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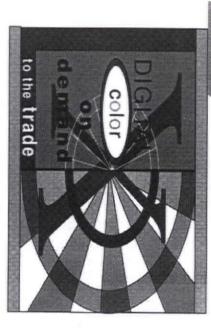
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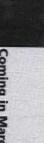












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Coming in March: nterview with Architect

Conference

AIA/LA Board Installation
USGBC Conference Wrap-up 1996 in Review 1997 Calendar of Events Inside:



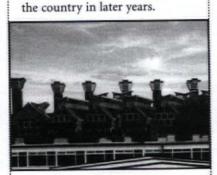








Entitled, "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)," the rating system requires the design team to fill in a questionnaire on design elements and building systems incorporated into a project. The building will then receive a Bronze, Silver, or Gold LEED's rating. This rating will give the owner marketing differentiation from his or her competitors. The other major effort of the USGBC this year is the development of a resource center at Southern California Gas Company's Energy Resource Center in Downey, and on-line. The internet is to develop other resource centers across



While there has been a great deal of work in the last five years on the theoretical and technical tools for designing and constructing more environmentally responsible structures, the real story of the conference was the presentation of projects that truly integrated the plasticity of form-making and the environmental agenda. Most notable in this respect was the Queen's Building at De Montfort University in Leicester, England by architect Short • Ford and Associates, dryly described by Alan Short. This is a school of engineering and manufacturing that has eliminated most of the mechanical equipment traditionally studied in these environments. As Short so poetically stated, he has for the last ten years pursued the "physics and form of buildings" to maximize passive technologies. He refers to the "respiratory rate of a building" which varies over the course of a day, and by virtue of the anthromorphism of the image, graphically evokes the necessary interaction between interior and exterior climate. The responsive plasticity of his forms was also effectively used to mend the civic fabric of Leicester that had suffered in a 1960's urban renewal demolition. Short revealed that he is careful to integrate the detail elements that make the passive design work into the structural elements of the building, so that when his structures get "value engineered" these details are not eliminated. If the air intake chambers and stack vents literally "hold up the roof," these forms that are normally considered extraneous to mechanically ventilated structures will survive the axe.

Within the philosophic framework of the work of Short · Ford and Associates lies the future of "green" architectural design, if not in its specific aesthetic that is at times very fussy. The elegance of the integration of all the design decisions within a hierarchy of environmental issues, without losing grasp of

the demands of the site and the city, is the best we can expect.

-Deborah Weintraub, AIA is Co-Chair of the AIA/LA Committee on the Environment.

"Bills" vs "Invoices"

t a recent workshop on professional liability, I pointed out that architects should use the word "bill" instead of "invoice." Invoice is used in connection with the sale of goods, not performance of a service. How many times have you heard of a doctor's "invoice" or a lawyer's "invoice"? When the instructor asked the audience how many of them routinely used the word "invoice," the majority raised their hands. It struck me that this was not just a matter of semantics, but was part of our professional "culture."

When I started practicing architecture 20 years ago, the mark of a client one did not want, was one who negotiated fees based on the number of sheets in a set of drawings. There were also jokes about clients and bidders who weighed drawings to determine the architect's fee and the contractor's bids. And there are clients who claim copyright ownership of drawings because they "paid" for the drawings. The notion of architecture as a commodity is unfortunately still out there in a good segment of the public. The expectation of warranty and strict liability (liability without fault), as though architecture was a manufactured product, is also common.

Under California law, the practice of architecture is a service-not a product. As such, warranties and strict liability that are associated with the manufacturing and sale of goods do not apply to the practice of architecture. In the eyes of the law, architects are judged by what they obligate themselves to do contractually, and by the "standard of care" established by the profession.

Stay out of trouble by drafting careful contracts and maintaining your level of competence and performance commensurate with standards set by the profession. But, you must still educate clients to expect service, not products. Send "bills", not "invoices".

