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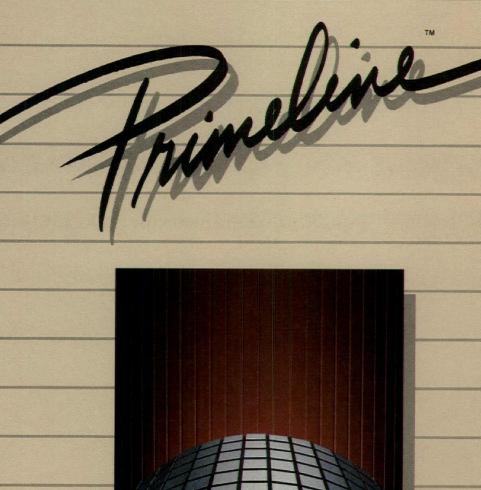
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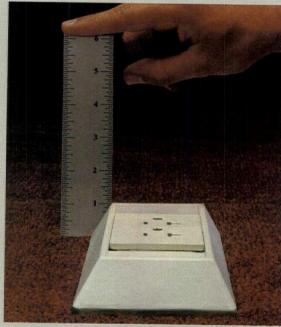
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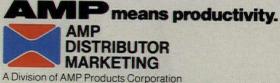
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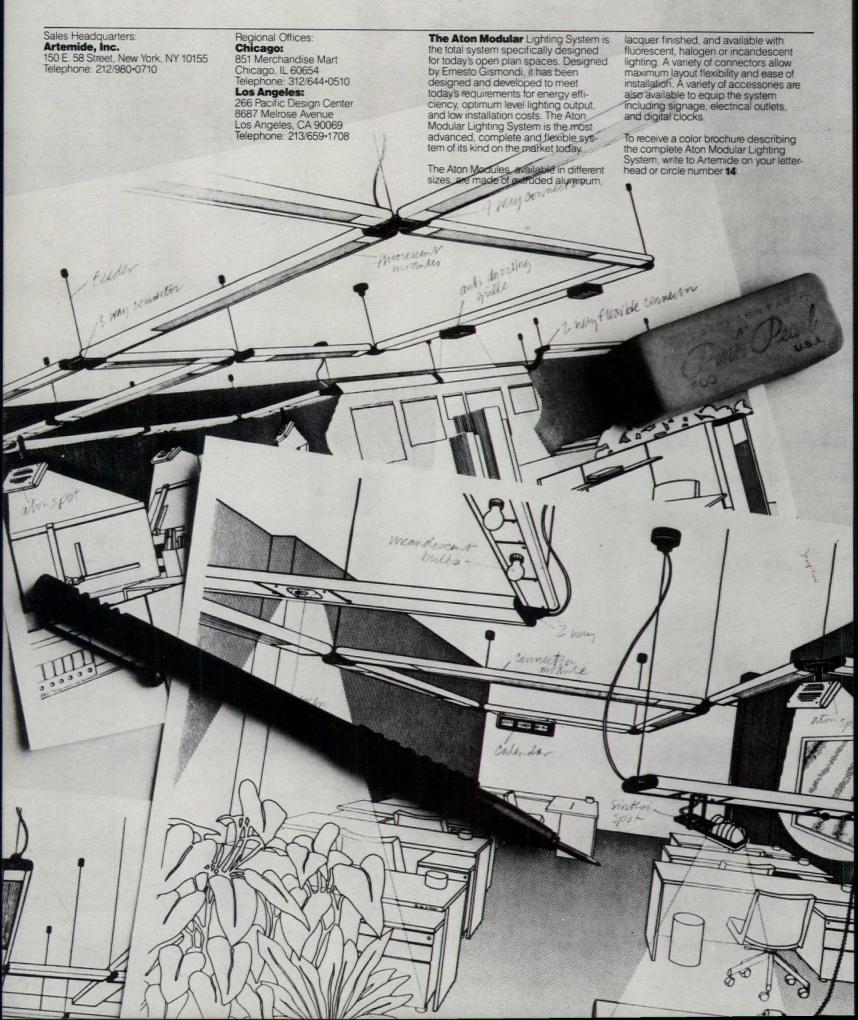


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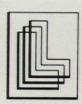
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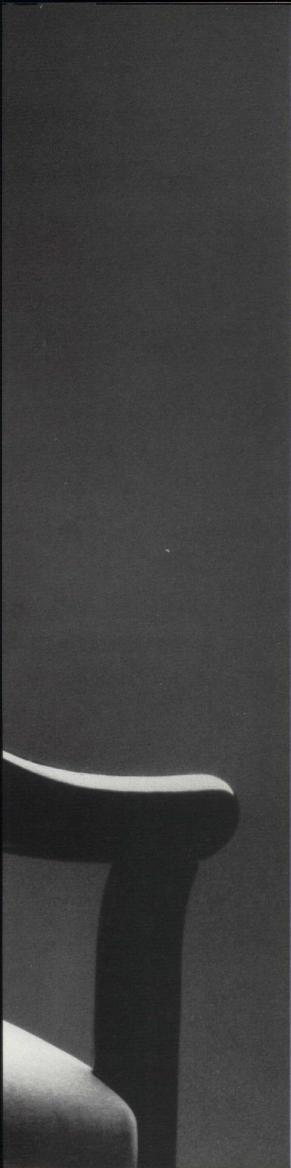
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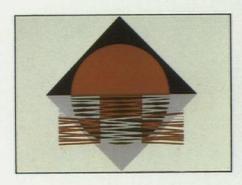
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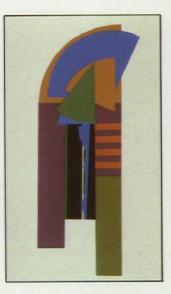
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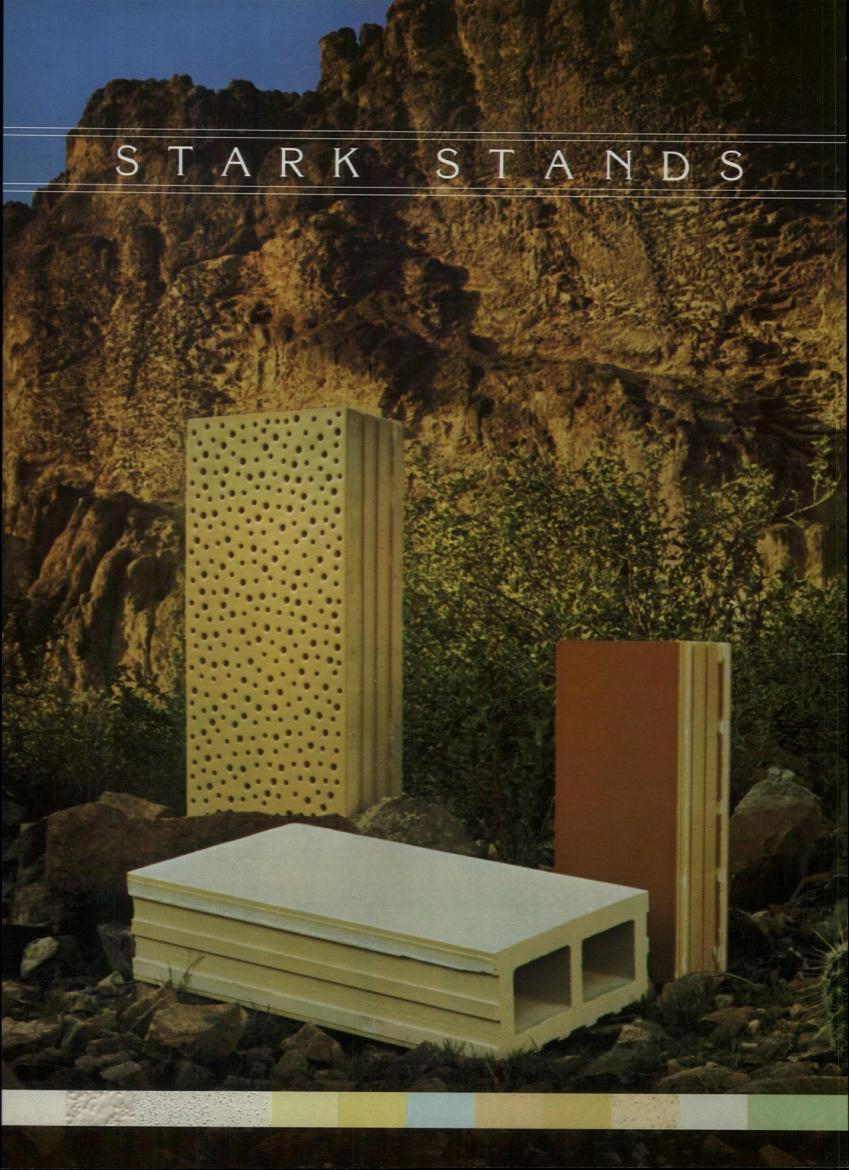












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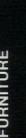












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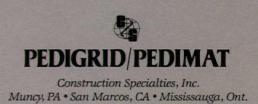
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### **Round Table** The education of architects in interior design

The first questions asked at the Round Table (as first questions often are) were rather general: How much do architects learn about interior design in architecture school? During internship? Is the educational picture changing in this regard? Should interior design courses be mandatory? Is there time during the years of architecture school for a significant study of interior design?

And in response (before the Round Table turned to the specific questions of curricula, and internship, and early experience in the office, and changing client demands), the panelists responded in general ways—though the responses helped shape all of the discussion that followed, and got some varied opinions (indeed, sharp disagreements) out on the table.

Architect Norman DeHaan began. DeHaan, who specializes in interior design, has long been a champion of professionalism in interior design and has served on the boards of both the AIA and (as president) the ASID. Said DeHaan: "I think that the format that Mies instituted at IIT some 40 years ago was far more relevant to interior design education than most of the courses I am aware of todayand I'm not aware of many architecture courses dealing with interior design. Mies demanded (not IIT, but Mies) that we read a five-foot bookshelf of great books. That we attend music events and art exhibitions. There was great emphasis on landscape drawing. There was an incredible amount of interdisciplinary activity. I still believe it is more important for architecture students to know how to read. how to appreciate art and music, how to live, than it is for them to take specific courses in interior design.



Norman DeHaan Norman DeHaan Associates, Inc. Chicago

Said architect Larry Booth: "When I attended MIT, we didn't learn much about interior design. We were concerned with building concepts and abstractions of building forms and how buildings were organized in conceptual ways-not in the ways that people experienced buildings. We were not trained to be sensitive to the ways things would look complete. It always appeared to me that interior designers were much more aware of how buildings were experienced, how they would look when you were actually in a room in a space; were much more in touch with scale and texture and combinations of forms."

Said architect and teacher Tom Beeby: "In the Beaux Arts days, when you designed a building, it implied a certain kind of interior—there was a stylistic implication of what was going to happen inside, from the moldings to the finishes to the furniture. By the time I got to Cornell, that had all been sort of trashed—and we were not offered any alternative. I think it is only in recent years that many of us have begun to educate ourselves in interior design."



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Architect Sharon Jasnocha, who graduated 10 years ago and is now establishing an interior design department at Holabird & Root: "My education at the Circle Campus was strongly oriented toward urban planning and very large-scale projects. It would have helped me to be taught that the interior spaces were important—that the interior space, not just the exterior, is important in an urban context." Said architect Sharon Sutton,

professor of architecture and interior design at the University of Cincinnati: "We're talking not about what architecture students learn about interiors, but about what they *learn*—especially at the beginning. The question, it seems to me, is not just the relationships between the inside and outside of a building, but total design as it relates to people. Postmodern thinking raises new questions about the relationship between a building and its interiors. The interest in rehabilitation has caused us to be less enthused about whether we



Sharon E. Sutton Assistant professor of architecture and interior design University of Cincinnati Cincinnati

are going to have rectangles or triangles and more concerned about the functional use of space, of personal space. And new uses are affecting thinking about interiors: Everyone knows what a church is and how to program a church, but nobody knows much about housing the poor and the elderly, so programming (and interior design) becomes a more important focus."

After some debate about the importance of objective vs. subjective approaches to architectural education, architect Greg Landahl, whose firm has done mostly interiors work, argued that: "The crux of the issue from the architectural education viewpoint is that interiors are now fashionable, current, being talked about. Ten years ago when I graduated from school, buildings were important, interiors weren't. Now that interiors are important, people are going to talk about whether interior design is objective or subjective, pretty or ugly, a separate discipline or a part of total design. Ten years ago, at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, if they wanted to bury you somewhere, they buried you in interiors. I got buried in interiors, and I found I liked it."

#### And the question

of how taste is developed Said architect Stanley Tigerman: "Landahl has brought up fascinating ideas—some essential things about the different characters around this table.

What I think I heard him say is that taste has come out of the closet; that while some years ago it wasn't fashionable to talk about taste (which is why architects looked down on interior decorators), it now is not just fashionable but very important, not just in interiors but in the design of exteriors. It will be interesting to see the effect of the work of Michael Graves and others in the context of the more pragmatic things that deal with the structuring of interiors. Interiors have always been important and legitimate; but they were long frowned on by architects because they dealt with taste. That made architecture a bit hermetic and a bit private. But that has changed.'

But...said architect Tom Eyerman, an administrative partner of SOM: "I agree with you that taste is important. That takes you to the whole background, the education process, the question of how taste is developed and how you communicate that taste to the client. Perhaps I come at this more business-oriented than architecture-oriented, but I think architects and interior designers alike spend too much time on philosophical issues and not enough time on what the market really wants and what it demands and what it is really not furnishing. Architects don't like to think in terms of providing a service-most like to think that they are in the building industry.



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"Interior design is not an emerging profession; it's 50 years old and has always been noble enough to recognize architects." Norman DeHaan

And that statement, of course, raised some eyebrows and brought down some frowns from many of the panelists. As did this comment from very successful Chicago developer



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Larry Levy: "As clients who build buildings, I have found that the people we opt to work with in doing interiors are the peoplewhether they are architects or interior designers or interior decorators-who design not to please architects and the architectural magazines, but who design to please the person who has to live or work or visit or eat out in that space. Our goal-and we make it clear to any professional we work with-is to try to make people feel good about themselves while they are eating in our restaurants or when they come into the lobby of one of our buildings. In my opinion, most modern architecture doesn't make people feel good. We just opened a restaurant in Minneapolis, in a beautiful historic building. People stand in line to get in. The building was previously occupied by a restaurant that won several awards for interior architecture-but went out of business in a year and a half."

"It is true," said architect Larry Booth, "that the 'taste' of most architects was established by the International School, which was fairly abstract and remote from general experience. I think what's happening now is a restoration of sensibility, architects being able to adopt and understand the kind of space that needs to be made—and is appropriate."

Architect Charles Pfister, whose firm practices interior design: "I don't want to disagree with Mr. Levy, but I would say that it is very difficult to get a

table at the Four Seasons. Windows on the World is totally different-but also very contemporary and very successful. [Mr. Levy: I don't think it's successful because it's contemporary; I think it is successful because it's 107 floors up.] At any rate, when you are dealing with interiors, it's a subjective choice. I think we can pander, if you will, to a toocommon denominator. I think one of our charges is to work with the client and present as exciting a space as we can, and then try to get the user involved so he isn't afraid of the space, feels comfortable in the space."

Investor and client Gerald Friedman: "I think clients are changing. In offices, for example, computerization of systems is changing the way the office functions. Clients are going to demand that architects start from the inside out. Most architects start the other way



#### Gerald Friedman Investor Milwaukee

around, but they will be pressured to change—by the client."

Tom Eyerman: "I think architects involved in interiors work, and interior designers, are moving fast in the direction of becoming a service industry. We need education on both sides; we need to educate ourselves to be in a service industry, and we need to educate clients. Larry Levy was talking about real problems when he talked about his restaurants."

Tom Beeby: "That argument goes right to the heart of architects' image of themselves; are we running our practices as a business; or are we creating art? I don't think you should design buildings for the particular whims of your client."

Stuart Šilver, exhibit designer, graphic designer, client for many architects in furniture design and show room design, and vicepresident of Knoll: "I think the growth of interest in interior

architecture has its roots in the economy. We now see architects involved not just in interior architecture, but in furniture design and fabric design and other areas that serious architects weren't interested in not long ago. Many firms are now looking around for interior designers so they can offer the full service that is now expected of them-and all of these changes eventually filter back into architectural education. It is really the demands of the outside world that have affected the architectural profession, which leads to the next question: Should the economy turn around in the next five years, will architects then begin to ignore these areas again?

Norman DeHaan argued (with more than a bit of frustration in his voice) that: "Interior design is not an emerging profession, it's 50 years old and has always been noble enough to recognize architects. In the late '50s and early '60s, I had the unfortunate position of being the liaison person between the ASID and the AIA, and you can't imagine a more insulting position to be in than to go in and talk about interior design to members of the AIA board. If I wasn't wearing a flowered hat, they didn't even want to talk to me." DeHaan cited a long list of efforts that the interior design profession has made to work with the AIA-most of them rejected-"and there have been years when the AIA refused to fund or meet with or have anything to do with interior designers. It all depends on which old boy is president.

"But we have done effective things about education. In the 1960s, FIDER (Foundation of Interior Design Education Research) was established. It was financed by interior designers who recognized that there wasn't a decent educational system for interior designers in the United States. It now credits interior design courses, including the courses given in architectural schools. It doesn't make any difference if the school is in the school of architecture or the school of home economics or the school of art. If they are going to be accredited, they must pass the FIDER examination for interior design.

"In the early 1970s—because various other interior design organizations were accusing ASID of trying to control the licensing process—the National Council for Interior Design Qualification

(NCIDQ) was set up to administer the examination. It's a two-day, two-part examination that determines who may call themselves an interior designer. It's recognized by eight professional organizations concerned with interiors throughout Canada and the United States. AIA has had a seat on that board which has seldom if ever been occupied.

"The examination is accepted by the U.S. Office of Education and by the International Federation of Interior Architects in 32 nations—to recognize how an interior designer should be licensed. I thought maybe some of the architects here might like to know about that."

"What I would like to see," said som's Tom Eyerman, "is about a four-part study of education. First, I would like to know the cost to our profession, to the economy, to the individual in society for the educational failure that has occurred in architecture and interior design schools over the last 50 years. Second, I would like to see articulated the needs of our profession in terms of skills and intellectual capabilities required in new people coming out of schools. The third part would be to develop a coherent set of standards that would measure skills and achievements. Fourth, I would identify examples of effective mechanisms that would help students obtain a variety of attitudes, kinds of knowledge, and skills necessary to take their place as productive workers and members of our society.'

Stanley Tigerman: "Architectural education is not a failure. It may be for you, but it is not a failure in any way, shape, or form. Architecture is



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not a service; it is the making of objects on this planet, it is a constructive and optimistic act. Of course we all have practices, more or less, and are more or less out of bankruptcy, but that's not what brings the newer, younger, brilliant designers here. The central issue about education is to discover what it is in the work of Ron Krueck or Greg Landahl or Darcy Bonner-of any of the really brilliant young designersthat can be communicated to students. What makes them so good? That is the issue.'

#### The Round Table was asked: How do you teach? Are there no rules?

Tom Beeby: "As director of an architecture school [University of Illinois in Chicago], I suppose I should try to be more concrete about teaching methods. But it's hard to do so. What I can say is



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that we are trying to make architectural education more of a Renaissance-or generalized. education. One emphasis is humanistic values, with electives in sociology and philosophy-the cultural impacts that buildings have on society. We are trying to maintain a high technical curriculum. We support the design studies as the place where design education happens, where you have a role model working on a one-to-one basis with the student. And if the studio system works, it's an incredible vehicle, stronger than any other teaching vehicle I know of. When it doesn't work, it's lousy, as we all know. But when it works it's magic.

"In the studio, we are attempting to cover the whole scale of design-from urban design through a normal range of architectural design to interiors-and we are getting more courses together on interior design and furniture. And I must say we are finding that the student has no idea how to develop the interior as a coherent piece of design. So we have started asking the student to design a piece of furniture for a specific room, then design the room—in short, as they say, design from the inside out. Then the student can do the whole building again. I must say that architectural education that ignored the interiors has robbed architecture of a kind of coherence that it has had in the past."

Roslyn Brandt of HOK: "I too find it difficult to be specific about the question of how architects learn about interior design (or vice versa)-because you are responding to the question of quality of education in this country. I will tell you that, as an employer, what I expect of graduating students is an ability to think, an ability to conceptualize and come up with a creative solution whether or not that solution is viable, and-as Norman DeHaan discussed-an ability to read and understand what's going on in the world. The years one goes through school are the years in which one has the opportunity to find out what life is all about-and as someone who interviews graduating students all the time, I think too many of the schools have responded to what they think the profession wants by becoming more trade-school oriented. I think that is an incorrect direction. I think it is the responsibility of the profession to train the individual in the technical aspects of how to put a job together. But if you haven't developed the ability of the student to conceptualize space, to think creatively, you don't have much of a base to build on."

Said Darcy Bonner: "I think the important thing for students to learn is that there must be an emotional involvement with every job. I learned that from Tom Beeby and Stanley Tigerman, and I hope I apply it in my teaching. You have to rethink everything every time, never make expedient decisions. You have to get emotional—



Darcy Bonner Scott Himmel Darcy Bonner Associates Chicago

about things at very small scale, about furniture and materials. With Mies, there was a love for the material—and it is important not to lose that when you've done a lot of buildings."

