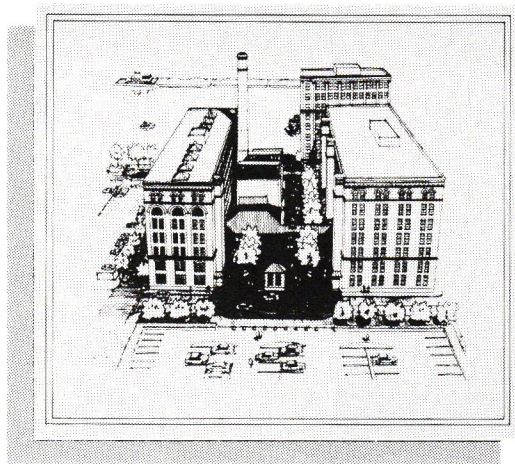


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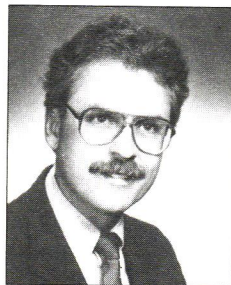
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Pittsburgh architects have a great deal of pride in their accomplishments. They can be proud of the high quality of their work, they can be proud of the client relationships and personal friendships which they have developed through their profession, and they can be proud of the accomplishments of the local AIA Chapter and COLUMNS. COLUMNS, which celebrates its second birthday with this issue, has become a public relations tool for the Pittsburgh Chapter as well as a forum and showcase for Chapter Members. COLUMNS has been subsidized by members of the Chapter and supported through the sale of advertising to many

loyal and supportive businesses in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas.

As a result of our rapid growth and development, the COLUMNS Editorial Board is in the process of formalizing its editorial policy. One point which has been a policy from the beginning and will continue to be a part of the formal policy is to focus on Chapter Members, who through their dues, support the publication of COLUMNS. As an architectural publication representing an area of Western Pennsylvania, we feel it is our responsibility to spotlight our members and also to feature architectural news items of interest to all in our distribution area. We may, at the discretion of the Editorial Board, focus on a non-member project due to its architectural significance. It would be short-sighted to ignore a significant project by a well-known architect from another city. But our emphasis is and will continue to be directed to the Pittsburgh Chapter and its members' contributions to the built environment. It's really quite simple. As a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter you can look forward to finding your projects in the pages of COLUMNS.

COLUMNS has been a catalyst for the growth of the Chapter, spurring an increase in both associate and corporate members. As we continue to develop our publication, we welcome your comments, editorials and particularly your stories of new and interesting projects.

Our profession is a dynamic one. We have a strong sense of pride in the accomplishments of our firms and of our colleagues. That pride can be magnified by sharing those accomplishments with others through the pages of COLUMNS and by joining the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Δ