—Mehrdad Farivar, AIA, ESQ. is an architect and an attorney in West Los Angeles, and Chair of LA/AIA Government Relations

Itching for a Niche in the 90's

hen you think of marketing in the 90's, you hear words such as nimble, agile, niche market, stories and depth (I hope) and the list goes on. All of these concepts are valid and important in realizing marketing success, especially when intermingled. They are predicated on the basic notion that you should market clients, rather than projects, preferably in particular markets, while at the same time make a concerted effort to build and

publicize your reputation for excellence.

You often hear today: How do you make your mark in @@##\$\$\$ market? Too often ,firms, usually smaller, but large firms as well, jump into a market, willy nilly because they're "hot", without giving a great deal of thought of whether or not they fit, or have the appropriate means, i.e. staff, experience or appropriate alliances, to achieve the desired goal. This is to say, when you make a commitment to enter into a particular market, or provide a particular service, that you take the correct steps to get there. One thing we do know, the generalist and the concept of mass marketing has virtually disappeared in the 90's. This is a casualty of several marketplace changes, not the least of which is an increasingly more knowledgeable and sophisticated client, coupled with a more global marketplace, as well as less "traditional" work to be let.

This information is certainly not news to anyone who has been trying to market themselves, especially in recent years. What may be news is the critical self examination firms must undertake to make the large and small adjustments that will put you on the road to success. Some of that may mean returning to your roots, as well as discovering your passion, an important step in the process. Too often in the quest for new work, firms and individuals get pulled in directions that are contrary to their core values and strengths. This is not to say you should limit your direction, but you should find out where you fit. You must look at yourself more strategically.

As part of strategic planning efforts, firms often conduct SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses,internal issues, Opportunities, Threats,- external factors) analyses. The result is usually a very eye opening experience. A careful, honest analysis as jumping off point can help you start to formulate a plan to get you from Point A to Point B. Your strengths analysis will not only identify what you do well, but also serve as a springboard from which you can differentiate yourself. On the other hand, your weaknesses can serve as a starting point to redirect your efforts. These, of course, do not exist in a vacuum, but in fact must be examined in light of external issues.

Where does this all lead? Hopefully to at least greater self understanding, the framework for a vision (an ultimate key to your success), and the seeds for determining current and future direction and long and short term goals.

(A follow-up article will address particular market research tools and ways to build your professional reputation.)

-Phyllis Dubinsky-Klein is a Principal of Dworsky Associates, focusing on strategic planning, client service and new market ventures and was the 1995 recipient of the Leonardo Award for Marketing Excellence.

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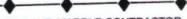


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- Home Tour: TBD 10 4 pm
- **Urban Design Committee** 6:30 pm, Chapter
- 10 Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter
- 11 LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 pm, Chapter 12 Codes Committee Meeting
- 5:15 pm, Chapter 16 ARE Building Planning Prep
- Class, 6 10 pm, Chapter 17 Interior Architecture
- Committee, TBD 18 LAX/New Graduates Reception
 - 6 7 pm, PDC Job Opportunities with LAX Presentation, 7 - 8:30 pm. PDC Blue Conference Rm.
- 19 Health Care Committee: Facility Tour, 3:30 pm Committee on the Environment, 6:30 pm Good Business/Good Design Lecture: TBD
- 23 ARE Building Planning Mock Exam Prep Class 6 - 10 pm, TBD
- 24 AIA/LA Exec. Committee 4 pm, Chapter AIA/LA Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Chapter
- 26 Professional Development Seminar: CalDag 6 - 8 pm, PDC International Practice Cmte 5:30 pm, Chapter
- 28 Committee & Board Retreat 8 - 1 pm, TBD