Architect Charles Pfister: "Having spent a long number of years at SOM, I would point out that a lot of buildings that Skidmore does are speculative buildings, done for developers, and they have no specific user. At best they have a type of user, or types of user, in mind. The inside doesn't get designed because there is no one to design it for. On the other hand, there are buildings that Skidmore has done that didn't just start with the interior, they started with the furniture. The Weyerhaeuser headquarters building is a fine example. The building was developed (and it is a striking and unusual building) from the interiors.'

Stanley Tigerman: "I would go back and remind ourselves just who we are and who we are supposed to be working forwhich is people. I teach a Master's program which is limited to courses in architectural theory, religion, linguistics, philosophy and literature-and that's it, period. We expect people who come to us to be technically proficient, and they are. We are interested in the making of objects-the building of buildings. But we need to remember who we are there to build for. Every discipline has built into it the trap of hermeticism-of thinking that by studying details in design, numbers in business school, antecedent conditions in law school, that in and of itself will structure capability and proficiency. Instead, the study of the nature of man is central to the education of an architect, interior designer... any designer. So Mies, I would contend, is in

part remembered because of his civilizing capabilities. His buildings were beyond technical proficiency, beyond pragmatic resolution. The work in any fine school of architecture or interior design has to transcend the work inside the discipline. Whether you study in an undergraduate program or get a Master's degree after study in a discipline outside of architecture, you need to understand that you are in a cultural continuum. There is simply no other way-no matter how proficient or controlled your work is-that you will be able to operate in a society unless you understand how it perpetuates itself.'

Thor Loberg, who has been the client for several resort-area hotels: "As a client, I feel good about what Mr. Tigerman has been saying. I cannot address your education needs or needs for improvement, and I must say I found it surprising that the study of interior design is not mandatory as a central part of architectural education. Nonetheless, to me as a client the architect is an artist. I would expect the architect that I work with to be able to conceptualizewith some input on my side as a client-the whole project, the total thing. I would expect him to be able to accomplish what has been agreed to as a conceptwhat I think of as an operational philosophy, a platform for the architect to start working. Once it has been agreed upon, I expect



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him to put on his very creative hat and, whatever it takes, create the entire thing. I think of a building as a creation, and when it is successful, it is successful not only to the architect and his client, but most importantly, to the people who are going to use those spaces."

Norman DeHaan: "In Scandinavia, they used to set

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aside a full year in which students from all the related disciplines would have to work together as a team to complete a building or a space-say, an opera hall. Ironically, at least in Sweden, they decided the American model was better which is probably one of the reasons we don't hear too much about a lot of Swedish designers. That system created an opportunity for architects to understand that you have to have a team to create, say, an hotel. The architect cannot personally design every piece of linen, every chair, every piece of kitchen equipment. I find that every university that has a graduate school virtually prohibits students from auditing other classes. Ten or 15 years ago, interior designers and architects were encouraged to audit each other's classes. I think it's terribly important that students move back and forth among disciplines.

"Another comment: I personally, of course, am not interested in making money, but I am very democratic—I find nothing wrong with being financially successful. I think it is terribly important that students not get the idea that if you are doing good for society, you shouldn't make any money at it. I think that is an option that should be left open."

Tom Beeby: "Norman DeHaan spoke about teamwork. As far as education is concerned, we have to recognize that there is an incredible kind of academic animosity that has grown up over the last, what, 30 years. Often, interior design is taught in a different department than architecture. Sometimes interior design is taught in the art department, and there are schools where architecture falls under engineering. The problem is that people in each department were educated under different systems. We're trying very hard to break down those barriers. In our new curriculum, we're planning to let students choose among several options-one of them interior design-for the final year.'

Said James Ferguson, space planner, interior designer, and vice president of the Institute of Business Designers: "I agree that the years in college are the important years for expanding your mind. What concerns me is that when a student graduates, he slams right into the real world-into office procedures, into technical concerns. I think, as professionals, that we have to make a commitment to education on a continuing basis-and I mean not just technical education but the kind of cultural exchange we have been talking about. My first employer, and I remember it well, put out beer and soda every Friday afternoon and we would sit and talk about what was going on. We were encouraged to ask questions, be naive, be idealistic. It was an opportunity to ask aggressive kinds of questions, with no holds barred, and get some input back from the principals.'

#### Work-study programs seemed much admired. Why aren't there more?

Sharon Sutton (whose school has a work-study program): "I like the idea that the most important thing is to teach the student to think and to solve any problem, whether it be to organize their own closet or have an opinion on nuclear power. It seems, in order to accomplish that, that what we have to do is give the students sort of ideal, or idealized, problems—make up a world that the student can investigate with his or her limited skills. But then what happens is you graduate.

"I think there is a problem in the school of having some sort of curriculum that at least introduces reality while still allowing the student to dream of the ideal, strive for the ideal. Then the student should have an easier adjustment to the working world where there are budgets and clients and other realities that prevent the ideal from ever surfacing."

Said Roslyn Brandt of HOK: "I like the ideal, too—but I would remind Tom Beeby that Mies is gone, and that we have come a



Roslyn Brandt Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum New York City

long way since then. While I agree with you that building and interior are best designed and controlled by one firm, I do not believe any longer that it is possible for the architect to remain the Renaissance man without the collaboration of other disciplines and specialties and the varied capabilities that we as human beings and educated people can bring to any given problem.

"As to relating formal education and 'the real world': I am perplexed as to what has happened to some of the very good work-study programs and some of the very good interdisciplinary team efforts that went on. I attended the University of Manitoba, and in the late years of my training students from architecture and interior design were put together to solve problems at the urban scale, the scale of the building, and the scale of interiors. Working together, we gained a tremendous level of respect and understanding for the various elements that go into a building. But that program is no longer available. The University of Cincinnati [where Sharon Sutton teaches] has an excellent program of that typeinterdisciplinary and work-study. We have students from that school all of the time at HOK; and we have hired many of the graduates. Because they get practical experience in the field while they are still students, they are able to bring back to the school, to the educational process, something of the real world."

Why aren't there more workstudy programs? "There aren't enough jobs," was Charles Pfister's quick answer. "That's one problem," agreed Sharon Sutton. "But there are also problems of scheduling the work experience with the school. Further, most work-study programs run year-round, which is a totally different kind of academic system which is not popular with faculty people who have gone into academe so they can have their summers off to write papers. But at Cincinnati we think the benefits to the student far outweigh the difficulties.

Norman DeHaan: "To my knowledge, few schools have pulled up their socks and come up with a standard for workstudy. There are, in addition to the problems mentioned, problems of insurance, health programs, unemployment compensation. Should the students be paid?" Tom Eyerman: "I would say that in the past eight or nine years, we have been involved with 20 schools that have tried work-study. There are problems of losing a certain amount of state aid because students are not on campus, and tenure is tied in. The problems with workstudy programs are administrative problems. But they should be solved—I know of very few people who don't think work-study programs are a great idea."

#### A basic question came up: are design skills learned, or inborn?

Said Larry Booth: "There was an implication in my training that somehow architectural skills



Larry Booth Booth/Hansen & Associates Chicago

were inborn, that there was a talent that you either had or you didn't have and somehow you were brought into the studio and allowed to exercise your talent and it developed or didn't develop and you were graded accordingly. If they taught medicine the way we teach architecture, you would bring a student into the room, give him a knife and a sick patient on a table, and say: 'Fix him.'

"Architecture is not idiosyncratic-there are ways of doing things that are excellent, that should be respected. The past has a great deal to teach us, and these are skills that you go in and learn. You don't begin by saying, 'Here is the city. What would you do with it?' You start by designing a door-how does it hinge and how does it latch and why is a door a good idea? You learn to understand the door, and then you go to the window, and then to the wall-and you begin to build up a competence. So far, that has nothing to do with selfexpression, nothing to do with whether the student has a poetic mind. It has to do with basic skills; with the fact that there



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Said architect Ron Krueck: "It's true that 'fashions' are going to change, that people are going to emphasize different



Ron Krueck Krueck & Olsen Architects Chicago

aspects of what a building or an interior should be. But it seems to me that what is important is not that we teach the fashion, but that we open the eyes of the students so that they learn to use their eyes to make visual judgments—become sensitized to proportion, scale, the weight of masses. Words and ideas about architecture are very important; but so are visual judgments. What makes a designer? I think it is the ability to manipulate visual things, visual elements, proportion, line, color, texture, spatial relationship."

Said Stuart Silver: "Opening the student's eyes, as Ron puts it, is just the right priority. One of the things that an architectural education can do at any level is to help prevent the proliferation of ugliness in our lives—junky buildings, lousy interiors, inferior products. Most of the students who come asking to be taught have some visual predilection. We need to teach them to see; to understand what is good and what is bad and why; to use their visual judgment. A room like this hotel salon has certain economic structures-but we don't necessarily have to choose that kind of wall and that kind of lighting and that kind of carpet. Why is so much so bad? Why has what Mies taught us turned into 15 years of crap and imitation? Why do children who do wonderful artwork in the third grade buy bad reproductions for their houses when they are 30? If you could explain that, I think you could explain a lot. I can't."

### What about education after graduation—whether

internship or unstructured? Said Greg Landahl: "I chose to work at SOM because I thought I could learn the most there. But I wasn't there six weeks before I found out that you didn't just learn practical details, you learned from the personalities. I watched what Walter Netsch was doing architecturally, and what his Field Theory was doing to the interiors of those buildings; and I watched what Bruce Graham was doing with those nice clear 35foot bays; and I spent lunch hours going through the pictures of what Charlie Pfister had done out at Weyerhaeuser. You took pieces of ideas and tried to fit them together. You follow the cult figures. We learn from the Netsches and the Grahams and the Pfisters—and the Michael Graveses. We learn and we borrow and we move on. You really pick your own destinies in terms of where you want to work after college-assuming of course the state of the economy lets you have that choice."



Gregory W. Landahl The Landahl Group Inc. Chicago

Said Robert Kleinschmidt: "I'm another of those SOM graduates, but unlike Greg Landahl, who started by thinking he had been 'buried' in interiors, I knew from the start that was where I wanted to be. Skidmore had formed the first commercial interiors department with the Inland Steel Building in 1957, and the Chase Manhattan project in 1959. When I got out of Columbia, architecture degree in hand, I knew that was the place I wanted to go and that was the kind of work I wanted to do. Le Corbusier is generally not thought of as an interior design cult figure, but I've saved something he wrote years ago: 'A man proceeds from within to without. A man is like a soap bubble. This bubble is perfect if its breadth is evenly distributed and regulated from the inside. The exterior of the bubble is the



Robert Kleinschmidt Powell/Kleinschmidt Inc. Chicago

result of the interior.' And I think of that as the essence of interior architecture. I feel this is where it all begins. It begins with the planning process, and when we program properly we have a good plan and this is the basis for the total design. I feel the biggest void in interior architecture is the lack of good planners."

Interior designer and space planner Jim Ferguson: "I agree that the starting point is a wellworked-out program. And I think that space planning is more of an analytical process than a creative process, at least in the esthetic sense. Nonetheless, it is essential to a good design, to good architecture."

Sharon Jasnocha: "I share the conviction that teamwork is needed, and I generally do not believe in that Renaissance man. Having said that, I have to say that the work I do really begins the minute a job is brought into the office and continues throughout the project. I'm involved in programming, in planning, in discussing with other architects in the office how the building is shaped and proportioned, in establishing the technology to be used-and then it comes back to further development of those interior spaces. I see the majority of my work-the work of our interiors group-as being planners and shapers of space. Picking furniture and selecting fabrics is only one part of the process, usually rather late in the process. What kinds of people are we hiring for the interior design department? There are now five of us-three architects, a painter, and a painter/interior designer."

Ken Johnson, president of ISD, Inc., one of the largest interior design firms in the country and a member of AIA's national Committee on Interiors: "When we started, our firm was owned by an architectural firm, and we didn't have much of a role in shaping buildings and we did do a lot of color selection. Students interested in interiors have a lot more to look forward to today than they did in the years when the interiors people were very much under the thumb of the architect. Today we find lots of architectural graduates who want to work with us in interior design.'

Stuart Silver of Knoll, who has been a client of many well-known architects for furniture design and show-room design, spoke of his frustration with architect attitudes towards special expertise: "In my first year at



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Pratt, I got the distinct impression that there was no future for me in threedimensional design work architecture or interior design. So I went into graphic design, and went to work for the Exciting new meaning has been given to the relationship of furniture systems, fabrics, and full-height walls with the organization of Sunar and The E.F. Hauserman Co. into one company, SunarHauserman.

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Metropolitan Museum of Art at a time when it was a quiet place. A few years down the line, I found the opportunity to do an exhibition. I didn't know how to design anything that was supposed to be built—but I was the only designer there, so I did it. One exhibition led to another, a new director came in, and before I knew it I was dealing with thousands of square feet of exhibition space. As time went on, I found I was working with architects and designers in what had become my design staff. The work became more and more sophisticated, and we received a good deal of attention as exhibition designers-a sort of a sub-specialty. I found myself teaching at Pratt-teaching all kinds of design students, teaching about the theory of dealing with interior space in ways that were both very pragmatic (how does an exhibition work) and very organic (how do the people react). As time went on, I traveled a good deal for the museum, and saw museums designed by very fine architects that simply didn't work at all as museums. And I found myself wondering: How does this happen? My responsibilities expanded to include the design of permanent wings at the museum, working with other well-known architects-in effect as the client. And almost uniformly, I encountered a resistance to the special knowledge that I and the people who worked with me had developed over a period of 15 years; whether the question was traffic flow, or the conservation of art, or the lighting of works of art, or the design of cases. The architects somehow seemed to have the attitude that even in this special area of expertise, they knew better-and this is an attitude that puzzles me. I leave this commentary with a question for the architectural educators here: Is this something that is bred into architectural students? Or is it just my rotten personality?"

#### On apprenticeship and internship

Said AIA staff member Richard Van Os Keuls: "The internship period is something that interests AIA a lot, though we still have some differences with NCARB over standards, and we still have some difficulty getting offices around the country to



Richard Van Os Keuls Deputy Director for Policy/ Professional Interest Programs American Institute of Architects Washington

participate in the program. But some progress is being made. The AIA committee on interiors is in place, and we are concerned with the postgraduate education of architectural students with particular interest in interior design."

Sharon Sutton: "I think the subject of internship requires very serious consideration, maybe because I had such an awful experience. I went to work in a cult-style office, where we worked 90 hours a week and got a free dinner and a cab home-if it was after midnight. I learned very little, though that was one of the teachers I admired very, very much. Now that I'm teaching, I'm afraid I'm unsuccessful as an employer because I hire my students, and I feel so guilty about what happened to me that I try to educate them and never get the work done.

Tom Beeby: "The profession has always relied on apprenticeship. I worked very hard for no money at C. F. Murphy-and I learned a lot. The principal I worked for gave me a lot of responsibility because he was very busy. I've used that information and training to this day, and I don't know where else I would have gotten it if I hadn't gotten it there.... I'm concerned about the effect of computers, computer technology, on apprenticeship. If a machine can replace a significant number of the apprentices, then I think the whole structure of education will have to change. If there is much less work for apprentices, then we are going to have to rethink the whole thing over again."

Nada Andric: "I share the belief that a good apprenticeship is invaluable-probably more important than what we learn in school. I had good schooling in architecture and interior design, but most of what I really learned was the result of hard work and cumulative experience working with qualified and knowledgeable professionals. It still works the way it always did: the young people pick one of the architects they feel they will learn the most from and sort of become their followers. At every level, there is a good deal of collegial exchange. It's not that you are sitting there listening to the master; it's a give-and-take process. Many, many new thoughts come from this kind of exchange-fresh new ideas from school combined with the experience of a someone who has been in the profession a long time.'

#### And so the panelists were asked for some final thoughts for the day

Charles Pfister began: "Ours is an interior design firm, but we hire only architects. The reason is a simple one: We find that the students who have studied interior design don't know how to draw—and until the computer takes over drafting totally, we



Charles Pfister Charles Pfister Incorporated San Francisco

will need people who know how to draw. The more students learn this basic language of architecture, the better off the

world of design will be." Client Thor Loberg: "As I said before, I like the idea of an architect doing everything having a complete understanding of the project and the direction it is going to take. An architect must obviously have other people working for him, but I like the idea of one person who is in total control. I also believe strongly that a concept or operational philosophy has to be developed before any pencil can be put to use. This is the time when the architect and client sit down and try to figure out what the client wants to have happen. It's more than what you call programming or planning, I think—it's a philosophical thing. Question: Couldn't that be part of architectural education-whether for building design or interior design? I think it should be.

Gerald Friedman, private investor and client for an office building designed by Bruce Graham of SOM with interior design by Warren Platner: "As a client who spends a lot of time working with businessmen, I can tell you that they need to be continually educated as to what their options are. I will never look at the world the same after my experience with that building-and I am not just talking about architecture, I am talking about working with designers, and about art. It was a great experience for me. I think it is fair to say that businessmen (like architects?) often have big egos, pride themselves on their successes, and are, I'm sorry to say, very closed-minded. They may think they know 'what a building should look like,' and know what the requirements are, but they can't convert that into design choices, into options. "I do agree that you must start

"I do agree that you must start from the inside out—down to the furniture. When you are hungry, you don't look at art; when you are not comfortable in a chair, you don't admire the interior design work around you."

Stuart Silver: "I'm not sure I agree with Thor Loberg's desire to have one 'great figure' overseeing every aspect of a project. I'm not sure that single great individuals exist in sufficient quantity to make that a reliable option. I hope that the next generation of architects sees fit to work on more or less equal terms with interior designers. We are dealing with subjective judgments—even clients have been known to express taste preferences from time to time. This is an area that requires

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some resolution and, in my opinion, some changes in attitude starting with school."

Sharon Sutton: "We are, of course, leaving with a lot of unanswered questions, but then I love unanswered questions because they give me something to think about when I can't sleep at night. For instance: I believe deeply in the art of architecture, which requires inspiration-and it's very hard to have a group inspiration. On the other hand, I am deeply committed to interdisciplinary work-there are people who spend a lifetime learning certain special things, and we have to be able to use that information. I would like to hope that we can have the bestthat we can have this Renaissance person who creates the object that is the inspiration. but who at the same time is informed by interdisciplinary knowledge.

Nada Andric: "I would hope that architecture and interior design would remain integrated, that the architect not abdicate from interiors, and that there be



Nada Andric Murphy/Jahn Chicago

no new professional called interior architect. That is really my hope."

Tom Beeby: "In the end, I do think you have to be sort of a Renaissance man; but you do need all kinds of expertise too. There is an educational problem: Not long ago, in Chicago at least, there was a commonly held style, if you will—a series of conventions which everyone understood, mostly through Mies' influence. People could move from office to office who understood the conventions of that language, and you could have someone in an interiors department working on interiors while someone else worked on the design of the building; and in the end they all fit together. However, I think at the moment that there seems to be a breakdown of those conventions. Everyone in our office understands exactly what the intentions of a job are from the over-all concept to the last detail. because we speak the same language. But if we start to produce a kind of multiplicity of educational systems, start teaching people in different ways, I'm afraid the idea of working together as a team becomes more and more difficult if not impossible.

Larry Booth: "I think that as long as the goals are sharedclearly understood and shared by people with a certain level of sensitivity-then whether the orchestra leader is didactic or relatively loose doesn't really matter. I think the key word is sensibility-and you can't teach that. Some of the greatest architects and some of the greatest designers and some of the greatest decorators had no formal training or professional education. What they had was an ability that they practiced. They had sensibility.

Roslyn Brandt: "I really believe that communication between the disciplines-starting from the years in school-is absolutely critical. Our world is increasingly complex; and we need to recognize the expertise of all the disciplines-interior design, structural engineering, mechanical engineering, and so on-that come to bear on the creation of space for people. I think that if we recognize the expertise of each of the disciplines, we have a better opportunity in the future to create the best space for those people."

Norman DeHaan: "I have begun to ask students to examine themselves, their own personalities, their own abilities. To examine whether they are really best suited to deal with clients, or to deal with codes, or to do pretty renderings, or to work with colors, or to do accounting. I am inviting students to try to recognize where they can develop; help them discover where they can at least get a foot in the door and start working on interior designs. Unfortunately, most of them come out with degrees and immediately feel they can design this side of the moon. I think the educational institutions tend to lump everyone together regardless of personality differences-and that's just not the way it is."

Tom Everman: "This has been a fascinating day-but much more needs to be said about the education of architects and interior designers. I hope that ARCHITECTURAL RECORD does a lot more on the subject. Some direction is sorely needed-I'm reminded of the old saw: 'If you don't know where you're going. anybody will get you there.' In the past 10 years at SOM, we have probably lost more talent than most schools of architecture have produced; so I think we know a little bit about education and what's going on in the schools. But much more needs to be done; education is where we should focus our attention.

ISD's Ken Johnson: "Recently, at a national AIA Interiors Committee meeting in Washington, I overheard a comment-and this is a quote-'We architects are letting interiors slip away.' I think I would change that and say, 'Architects have let interiors slip away.' Of course, there are plenty of exceptions; but too many architects have taken the attitude that all they had to do was pick some colors and pick some furniture from a catalog; and that is why firms like ours have come to the prominence that we evidently have. Four years ago, there were three local



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Ron Krueck: "Maybe it's because we are a small firm, I think the smallest one here, but we do think it is important for us to control everything from the placement of the doorbell. I think that we have to have a complete sense of the project, and I think that is what makes our work successful. You have to make it all the way through a project from concept to that doorbell.

