarded a MAEF scholarship in 2010. She is an excellent student and received the highest rating among the applicants. Emily is a physics major and hopes to earn her Ph.D. In her 2010 application she wrote, “My goal is to research how electromagnetic radiation from the universe interacts with the Earth’s magnetosphere . . . .” (Attention: David Cartwright)

Susan Pederson, a junior, hopes to earn a degree in music therapy and upon graduation she hopes to use her skills “in treating psychiatric conditions.” Susan has extensive experience as a volunteer “performing, teaching, and leading music for geriatric centers, psychiatric support groups, and drop-in centers for homeless adults.” One of Susan’s strengths is her empathy for the struggles of other disabled adults.

Jacob Anderson, a sophomore, hopes to become a medical researcher. Jacob is an excellent student; one of his professors rated him in the top 1% in his organic chemistry courses. His professor says Jacob is highly motivated and mature “well beyond his age. Jacob is the first student at the University of Minnesota Rochester to receive a scholarship from Disability Services.

It was an honor to serve on the committee and it was inspiring to read so many expressions of young people who meet Life’s challenges with so much courage and determination. The scholarship awards will be made in September. The Disability Services’ Scholarships this year will amount to more than $67,000. The scholarship funds come from several sources including the Robert and Gail Buuck Family Fund, the Angela Brooke Warner Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Endowment Fund, and the Marshall Access and Education Fund (MAEF).

It should be noted that MAEF, which was begun by the Class of 1939 with a few hundred dollars in 1989, has grown over the years. The donation of $7,800 contributed by the All Classes Reunion in 2010 helped to increase the fund to the level it enjoys today. Information on how to donate to MAEF is included in every issue of the Marshall Alumni News.

Attention! Class of 1947!
Take this opportunity to register for our 65th reunion celebration!
Join us!
See details on page 7.
Reunions—
Class of 1955—

It was the year of the Hindenburg disaster, Amelia Earhart’s flight disappearance and ‘Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs’ that the class of ’55 was born. We celebrated our collective 75th birthdays at nostalgic VanCleve Park on July 18th. Thirty-five classmates, spouses, and friends gathered to picnic, enjoy birthday cake, view memorabilia, read greetings from absent members, reminisce about the good old days and marvel at how good we look and how active we are. What a great time!

For all of you who attended—Thank you! Every organization has a nucleus of people who “put it all together”. Their reward? Your attendance!
Try this with your graduation class!
MHS Class of 1955 celebrated their 75 birthday party– to celebrate our age, not our graduation date!
We held a picnic at the VanCleve park house...a wonderful facility. The photos below might provide you with encouragement to have you own class picnic or birthday party. It was a relaxing time, full of moments of bonding and fellowship.

The Marshall High class of 1955 graduated in a marvelous era. We nurtured friendships, began our career paths–sometimes a college degree, other times we served apprenticeships, or served in the Armed Forces. Many went on to earn a master’s degree, or a doctorate. Now most of us are retired, travelling, enjoying grandchildren or unfortunately suffering a debilitating illness. Whatever your fortune or fate, we the reunion committee were and are blessed to have travelled the road of life with you, in our hearts, or in person. Please make an effort to attend the celebration of our 75 years of life. No RSVP required!

• July 18th, noon to 3 p.m. • VanCleve Park on 15th Ave. S.E.
Bring your own food & beverage (Please, no alcohol as it is not allowed in a city park.) Attend rain or shine as we have reserved the outdoor patio and a large party room inside. We will provide a BBQ grill. All are Welcome! 

—MHS Birthday Committee

Please Print your name on a name tag and wear the tag today. Thanks!
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If you changed your last name print your maiden name in parenthesis. Oh~Thanks again!

—The Picnic Committee
It rained that day followed by high humidity. However, Ron Andersen, the birthday party committee treasurer reserved both the outdoor patio and the indoor banquet room. We were covered! Ron is shown below in the black shirt chatting with his cousin Larry Wood.
What nice people! We’re blessed to be alive and well enough to renew friendships. Thanks to all of you who attended!
Marshall's Opening Year

THE JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL, 1924

The highest tribute that can be paid to a noble man in remembrance of the universal benefits derived from his life on earth is a monument that will perpetuate the lofty ideals for which he strove.