July

- 3 Urban Design Committee 6:30 pm, Chapter
- Holiday Independence Day
- Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter
- LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 am, Chapter
- 10 Codes Committee 5:15 pm, Chapter
- 14 ARE Building Technology Prep Class (tentative) 6 - 10 pm, Chapter
- 15 Interior Architecture Committee, TBD
- 16 Heath Care Committee 3:30 pm, Chapter
- 17 Committee on the Environment, 6:30 pm Good Business/Good Design Lecture: TBD
- 21 ARE Building Technology Mock Exam (tentative) 6 - 10pm, TBD
- 22 AIA/LA Exec. Committee 4 pm, Chapter AIA/LA Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Chapter
- 31 Pro Practice Committee: Code Talk/LA City TBD, Chapter

August

- **Urban Design Committee** 6:30 pm, Chapter
- AIA/CC Meeting -Burlingame
- 12 Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter
- 13 LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 am, Chapter
- 19 Interior Architecture Committee - TBD
- 20 Health Care Committee 3:30 pm, Chapter
- 21 Committee on the Environment, 6:30 pm Good Business/ Good Design Lecture: TBD

September

- Holiday Labor Day
- **Urban Design Committee** 6:30 pm, Chapter
- Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter Professional Development Seminar: TBD 6 - 8 pm, PDC
- 10 LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 am, Chapter
- 11 Codes Committee 5:15 pm, Chapter Masters of Architecture Lecture Series: TBD 6:30 pm, LACMA
- 14 Sand Castle Competition TBD, Zuma Beach
- 16 Interior Architecture Committee, TBD
- 17 Health Care Committee 3:30 pm, Chapter Port of Los Angeles Reception, 6 - 7 pm, PDC Job Opportunities with Port of Los Angeles Presentation, 7 - 8:30 pm, **PDC Blue Conference Room**
- 18 Committee on the Environment 6:30 pm, Chapter Good Business/Good Design Lecture: TBD
- 23 AIA/LA Executive Committee 4 pm, Chapter AIA/LA Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Chapter
- 25 Pro Practice Committee: **Small Business Practices** TBD. Chapter
- 28 Home Tour: TBD, 10 4 pm

October

- **Urban Design Committee** 6:30 pm, Chapter
- LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 am, Chapter AIA-Student Open House 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Chapter
- 9 Codes Committee 5:15 pm, Chapter Professional Development Seminar: TBD 6 - 8 pm, PDC
- 14 Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter
- 15 Health Care Committee 3:30 pm, Chapter
- 16 Committee on the Environment 6:30 pm, Chapter Good Business/Good
 - Design Lecture: TBD Masters of Architecture Lecture: TBD 6:30 pm, LACMA
- 19 Home Tour: TBD, 10 4 pm
- 21 Interior Architecture Committee, TBD On The Boards/ New Member Reception 6:30 pm, TBD
- 28 AIA/LA Exec. Committee 4 pm, Chapter AIA/LA Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Chapter
- 30 Design Awards/ Awards Dinner (tentative) 6:30 pm, Biltmore Hotel

November

- 3 Professional Development Seminar: TBD 6 - 8 pm, PDC
- 5 On The Boards/Newly Licensed Architects'
- Reception, 6:30 pm **Urban Design Committee** 6:30 pm, Chapter

- 6-7 AIA/CC Meeting -Yosemite
- 11 Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter
- 12 LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 am, Chapter
- 13 Codes Committee Meeting 5:15 pm, Chapter Masters of Architecture Lecture Series: TBD 6:30 pm, LACMA
- 18 Interior Architecture Committee, TBD AIA/LA Exec. Committee 4 pm, Chapter AIA/LA Board Meeting
- 5:30 pm, Chapter 19 Health Care Committee 3:30 pm, Chapter
- 20 Committee on the Environment, 6:30 pm Good Business/Good
- Design Lecture: TBD 22 Board & Committee Retreat: 1998 Calendar Planning 8 - 1 pm, TBD
- 27-28 Holiday Thanksgiving