"The important thing about your postgraduate education, I think, is to keep searching out new sets of information. I must admit I learned this by accident: After six years at IIT, I went to work in C.F. Murphy's office to sort of continue that Miesian genealogy. But at that office, I ended up working with Tom Beeby, who had studied on the East Coast, and it turned out he had a whole different set of information. At our firm, we are developing another set of information. At least in the early years, you should try to objectify your thoughts, not reinforce them.

And the last word went to Greg Landahl: "I think we have all sort of agreed to disagree that the architect can be the Renaissance man and also a team player. I think we have also decided that we can ask the questions and not expect to get answers-or at least one answer. But one final question: Assuming we were invited to this Round Table because we are pretty good at our work, what responsibility do we have to the guys who present themselves as architects and don't pay attention to architectural interiors? What responsibility do we have as individuals for all the lousy buildings and lousy interiors we're always complaining about? Do we as individuals have the responsibility to teach those suckers what they are doing wrong?"

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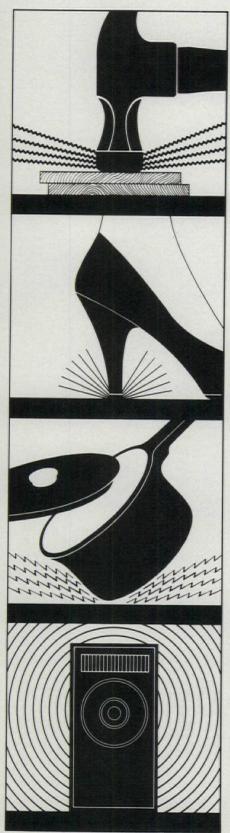
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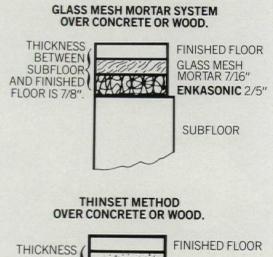
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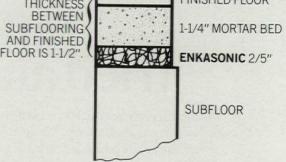
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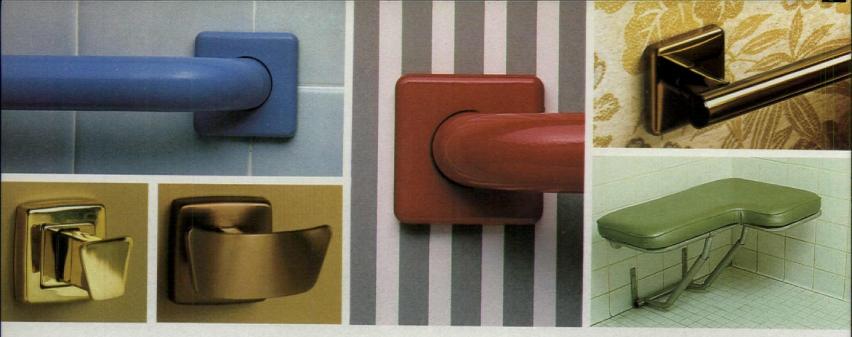
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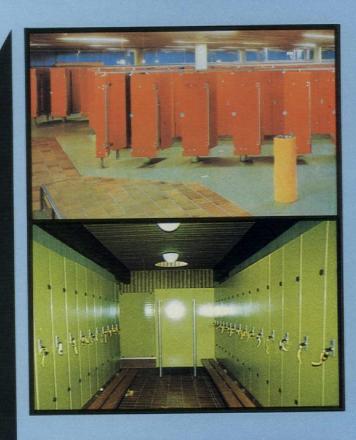
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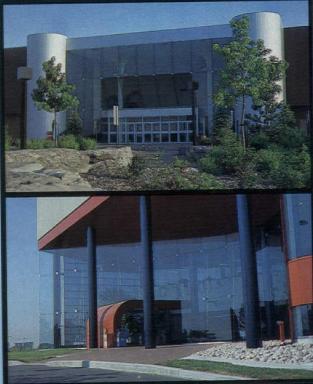


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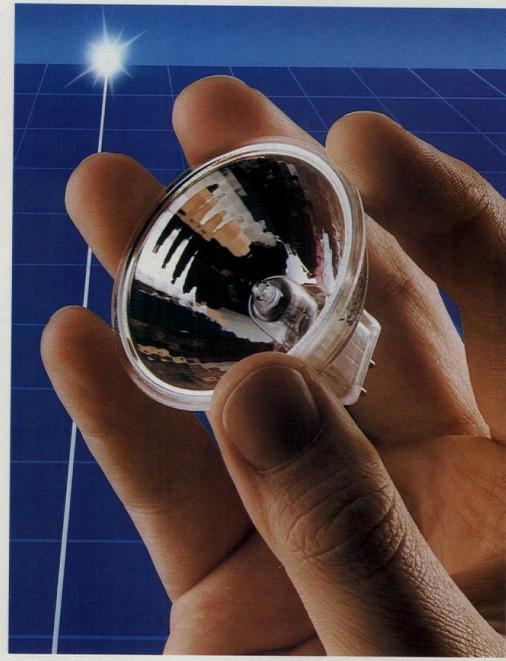
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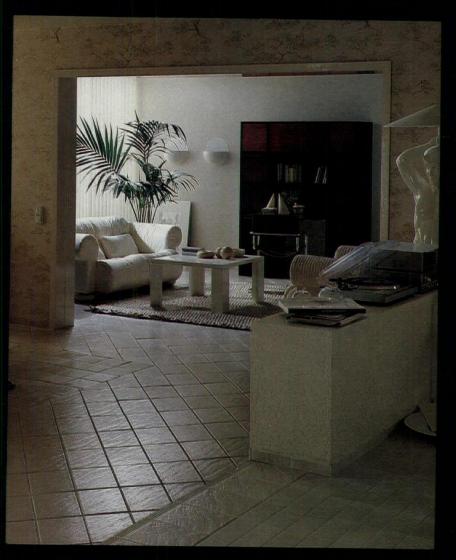
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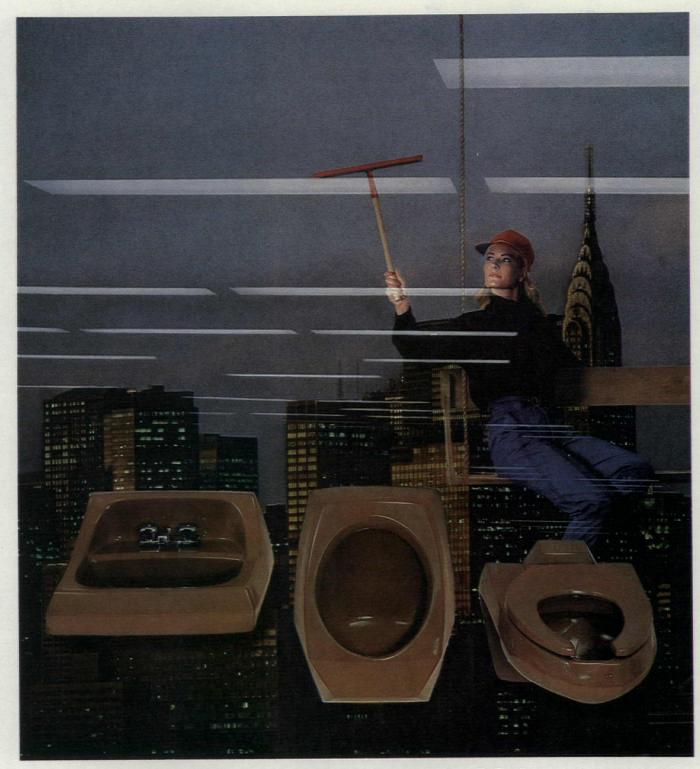
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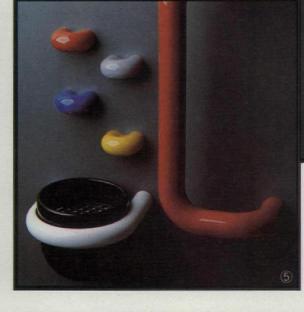




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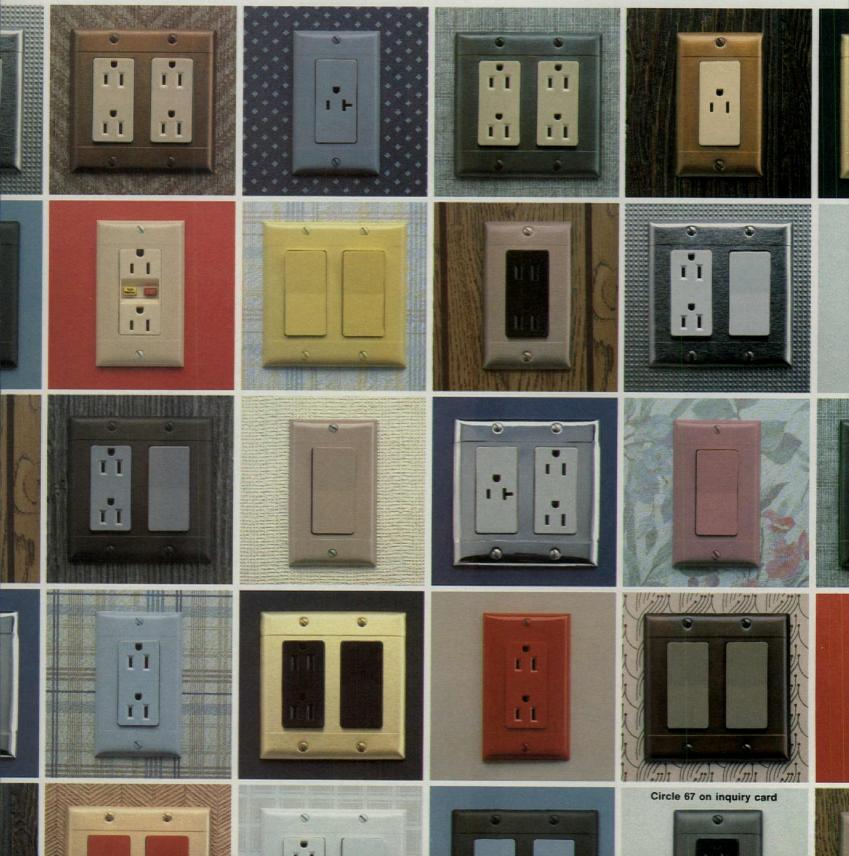
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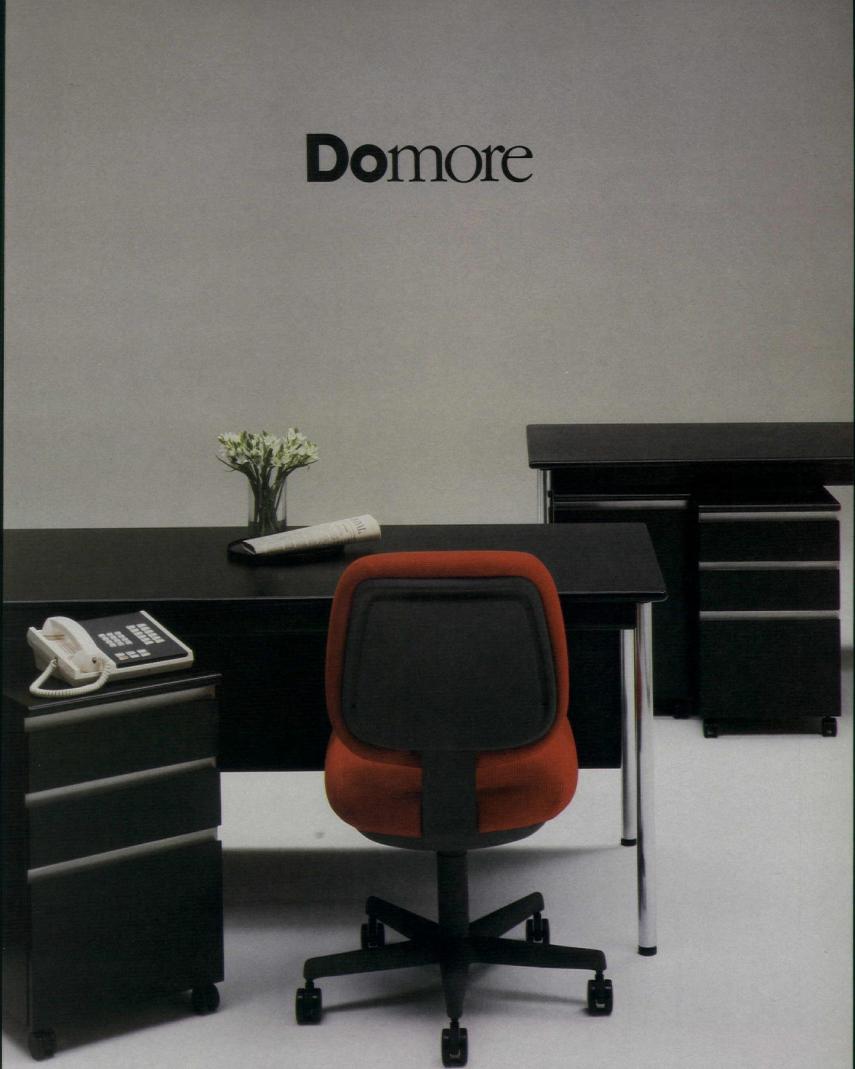
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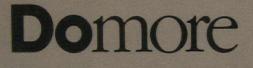
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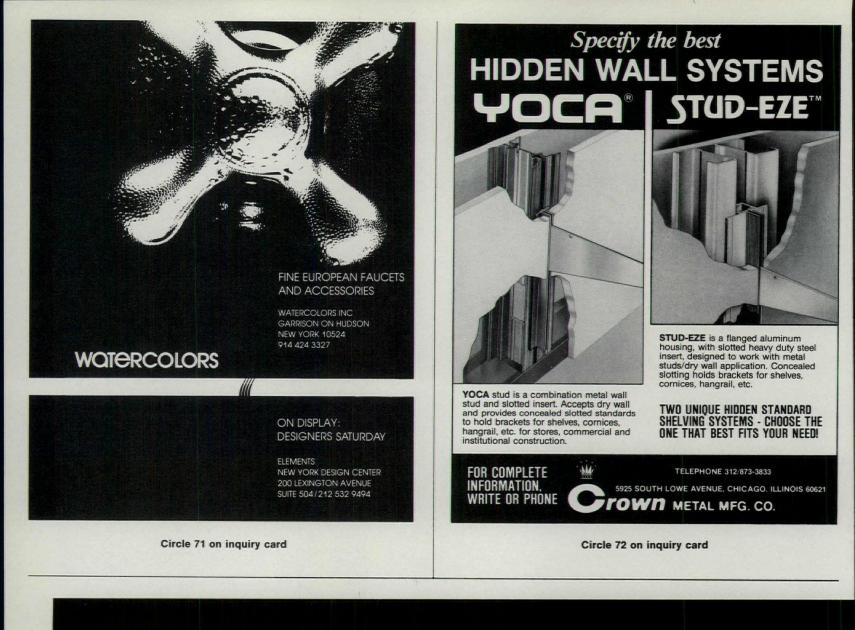
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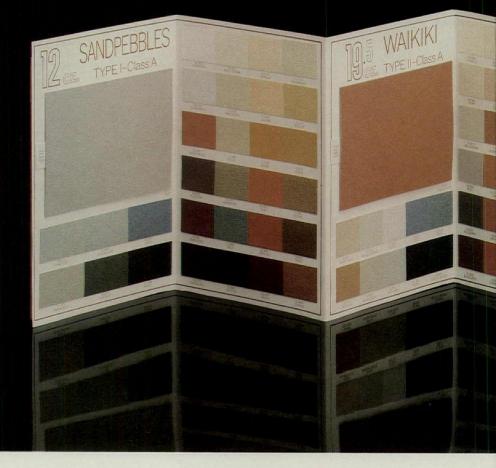
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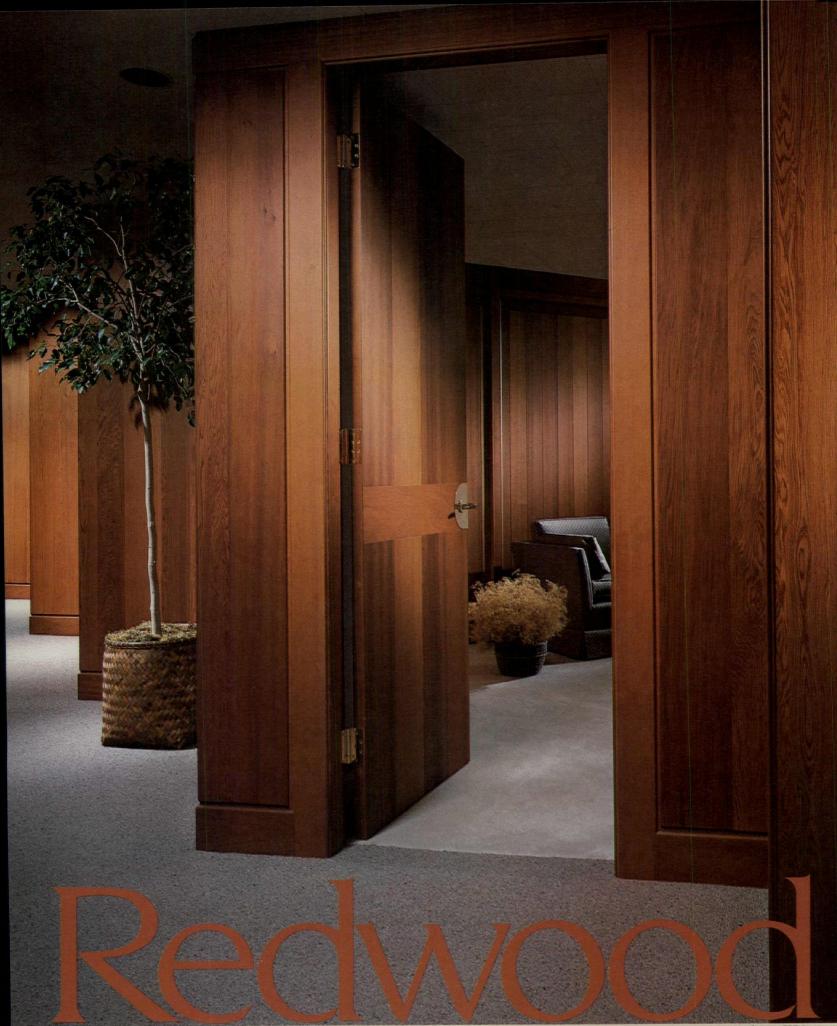
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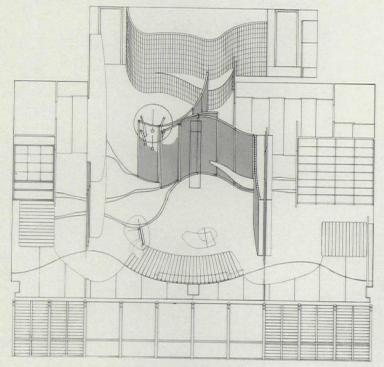
## **Record Interiors 1983**

It wasn't so long ago that the mere mention of interior decoration was enough to warrant a withering glare from any self-respecting architect. After all, architects designed spaces, they didn't decorate rooms. Never mind the legacy of Josef Hoffmann, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Otto Wagner, and Frank Lloyd Wright: the times, it was argued, had changed. Well the times have changed again. According to a comfortable majority of the architects and designers whose work we have selected for the 13th annual Record Interiors Awards, the decoration of rooms and the design of spaces are not mutually exclusive. It is, as we were told it would be, not either/or, but both/and. Witness the 18 projects featured on the following 72 pages: One is hard pressed to simply point to a spot and say, "This is where the architecture ends and the decoration begins." Nor can one simply dismiss the current interest in decoration as endemic to aficionados of one particular school of thought, or, in the current lexicon, of one particular ism. We consciously include in this issue a broad cross-section of work, representing diverse attitudes and approaches. Our stylistic spectrum stretches from the ultra-modernism of architects Ronald Krueck and Keith Olsen to the ultra-eclecticism of architects Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown. Between these two esthetic poles, however, lies a field of offices, residences, shops, show rooms, and a library, which each bespeak their respective designers' pursuit of a degree of decoration-ornament-embellishment appropriate to the people and program they were asked to accommodate. At times that degree is extremely high, as in the California offices of lawyers who specialize in rock 'n roll stars; at other times that degree is extremely low, as in the Chicago offices of British bankers. And sometimes that degree was pre-existing, as in Georgetown University's ornate Riggs Library. But more important than precisely how much these particular projects happen to be individually decorated, ornamented, and embellished is the fact that collectively they are. And since architects are famous for testing out their design ideas in interiors commissions first, we turn to the following pages for clues foretelling the architectural future. Remember the first Sunar show room? Remember the Portland Building? Charles K. Gandee

## Fantasia

Marriott Residence Chicago, Illinois Krueck & Olsen, Architects







Timothy Hursley (photo previous spread)

Krueck & Olsen's approach to architecture can most accurately be termed obsessive. Every detail, material, finish, color, surface, joint, juxtaposition, and assembly has been considered, reconsidered, and then considered yet again, until it's perfect. The architects domination over the environments they create is absolute-even the furniture is bolted to the floor. Though some may feel that the long arm of Krueck & Olsen Architects leaves precious little room for personal participation, Celia Marriott does not resent the extent of their involvement in her apartment: "If everything has been thought through at every conceivable level, you don't have to think about it anymore.