Such a memorial is John Marshall High School, erected in veneration of Chief Justice John Marshall, 1755-1835, within the walls of which school "Laboro et Servio" is the motto.
Marshall Today as the University Technology Center

The building has been well-preserved. Gather a group of classmates, Southeast friends and tour the school many of us loved.
ICE SKATING SISTERS

Mary Lohn Fechner ('55) and sister Betsy Lohn Gridley ('56) attended Sidney Pratt, growing up in Prospect Park with siblings Bob and Margaret. It was there, thanks to encouragement from their father, that the two sisters developed a love for ice skating. In the winter their father would organize the neighbors and flood an area for a skating rink between their house on River Terrace and classmate Jeanne Upton's ('55) house on River Road. There the sisters and all the neighborhood kids would spend hours ice skating.

They would put on shows for the neighbors with printed programs, costumes for the skaters and a music provided by a phonograph. Mary and Betsy, while in their years at Sidney Pratt, began taking figure skating lessons every Saturday at the Minneapolis Ice Arena being chauffeured there by their father. They subsequently joined the Minneapolis Figure Skating Club. They won speed skating competition sponsored by the Minneapolis Park Board and convinced the judges to give figure skates instead of speed skates as the prize.

Their father was killed in a tragic commercial airplane accident in 1950 where the plane crashed into a home on Minnehaha Parkway killing two children in the home, ten passengers and three crewmen.

Mary and Betsy continued their figure skating lessons through high school. They would perform in the annual ice shows at the Minneapolis Arena sponsored by the Minneapolis Optimists Club. As an example, in one of the ice shows Betsy as an eighth grader did a solo skating to ‘I’m Late’ from Alice in Wonderland and also participated in a chorus that included sister Mary and classmate Jane Barr ('56). (The photo taken from a December, 1951 Judge article, shows Betsy and Mary in costumes made by their mother) The sister’s practices were sometimes held in the mornings before school. Fortunately some of the morning practices would be held at Williams Arena which made commuting to Marshall after practice a lot easier. Betsy and Mary continued these lessons through their college years at Hamline. They even skated in June, July and August with the St. Paul Pops, skating to the music of the St. Paul Civic Orchestra and the Civic Chorus every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Some summers were spent in Colorado Springs where they continued figure skating lessons.

Mary graduated from Hamline in 1959 with plans to continue skating in ice shows. However, her senior year she had begun dating Roger, her future husband. She dropped her skating plans and followed Roger out East where he continued his education at Boston U and Mary taught art for a year outside Baltimore. They then married and moved to Iowa City while Roger worked on his PhD and Mary, not finding a teaching job, worked in a library. They moved to Albian, and then Adrian, Michigan where Roger taught in the colleges there and Mary received her Masters degree in Library Science from Michigan U. They raised two daughters: Susanne and Holly. Mary’s skating became strictly recreational.

Betsy graduated from Hamline in 1960 with a degree in Education, intending to become a math teacher. However, not immediately finding a teaching position, she followed her love of skating and joined a skating troupe with a cast of 25 members and skated at the Conrad Hilton in Chicago. They had shows seven nights a week. The shows were performed on ice and following each show the ice was covered for dancing by the customers. In August of 1961 Betsy went to France and joined a ‘Holiday on Ice’ troupe. This was international in scope with skaters from all over the world: including Arabia, England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, France and, of course, the U.S. There she had a solo number where she was a child in a Toyland-on-Ice number and also skated in a chorus with a partner. They opened in Tokyo and performed in the Far East. Betsy did this for the next two years.

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Ice Skating Sisters Cont. from Page 10
Betsy had met her future husband, John at Hamline and in 1962 they were married. Betsy continued her interest in skating by combining teaching skating and performing in amateur reviews with substitute teaching and tutoring of math while living in New Jersey, Michigan, Colorado, and California. They had three children: James, Janet and Richard and were divorced after 15 years of marriage.

Mary and Roger have retired in Adrian. They have three grandsons. Mary has taken up weaving. Mary’s interest in weaving goes back to Marshall where her art teacher Ms. Stevning had a loom in the classroom. Mary was proficient on it and won a Scholastic prize for her weaving she made in the class. Now Mary spends her spare time on her own loom.