December

- 4 Urban Design Committee 6:30 pm, Chapter Pro Practice Committee: Environmentally Friendly Design, PDC
- Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter Professional Development Seminar: TBD 6 - 8 pm, PDC

10 Health Care Committee

- 3:30 pm, Chapter LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 am, Chapter
- 11 Holiday Open House Party 6:30 pm, Chapter
- 16 Interior Architecture **Committee Meeting** AIA/LA Exec. Committee 4 pm, Chapter AIA/LA Board Meeting
- 5:30 pm, Chapter 18 Committee on the Environment, 6:30 pm Good Business/Good
- Design Lecture: TBD 24-25 Holiday - Christmas

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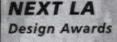
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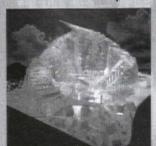
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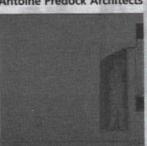
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Merit

Details and Documents David Louis Swartz, AIA



Merit The Young Apartments **Cavaedium Architects**



Game Show Network Steven Ehrlich Architects



Merit Beverly Hills Hotel Hirsch Bedner Associates



Honor Bovard Administration Bldg.



Honor Sony Pictures ImageWorks Interior Space International Eric Allen Stultz, AIA

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Interior Architecture Design Awards Reception Good Design Series: Nadel Architects

August

September

Sand Castle Competition
On The Boards at
Ehrlich & Associates
Good Design Series:
Altoon & Porter

October

AIA/LA City of Houses Presentation at Knoll Cal State Long Beach Student Reception On the Boards at SMP Design Awards Luncheon, Biltmore

November

December





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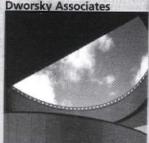
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1996 was a year of constant motion. The Chapter formally moved into its permanent quarters at the Pacific Design Center with the generous support of corporate and individual sponsorship. Several new programs were established, among them the Annual Interior Architecture Awards and NEXT LA Awards competitions. These will now join the Annual Design Awards program creating a trilogy of events to recognize exceptional architecture and designbuilt and unbuilt-in the greater Los Angeles area. The Chapter established On the Boards, receptions designed to encourage members to see what's going on in other member firms.

Several committees have also produced outstanding regular programs such as Good **Business/Good Design** lectures, an expanded Home Tour series, timely Professional Development Seminars, ARE Seminars, and more. The much celebrated Masters of Architecture Lecture Series ended the year with a sold-out lecture featuring architect Bernard Tschumi! And L.A. Architect completed its 20th year as the Chapter's publication!

The following are some snap-shots of the year's programs.

January

March

April

AIA Convention, Minneapolis AIACC Design Awards New Graduates Good Design Series: Morphosis

May

Technology Conference

AIA/LA Officer

3rd Annual Auction Good Design Series: Marc Appleton

February

Interior Architecture Student Design Competition WestWeek 96

Mario Botta Lecture Chapter Office Grand Opening Reception Architecture Week

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January

- 14 Associates' Meeting 7:00 pm, Chapter Judith Baca Lecture 7:30 pm, Woodbury Univ.
- 15 Health Care Committee: The Wilder Future 3:30 pm, Chapter
- 16 1996 Design Awards
 Exhibit Opening,
 UCLA Design Center
 Committee on the
 Environment/Bellflower
 Housing Project's Beer &
 Pizza Charrette 6:30 pm
- 20 Holiday Martin Luther King Birthday
- 21 Interior Architecture Committee Meeting, 6 pm
- 23 International Practice Cmte 5:30 pm, Chapter AIA/LA & LA Times Reception for Architecture Writer, Nicholai Ourossoff 6:30 pm, Times Mirror Sq.
- 24 SCI-Arc Reception TBD, MOCA
- 27 ARE MEP Prep Class #1 6 – 10 pm, Chapter
- 30 Good Business/Good