Two years ago, during a fortuitous visit to Chicago's Merchandise Mart, Celia Marriott happened upon a temporary furniture exhibition for Thonet in which—if viewer and light behaved—an unlikely chorus of classic bentwood chairs performed their own variation on the dance of the seven veils. The illusion of static objects made to appear kinetic by means of overlapping layers of perforated-metal screens captivated the associate director for media programs at the Art Institute of Chicago. She called the firm responsible for the sleight-of-architectonic-hand installation, told them, essentially, that she wanted one too, and then handed over her three-bedroom cooperative apartment in a Mies van der Rohe tower as the site.

For Krueck & Olsen Architects, choreographers of the Thonet "dance," and recipients of the apartment commission, Celia Marriott was the ideal client: her functional requirements were minimal; her possessions were few; and, and most importantly, she had the domestic courage of her esthetic convictions. "No longer interested in living with paintings on the walls, and objects of art on the tables and shelves, Mrs. Marriott wanted to live inside a painting...to be surrounded by an integral work of art," recalls partner Ronald Krueck, who was not only sympathetic to the aspiration but up to the charge, having indulged his own passion for art by taking a three-year sabbatical from architecture to study painting.

Krueck & Olsen began, as artists always do, with a blank canvas. They gutted the 1,600-square-foot apartment, leaving only, at client request, the bathrooms and kitchen intact. While the members of Mrs. Marriott's bridge club consider her "brave" for transforming a three-bedroom apartment into what is effectively a studio, it is a studio for which she would have gladly paid four bedrooms-as the view, both out and in, is spectacular; some would say surreal. Though to be fair, regarding the view out, nature must receive credit for supplying Lake Michigan, and Mies, for the aerial perspective; Krueck & Olsen accentuated the work of both by allowing the vast splendor of the great lake to come into full panoramic view. The open plan they introduced scrupulously stops all interior partitions comfortably short of the window wall. And it is the rare corner of the apartment from which one does not have at least eight of the ten windows within clear visual reach. Privacy for the two sleeping alcoves flanking the central living area is provided by means of telescoping doors that pull out of either a monumental wardrobe, defining one edge of the living/dining area (photo previous spread), or a glassblock-fluorescent-light-jalousie-window sandwich, defining the other side of the living area (photo left). When fully extended, the doors slip into narrow reveals furrowed out of the massive stainless-steel ledge cum banquette that stretches 55 feet along the window wall (photo left). At three points, the glistening metallic mass reaches out into the space to accept mattresses and a couch, and at two points it pulls back to allow passage between living and sleeping areas (drawing above left). This graceful ebb and flow of the recreated Lake Michigan shoreline is echoed in the curvilinear course of the shimmering veils suspended between the living and dining areas (photo right). The three slipped perforated-metal screens appear to decorously bow, as if to accommodate the gentle sweep of the dining-table curve, just as they appear to coyly flirt with the structural column they glide past. On the floor, ceiling, and walls, rivulets of oozing color dissolving into dots continue the sinuous path of the screens.

A postscript is supplied by Ronald Krueck: "Architecture is an attempt to create an unreal object... but it's never successful." The note of sorrow is distinct. But Krueck should cheer up. He and Olsen are close to it—very close. C. K. G.

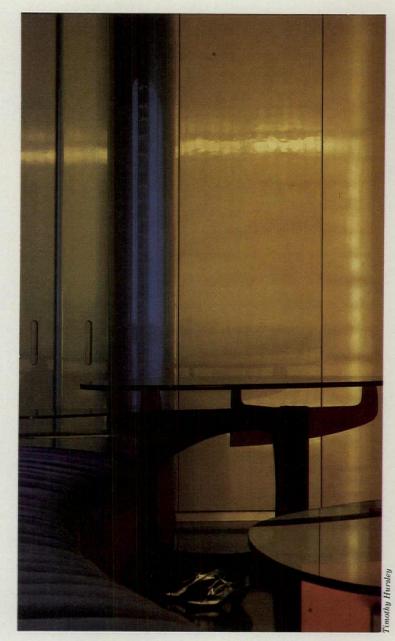






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Looking out through the three slipped perforated-metal screens defining one edge of the dining area, one loses all confidence in depth perception. The visual distortion is caused by graduated dot openings in the screens, which—when the light from Lake Michigan is just right—also create dazzling moiré patterns. Depending on the time of day, the chameleonlike veils are either transparent, translucent, or shimmeringly opaque. One takes special pleasure in the screens, knowing that somewhere in Bauhaus heaven Laszlo Moholy-Nagy is smiling on the young Chicago architects' brilliant application of the principle and material he first employed in his 1922-30 kinetic sculpture "Light-Space Modulator." In Moholy-Nagy's sculpture, the viewer remains stationary while light is shot through two rotating perforated-metal discs.

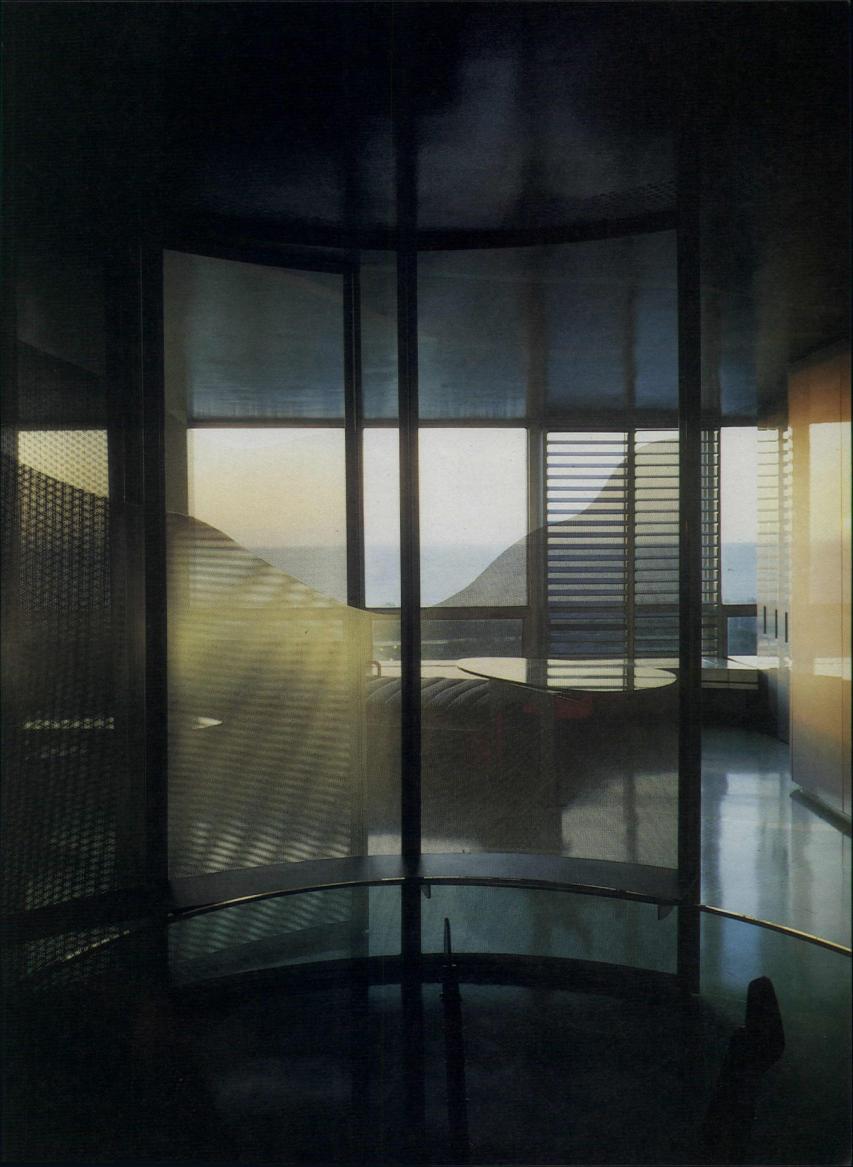


Marriott Apartment Chicago, Illinois Owner: Celia Marriott Architects: Krueck & Olsen 213 W. Institute Place Chicago, Illinois 60610 Ronald Krueck, Keith Olsen, principals; Mark Sexton, project architect Photographers: Timothy Hursley/The Arkansas Office; Nick Merrick/ Hedrich-Blessing

"It never is exactly the same twice, and there's something very satisfying about that," reflects Celia Marriott upon her apartment. And it is a fact to which even the afternoon-drifting-into-sunset visitor can readily attest. For owing to the highly polished surfaces and materials—the stainless-steel banquette, the metallic Cadillac Seville finish on the wardrobe, the two rearilluminated glass-block walls, the

glistening perforated-metal screens, and the extravagant wash of highgloss paint (over floor, ceiling, and perimeter walls)—the apartment behaves like a prism. Light is drawn in through a 55-foot expanse of Mies van der Rohe curtain wall, and duly activated by the apartment. At certain hours of the day, the space appears cloudlike, almost misty; at others, the space bursts into glorious iridescence.

Timothy Hursley



### **Boxes belie the box**





The usual response of the office designer confronted with the relentless orthogony of the typically anonymous tenant space is to "go with the flow," inserting into the rectilinear shell provided the rectilinear spaces suggested by the client's program. And that too was the response of architects Rivkin/Weisman to the design of the New York headquarters for Credit du Nord, a French firm of international bankers.

Here, however, the basically T-shaped sequence of the functional elements is subtly deformed and sprung apart to create a series of discrete, slightly off-axis pavilions for supervisory offices within the operations wing (left in plan). In the wing opposite, similar relief from rigid linearity is achieved with a curving corridor that gives access to the corner executive suite and the skewed rectangle of the facing secretarial area, then angles back to the relative isolation of the bank's nerve center—the trading room where the demi-entrepreneurs of banking man telephones, telexes, and terminals around the clock.

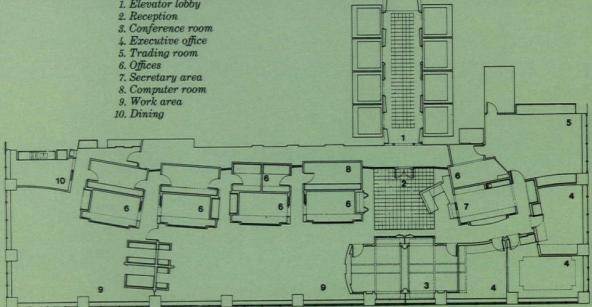
Only the leg of the T conforms to the expected grid, leading in a progression surprisingly imposing for so small a space from the elevator lobby through the reception room to a conference room that, like the pavilions, is treated as an independent volume.

The intent of the warped-T scheme, according to the architects, was to animate the interior by manipulating the space itself rather than relying on surface effects. This done—and almost as if to counterbalance the resort to fundamentally architectural planar values—the grid denied in plan becomes insistent in elevation. From the simple post-and-beam construction demarking the elevator lobby through the glazed screen opening to the reception area and on to the facing glass wall of the conference room, the entry experience is one of a succession of increasingly elaborated grid patterns—a theme reintroduced in the "window walls" of the office pavilions overlooking the work areas and echoed even in the tile walls and carpet insets.

But if the patterns are lively, the space is far from busy, partaking instead of a serenity almost Oriental. In large part this tranquility, evident even in the busy operations wing, is attributable to a color scheme of soothing earth tones, predominantly flesh and rust, complemented by the gray-green palette of the highly visible conference room. It is also attributable, however, to the pavilion scheme of little boxes whose modest rotation plays an immodest role in softening the hard edges of the larger box they inhabit. *M. G.*  The play with grids and the juxtaposition of tranquil color with lively pattern that characterize the Credit du Nord offices are introduced in the entry sequence from the elevator lobby (below), which terminates in a decorative panel partially screening the conference room. In the reception area (photo top opposite) the angled desk hints at the offset pavilion scheme of the operations wing,

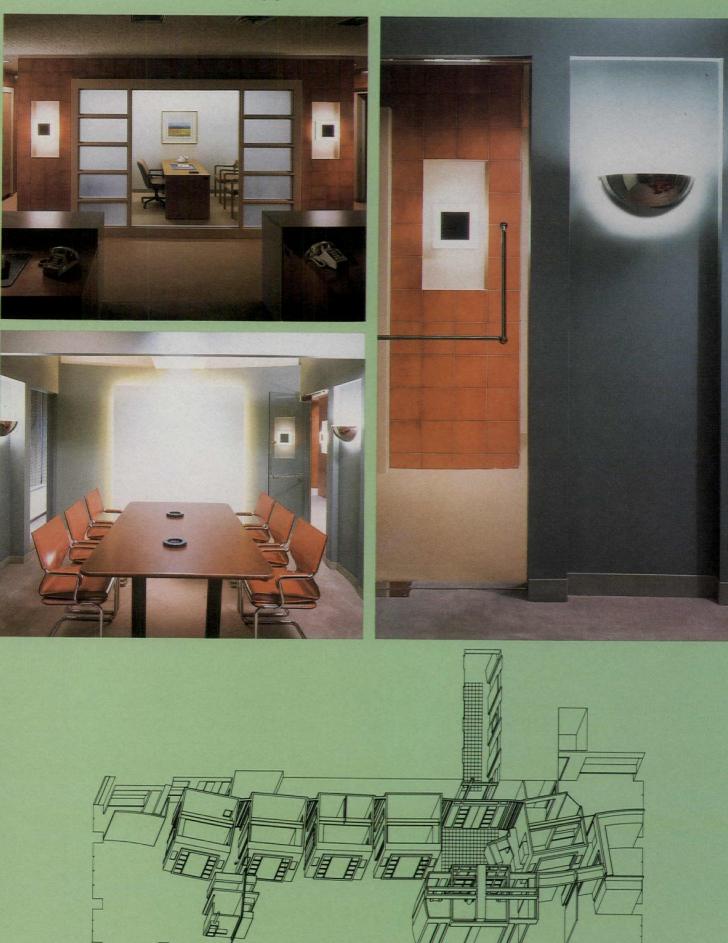
while the massive Vignelli-designed "Circolo" sofas, chosen for their solid presence as well as their shape, echo the curve of the corridor to the executive suite. The reflective metal ceiling expands the volume of a space that otherwise offered little opportunity for vertical development.





The theme of contrasts, in this case highlights against a neutral backdrop, is particularly evident in the lighting of the operations wing, where the window walls of the pavilions are flanked by handsome square sconces that are in fact humble vandalproof exterior fixtures set in shallow niches. More conventionally elegant sconces light the conference room (bottom left), which because of space restrictions

is designed to permit its division into two minimally furnished spaces. The divider is a simple wood slat "blind" that rolls down from a pocket in the overhead beam. A pair of smaller perpendicular beams house lighting and carry the prevailing grid pattern to the ceiling.





Offices for Credit du Nord New York City Architects: Rivkin/Weisman 17 West 54th Street New York, New York 10019 William Rivkin, Hugh Weisman, Stephen Lesser, Jan Kouzmanoff, principals; Jo Landefeld, Philippe Dordai, Richard Lavenstein, Jonathan Stark, Kathy Kling, project team Engineers: Jaros, Baum & Bolles Consultants: CHA Design Inc. (lighting); Laurie Rolfe (interiors) Photographer: \*Peter Aaron/ESTO

### Pâté instead of popcorn

Terming his design for a private screening room "a free essay in theatrical design," architect Michael Mostoller drew on classical motifs not because of current architectural fashion but because theaters are traditionally classical regardless of period. Moreover, Mostoller

Private screening room

G. Michael Mostoller, Architect

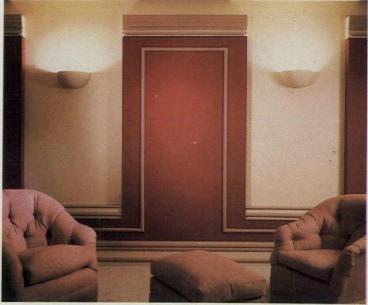
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concluded, 80 per cent of all theaters are predominantly dark red. As a result, most of us immediately associate the color with grandeur, drama and a night on the town. A curving mirrored anteroom receives guests and establishes a sense of occasion, while the room itself is more restful so as not to compete with the pièce de résistance on the screen.

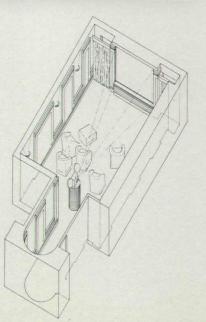
The architect confronted a major issue of scale at the outset. The room is not large and the size of the image on the movie screen muddles perceptions: faces may loom, and scenery may extend far beyond the real wall. To distance audience from image, Mostoller forced the perspective by progressively reducing the width of red panels as they approach the screen (see axonometric drawing).

The geometrical composition of panels, niches and sconces demonstrates the kind of fun architects enjoy as they serve functional needs. To create the illusion that the tan room encloses a smaller red room, Mostoller set the red panels and bases a few inches forward of the wall. Moldings, instead of concentrically repeating the shape of the panels, run a continuous line across the bases to the next panel. Except for the custom-designed cornices, materials are gypsum board and off-the-shelf moldings. G. A.





Architects: G. Michael Mostoller 456 Riverside Drive New York, New York 10027 Richard G. Morris, project architect; Greta Weil, design assistant; John Lievsay, sound assistant General contractor: I. Mass and Sons Photographer: ©Peter Aaron/ESTO



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Jessica Gunne Sax Headquarters San Francisco, California Hanns Kainz & Associates, Architects

### **True romance**

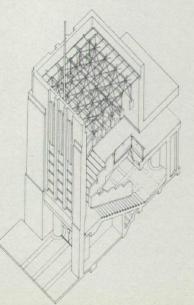




The loft building that houses the San Francisco headquarters of Jessica Gunne Sax, Ltd., (above) was built in 1938 and enlarged after World War II. Architect Hanns Kainz left vintage Moderne facades intact, belying extensive alterations inside. The aluminum skylight, supported by a tubular-steel space frame above the entry (axonometric), was lowered into place by helicopter. Except for reusing rounded banister parapets inside the stair pavilion, Kainz has thoroughly transfigured the groundfloor lobby and second-story foyer. Essential to the effect of an infinite curved passageway is striped marble paving and a portal-like "mirror sculpture." Unevenly overlapping layers of quarter-inch mirror glass, superimposed on satin anodized aluminum, utilize the structural necessity of joints for esthetic ends, creating the mannerist illusion that the mirror's silver backing has seeped out beyond the fractured glass. Pragmatically, the wavy diagonal lines form a safety device to keep the unwary from stepping into the all-too-convincing vista.

The businesswoman who daydreams of beaux at the foot of the stairs and a roadster in the drive might picture herself in a frock from Jessica Gunne Sax, a San Francisco clothier that specializes in romantic yet up-to-date apparel. This formula has proven so successful that the firm recently moved its headquarters to a converted warehouse the size of a city block. The initial phase of architect Hanns Kainz's two-stage remodeling program matched the priorities of a young, growing business, concentrating on production, storage, and shipping facilities, and staff offices. The second phase, illustrated here, encompassed the 1,600-square-foot public area that embodies corporate image: entry and reception. Kainz retained the original entrance tower (photo above left) as a focus for the entire complex, adding only a canopy to the wellpreserved 1930s Moderne facade. Inside, however, he inserted polished marble, mirror glass, and a space-frame skylight to transform an old staircase into a dazzling extravaganza worthy of the silver screen.

The visiting retailer ascending to the second-floor reception area (photos page 105), is apt to feel like Dick Powell or Ruby Keeler with taps. This is no dime-a-dozen Busby Berkeley rerun, however; if there is a closer cinematic analogue to Hanns Kainz's fantasy, it is the legerdemain of Jean Cocteau. In his own medium, Kainz has created a chamber of illusions that entices the observer to suspend disbelief, but denies his full reward by partially revealing the magician's secret. A mirrored "portal" set obliquely to the front door and the bottom flight of stairs appears to open onto a charmed realm of infinite extension (photo opposite). And yet, as one nears the bend in the pavement, the irregular joints of overlapping mirror panes define an impenetrable barrier to this looking-glass world. In similar fashion, the disarming spectacle of a raw concrete beam, jutting out through tears in its smooth plaster sheath like some architectural memento mori, exposes the artifice of polished symmetry. A further development of the imagery of erosion employed by Kainz in earlier projects, this metaphysical conceit is grounded in contrasts of substance and symbolism. "We need to sense the presence of stone and metal through our touch, by primitive instincts," says Kainz. "Glass represents modernityinvisible mass created through man's ingenuity, almost perfect." The emphasis is on the "almost," a reminder of the ephemeral stuff of which all dreams are made, whether their subject be a building or a new dress. D. B.





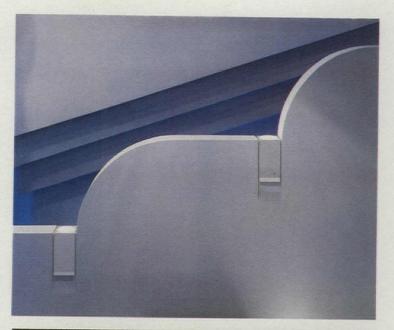


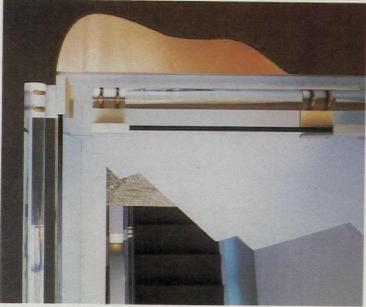




Beyond the transparent parapet of the upper reception foyer, the floor ends at a jagged edge, revealing the concrete frame. The juxtaposition of stark utility and exquisite finish is a striking visual device, and an emblem for the changing character of recycled industrial buildings in the surrounding neighborhood (in recent years many interior design firms have installed show rooms in nearby warehouses). The skyline of

downtown San Francisco is framed in the window behind a cylindertopped reception desk designed by Peter Gutkin (above). Art Nouveau lamps from the client's collection light the way to customer service department offices and design workshops.





