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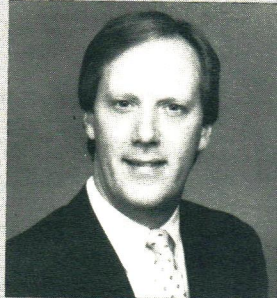
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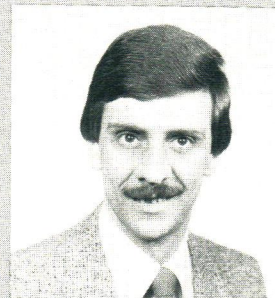
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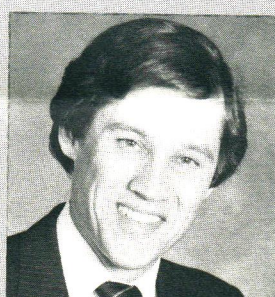
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January marks the official beginning of the AIA Pittsburgh Chapter's new year as members meet to install officers, join committees, recap 1987 and preview plans for 1988.

A highlight of the Annual Meeting is the committee presentation. The Pittsburgh AIA is one of the most active chapters in the country and that activity starts in grass roots committees. Are you a Chapter Member interested in legislation regarding zoning or building codes? Do you have ideas to share which will make the AIA reach out to the public or to new members? Are you committed to continuing education? Come to the meeting and join the committee of your choice at dinner. Tables will be reserved for present and prospective members of each committee:

Membership—recruits members, provides services to members.

Education and Professional Development—plans and organizes Lunchtime Management Seminars for continuing professional development, sponsors ARE Refresher Courses and offers full day workshops on relevant topics.

Program—plans meetings and selects speakers for the Chapter's Monthly Dinner Meetings.

Public Awareness—brings architects and architecture to the attention of the media and public.

AIA/CMU Liaison—sponsors joint projects for Chapter Members and architecture students.

Legislative—acts as watchdog, keeping members informed of new legislation and lobbying for changes in existing building codes and practices.

Ways and Means—a new committee this year, sponsors special events and coordinates events with regional organizations; fundraises for Architectural Foundation.

REMAKING CITIES, an international conference is planned for Pittsburgh in March. Come to the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, at CMU's Faculty Dining Room, and discover what other surprises your local AIA Chapter has in store for you. [NOTE: the Annual Business
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PERSPECTIVE

THE SEARCH FOR SHELTER:

Working Together To House Our Homeless

"We're building patches for a leaky system," concluded David Celento, CMU architecture student and participant in "The Search for Shelter". Celento was one of 17 students and 10 professionals to work with city planners and representatives from 5 shelter providers designing solutions for housing the homeless in Pittsburgh.

More Americans are homeless now than at any other time since the Great Depression. By most accounts, the situation will only get worse before it gets better; in more and more cities, it will be increasingly difficult for those at high risk to find adequate, affordable housing. Unless some drastic steps are taken, by 2003 as many as 18.7 million Americans could be homeless, burdened with excessive rents, or forced to live in slums.

In response to this need, "The Search for Shelter" has been initiated to create a deeper understanding of what is appropriate housing for the homeless, to gather technical information and case studies of successful projects, and to establish a model program to develop housing solutions in the community.

National sponsors include the American Institute of Architects, the American Institute of Architectural Students, and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

Central to the success of "The Search for Shelter" program is the formation of local task forces that bring together architects,

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BREAKING GROUND

Kudos

Two projects by **MacLachlan Cornelius & Filoni** were featured handsomely in the November issue of the AIA's *Architecture Magazine*. The 1928 Hunt Stable Residences in Ligonier and the turn of the century Waterfront Warehouse in downtown's Historic Firstside were singled out as meticulous examples of adapting historic structures into condominium residences and professional office space respectively. And what was on the front cover of the November issue? None other than the glittering towers of PPG Place. How's that for a Spotlight on Pittsburgh?

Urban Design Associates has received one of eight Citations for Excellence in Urban Design from the American Institute of Architects for its project, "Patching and Stitching in Urban Neighborhoods, Pittsburgh, Richmond and Norfolk." This national award honors distinguished achievement in expanding the role of architecture in urban design, city planning and community development. The project, submitted by the Pittsburgh Chapter, AIA, was praised by the review panel for its use of "pattern books" and public participation to achieve housing "sympathetic and sensitive to its surroundings." Donald Montgomery, AIA, Montgomery and Rust, Inc. joined the design-build team led by Ray Gindroz, AIA of UDA. Montgomery, a

design-build pioneer, specializes in housing which "blends" into its surroundings. He is included in the AIA Citation for Excellence for his work as an architect and developer of the Village of Shadyside project.



Streetscape, Village of Shadyside. Designed and built by UDA Architects and Montgomery and Rust, Inc., this "pattern book" housing development was one of three UDA projects cited for "consistent recognition of existing housing-neighborhoods" by the American Institute of Architects.

Lloyd Kaiser, President of Metropolitan Pittsburgh Public Broadcasting Inc., was recently elected Public Member of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects. His two year term began last month. Sylvester Damianos, a vice-president of the AIA, explained that the organization "looks for public board members who have an interest in architecture and who can help us to communicate our message about excellence in design to the public. Lloyd Kaiser is eminently qualified in both of these areas." Mr. Kaiser and his wife Barbara, live in an Oakmont home that has been designated an "Historic Landmark" by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation."