 Design Lecture: Michael

 Lehrer Architect, 6:30 pm

 Pro Practice Committee

 Reorganization Meeting

 TBD, Chapter

February

- Associates' Roundtable Discussion: Ron Altoon, Altoon & Porter
- 3 ARE MEP Prep Class #2 6 - 10 pm, Chapter
- 5-9 Grassroots Conference Washington, DC
- 5 "Geography in a Social and Political Context" 7:30 pm, SCI-Arc
- 6 Urban Design Committee 6:30 pm, Chapter
- 10 ARE MEP Prep Class #3 6 - 10 pm, Chapter
- 4 pm, Chapter
 AIA/LA Board Meeting
 5:30 pm, Chapter
 Associates' Meeting
 7:30 pm, Chapter
- B.A.M. Lecture 7:30 pm, Woodbury Univ. 12 LA Architect Board Meeting
- 7:30 am, Chapter
 Tod Williams Lecture
 7:30 pm, SCI-Arc
- 13 Codes Committee Meeting 5:15 pm, Chapter
- 15 1996 Design Awards Exhibit Opening, USC

- 17 Holiday- Presidents' Birthdays
- 18 Interior Architecture Cmte 6 pm, Chapter
- 19 Health Care Committee: Healthy Environment 3:30 pm, Chapter Mark Rios Lecture 7:30 pm, SCI-Arc
- 20 Committee on the
 Environment
 6:30 pm, Chapter
 Interior Architecture Annual
 Auction & Cocktail Party
 5:30 9:00 pm, PDC B229
 Good Business/Good
- Design Lecture: TBD

 25 Board & Officer Installation
 Cocktail Party, 6 8 pm,
 USC Town & Gown
- 26 ARE Codes & Access Issues
 Prep Class
 6 10 pm, Chapter
 i on design: Landscape
 Architecture 6:30 pm,
 PDC Green Theater
- 26-27 AIA/CC Board Meeting Sacramento
- 26 Sarah Graham Lecture 6:30 pm, SCI-Arc
- 27 International Practice Cmte
 5:30 pm, Chapter
 Architecture Education for
 Children Committee Mtg.
 TBD, NBA Design
 Pro Practice Committee:
 Van Tilburg, Banvard &
 Soderberg Presentation
 at VTBS Architects

March

- Neil Denari Lecture
 6:30 pm, Woodbury Gallery
 Kate Diamond Lecture
 7:30 pm, SCI-Arc
- 6 Masters of Architecture Lecture Series: Raphael Vinoly, FAIA 6:30 pm, LACMA Urban Design Committee 6:30 pm, Chapter
- 10 ARE Pre Design Prep 6 – 10 pm, Chapter
- 6 10 pm, Chapter

 11 Associates' Meeting

 7 pm, Chapter
- 12 LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 am, Chapter Jorge Silvetti Lecture 7:30 pm, SCI-Arc
- 13 Codes Committee Meeting 5:15 pm, Chapter
- 19-20 WestWeek 97
 8 5 pm, Chapter
 Breakfast Conversations
 with Architects
 8 9:30 am, PDC

- 19 Ian Schrager Presentation & Reception, 1:30pm PDC Green Theater AIA/LA Interior Architecture Design Competition Reception & Student
 - Competition
 Professional Development
 Seminar: "How to Bill &
 Get Paid"
 3 5 pm, Chapter
- Beverly Hilton

 20 Professional Development
 Seminar "How to
 Submit a Winning Entry"
 12 2 pm, Chapter
 WestWeek 97 Closing Party,
 PDC

IIDA Caliber Awards

- 25 AIA/LA Exec. Committee 4 pm, Chapter AIA/LA Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Chapter
- 26 "New Work Los Angeles" 7:30 pm, SCI-Arc
- 27 International Practice Cmte 5:30 pm, Chapter Pro Practice Committee: Ed Takahashi, PDC

