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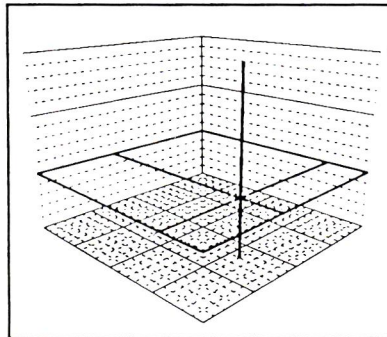
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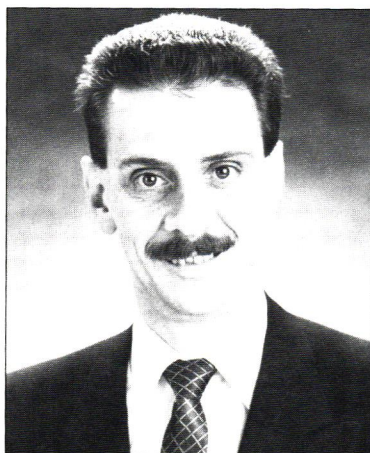
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VIEW POINT**KENT EDWARDS, AIA, CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

Teaching has a long and honored tradition in architecture. Virtually all of the widely admired twentieth century masters have taught during their careers. Slightly less well known, but perhaps even more honorable, is the role of architect as mentor—the daily, sometimes hourly educator of interns in the firm. Assuming this mantle, however, may not be as altruistic as it first appears. Architects teach because they have to—because the practice of the business and the art of architecture is incredibly complex, requiring a broader base of knowledge than ever before. In the past, this educational process could take place informally, almost casually, without structure or format. The profession has recognized that such an approach is no longer sufficient, and has created the alternative.

NCARB, in cooperation with the AIA, has developed the **Intern-Architect Development Program**. Organized several years ago, the program didn't gain momentum until many states, Pennsylvania included, adopted IDP as a requirement for registration. Not surprisingly, intern architects in growing numbers have since discovered IDP.

The purpose of this particular article, however, is two-fold: the first—an attempt to inform the profession that the program exists; the second—to inform principals of firms that should you not accept the tradition of architect as mentor, you should examine IDP. Forget those lofty ideals of educating the next generation, etc. Do it for selfish reasons. Do it because wiser intern architects cause you fewer problems, make better judgments and fewer errors, require less supervision, and make you more profitable. Principals of architectural firms should not encourage their interns to participate in IDP. They should demand it. ■