Concerning the footnote on page 2, Blaine Lawson pointed out to me that, though indeed at the time he and Osserman wrote their paper ("Non-existence, non-uniqueness and irregularity of solutions to the minimal surface system" (Acta Math. 139 (1977), no. 1-2, 1–17, referenced as [31] in the notes) they did not know whether their example was an absolute minimizer, he and Harvey proved in their "Calibrated geometries" paper (Acta Math. 148 (1982), 47–157) that it is indeed an absolute minimizer.