April

- 2 "California Graphics" 7:30 pm, SCI-Arc
- 3 Urban Design Committee 6:30 pm, Chapter Professional Development Seminar: Frank Stasiowsky, 6:30 pm, PDC
- 4-6 Monterey Design Conference: Asiloner
- 8 Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter
- 9 LA Architect Board Meeting 7:30 am, Chapter Michael Rotondi Lecture 7:30 pm, ROTO Architects (SCI-Arc Lecture Series)
- 10 Codes Committee Meeting 5:15 pm, Chapter "On the Boards with HOK" 6:30 pm, HOK Architects
- 15 Interior Architecture Cmte. 6 pm, TBD
- 16 Health Care Committee:
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 Facilities Regulation
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 6 7 pm, Poggenpohl
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- 12 ARE Site Design Prep Class 6 – 10 pm, Chapter
- 13 Associates' Meeting 7 pm, Chapter
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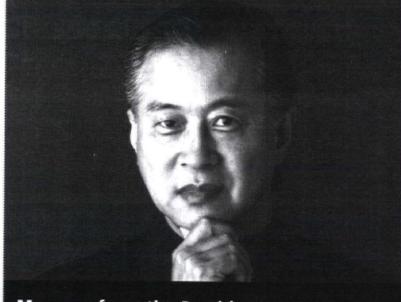
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Message from the President

want to thank you all for your endorsement in electing me this year's Chapter President. I am delighted to have this opportunity to serve the Chapter, and to work together toward continued growth and opportunity for our organization.

As President-Elect during 1996, I learned a great deal about the function of the Chapter, and its board. This first experience with the AIA/LA Board has been valuable in helping me to understand not only also the significant relationships between board and committees and members but also the variety of resources that we, the membership, bring together. I believe I offer the Board fresh insight and energy, and I have pin-pointed areas in which I feel I can make the greatest contribution in these next twelve months. I will continue to draw upon the large network of connections I have developed in the past, and utilize these to stimulate renewed focus on education, on business development, and on developing a more clear, concise, supportive dialogue between the board and the newly restructured committees. Fortuitously, I have been able to set some plans in motion during my year as President-Elect, and Iím looking forward to continuing and expanding upon these

A perpetual concern in the architectural community is the gap that exists between the professional office and the academic environment. I believe that both benefit by greater communication, and closer collaboration between concerned architectural professionals and leaders in academic circles. Thus, I am pleased to have initiated an effort, during my year as Vice President, to invite the Deans of Los Angeles area architecture and design schools to become ex-oficio members of the Board. This invitation has also been extended to the student AIAS officers at each institution, to ensure student representation as well. Statements and suggestions from these representatives will always be on the Boardís monthly meeting agenda. My intent is that this regular involvement, in addition to special forums and workshops, will facilitate mutual understanding of each others' needs, concerns, and roles in our community, and will begin to pro-actively close the gap.

this kind of dynamic stance on education beyond the obvious venue of our professional curriculums. I am looking to establish the same kind of dialogue at every educational level, starting at elementary school. Awareness of architecture and the importance of good design in the physical environment must be taught early on, and I hope to offer an educational resource through the AIA to assist the educators of those children who are our future professionals and our future clients. Taking a proactive role in influencing what is taught to the next generations by contributing to education programs will one day bring great return-more commissions for architects, clients who are educated, and most of all a better environment all around.

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Business development is another aspect of the architecture profession on which I want to focus. Networking and public relations are critical elements in an active drive to develop more opportunities, and we, as the Chapter, ought to hone every tool and vehicle we can, and make them more available to the membership. With this eye to business development we have approached the programming for the coming year. Planned for 1997 are several special series large and small scaled networking events with representatives of thriving public agencies; a reprise of our excellent lecture series; an exhibition series, on several themes, done in conjunction with noted museum and gallery professionals; a special, festive Design Awards event; and an improved collaboration which fully supports our publication, L.A. Architect.