Bohlin Powell Larkin Cywinski has recently won the Pennsylvania Award for Excellence in Design for the Hammermill and Zurn Building, a science laboratory complex at Behrend College, Penn State's four-year undergraduate facility in Erie, PA. The firm is one of only three to be recognized statewide for superior design by the PSA 1987 awards program. A noted jury of San Francisco based architects singled out the project as one of "a very few that had strong interior design... of any character." According to firm president Peter Bohlin, "the Hammermill and Zurn project represents our determination to seek innovative solutions that are both prac-

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Interior of award winning Hammermill and Zurn Building, Bohlin Powell Larkin Cywinski. In its 23 years, the firm has received over 70 regional and national awards for design excellence.

Members on the Move

Congratulations to **Marcia Berger, AIA**, newly appointed Regional Liaison to the Women in Architecture Liaison Network for 1988. Marcia is a current member of the WIA Committee and has served as Pittsburgh Chapter Liaison. She is a dedicated and active member of the AIA, is on the National Committee on Design and has served as Secretary and (currently) Second Vice President of the Pittsburgh Chapter Board of Directors.

Karen Madigan, AIA, Poli & Madigan, replaces Marcia as Pittsburgh Chapter Liaison to the WIA Committee. Karen received her M.Arch. from the University of Pennsylvania and has practiced for ten years. She has been a Pittsburgh Chapter Member since coming to the city nearly three years ago. "A major goal of the AIA Women in Architecture Committee," says Karen, "is to integrate women into the AIA and increase participation of female AIA members." To achieve that goal locally, Karen is hosting *an evening reception for all Pittsburgh area women in architecture on Thursday, February 11, from 5:30-7:30*. Registered women architects as well as graduating and graduate women architects are invited to this informal get-together for an exchange of ideas. For

details and place, call Karen Madigan at 471-8008.

Alan Weiskopf, AIA, has recently become a partner in the architectural firm of L.P. Perfidio Associates. Mr. Weiskopf joined the firm in 1981 and has been the Project Architect for Bellefonte Place in Shadyside, the Penn-Liberty Preservation Study and the \$6,000,000 renovation of the former Bureau of Mines Building into CMU's Hamburg Hall.



Here and There

Williams Trebilcock Whitehead has announced the initial phase opening of Liberty Technology Center, an 82,000 sq. ft. facility developed by the Buncher Company on eight acres between 17th and 25th Streets in the Strip District. "We're creating in downtown Pittsburgh a suburban office park atmosphere with ample free parking," explained Company president Jack Buncher. When fully occupied, the flexspace will house offices, showroom, service, warehouse and distribution facilities. W.W. Grainger is the first tenant, leasing 20,000 sq. ft.



Extensive use of brick, glass and professional landscaping give Liberty Technology Center the "high style and ambience of a suburban setting," says WTW Project Architect Ivan Santa-Cruz.

Pittsburgh Design Marketing Professionals held their second annual meeting at the Harvard Yale Princeton Club on October 27. Jack Alston, Director of Business Planning for Burgess and Niple Ltd., Engineers and Architects, Columbus, Ohio, was the guest speaker. Mr. Alston addressed two essential marketing objectives of the successful firm: the development and use of networks, and client servicing and maintenance. The large turnout of 77 architects, engineers, landscape architects, construction industry representatives and marketing professionals indicates a high level

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AN INVITATION TO JOIN . . .

January is Membership Month at the American Institute of Architects. If you are an architect, an architectural intern, or a design/build professional, now is the time to start enjoying the benefits and privileges of National, State and Local Chapter Membership. There's a membership category for just about every *COLUMNS* reader:

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:
Registered Architects

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:
Non-registered Architects
seeking registration

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATE:
Professionals in affiliated fields
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Regular and Associate Membership entitles you to full privileges from the National AIA, the Pennsylvania Society of Architects and the Pittsburgh Chapter, AIA. Professional Affiliates become active members of the Pittsburgh Chapter which serves all twelve counties in Western Pennsylvania.

AIA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS YOU!

Here are just some of the rewards offered by national, state and local affiliates:

NATIONAL:

- Subscriptions to the award winning monthly magazine, *Architecture*, and the informative biweekly newsletter, *Memo*.
- Networking opportunities through AIA Open Committees, Sister Firm/Peer Review programs and the AIA Annual Convention.
- Special discounts on books, forms and contracts from the AIA Bookstore, Washington D.C.
- Member discounts on professional development workshops, publications, audio cassettes programs and correspondence courses.
- AIA Executive Card Privileges for discounts on hotels, resorts, car rentals, vacation tours, architectural supplies and equipment, financial services and overnight delivery services.
- AIA Hotline—a direct link to institute resources including a 22,000 volume library and archives.

STATE:

- Subscription to the PSA Quarterly Newsletter.
- Annual state-wide convention and educational seminars.
- Lobbying and representation on statewide legislative issues.
- Opportunity to serve on a variety of boards, agencies and commissions on behalf of the profession.
- Advance notice of DGS projects throughout the state *before* they are announced in the Pa. Bulletin.
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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER:

- Five pre-paid (free) monthly dinner meetings with prominent guest speakers.
- Monthly professional development lunchtime seminars. • Local code and legislation lobbying.
- Free listing in Southwestern Pennsylvania Directory of Architectural Firms.
- AIA documents at reduced member rates. • Networking with the local architectural community.
- Committee involvement. • Public speakers bureau. • Intern Training.

Pittsburgh Chapter members also help support the monthly publication and distribution of the Chapter newsletter, *COLUMNS*.

1988 DUES FOR PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP:

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