Hanns Kainz's deliberate blurring of illusion and reality extends to the smallest details. Kainz wanted to give the impression of copper screws tying the clear acrylic handrail to its aluminum seats-a physical impossibility, since the screws would have had to be cast into the plastic, leaving no means of fastening the connection. Ingeniously, he drilled screw holes, coated them on the inside with copper paint, inserted a steel bolt, and attached a copper-plated head. Up-lights built into aluminum handrail supports (top photo) accentuate the sculptural relief of streamlined wall contours. For nighttime parties or fashion shows, illumination descends from automobile headlights fixed above the skylight.

Jessica Gunne Sax Headquarters San Francisco, California **Owner:** Jessica Gunne Sax, Ltd. Architects: Hanns Kainz & Associates 300 Broadway, Suite 30 San Francisco, California 94133 Hanns Kainz, AIA, Jennifer Ferguson, Ken Sekiguchi, Roger Soohoo, project team **Engineers**: Toft & de Nevers (structural); Glumac & Associates, Bauer & Associates (mechanical); Ray I. Juachon Associates (electrical) Lighting: David Malman General contractor:

Dome Construction Corp. Photographers: ©Peter Aaron/ESTO Russell Abraham



#### Venturi, Scott Brown House Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown, Architects

### At home





RV: "This house is a little bit like the shoemaker's children going shoeless. When you're your own client, you can do what should be the most wonderful expression of you. But in reality it's not, because like the shoemaker you're so busy doing other people's work that you don't have time to concentrate. Like the outside color. I'm not very happy with it. But the painter came one morning and said, 'Hurry up, I have to know,' and I had to make a decision very quickly on my way to New York. And so in a funny way the house represents kind of what we want, but it's very much trial and error.

DSB: "With quite a lot of error."

On July 15th, RECORD paid a visit to Philadelphia architects Denise Scott Brown and Robert Venturi at the "old white elephant" they bought 11 years ago. After dinner, we retired to the terrace with coffee and a tape recorder. C. K. G.

RV: "When architects come here they say nothing. They don't know what to make of it, and they very politely say nothing. They are really wondering, 'Was this Bob's grandmother's house?' DSE: "It was actually built by a rich young German couple. They hired a Philadelphia architect, Milton B. Medary, Jr., who obviously gave them what they wanted-a nostalgic house. Because this is right out of what would have been done in Germany at that time [1922]. It's a mixture of Jugendstil, Art Nouveau, and English Arts and Crafts. And it also has much of the feel of Mackintosh, who was so influential in Germany then." RV: "When we bought the house, we were becoming interested in architecture of the Art Nouveau and Arts and Crafts periods, and also in the Early Modern architecture that was more decorativeoriented. And so it fitted in with that. And then we found that we could begin to furnish it, and we said, 'Oh, what fun, we will furnish it in the spirit of the house.'

"And because we've always been interested in the idea of applied ornament, pattern, and decoration, we used our house as an experimental station . . . as a learning process. We've learned a lot about decoration by experimenting with this method of stenciling. I don't really know what to say about those patterns. Essentially what we did was to vary them. We have juxtapositions of big scale and little scale; things you see close up and things you see from a distance. And it's also somewhat historical: In the front hall it's kind of Art Deco... very geometric-even though the furniture happens to be Stickley. In the living room [pages 110-111], we have a soft pattern, sort of flowery and mauve-that kind of thing. And in the library [page 112], it's Robert Adam stripes with urns, and Gustav Klimt trees and flowers. In the dining room [right and page 113], we go back to a hard geometric pattern, but its flavor is more English Arts and Crafts and Mackintosh, with a nosegay of flowers that isn't that at all. And then we have some Art Nouveau conceits, and that wonderful frieze which has our favorite architects.

"Generally architects today work in studio—they don't design in situ the way they used to—you know, you discussed what you wanted with the workmen. But this was done in situ, and it was very frustrating because I don't know how to work in situ. I think the walls would have been better if I had sat down and concentrated and designed them in the studio over a few weeks or months. As it is, I did this, and then erased it, and then I did that, well, that was a disaster, but I fixed it by doing this...

"With this house, as with our other work, we didn't try to be archaeologically correct: that's too easy, that's one upmanship, that's cheap thrills. What we do, and what we did here, is try to get the essence of the historical suggestion, so that you aren't quite sure: 'Is this historical? What does this remind me of?'" DSB: "Also, this house is much more exaggerated than what we do for other people, because it's ours, and it's our laboratory." RV: "It's not as good as what we do for people who are paying us, because we actually work harder for them than we do for ourselves. They are our first priority."

DSB: "Also, architects' houses are very often not the best houses because they have no client... no tension."

RV: "Still, I like having this house. The furniture in the library was in the living room of the house where I grew up. I love those associations. It's nice to have a house that's not just your latest idea. Although we're lucky, our latest idea is mixing things up."



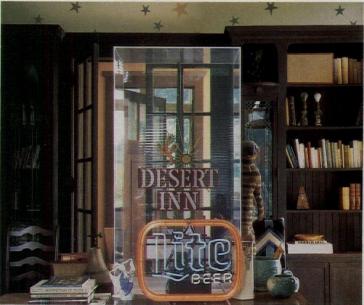




DSB: "We started looking at patterns when we came into this house because we had to re-upholster furniture, and provide curtains and things. We would bring great swatches of fabrics home—for the living-room couch, we must have brought 50 or so. And then when we found one we liked, we chose the pillows, and then the carpet, and so on. So we were working with all kinds of wonderful patterns in

fabrics first. And then Bob decided he wanted wallpaper upstairs and we began to do the same thing with wallpaper. We found the wallpaper that is in our bedroom and it became the basis for the BEST Products showroom. And, again, that headed us towards floral patterns.... Looking for the furniture has been a real odyssey. Bob found the Guimard jardinière in Paris. And the English dinner

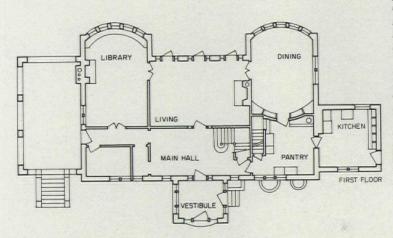




service was bought because it matches esthetically. It is beautiful, but it's also kind of doll-like and a little ugly."

RV: "We are not collectors, but we kind of enjoyed filling the house up. We have really good Arts and Crafts furniture, really good Gustav Stickley. We also have a couple of Tiffany lamps, but they are very modest. And we have the Traymore Hotel furniture, which is fascinating. We went to the sale in Atlantic City, when the hotel was about to be demolished, and we bought a truckload. A lot of it is very very good. But most of it was badly refinished, because it went through a period when they didn't care. We also have some nice Empire stuff. We love furniture. We have about 73 chairs." DSE: "One thing you can say about this house: we aren't the kind of people who can have a second home, because we work weekends. This has to provide for us... for mental rejuvenation, everything. I get the feeling that some people live in New York and then have a rambling old house somewhere. The serious thing is the apartment, and the house is a great big toy—like an oversized teddy bear. But we can't do that. We have to make this be that and the other."



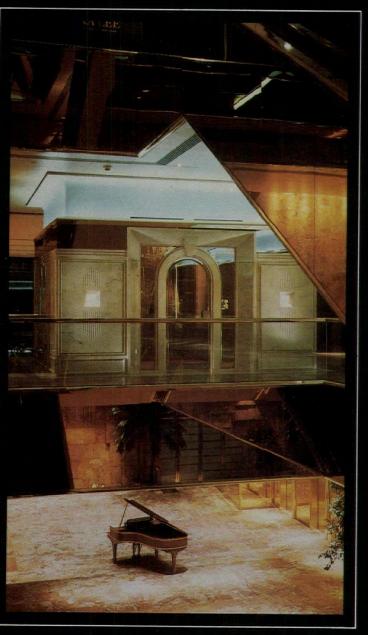


Venturi, Scott Brown House Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Owners: Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown Architects: Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown 4236 Main Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19127 Jimmy Breffeilh, Donald London, Mary Finn, Jody Kanuss, Michael Warden, Miles Ritter, Robert Marker, Charles Boney, Robert Schwartz (stencil team) Photographer: Paul Warchol

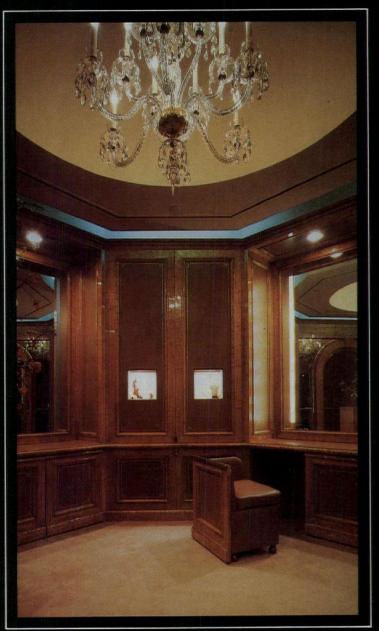
## Jewel box

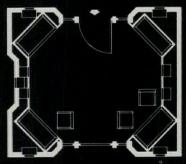
Harry Winston "Petit Salon" New York City Adam D. Tihany, Architect

The setting for this shop is unabashedly opulent—the marble-clad retail atrium of New York's Trump Tower, which boasts doormen costumed as boasts doormen costumed as Grenadier Guards, background music by tuxedoed pianists, a six-story waterfall, and a roster of internationally known shops reportedly paying as much as \$400 a square foot base rent. It's all calculated to draw well-heeled growds in a buying mood good crowds in a buying mood—good reason for jeweler Harry Winston to choose it as the site of "Petit Salon," a shop intended to serve a younger, less affluent clientele, in contrast to the diamonds-by-appointment-only image of the main salon across the street. Designer Adam Tihany sought to convey this new approach while maintaining the feeling of luxury and exclusivity. He treated the exterior of the freestanding shop as a 17th-century jewel box, as precious as its contents. A cool, pale, richly carved Rosa Aurora marble contrasts with the warm, almost salmon-colored marble of the atrium, and a smooth band of bronze-tinted glass with a brass molding, in essence the lid to the height of the shop—which is only 17 by 14 feet—to pleasing proportions. To create a feeling of accessibility, he also used the glass on the entry, which echoes the stone arch and raised keystone of the main Winston salon, and on a false entry at the back of the shop (photo right), which overlooks the entrance to the atrium. The shop's interior was treated as a sumptuous boudoir, with paneled walls with tooled leather inserts, large, well-lighted mirrors, and "dressing tables." N. G. G.



Owner: Harry Winston Inc. Architects: Adam D. Tihany International Ltd. Design Studio 130 East 61st Street New York, New York 10021 Exterior facade design: Daniel Fontagnere— Paris Engineer: DiGiacomo Associates General contractor: Wildman and Bernhardt Construction Photographer: Mark Ross

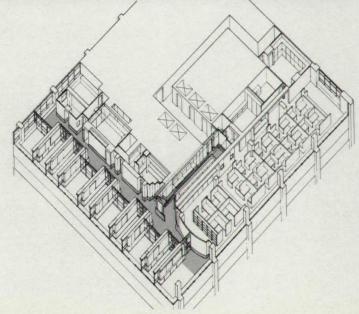




When not in use, the dressing tables look like cabinets (left in photo above), but in three corners, the "cabinet doors" pull out and reveal themselves as the backs of low, comfortably padded chairs. A client seated in one of these corners enjoys a privacy surprising in such a small shop. Notice also how the designer has expanded the interior space with a domed ceiling, which makes use of the full floor height.



Because De Santo perceived the reception area as more closely related to the service/support core than to the private office suite, the entry gives but slight suggestion of the space beyond. The palette is distinctly different (though complementary), and such elements as the receptionist's work station (above) and visitor's seating are treated as built forms rather than furniture.



## **Outside in**

Offices for Anspach Grossman Portugal New York City Samuel J. De Santo & Associates, Architects

Anspach Grossman Portugal is a design consulting firm that specializes in devising logos, graphics, and other badges of corporate identity for a roster of clients that reads like an excerpt from the *Fortune* 500. To plan expanded office space for a group so versed in design—"an image for image-makers," says designer Samuel De Santo—was an unusual opportunity that De Santo exploits in an unusual way: APG's handsome new quarters are a direct allusion to the building they occupy.

The offices are located at 711 Third Avenue in a block lined with typical products of New York's recurrent building booms, banal when they are not positively ugly. Seven-eleven, though, is different. A notable example of the late work of William Lescaze—and of the early development of the gridded curtain wall—the building is composed of a horizontally banded multistory base capped by an almost-square shaft faced with alternating bands of traditional awning-type windows and bluegray glazed brick spandrels.

Instead of treating the '50s structure merely as a shell to design within (or work around), De Santo brought the outside inside, recalling in the APG offices the building's palette, proportions, glazing, and above all its strong horizontal planes.

Basically a T within an L, the plan of the corner layout makes a clean distinction between service spaces, which are pulled inward to adjoin the building core and rendered in tones of mauve and beige, and the executive offices along the building's Third Avenue elevation, which introduce the extensive references to the Lescaze design. (A large, efficient, but workaday drafting room occupies the other leg of the L.)

An interior "street" paved with beige ceramic tile leads from the reception area to the offices, flaring and branching as it intersects with the "Main Street" along executive row, where a steel-framed window wall creates an interior street facade detailed to recall the glazing pattern of the building's exterior (photo lower right). Similar glass partitions are also installed between offices to fill the voids left by structural columns placed to fall well short of the building's face wall. On the inner side of the columns, the partitions continue as storage walls, terminating at the corridor in pylons that are miniature abstractions of the tower—blue-gray shafts on vanilla pedestals (photos overleaf). The insistent horizontal base line thus established is carried throughout the space, reinforced by the corresponding line of under-window convectors. *M. G.* 





In keeping with the concept of interior passages as streets, the reception corridor (top) is paved and curbed, and even includes a long streetside bench for visitors. The "corner" is marked by a tile and glass screen that recalls the proportions of the Lescaze building the APG offices occupy and so introduces their dominant motif. Individual offices along the intersecting "street" are airy glasswalled spaces furnished with tables and chairs in lieu of desks, whose functions are relegated to work surfaces and storage built into the side partitions.





Offices for Anspach Grossman Portugal New York City Owner: Anspach Grossman Portugal Architects: Samuel J. De Santo & Associates 140 West 57th Street New York, New York 10019 Samuel J. De Santo, project designer; Alan Orenbuch, Robert Ferland, project architects; Kevin

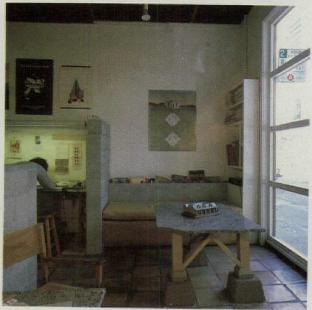
Kieran, Debbie Heffter, Georgia Fotopoulos, project team Engineers: Piccirillo & Brown Contractor: Structuretone, Inc. Photographer: ©Peter Aaron/ESTO

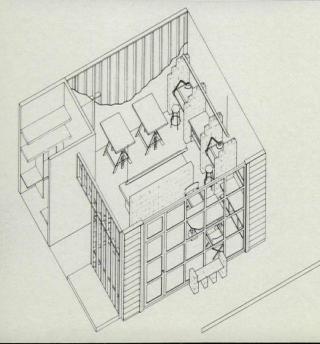


The esthetic game of taking the building itself as a point of departure for the APG interiors is played out in the executive suite (photos opposite), where steelframed glass partitions alternate with pylons that echo the colors and stacked forms of the structure, producing a streetscape of little Lescaze towers. In the main conference-presentation room (above), the strong horizontal lines move to the ceiling, which is raised around the duct enclosures to lend height and importance to the space.

# The primitive office







Batey & Mack Office San Francisco, California Batey & Mack, Architects

By conventional standards, the San Francisco office of Andrew Batey and Mark Mack is a dump: the conference table is broken: the light bulbs are bare; the brown-wrapping-paper skirt push-pinned to the model display ledge needs ironing; and the walls .... Don't mention the walls. The obvious conclusion to be drawn from this sad sight is that things aren't going too well for the talented young duo that made such an auspicious debut two years ago with a Luis Barragán- and Irving Gillinspired design for an elegant residential enclave in Pasadena (RECORD, July 1981, cover)

Save your sympathy. Things are going very well, thank you, very well indeed. In addition to a portfolio of stylishly rustic country houses in the Napa Valley, Batey and Mack have recently completed a majestic travertine-clad villa in Corpus Christi; work in Saudi Arabia is currently on the firm's boards. Then why, you will undoubtedly ask, the hair-shirt office? Because it fits.

Not two to stand on professional ceremony, Batey and Mack acquired their tiny North Beach garage five years ago, and then proceeded to nudge it into working order. Except for the "mind-your-manners" gridded window and door (a deferential gesture to the recently gentrified neighborhood), alterations to the garage-and to the garage esthetic-were kept to a conspicuous minimum. (Batey and Mack are, after all, contextualists.) Though only the most rudimentary accommodations and finishes have been supplied, inter-office chaos is escaped by means of a clear hierarchical plan: a presentation/conference area claims the high-profile window wall; a drafting area claims the not-quite-private midsection; and a graphic designer co-tenant takes his seat in the rear.

While partner Batey enjoys the opinion that the "rough-and-ready sensibility" so clearly in evidence in his office is appropriate to the workaday life of an architect, he is quick to add that the physical expression of that sensibility is pure "Batey and Mack archaeology." Though rendered here in the extreme, eroded walls, structural exhibitionism, and rough materials left rough are trademarks not only of the firm, but of the neo-primitive school of architecture in which the principals are enrolled. Why the extremes? Because rather than practice on their clients, Batey and Mack prefer to do their homework at the office. C. K. G.

Architects: Batey & Mack 84 Vandewater Street San Francisco, California 94133 Photographer: Tim Street-Porter

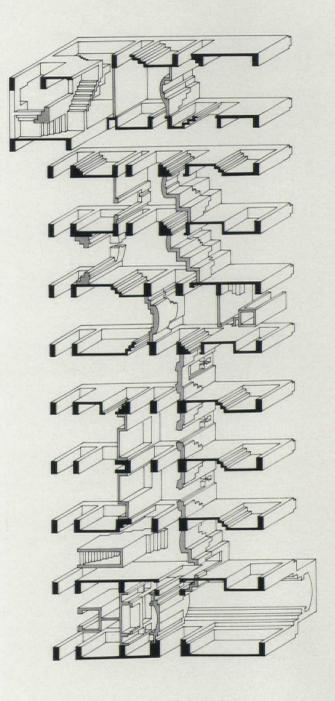






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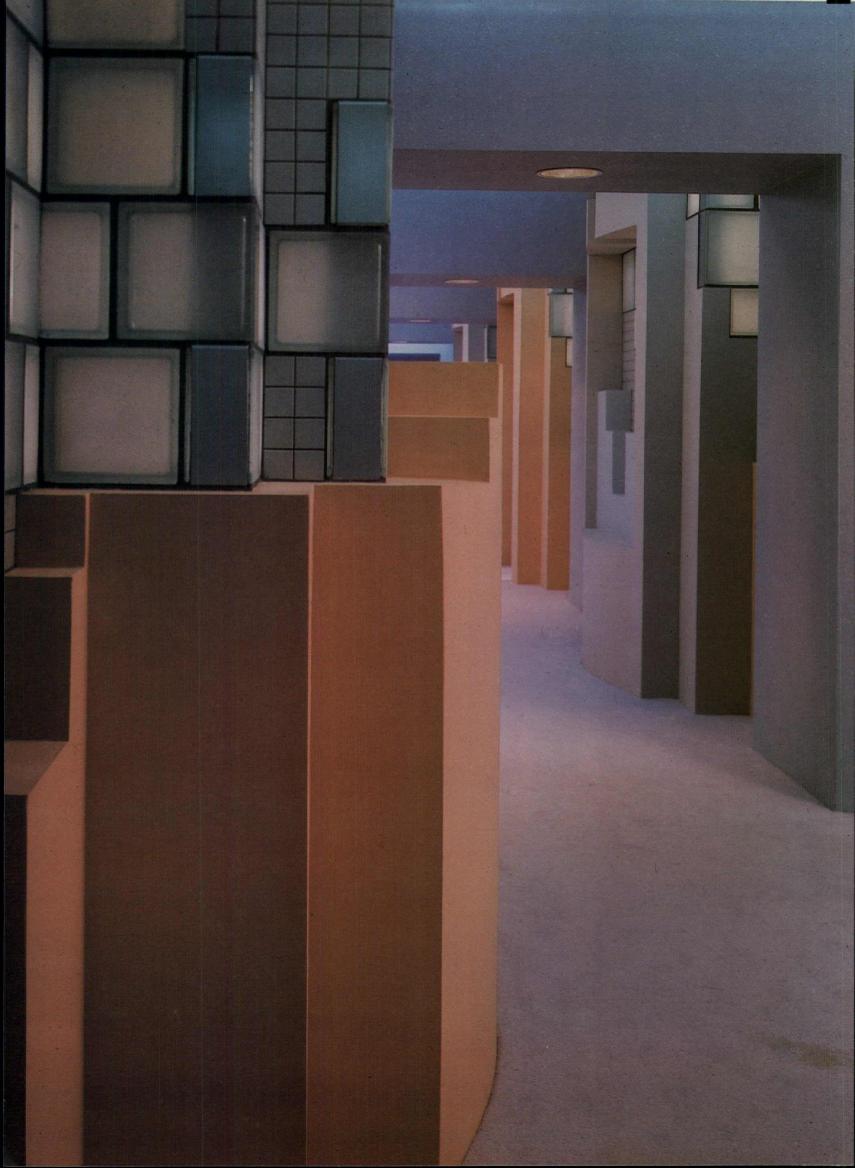
#### Cave Man, Esq.