In keeping with my focus on education, I have made arrangements for this year's installation of officers and directors to take place at USC. The University has graciously made their Town and Gown Ballroom available to us. Making this event affordable and accessible to as many members as possible was important to me, as a first step in 1997 toward greater involvement and improved communication among all our members.

I look forward to seeing you all at the installation. Until then,

Best wishes for the New Year.

Ted

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Los Angeles Chapter Begins a New Year

cocktail party and reception honoring the new slate of AIA/Los Angeles Officers and Board members will be held February 25, 1997 at USC's Town and Gown. Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Ray Kappe, FAIA, will also act as installing officer.

Taking the helm as President is Ted Tokio Tanaka, FAIA, principal of Ted Tanaka Architect based in Marina Del Rey. Mr. Tanaka, who will become the first Asian American President in the Chapter's 103 year history, brings with him a new focus for the new year: Education and the Profession.

Tickets for the Installation Party, \$35 for AIA members, \$45 for non-members, and \$20 for students, are available through the Chapter office.

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Interior Architecture Award Call for Entries

he 1997 AIA/LA Interior Architecture & Design Awards Call for Entries will be mailed to all AIA/LA members in mid-January. The competition is open to all Los Angeles based firms or projects located in Los Angeles. Judging will take place in New York City, and the winners will be announced at a reception during WestWeek 97. Call the Chapter for more details.

Auction to Benefit Scholarship Fund

he Interior Architecture Committee will host their annual Auction & Cocktail Party to benefit the William Z. Landworth Memorial Scholarship fund. This year's event will provide some of the finest artwork, furnishings, fabric and gift items for auction at below wholesale prices and generate \$5250 in scholarships. Cocktails and silent auction begin at 5:30 pm followed by the live auction. It all takes place February 20, 1997 at the Pacific Design Center, Suite B229. Admission is \$5 for AIA members, \$10 for non-members.

The scholarship design competition, open to all students from Southern California schools of Architecture and Interior Design, was established to foster awareness of the practice of Interior Architecture in existing structures.

For additional information, contact Barbara Blasko (213) 724-9393.

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introduce Architecture Critic,
Nicholai Oroussoff. Oroussof, who comes to
Los Angeles from the East Coast, will fill a
long standing need for consistent and greater
coverage of architecture and design issues in
the mainstream press.

A reception will be held at Times Mirror Square, Tuesday, January 23, for the newest member of the L.A. Times Calendar section.

For more information and reservations, contact the Chapter office.



Queens Building, De Montfort University at Leicester by Short • Ford and Associates (London). The largest naturally ventilated building in the UK was featured at the USGBC Annual Conference.

Green Matures:

Report on the USGBC Annual Conference

"Green" movement has seemed like a burden, and an avoidable burden to date. It has been yet another layer of concerns on top of an already overburdened professional. Judging by the presentations in San Diego at the U.S. Green building Council's (USGBC) third Annual conference on November 17-19, 1996, this state of affairs is about to change with a variety of market forces converging to make "Green" design standard practice.

To date, the movement has developed with a small coterie of international professionals, many from outside the strict design and construction fields, who saw the potential to significantly reduce environmental degradation by addressing the construction sector. To the indifferent designer, the movement has been largely manifested by an interest in reuse, such as the promotion of recycled tent construction products, and the recycling of construction waste. Meanwhile the dedicated have pursued a more synthesized vision where environmental buildings will simply become the standard for good buildings. This requires integrated and cooperative design processes that create buildings that are selfbalancing climactic environments, enticingly daylit, and that cost the same or, with an eye towards a multi-year balance sheet, less than traditionally designed structures.

The USGBC is the national body actively promoting "green" design through a membership that is half architects and engineers, and half product manufacturers, stat and local governments, real estate professionals and educational institutions. This coming year they will introduce a "green" rating system for buildings, following established efforts in the UK and Canada, that will be an additional service provided by the architect to the client.

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