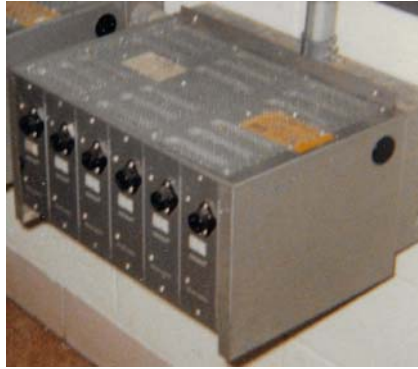


## BEFORE THE EDKOTRON

For those who may not recognize the name "Edkotron" the first solid-state, portable six dimmer pack--introduced by Century Lighting in 1964. Prototypes were developed in George Izenour's lab at The Yale Drama School.

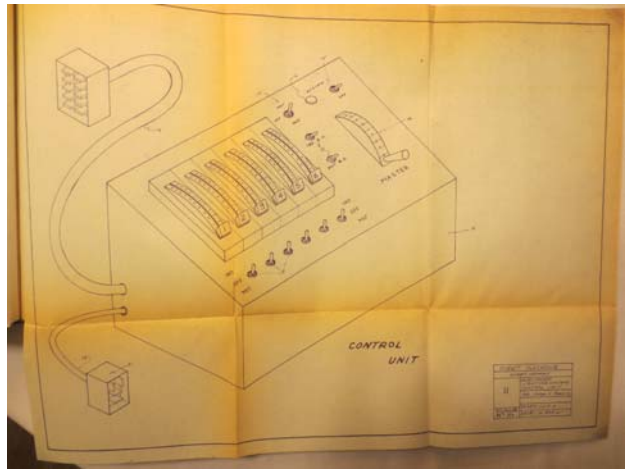
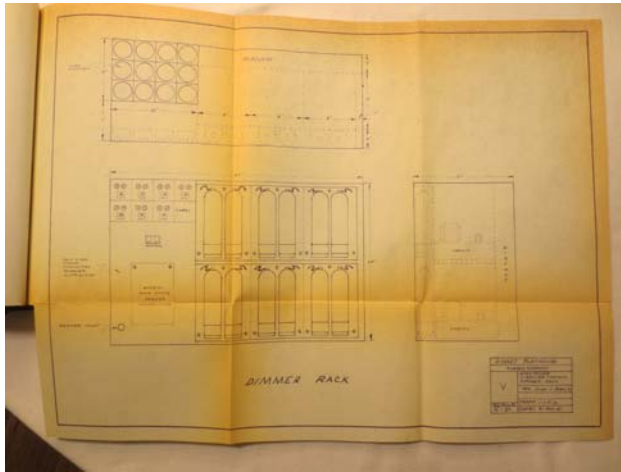


The same crew broke off from Izenour and created the MDS system introduced in 1967 by Theater Techniques Inc.



The interesting part of the story is what was BEFORE the Edkotron. In late 1961, as a student at The Yale Drama School in a George Izenour class, I submitted a class project on February 10, 1962, a description and design of a portable six-dimmer Thyatron tube system--near the end of Thyatron dimmers and the beginning of SCR dimmers.





Crude pictures, best available.

The following autumn, David Locklin and I were working in the Lab when George bounded down the stairs and into the lab waving a few pages of sketches shouting about "the future of dimming." He had this great idea, a solid-state, portable, six-pack dimmer system.

***The beginning of Edkotron!***

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