With clients such as Ringo Starr, Harry Nilsson, and a host of other luminaries in the music world, the Santa Monica law firm of Grakal, Stamler, Blackman felt entitled to project some star quality of its own. The major obstacle to a suitably distinctive image was the firm's lackluster office above the ground-floor parking garage of a two-story 1960s building owned by principal Bruce Grakal. Convinced that the 7,000-square-foot space had potential-both financial and esthetic, since the firm hoped to rent adjoining suites to tenants-Grakal offered the commission for new interiors to architect Eugene Kupper, whose recent design for Harry Nilsson's house had impressed the lawyer as "spare, uncluttered, but warm." Grakal was eager to work in a similar atmosphere of casual, almost domestic, tranquility, where musicians and songwriters would also feel at ease. Above all, he was intent on avoiding the formal hallways and mahogany-andleather-bound traditionalism in which attorneys are wont to encase themselves. Grakal's brief to Eugene Kupper called for three partners' offices, support-staff work spaces, a reception area, and tenant suites, as well as a listening/screening/ conference room, a multiuse penthouse, and a roof garden equipped with a hot tub (see page 126).

Kupper delighted his nonconformist client by basing his scheme on the idea of a cave-a bizarre, if curiously appropriate notion, given a deep, tunnel-like interior with few windows (Kupper may have shared his muse with Ringo Starr, who was filming "Cave Man" at the time). He made his habitable grotto by staggering curved and zigzag bays along a circuitous inner passageway, carving out niches and openings with varied profiles, and embedding an irregular grid of sandblasted glass block and mosaic tile in the partitions. Pink, mauve, and lavender surfaces turn the sunshine streaming through skylights into an all-day aurora (overleaf; section page 126). Obliged by fire-code regulations to retain a dreary outer corridor (below; far left in axonometric), Kupper inserted a repeating portal bay structure whose rhythmic enfilade intensifies the drama of passage from the entry stair (opposite) to the reception area two bays in (page 125). In keeping with the troglodytic mode, and Grakal's enthusiasm for one-of-a-kind décor, Kupper designed a prototypal cast-concrete desk with the contours of a rough-hewn boulder (page 125). The desk doesn't hold drawers, and a pen set looks out of place, but even the most jaded celebrity can see he's dealing with no ordinary lawyer. D. B.







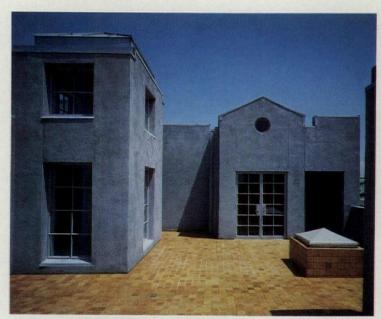




Sandblasted glass block, two-inch gray mosaic tile, and gypsum-board partitions compose the faceted and undulating enclosure of the architectonic cave. Skylights and multidirectional artificial light sources suffuse foyers and passageways with gentle radiance. Varied hues of pink, blue, and purple were given a vibrant pointillist effect with speckles of gray-violet paint. Modulation of color and two- and threedimensional shifts in the grid pattern counteract the tunnel effect of a double-loaded corridor. Inside the offices, fir-paneled ceilings (as seen through the door in the lower lefthand photo) offer relief from the dominant pastels. In contrast to the outer corridor (page 127), which is rarely used except as a shortcut to the roof-garden stairs, the passageway shown at left and far right above is the major spine for

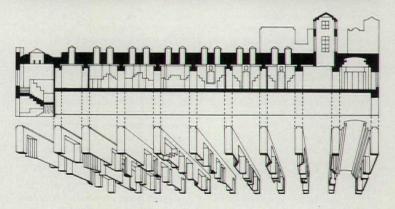
the offices, extending from the reception area (upper left this page) to the screening/listening room (lower right). The latter room is shared by the lawyers and the tenants who lease adjoining suites. Outfitted with a pantry, a large video screen, and a sound system, this space was laid out as a living room rather than as a conventional conference area. Niches in the offices hold custom-made sofas facing cast-concrete desks. Integrally toned for a dark, monolithic effect, as though petrified from primordial ooze, the desks are a far cry from the English or American antiques to which many lawyers aspire: Fred and Wilma Flintstone rather than William and Mary.

Virtually a separate domain from the grotto below, though linked to it by a cupola-lighted staircase, the roof garden (below) is used by lawyers and tenants for informal meetings, parties, and relaxation. The fronds of neighboring palm trees rise above the parapets of sun deck and hot tub, heightening the ambience of a suburban villa courtyard. The pavilion at left in the upper photo is the lantern for the stairwell below. The penthouse with French doors is equally adaptable to use as a screening room, gym, or conference space.

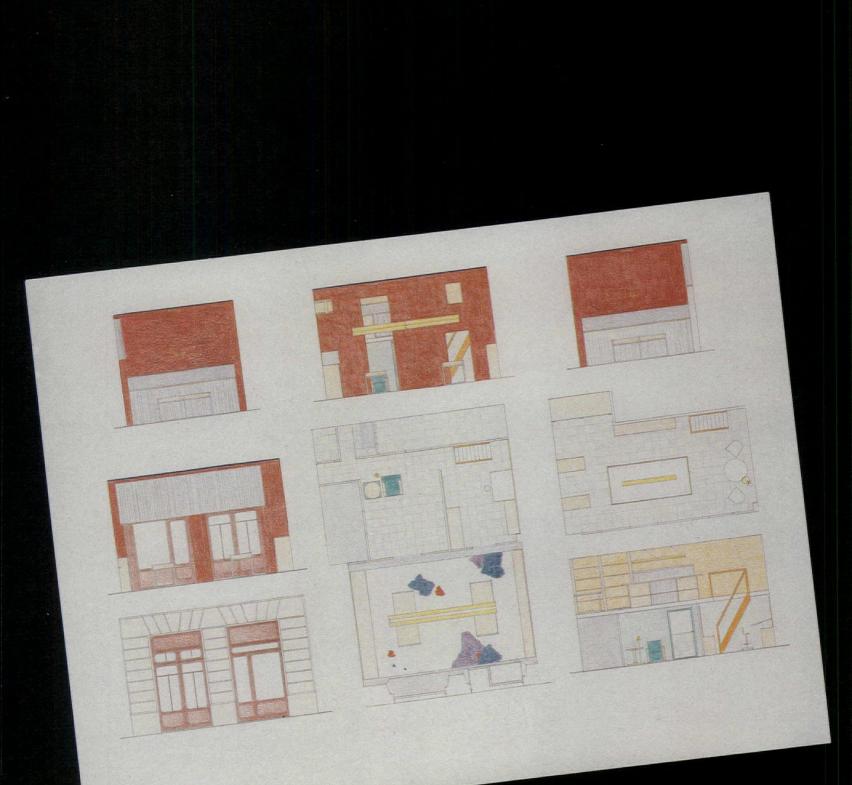


Law offices Santa Monica, California Owner: Bruce Grakal (Grakal, Stamler, Blackman) Architect: Eugene Kupper 1670 Sawtelle Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90025 Eugene Kupper, principal-incharge; William Hefner, Dale Morimoto, assistants Artisan-craftsmen: Dave Fisher, Tom Ciochetti General contractor: Herbert Hirschkauff Photographer: Marvin Rand









The Italian name "Piano" was chosen for the aptness of its multiple meanings: besides denoting softness and restraint, it evokes a classic medium of creation (the musical instrument) and architectural order (in the sense of piano nobile). In deference to the collaborative method by which the entire shop was designed, Juan Carlos Pérez Sánchez composed the logo (opposite) from letters drawn by different visitors to his studio. The seemingly casual lettering also befits the flexibility of the interior design: the layout has already been altered several times from the scheme shown in presentation drawings (above), and displays change from day to day, as new modèles emerge from the sewing machines.

# A smart ensemble

Piano Barcelona, Spain Carlos Riart, Luis Cortés, Silvia Gubern, Gabriel Ordeig, and Juan Carlos Pérez Sánchez, Designers

"I am not interested in following every change of fashion," says Eva Pomé, co-owner of Piano, a women's specialty shop in Barcelona. "Our clothes are classic, simple, and practical-but elegant rather than sporty." Though this credo might suggest a Spanish knock-off of "Dress for Success," there is nothing so blandly conventional about the garments and accessories Ms. Pomé designs, or about the quarters in which she and two assistants make and show their wares. Together, both clothes and shop exemplify a principle that clever modistes have always known: with a keen eye for color, texture, and line-and an occasional breach of accepted good taste-one can find great chic in ordinary fabric and familiar details. Ms. Pomé and her partner Tona Coromina conceived Piano as a fusion of couture and readyto-wear, but their budget for interiors was strictly littledressmaker. Following respected local custom, furniture designer and conceptual artist Carlos Riart, an old friend of Piano's owners, offered to remodel their 19th-century shop and studio for payment in kind ("I was glad to have beautiful things to give to women I know," he explains), and he invited other friends to collaborate with him: sculptor Luis Cortés, painter Silvia Gubern, lighting designer Gabriel Ordeig, and graphic artist Juan Carlos Pérez Sánchez. Within the dense chromatic harmony they composed, many elements of the store's existing structure remain: a paneled street front, Catalan ceiling vaults, a tiny interior patio, and a rear mezzanine, where previous artisan-shopkeepers kept house. Partitions and stairs were rearranged to accommodate an atelier on the upper level and an office and fitting room below (photos overleaf). Openings in the central screen wall not only enhance the impression of generous space, but visually engage the customer in every stage of dressmaking. For the main shop area, Luis Cortés used industrial materials to assemble vitrines, portable racks, and an electronic revolving display stand (at right). Gabriel Ordeig hung a single fluorescent lamp above an off-white carpet that reflects its brilliance throughout the entire room. If the spare, utilitarian grace of these fixtures accords with the sensible underpinnings of Piano's craft, the abstract border hand-painted on the carpet by Silvia Gubern echoes the note of fantasy that lends fashion its perennial allure. D. B.



While browsing through samples in the shop, the customer also glimpses seamstresses at work, bolts of fabric, and hat blocks, in the atelier upstairs (photo left). Directly ahead is the fitting room (below). furnished as a whimsical parody of a bourgeois parlor, with a 1930s Moderne armchair, a fur patchwork rug, and a beechwood table by Carlos Riart (the designer is best known in this country for

his 1979 Riart Rocker, commissioned by Knoll International on the 50th anniversary of Mies's original Barcelona Chair). The glass door leads to an enclosed patio. In the background, rather than recorded music, one hears water dripping into a stone basin—pianissimo. The interior design team obeyed the same philosophy that shapes everything created in Piano's workroom: a conviction that elegance is compatible with economy and functional simplicity. Gabrielle Chanel would no doubt have recognized a sympathetic spirit here, not least in the ingenious details that give understatement a sophisticated edge. Saturated color on walls and ceilings provides a rich backdrop for merchandise draped over dressmaker's forms, or mounted above showcases and wardrobes (distracting clothes racks are hidden behind curtains). Fluorescent light fixtures are crowned by curved sheets of cardboard that emit a peachy glow, tempering the brilliant illumination without obscuring the displays.

Piano Barcelona, Spain Owners: Eva Pomé and Tona Coromina Designers: Carlos Riart Calle Buscarons, 14 Barcelona 22, Spain; Luis Cortés (electronic display stand, metalwork); Silvia Gubern (carpet); Gabriel Ordeig (lighting); Juan Carlos Pérez Sánchez (logo) Photographer: Olager Armengol

### Room at the top

Offices for Swid Powell Design New York City D'Urso Design

If there were a paparazzo devoted to architects, you would find him stalking his prey on East 57th Street in Manhattan. For on any weekday, between Madison and Park Avenues, there's an excellent-to-good chance that Frank Gehry, Charles Gwathmey, Arata Isozaki, Richard Meier, Laurinda Spear, Robert Stern, Stanley Tigerman, and Robert Venturi (to alphabetically name but eight) may be seen ducking into the office of Swid Powell Design. Partner Addie Powell explains: "By collaborating with wellknown designers, we plan to bring functional and decorative objects of exceptional design to the mass market." Adds Swid: "We're not interested in selling two Meier glasses, or three Tigerman saltshakers ... we're interested in selling hundreds."

While the ultimate test of the Swid Powell Design concept is not scheduled until Christmas '84, the partners' inaugural design challenge arrived last spring, when they "collaborated" with Joseph Paul D'Urso on their office. Undaunted by the prospect of having his work scrutinized by Swid Powell's roster of architectural luminaries, D'Urso simply took one look at what must be the most spectacular skylight in New York, and then proceeded to do almost nothing. Construction consisted of inserting four bookshelves into an existing niche, and erecting a partition between the office and reception areas. After painting the walls, carpeting the floor, and setting five chairs, two tables, and a pair of credenzas in place, D'Urso called it a day.

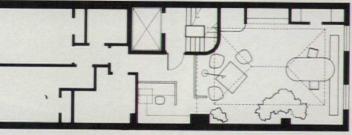
While some may think he left before lunch, an accustomed-tosuch-criticism D'Urso might retort, "You leave when you're finished." C. K. G.

#### **Designer:**

D'Urso Design 80 West 40th Street New York, New York 10018 Contractor: All Building Construction Photographer: Timothy Hursley











Riggs Memorial Library, Healy Hall Georgetown University Washington, D. C. EPR, Architects

### Victorian high tech

A rare cast-iron interior and a very rare example of Victorian prefabrication, the restored Riggs Memorial Library wears exuberant eclectic decoration that draws on the Classic and on pre-Raphaelite notions of Gothic. Surviving examples of High Victorian design, especially High Victorian interiors, constitute a special rarity. Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., recognizes the treasures it has in Healy Hall. An impressive stone pile built in 1879 to mark the school's centennial, its contents, including the Riggs Memorial Library, were added piecemeal over the next years and have recently been lovingly restored, repaired and reconstructed.

For a wing across one end of the building, Paul J. Pelz, architect of the Library of Congress, designed a library that remained in use until 1970. The upper part of Riggs Library, shown here, originally accommodated graduate students (undergraduates used the two floors below). Its restoration by EPR is intended for receptions, dinners, chamber music concerts and poetry readings. Although it is no longer a reading room except for select scholars who may use the study alcoves (see plan overleaf), it is still a working library, its shelves carrying occasionally read books from the main library. And the sight and smell of the ranked volumes lend the room a quality seldom encountered at receptions and concerts.

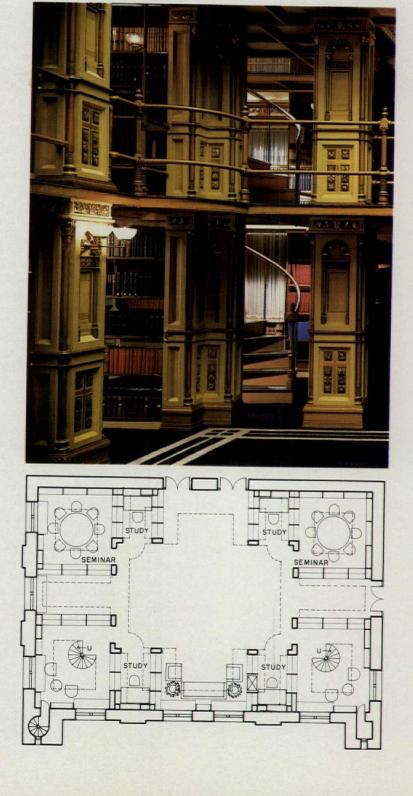
These days, Riggs Library seems as remarkable for its technical prowess as for its exotic esthetic. What looks like elaborate gilded plaster or carved wood ornament across the page is in fact a structural object set within the four-story room. Castiron columns, stairs and shelves were prefabricated and numbered for assembly on site (one can still see the cast numbers under the paint). Pressed sheet metal covers wood beams and trusses at the tops of columns and around the skylighted coffers. The upright elements supply all structural support for stacks and live loads within the object. During 90 years' use, however, the shelves became seriously overloaded. To relieve stress on the building's own structure, books now occupy only those shelves visible from the floors and catwalks.

The original decoration consisted chiefly of tan paints and gold leaf. As a result of overenthusiastic chemical cleaning, much of the original color suffered bleaching, but with scrapings and other research, EPR determined the earlier palette. The miniature columns around the inset arches and other dark ornaments were resurfaced with brushed glaze, a fashionable finish at the time of construction and one that now confers an antique patina. Originally, gilding was applied by a Jesuit who was associated with the school but who died before completing his task; no one else ever carried the work forward, and EPR honored his memory by regilding only what he had finished.

The architects had to reconstruct other objects in the room from photographs or by guesswork. Etched glass globes that shaded gas lights on columns and along catwalks were discarded when the building was electrified. Old photographs furnished the information for duplicate designs used for electric lamps wired through the old gas lines. The shields at the ceiling and the stained-glass rondels in the windows, which show coats of arms and other attributes of the school and the donor, appeared only in partial black-and-white photographs and required heraldic research for design. G. A. The coffered skylight above the restored library transmits diffuse daylight from the dormered attic above. Electric light, controlled by dimmers, reinforces the intensity and color of daylight. After dark, overhead lighting is turned off. Wires threaded through old gas pipes power incandescent bulbs in etched glass globes reconstructed from photographs. The original ceramic tiled floor, too broken for feasible repair, was covered with royal blue carpet.

Riggs Library, Healy Hall Georgetown University Washington, D. C. Owner: Georgetown University Architects: EPR (Environmental Planning & Research) 1000 Potomac Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20007 Doug Deremer, project director; Louis Marotta, project manager; Michael Finch, project architect; Kit Archie, project interior designer 「大学のいい

Lighting consultants: Ramond Grenald Associates Contractors: Lackey Construction Co. (general); Hudson-Shatz (painting) Photographer: © Peter Aaron/ESTO







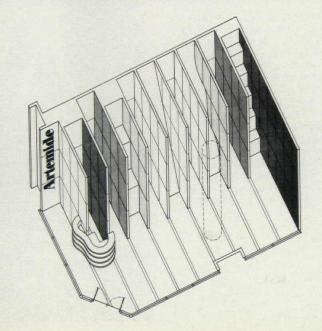
#### Light show

Artemide Show Room Los Angeles, California Vignelli Associates, Designers

**Owner:** Artemide, Inc. Designer: Vignelli Associates 410 East 62nd Street New York, New York 10021 Lella and Massimo Vignelli, principals-in-charge; Michele Kolb and David Law, design team **Engineers**: Matakowich & Wolfberg (mechanical) Consultant: Formica Corporation General contractor: G. J. Krause Company Photographer: Toshi Yoshimi







The spacious and serene show room shown on the facing page is really a small-1,100-squarefoot-space used to display dozens of different lighting fixtures and furniture items. That it presents such an inviting and uncluttered appearance is a tribute to the skill of designers Lella and Massimo Vignelli, who turned half of the space into a series of four-foot-wide galleries, each displaying a different product line. To vary the display areas, one of the galleries has large steps, another has smaller ones, still another has steplike undulations, and others are plain (see photo below left and axonometric). The fin walls, which also serve the practical purpose of hiding the electrical wiring, are covered in Formica's ColorCore in gradations of gray, and the color of each wall has been continued in a stripe on the floor suggesting, says Vignelli, "the memory of a wall that has been taken out." The new material was also used on the reception desk, which is freeform, horizontal and polychromatic (photo above left), a counterpoint to the monochromatic verticality of the show room. In designing the Artemide show room, the Vignellis worked with the manufacturer to explore some of the possibilities of ColorCore, which had just been introduced. They found that the edges of each panel could be beveled, so that the joints would create a grid pattern. This also made it possible for the panels, which are mounted on a substrate, to be removed and then put back, offering flexibility in changing wall-mounted displays. N. G. G.



Panels of clear and sandblasted glass separate lingerie show rooms from reception areas and the central atrium without blocking light or the perception of flowing space. Inside the sales cubicles, gray-flannel wall panels set off the pastel hues of delicate satins and voiles. Chrome- and brass-plated wall hooks (adapted from drawer pulls) were installed at three heights, keyed to standard garment

lengths. Outside on the atrium parquet, custom-made half-round tables can be pushed against the walls as consoles, or paired back-toback to hold brochures and refreshments during market-week parties. A low, circular version of this table, with similar "paintedtoenail" legs, stands in the reception area outside the president's office (above). Small but conspicuous details such as Sardinian granite counter tops and wooden chair rails of Brazilian purple heart bring opulence within the reach of a moderate budget.

