

William V. Kaeser . . . Architect of the University of Wisconsin Laboratory of Limnology

From Madison's Lake Mendota, it appears to be an immense gray glacial boulder at rest against the steeply rising shore. Closer inspection reveals a formed-concrete rectangular building—the upper story cantilevered over the water's edge. Strollers and joggers skirt the building on a lakeside walkway. Below the walk, a boat slip opens to the lake between a pair of concrete piers.

This is the University of Wisconsin Laboratory of Limnology. Its commission came in 1962 when Dr. Arthur D. Hasler suggested the site, secured National Science Foundation backing, and had the insight to recommend the architectural firm of Kaeser and McLeod to design the facility.

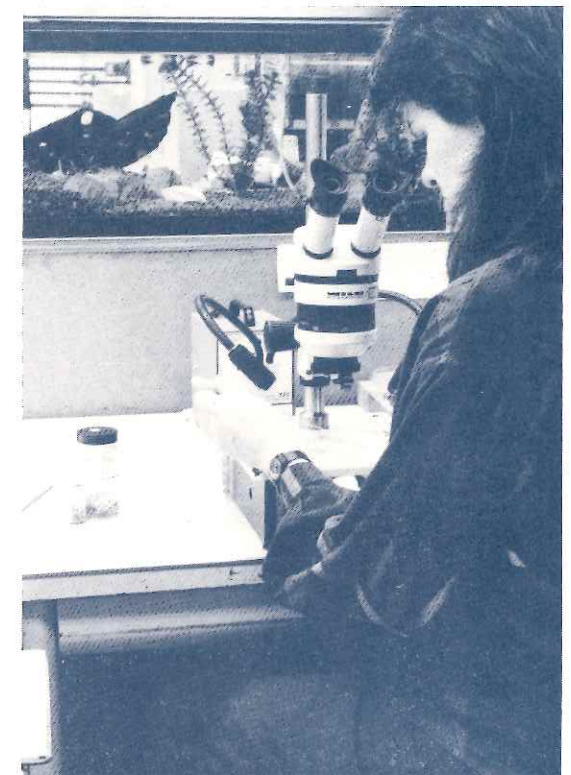
William V. Kaeser by profession and background proved eminently qualified. Born of Swiss heritage in Greenville, Illinois, he trained at the University of Illinois, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and later the Cranbrook Academy. At the academy, he absorbed many of the design principles of the noted Finnish-American architect Eliel Saarinen.

In 1935 Kaeser set up practice in Madison where the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright began to appear in several of Kaeser's residential designs. Like Wright, Kaeser considered himself a regionalist architect, part of a larger movement in the Midwestern art of the time. And like Wright,

he integrated the design of his buildings with the lives of his clients and the natural features of the site.

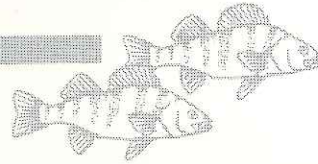
But it was the earlier influence of Saarinen that surfaced in the general form of the Laboratory of Limnology. The building's bold geometric planes harmonize with its natural surroundings and reflect a quiet authority that accords well with its mission. For an architect, that is indeed a fitting achievement.

Designed by William V. Kaeser, the University of Wisconsin's Laboratory of Limnology serves as a base for research and teaching on Lake Mendota.



Within the Center for Limnology building, researchers work to discover solutions for today's freshwater problems.

William V. Kaeser Visiting Scholar Fund



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Just as William Kaeser's work initiated new trends in architecture, so the Center for Limnology has become a leader in innovative fishery biology and lake studies. To augment this leadership, the William V. Kaeser Visiting Scholar Fund will allow selected scholars to work with the Center for Limnology for up to six months. These internationally-recognized scientists will inspire our graduate students as well as faculty in the search for new solutions to current problems including:

- . . . acid rain
- . . . lake eutrophication
- . . . fisheries ecology
- . . . theoretical limnology

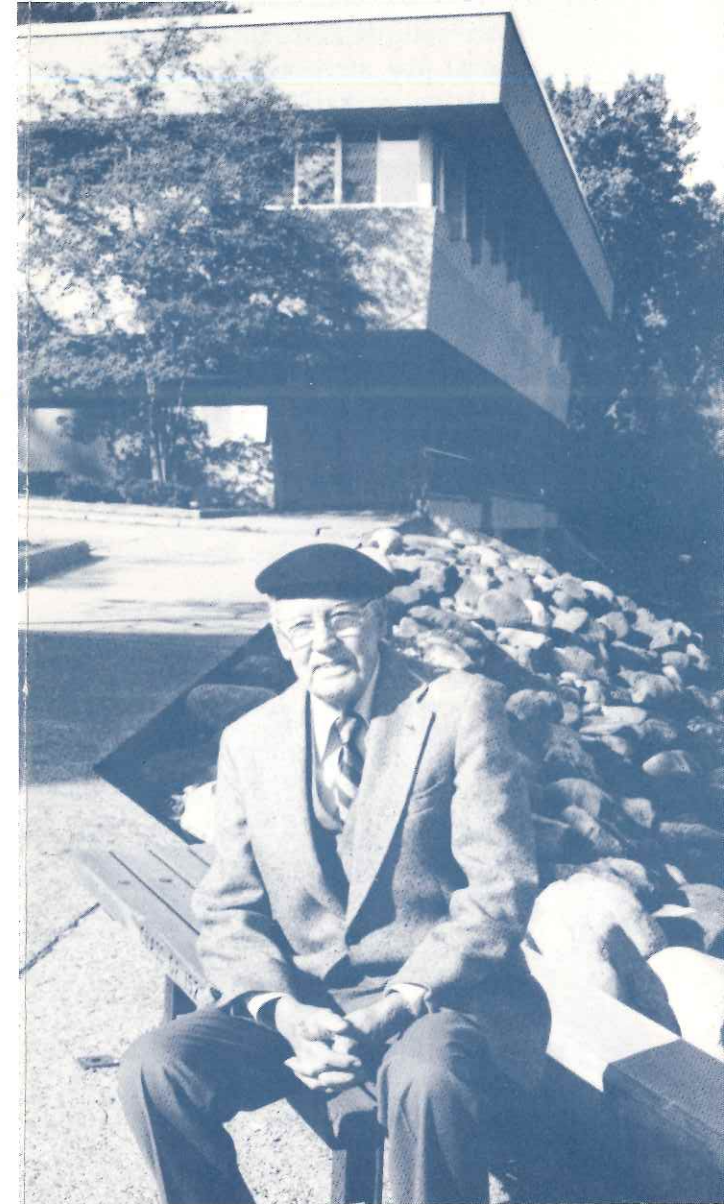
Please join us in honoring Mr. Kaeser through a gift to his Visiting Scholar Fund. Besides paying tribute to Mr. Kaeser, your support will help the Center expand its mission as a leader in freshwater research.

The Center for Limnology

The goals of the Center are to provide new knowledge to help preserve our lakes and streams, guide and nurture graduate students in lake research and fishery biology, and help transfer existing knowledge about aquatic sciences to the public. Supported by the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Sea Grant), the Center has established an international reputation for the application of its research on subjects such as acid rain, lake eutrophication, and fisheries ecology. The Center leads an interdisciplinary program involving scholars from various academic units across the campus and the state.

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