Betsy has retired and is now living in Annandale, MN. She has one greatgrandchild and has ‘...recently gotten her skates sharpened’. TMD

Class Reunion Announcements

Class of 1947—
Marshall High Schools January and June classes of ’47 will celebrate their 65-year class reunion. They will enjoy a sit-down dinner at Ellsie’s 729 Marshall Street NE on Wednesday, September 19th from 1:30 am to 3:00 pm. Cost is $25.00 per person. Contact Char Minichilli @ 952-938-4827. Registration form is on page 13.

Class of 1962—
Marshall High School class of ’62 will celebrate their 50-year class reunion. It will be held on Saturday, September 15th at the Courtyard by Marriott Roseville (2905 Centere Point Drive, Roseville). Activities will begin with cocktails at 6:00 pm. For more details contact: Lollie Walbon Solberg solbergmi@msn.com or Diane Zawadski Hawley hawleybobos@comcast.net.

Class of 1967—
Marshall High School class of ’67 will hold their 45th reunion on Friday, September 14th at the Rose Vine Banquet Center in the lower level of Grumpy’s Restaurant in Roseville. See website www.marshallclassof67.org for more information.

Class of 1972 (Past tense; held July 27th)—
The MU class of 1972 held its 40th year class reunion at Coffman Union on Friday July 27th, 2012. Thirty-seven classmates came together dragging along five spouses as well. There was an unguided tour of the old school followed by a happy hour, group pictures and dinner with socializing until midnight (about 3 hours past our bedtimes ;-). Several headed for Stub & Herbs afterward to continue ‘catching up’. Classmates from Texas both coasts and many points in between attended. Sue Ellen (Torkildson) Yund, John Ness, Aaron Tilleson and Jane Curtin formed the committee that instigated this event.

Class Photo July 27th:
REMEMBERING those whom we knew and have passed away

Larry E. Harris
Marshall H. S. Class of 1948.

After a teenaged Larry Harris recovered from a mild case of polio and a car accident that had emergency workers giving him up for dead, his legs still pained him. So he went out for track. “He just kept running and running until the pain went away.” Granddaughter Melanie Groves recalled. Eventually he became the top miler for Marshall High School; of course, he was the school’s only miler. That kind of drive was typical of Harris. He earned degrees in social work from the University of Minnesota and University of Pittsburgh. Larry spent three years as a settlement house social worker on the North side. Working for Minneapolis Public Schools, he’d stay on the phone late into the night to find alternative schools for students who’d been expelled, so that they could have another chance. He also found money for a program to keep teen mothers in school. Larry was a longtime lobbyist for Minneapolis Schools, helped form the influential Urban Coalition and served as its first director and led Hennepin County’s anti-poverty agency. Larry saw himself as a working-class person, yet he could talk to legislators as well as talk to gang members. He was in the Army during the Korean War. Larry was married to wife Marion for almost 60 years, had five children, 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

(The following friends / classmates information was excerpted from Mpls Strib—

Rev. Nolan A. Watson ’40,
June 24, 2012

William Henninger ’42, April 1, 2012

David Jerome (Jerry) Eckberg ‘47,
Sept, 2011

George Thomas Eggen ’47,
July 28, 2012

Larry E. Harris ’48, May 14, 2012

Sonny Carlson ’54, April 22, 2012
(See Alumni Newsletter Jan, 2012)

Roger Lestina ’54

Don Nygaard ’54, May, 2012

Katherine (Katie) Smith West ’54,
May 15, 2012

Margaret Manney Kennet ’55,
December 13, 2010

George Eggen ’47
July, 2012

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The Marshall High Class of 1952
Will be holding our 60th Anniversary
Buffet lunch at Jax Café in Northeast Minneapolis
Thursday, September 27 from 1 to 4 pm
To make your reservation
Please phone or email Terry Edwards
(651) 633-7407  tlcjedwards@msn
Marshall High School Classes of 1947
65 Year Class Reunion

Enjoy a sit down dinner of
New York Strip Steak or Broiled Walleye, twice baked potato, salad, vegetable,
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If no one can guess whose story it is, you will have “stumped” your classmates. We will draw one
winner out of the “stumps” for a $65 prize. Need not be present to win.

Mark your dinner selection on form below

Mail back by September 1, 2012 in stamped envelope provided
  Don’t forget to include your “stump” experience/story

Add $2.00 if you would like an up-to-date directory

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Name(s)  

Additional Guest(s) Name

Address

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