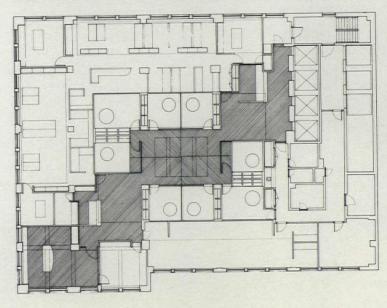


## Cut on the bias

Berkliff Corporation Executive and Sales Offices New York City Bentley LaRosa Salasky, Design

The Berkliff Corporation is one of a number of lingerie manufacturers whose New York offices and show rooms are stacked like dresser drawers inside a single Midtown loft building. Since throngs of store buyers periodically troop from floor to floor during hectic market weeks, Berkliff's president wanted headquarters that would stand out amid the profusion of ribbon and lace. Besides presenting a distinctive image to the trade, he also needed an efficient layout for the day-to-day operations of his staff. The necessity of discrete functional compartments, and the existing framework of a deep, 6,000square-foot space with windows on three sides, confronted Bentley LaRosa Salasky, Design with a classic choice of plan: the maze or the squared-off doughnut. They selected the latter, grouping show rooms (where artificial illumination is desirable) around a central atrium (photos right and overleaf), and ranging offices along the perimeter for natural light. Corridors were eliminated by running separate circulation routes-one public, one private-through these two zones. The first path traces a diagonal axis from the elevator lobby/reception area and adjoining vice president's office (upper right in plan) through the atrium-a convenient gathering place for buyers-to another waiting room beside the president's office (lower left in plan, photos top left and page 143.) The second path orthogonally links the outer offices and work rooms. Stepped ceilings and floor boards laid on the bias further articulate the multidirectional parti, while the grid of translucent screen walls delineates the pervasive geometric order in elevation. Atrium lighting is subdued, to heighten the focal brightness of show rooms and reception areas.

Though the purist abstraction of their walk-through Mondrian offers a striking foil to the pastel garments displayed against its walls, Bentley LaRosa Salasky clearly felt the lack of more overtly feminine décor. They supplied a touch of the odalisque, à *la* Matisse, with extravagantly overscaled floral carpets (pruned by rectangular insets) and an eclectic assortment of curvaceous fixtures and furniture, mingling Jacobsen with Eames and Bennett, and anonymous 1950s sling chairs with 1980s demilune tables by Bentley LaRosa Salasky. The combined effect of these ornamental flourishes is luxuriously urbane, but not at all stuffy. And if the allusions to earlier styles imply longing for bygone glamour, it is nostalgia braced by contemporary irony: New Wave tries on Mother's old New Look with a smile. D. B.



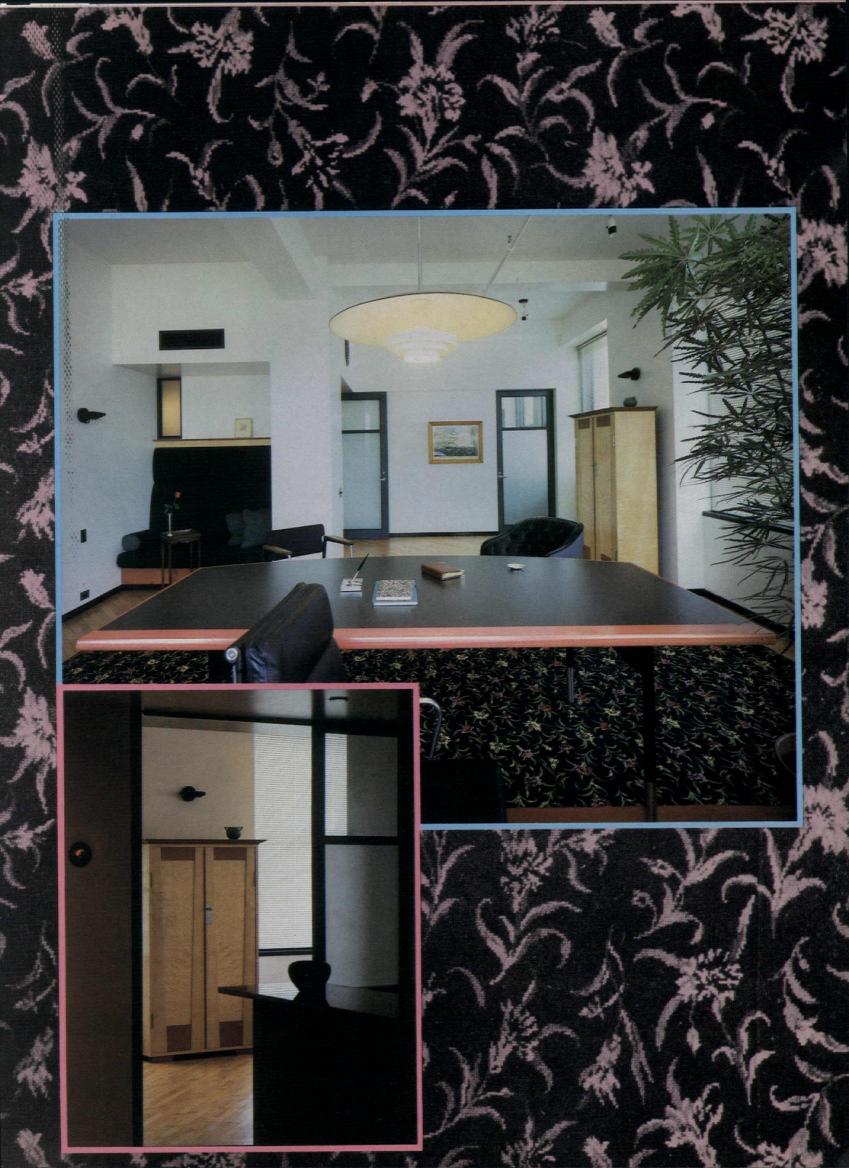


#### **Owner:** Berkliff Corporation Designers: Bentley LaRosa Salasky, Design 160 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10010 Ronald Bentley, Salvatore LaRosa, Franklin Salasky, design team **Engineers**: Kaback Enterprises (air conditioning); Ostrander & Eshleman (hardware) **Custom cabinetwork:** Constantine Joannides **General contractor:** Allen Berkley **Photographer:** Timothy Hursley

#### Overleaf:

Bentley LaRosa Salasky play the decorative vigor of furniture and patterned carpets against the measured calm of white walls and indoor glazing. Seating ranges from quirky Modernistic armchairs purchased secondhand (page 142) to a dignified banquette specially constructed for the president's office (page 143). Like the railings and demilune tables in the atrium, the custom-built couch, desk, armoire, and cabinets in this inner sanctum are trimmed with purple heart. The armoire, the designers' pièce de résistance, is also embellished with bird's-eye maple. Initially conceived as a closet extracted from the wall (the banquette fills the resulting void), this stately wardrobe helps to define an anteroom to the president's sitting area.





## Old craft with new chic

Springer Building Galveston, Texas Taft Architects

Painted stencil designs, which until recently had fallen out of favor even with arts-and-crafts amateurs, have found new respect among professional designers. The single stencil, modest enough by itself, gains importance with repetition. In a small Galveston apartment house, Taft Associates used a stenciled border on a polished wood floor to create a processional way to a pair of flats at the end of the corridor, the apartments inside clearly identified by numbered paterae above the doors. Similar stencils at a smaller scale distinguish entrance vestibules that flank planted, windowed alcoves (plan and opposite). Rather daringly, Taft Associates combined the stencils' bright colors with fashionable grayish pastels.

The Springer Building occupies two old structures that had been used for county record storage. Replacing all interior partitions, the architects connected new apartments upstairs with a skylighted corridor parallel to the street facade. Offices and shops are located on the ground floor, and a new partial third floor contains two more apartments. Richard Haas's trompe l'oeil fronts take their forms from the neighborhood's cast-iron fronts. G. A.

#### Architects:

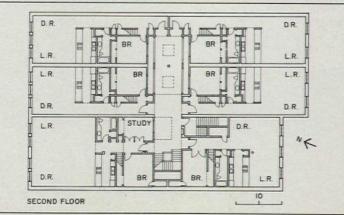
Taft Architects 807 Peden Street Houston, Texas 77006 John J. Casbarian, Danny Samuels, Robert H. Timme, partners; Larry Dailey, project assistant; Janet O'Brien, Suzanne Labarthe, Charlie Thomas, Natalye Appel, support team

#### **Engineers**:

Cunningham Associates (structural); Joe E. Lee & Associates (mechanical/electrical) Hand stencil execution: Margaret Rochelle General contractor: Renaissance Builders Photographer: Taft Architects





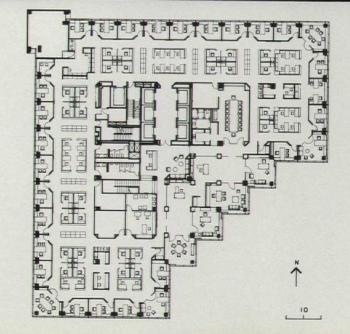




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In the reception area—and throughout the space—much of the furniture is custom. The desk—like the walls of the elevator lobby shown opposite page, top—is redwood burl with stainless inlay; the seating and some of the wall space is upholstered in glove leather. The plan puts the executive offices in the sawtooth, shows the step-backs and stepped entries to many of the spaces.



# One detail dominant

Barclays Bank International, Limited Chicago, Illinois The Landahl Group Inc., Architects

As befits the Chicago office of Barclays Bank International, Limited, these interiors by architect Greg Landahl are calmly conservative, rather elegant, but not the least (as is so often the case) predictable. The Madison Plaza Building in Chicago's Loop, which houses two floors of offices for the bank, is a straightforward speculative office building—with a special design feature: to create a plaza at grade, the southwest corner of the otherwise square building is cut away in a sawtooth pattern (see plan, opposite below) that creates the opportunity for a covey of "corner offices." In designing the bank's floors, architect Landahl did not of course miss the opportunity—while the three "normal" corners are given over to conference rooms, the bank's senior officials have their offices and a small conference room in the "sawteeth," overlooking the downtown grid and the lake.

This sawtooth pattern was then echoed throughout the spaces-a simple but strong dominant detail that creates interest everywhere and ties everything together. At all of the major portals in the circulation path, the sawtooth pattern was framed out from the building columns, creating a rather grand sense of entry (see, for example, the reception area, photo opposite). The corners of many of the columns along the circulation pattern (and projecting corners in management offices) were notched, and the notch emphasized by up- and down-lighting from set-in sconces. The doorways to all of the perimeter offices (again, see plan, and drawing, page 149) step back in the same pattern-a device that gives strong rhythm and interest to the building-long partitions. The same stepped device is used more modestly in the custom-built open-office modules (drawing, page 148). And finally, the detail is repeated in the layered tray ceilings of the elevator lobby and the board room.

There was some money in the budget—though the client required "maximum usage of the landlord's workletter credits" for some rather luxurious finishes applied where they make a clear statement. Items: the elevator lobby is paneled in redwood burl; the board room is paneled in redwood burl with mahogany trim. The partitions in the management area are burlap-pattern translucent glass in mahogany frames; the ceiling has a special grid pattern, the carpet a handstitched grid.

As a proper British investment bank probably should be, all is calm and ordered and well-tailored—but, as should happen more often, the architect's skill has made standard space into something really very special. W. W.

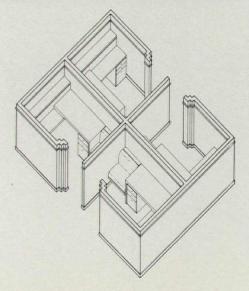




The elevator lobby sets the elegant tone; with handsome burled redwood paneling, a well-detailed tray ceiling set at nearly 12 feet (by artful juggling of the services), a rich custom carpet with its handstitched grid pattern suggesting the detailing within. Above: the corridor space in the executive area. The color palette is derived from a grayed-down version of "Barclay Bank Blue" and the reds of the building standard mahogany doors. Framing the carpet in many areas is a terrazzo edge with a blue-gray matrix mixed with carnelian granite chips. Below, the office of the senior executive—with one of the notched corners and fitted downlights that reinforce the stepped detail. The desk is mahogany with steel base painted to match the carpet. Opposite: the board room, redwood paneled, with its table of carnelian granite and mahogany. The drawing below details a four-unit work station, custom-built of studs and drywall, trimmed in

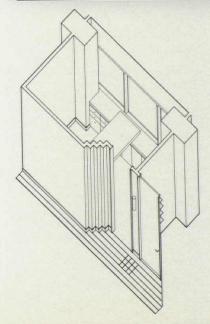
mahogany, repeating the "special detail" and incorporating a built-in desk and guest settee. Below right, a detail of a typical perimeter office.





Offices for Barclays Bank International, Limited Chicago, Illinois **Owners:** Barclays Bank International, Limited **Architects:** The Landahl Group Inc. 213 West Institute Place Chicago, Illinois 60610 Gregory W. Landahl, principal; Jane J. Binkus, senior designer; Glenn R. Bahler, technical coordinator **Contractors:** Continental Interiors Inc. and Schal Associates Inc. (general); J. H. Oster Woodworking Co., Inc. (millwork) **Photographers:** © Elizabeth Ernst/Karant & Associates; © Barbara Karant/ Karant & Associates





Rosen Apartment New York City Bray-Schaible Design

## **Private island**

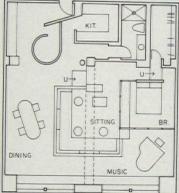


#### Owner:

Bern Rosen Designer: Bray-Schaible Design 80 West 40th Street New York, New York 10018 Robert Bray, Michael Schaible, principals Contractor: Mario Zino Photographer: Rick Barnes







Manhattan loft owners face the problem — enviable to most citydwellers — of large expanses of open space. The key word, of course, is "open." This 1,500square-foot apartment, for example, originally consisted of two large rooms entered abruptly from a hall door that opened to a fine view of the stove. In the hands of designers

In the hands of designers Robert Bray and Michael Schaible, however, this illdefined and ungainly *parti* became a carefully orchestrated progression of functional areas and planned vistas that creates islands of intimacy without vitiating the loft's spaciousness. And while the Bray-Schaible trademarks of bold architectonic forms softened by rich color and texture are present, the change was accomplished simply, with simple materials. The tone is set at the entry, where a skewed wall, a column built up to a flying buttress, and an arc of painted corrugated metal create a foyer opening to the dining area. Two steps up, nestled in a square plaster enclosure, is a sparsely furnished, stone-floored seating area lined with a plumply upholstered banquette.

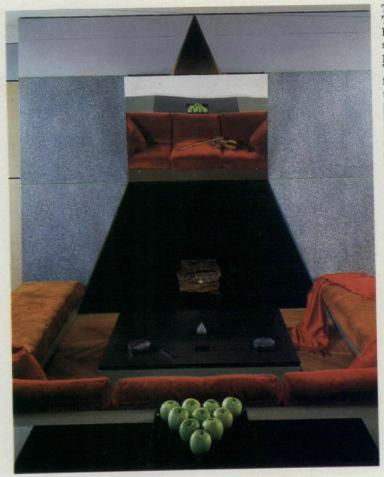
The spatial progression culminates, after yet another change of levels, with a sleeping cube walled in common jalousies, which, butt-joined and stripped of screens and hardware, take on an uncommon aspect. More important, they permit light transfer and free air circulation and at night become a rosy lantern colored by light bounced off a brick-red coverlet. *M. G.* 





## Self-portrait

Tsao Apartment New York City Calvin Tsao, Zack McKown, Designers



"The ideas are more important than the forms," opines Calvin Tsao, looking over his 2,700-squarefoot cooperative apartment. Working with Harvard GSD classmate Zack McKown, Tsao indulged his fancy for "schmaltz," "irony," "good" and "not-so-good" taste, as well as his predilection for the occasional pun and the not-sooccasional oblique and direct allusion. In and around the fireplace, for example, (photo above), Tsao almost-perversely recalls Ledoux (the pyramidal form), an Edwardian country house (the inglenook pulling out from the wall), and Gunsmoke's Matt Dillon and Miss Kitty (the rust buckskin and red velvet seating cushions). In and around the foyer and gallery (photo left), Tsao crossreferences fashion designer Charles James (the cut-on-the-bias closet curtain), Auguste Rodin (the male figure), and Jean Cocteau (the eerily ajar doors opening onto a mirror).

The chandelier hanging in Calvin Tsao's dining room originally belonged to Sigmund Freud. Or so said the octogenarian psychology professor from whom Tsao purchased the ornate fixture. If the story isn't true, it should be. For the father of psychoanalysis would surely have been delighted to shed whatever light he could on the exotic accouterments of Calvin Tsao's domestic life: a stuffed pigeon perched on a silk shawl at the edge of a baby grand piano, a gaping pyramidal void with three never-ignited logs at its base, a pair of doors held permanently ajar by a sliver of mirror, a plywood replica of a Rodin figure minus the third dimension, a giant red ball that appears to have a peripatetic life of its own, a child's rocking chair at the foot of a monumental winged bed on wheels.... Such are the things of which psychoanalytic dreams are made. But such are also some of the things from which contemporary architecture is derived—particularly the all-is-fair-in-allusion-and-reference faction.

There are allusions and references, however, and then there are allusions and references. The finialed Roman temples crowning the twin towers of architect Emery Roth's 53-year-old San Remo apartment building in Manhattan, for example, constitute one kind; the aforementioned appurtenances of Calvin Tsao's 2,700-square-foot cooperative apartment in that same building, quite another. While both Roth and Tsao employ allusion and reference for purposes of architectural aggrandizement, we understand the glory that was Rome. A dead pigeon on the other hand...

pigeon on the other hand... "It's an allusion to Central Park," supplies Tsao, who acquired the pitiful curio in Shanghai. Though one might question not only the appropriateness, but the necessity of this particular reference—Central Park is, after all, clearly visible from any one of Tsao's 13 windows—it is nonetheless a fitting, if extreme, introduction to the idiosyncratic nature of Tsao's apartment: the key to which lies in *almost* forgetting that it's an apartment.

For although residential accommodation is supplied—and on a grand scale—these "5Rms w/PkVu," as the New York Times classifieds would have them, should be regarded as galleries in a mini-museum: While most of us choose to surround ourselves with personal





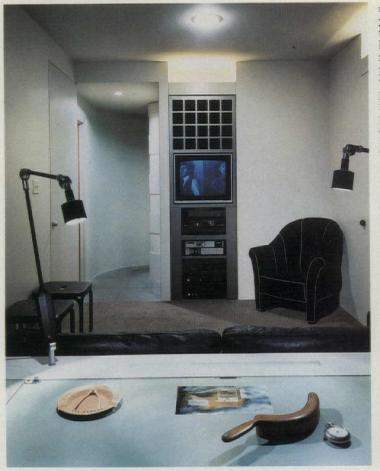
"We started from an abstract vantage point to conceive the architecture as didactic, to play with Classical and Modern vocabularies, and to attempt a reconciliation of the two." Whether you call it a noble cause, or mixed metaphors, the completed renovation clearly reflects Tsao and partner McKown's aspirations. After all but gutting the formerly two-bedroom apartment, the duo introduced a symmetrical ("Classical") plan, then "worked it in a modern-spatial combination. Tsao adds: "Interlacing that, of course, are certain symbolic

gestures." The free adaptation of Piero della Francesca's man-at-thecenter-of-the-universe format, rendered in three dimensions in the dining-room niche (photo right), is one of those "symbolic gestures." The dining-room table is a free adaptation of the classic Shaker trestle table. "It's sort of neo-Bauhaus as well," adds Tsao. The metal chairs were modeled after one Tsao found in the San Remo basement: "I just cleaned up the proportions, and had them fabricated." They are, not incidentally, comfortable.





"It is the one purely functional room in the apartment," avers Tsao, referring to the den. And even though Gerrit Thomas Rietveld's 1934 "Zig-Zag" chair (at the drawing table) is not to everyone's ergonomic liking, the den is also the most comfortable room in the apartment. On the television screen, beneath a gridded storage compartment for rolled blueprints, Tsao and McKown pose for a video portrait. On the drawing board, Tsao's winged bed caught mid-air (photo below); on the overleaf, Tsao's winged bed back on terra firma.



Tsao Apartment New York City Owner: Calvin Tsao Designers: Calvin Tsao, Zack McKown 622 West End Avenue New York, New York 10024 Consultant: Frank Tipaldo (technical) Contractor: Clayton-Wilson Construction Photographer: Paul Warchol

mementoes and souvenirs, 30year-old Calvin Tsao has elevated this humble occupation to the level of art; some would say fetish. His apartment is a permanent exhibition space, in which highlights from his psycho-social-professionalintellectual history are prominently, if vestigially, displayed. The game, of course, is identifying them. An example: Those wings extended outward from Tsao's bed? An obvious reference to childhood-playmate Peter Pan. Too easy? Try the game in reverse. Find the referents for Gunsmoke-stars Miss Kitty and Matt Dillon, for German playwright Bertolt Brecht, for 15th-century Italian painter Piero della Francesca, for fashion designer Charles James, for French film-maker Jean Cocteau, for architect Claude-Nicolas Ledoux. .

Perhaps the last word on Calvin Tsao's apartment rightfully belongs to his employer. When after three years the renovation was finally complete, Tsao dutifully invited the boss home to dinner. "So what do you think?" queried Tsao. To which Ieoh Ming Pei, looking out across Central Park, replied: "It's hard to go wrong with a view like this." C.K.G.





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#### Modular lighting system The Aton system designed by Ernesto Gismondi is covered in a 24-page color brochure. The system features different-sized modular units of lacquer-finished extruded aluminum, which accommodate halogen, fluorescent or incandescent lamps. Artemide, Inc., New York City. Circle 400 on reader service card

**Computer furniture** A 14-page color brochure covers the *Wes-Tech* series of computer furniture and accessories. Photos illustrate a number of installations and ergonomic features, and a diagram shows some typical office configurations. Westinghouse Furniture Systems, Grand Rapids, Mich. *Circle 401 on reader service card* 

#### Furniture

A color catalog features a collection of contemporary stools, chairs, ganged seating and tables. Stools come with and without backs. Both stools and chairs come upholstered and plain. Photos show all models in primary colors and neutrals. Kinetics, Rexdale, Ontario. *Circle 402 on reader service card* 

#### Furniture

Several collections of conference and occasional tables and chairs designed by Joe Agati are illustrated in an 8-page color brochure. Included is the *Petro Collection*, winner of an IBD award in 1982 and a Daphne award in 1983. Agati, Chicago. *Circle 403 on reader service card* 

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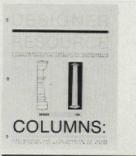
Photographs of room settings illustrate several collections of vinyl floor tiles in a 20-page color brochure. Dimensions, technical data, standard applications and a color chart are included as well as abridged specifications. Azrock Industries, Inc., San Antonio, Texas. *Circle 404 on reader service card* 

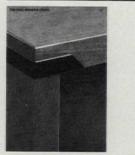
#### **Desk** accessories

The mirror-finished stainlesssteel SST 9100 collection is featured in a 4-page color brochure. The collection includes letter trays, ashtrays, pencil cups and wastebaskets, all with matte black interiors. McDonald Products, Buffalo, N.Y. *Circle 405 on reader service card* 













#### Barrier-free hardware

A 4-page brochure covers knobs and levers designed for the handicapped. Included are knobs with knurled edges or abrasive coatings designed to help blind people identify doors leading to dangerous areas. Decorative lever handles are also featured. Schlage Lock Co., San Francisco, Calif. *Circle 406 on reader service card* 

#### **Ceramic tile**

A tile sample kit contains 4- by 8-in. samples of each of the 23 different ceramic tiles produced by this manufacturer. Also included are complete specifications as well as recommended applications. International American Ceramics, Inc., Tulsa, Okla. *Circle 407 on reader service card* 

#### Architectural details

A set of seven catalogs serves as a source for hard-to-find details for period interior and exterior designs. Among the items listed and shown are columns and capitals, mantles, metal ceilings, moldings and Victorian millwork. Designer Resource, Hollywood, Calif. *Circle 408 on reader service card* 

#### Office furniture

Photos illustrate the King Miranda collection of desks and cabinets in a 12-page color brochure. Dimensions and descriptions are included as well as close-up photos and diagrams showing details such as wire management and drawer pulls. Atelier International, Ltd., New York City. Circle 409 on reader service card

#### Plotter media and supplies

A packet of literature includes samples of vellums, bonds and drafting films as well as price lists of electrographic plotter supplies. Separate pages describe dimensions of media, plotter pens, points and inks. Teledyne Post, Chicago. *Circle 410 on reader service card* 

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## **Designer's Saturday 1983**

From its name, one might assume that Designer's Saturday, the Northeast furnishings show, is held in one day. In fact, it is held over a period of three days and this year it begins on Thursday, October 13. The focus of the program on this day—Facilities Management Day-will be the problems facing designers involved in office automation and facilities integration. Speaking on the subject will be Michael Clevenger of the Office Standards Research Division at Xerox and James Morgan of the Project Consulting Department at Cushman & Wakefield.

On Thursday afternoon, the showrooms of the 49 member firms of Designer's Saturday will feature presentations by members of 25 distinguished architectural and design firms, including Joseph Rosen of ISD, Inc., Jack Dunbar of dePolo/Dunbar and John Belle of Beyer, Blinder, Belle. The presentations will cover specific design problems these designers have encountered in their work.

On Friday evening, October 14, a seminar called "Meet the Press" will include six of the design world's most influential magazine and newspaper editors, who will give slide presentations and discuss topics ranging from the current state and future of design to the effect of the media on design. On Saturday evening, Designer's Saturday will once again hold a reception at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

From 9:00 to 5:00 during each day of the three-day event, the 49 members' showrooms will be open to display their newest products. A selection of these products is shown on the following pages.

1. Chair: The bentwood side chair, designed by Warren Snodgrass, comes in light oak, dark oak and walnut finishes. Five models include open and full backs with or without arms and full backs with fully upholstered arm inserts. Steelcase, Grand Rapids, Mich. *Circle 300 on reader service card* 

2. Chairs: Flexturn office chairs have pedestal or cantilevered bases and come with or without arms. Shells are nylon and trim is either steel tubing or bentwood. Pedestal bases are glass-filled nylon and have double casters. Beylerian Ltd., New York City. Circle 301 on reader service card

**3. Sofa:** The 2-seat sofa of the *Allegro Collection* has a frame of molded plywood and hardwood and comes upholstered in a

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choice of 225 fabrics and leathers. Brayton International, High Point, N.C. Circle 302 on reader service card

4. Workstations: Activity Center Modules have glare-free postformed laminate desk tops. Bases consist of 3 steel elements: weighted feet, vertical supports housing lift mechanisms, and wire management ducts. Harvey Probber, Inc., New York City. Circle 303 on reader service card

5. Computer workstation: The Zapf station includes an acoustical printer closet with an optional acoustic foam silencer. A disk-drive hanger frame gives easy access to material. Knoll International, New York City. Circle 304 on reader service card

6. Desk: The surface and sides of the Tech 3 come in oak, ash, walnut and mahogany in several finishes. The stainless-steel pedestal comes in bronze or chrome or a number of color finishes. Modern Mode, Inc., Oakland, Calif. Circle 305 on reader service card

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7. Chairs: A side chair designed by Toshiyuki Kita is made of beech and comes in either a natural finish or a choice of 6 colors in a matte opaque finish. Stendig International, Inc., New York City. *Circle 306 on reader service card* 

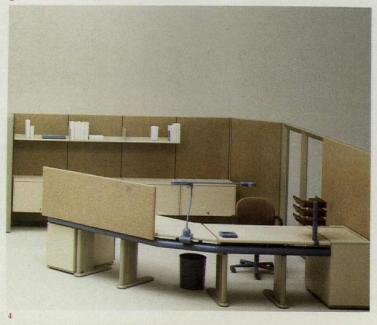
8. Chair: The Crista Chair has a stamped steel shell and molded cushion form. Armrests are topped with self-skinning foam pads. The sled base is tubular steel. Sunar/Hauserman, Inc., Waterloo, Ontario. Circle 307 on reader service card

**9. Bathroom:** Glace, a modular cabinet system designed by Luigi Massoni, includes hampers, concealed towel racks and closets. It comes in 6 high-gloss color finishes. Surfaces include marbles and granites. ICF, Inc., New York City. Circle 308 on reader service card

**10. Tables:** The Belschner series includes 20 table-top sizes, 4 shapes and 2 heights. All are made of particleboard finished in polyester resin in a choice of 21 colors. Metropolitan Furniture Corp., South San Francisco, Calif. *Circle 309 on reader service card Continued on page 169* 







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11. Seating: Two series of chairs feature seamless 1-piece fabric upholstery. Task chairs have swivel-tilt mechanisms; pneumatic seat height control is optional. Both series come in fabrics with 119 color and texture possibilities. Haworth, Inc., Holland, Mich. *Circle 310 on reader service card* 

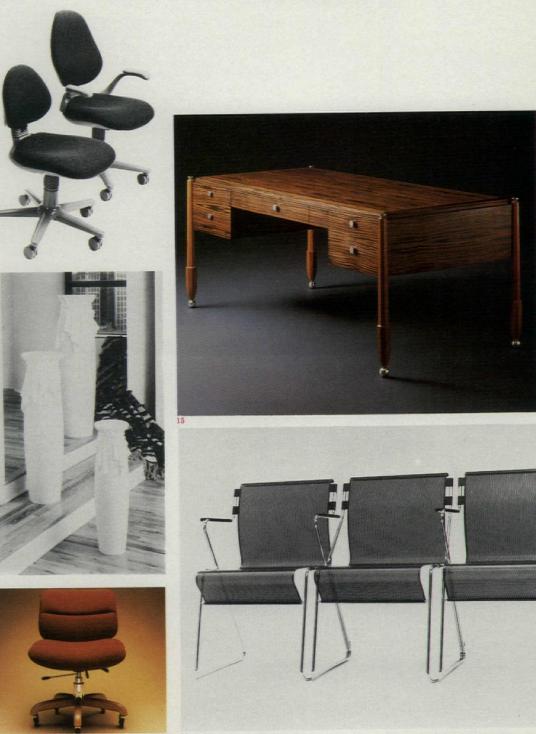
12. Pedestals: Alberto Pinto's pedestals come in 3 heights: 31, 41 and 51 in. They are made of fiberglass and come in standard or custom colors. Other items in the *Pinto Collection* are tables and undraped versions of the pedestals. ObZhay, New York City. *Circle 311 on reader service card* 

13. Chair: Warren Platner's machine-operator's chair has a laminated bentwood frame in a choice of white oak, walnut or maple. Upholstery comes in a choice of wools, wool blends and leathers in a wide range of colors. Pneumatic controls adjust seat and back height and angle. C.I. Designs, Medford, Mass. *Circle 312 on reader service card* 

14. Workstation: The COM secretarial station has a columnand-beam infrastructure that channels telephone, power and data lines out of sight while supplying load-bearing support. Worksurfaces are plastic laminate. Krueger, Green Bay, Wis. Circle 313 on reader service card

15. Desk: The Oneida Series desk, designed by Wendell Castle, comes in combinations of 6 different wood species, including Macassar ebony, Swiss pear, koa and Australian walnut. Design features include a stepped graduation at the edge of the top, tapered octagonal legs, sterling silver dotted inlays, hemispheric finials at each corner of the top and a ball at the foot of each leg. The Gunlocke Co., Wayland, N.Y. Circle 314 on reader service card

**16. Seating:** The *Nero* series of chairs, available with or without arms, may be ganged or stacked. Bases are chrome, and seats are black perforated metal. Dux Interiors, Inc., New York City. *Circle 315 on reader service card More products on page 171* 







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#### Lounge system

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#### Chair

The #0927 model of the Michigan collection features a die-cast aluminum frame in a choice of polished aluminum, powdered coatings in 4 colors, or lacquer finishes in 10 colors. Upholstery may be chosen from 5 different lines of material, including wools, wool blends, leathers and synthetics. The chair comes with or without casters. Castelli Furniture, Inc., New York City.

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Office system

The Electronic Office features a panel-mounted, dual-height worksurface for CRT operators. Other features are electrical outlets at both the floor and worksurface levels and panelmounted cabinets with task lights. All-Steel, Inc., Aurora, Ill. Circle 318 on reader service card



#### Wall fixtures

Designed by Ernesto Gismondi, Doral wall fixtures feature solid brass wall plates in polished brass or bronze finishes. Diffusors are hand-blown opaline glass. Fixtures come in two sizes. Artemide, Inc., New York City. Circle 319 on reader service card



#### Desk

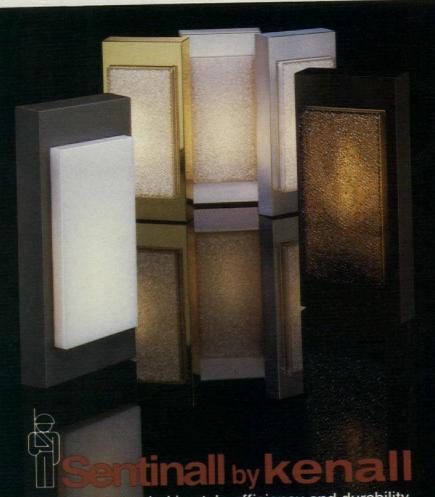
The secretarial desk of the 3900 line has two 30-in.-wide, 18<sup>1</sup>/2-in.deep file drawers built into its side to utilize dead space. It also features a 23-in.-wide return to accommodate a CRT terminal. The desk comes in solid oak or walnut. Conwed Corp., St. Paul, Minn.

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#### **Office** furniture

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#### Armchair

The #143 armchair comes on casters and is available entirely in saddle leather or in fabric coordinated with saddle leather trim. It is part of the Meteora Series, which includes desks, conference tables and cabinets. The Pace Collection, Inc., New York City.

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#### Workstation

Elements of the VDU (Video Display Unit) workstation include terminal and printer tables and linking surfaces for terminal sharing. These elements were designed by Mario Bellini to complement the Marcatre Furniture System. Atelier International, Ltd., New York City

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#### Armchair

The *Lyre* chair, designed in the 1940s by Robsjohn-Gibbings and now being reintroduced, is made of European beech. The seat is custom upholstered. Jack Lenor Larsen, Inc., New York City. Circle 327 on reader service card Continued on page 175



#### Seating

The RAF System, designed by William B. Raftery, features bases and end panels made of ABS textured plastic, which comes in 16 colors. Units may be joined together to require only two end panels. Upholstery comes in any of this manufacturer's fabrics, vinyls or leathers and can be replaced on-site with no special tools or skills. Vecta Contract, Grand Prairie, Texas.

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#### **Office** system

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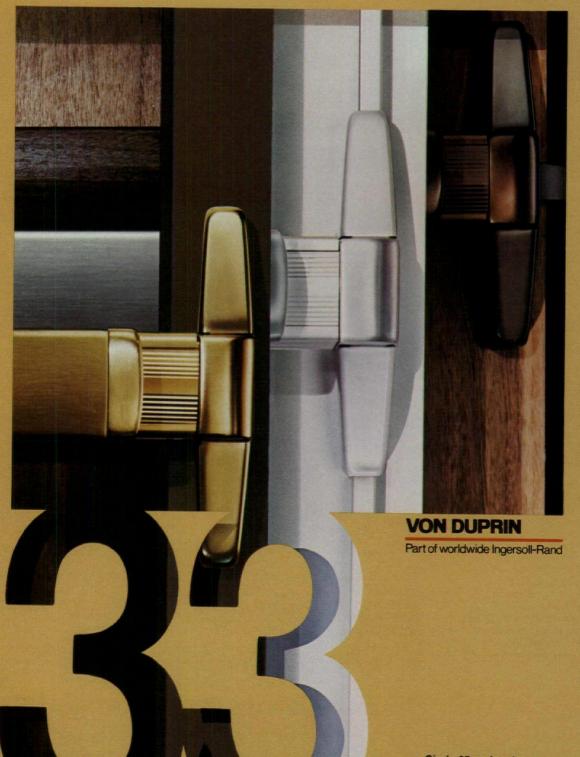
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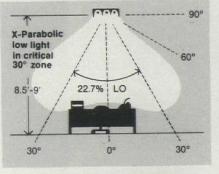


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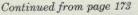
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#### **CRT** furniture

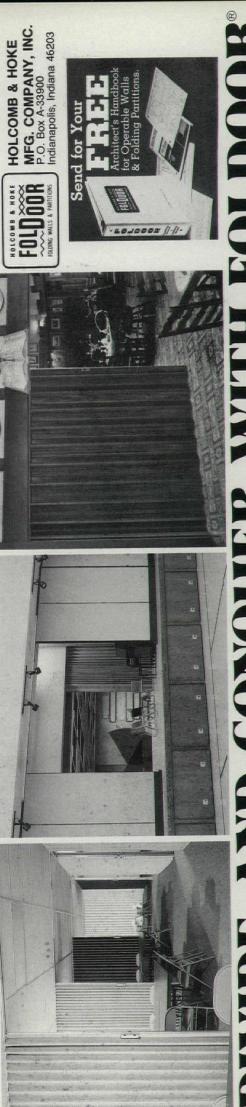
The 1900 series traditional-style mobile CRT table shown here is available in oak or walnut in a variety of oil or catalyzed lacquer finishes. Also in the series is a printer table, a sectional CRT table and an executive CRT desk unit. Alma Desk Co., High Point, N.C.

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#### Pedestals

The *M* & *M* Series of drum tables and pedestals comes in a number of materials, including stainless steel, bronze, wood and opaque color finishes. The series comes in a wide variety of sizes. Brueton Industries, Springfield Gardens, N.Y. *Circle 330 on reader service card Continued on page 177* 



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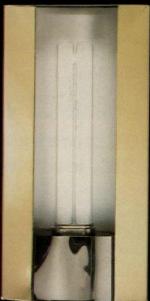
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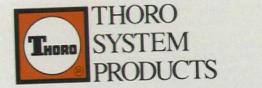
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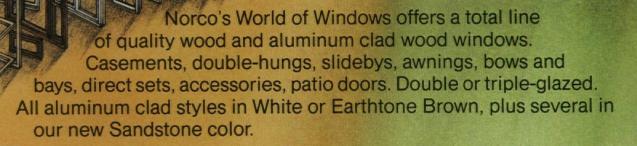


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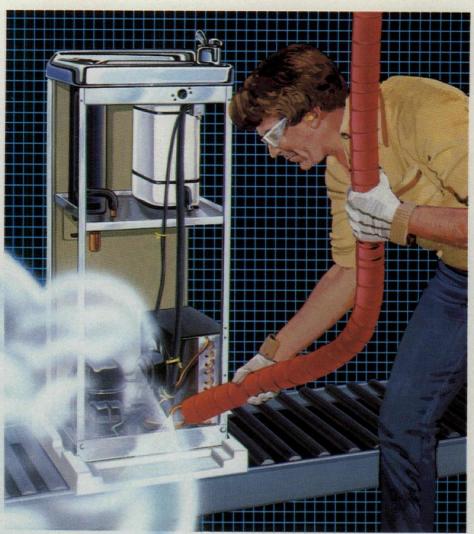
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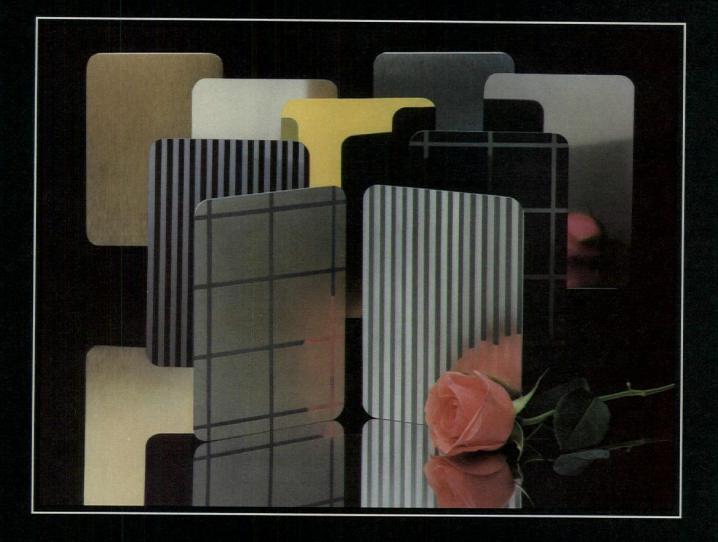


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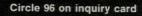
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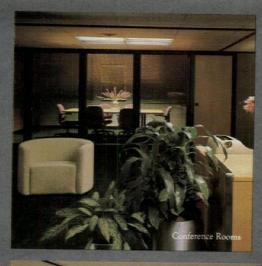
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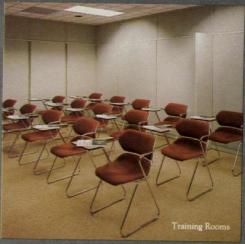
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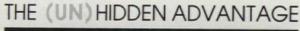
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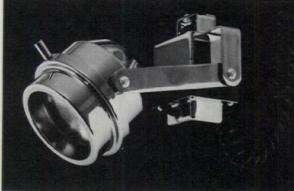
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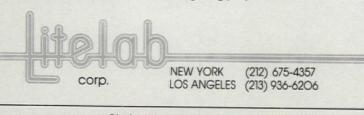


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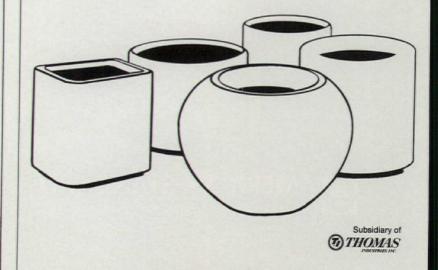
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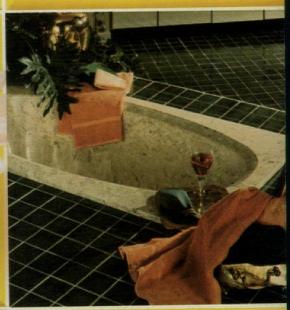
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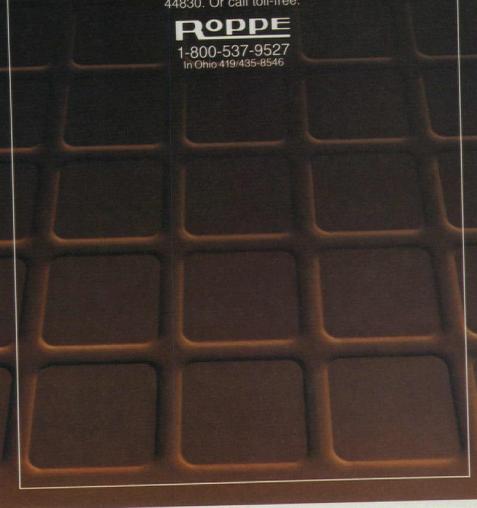
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