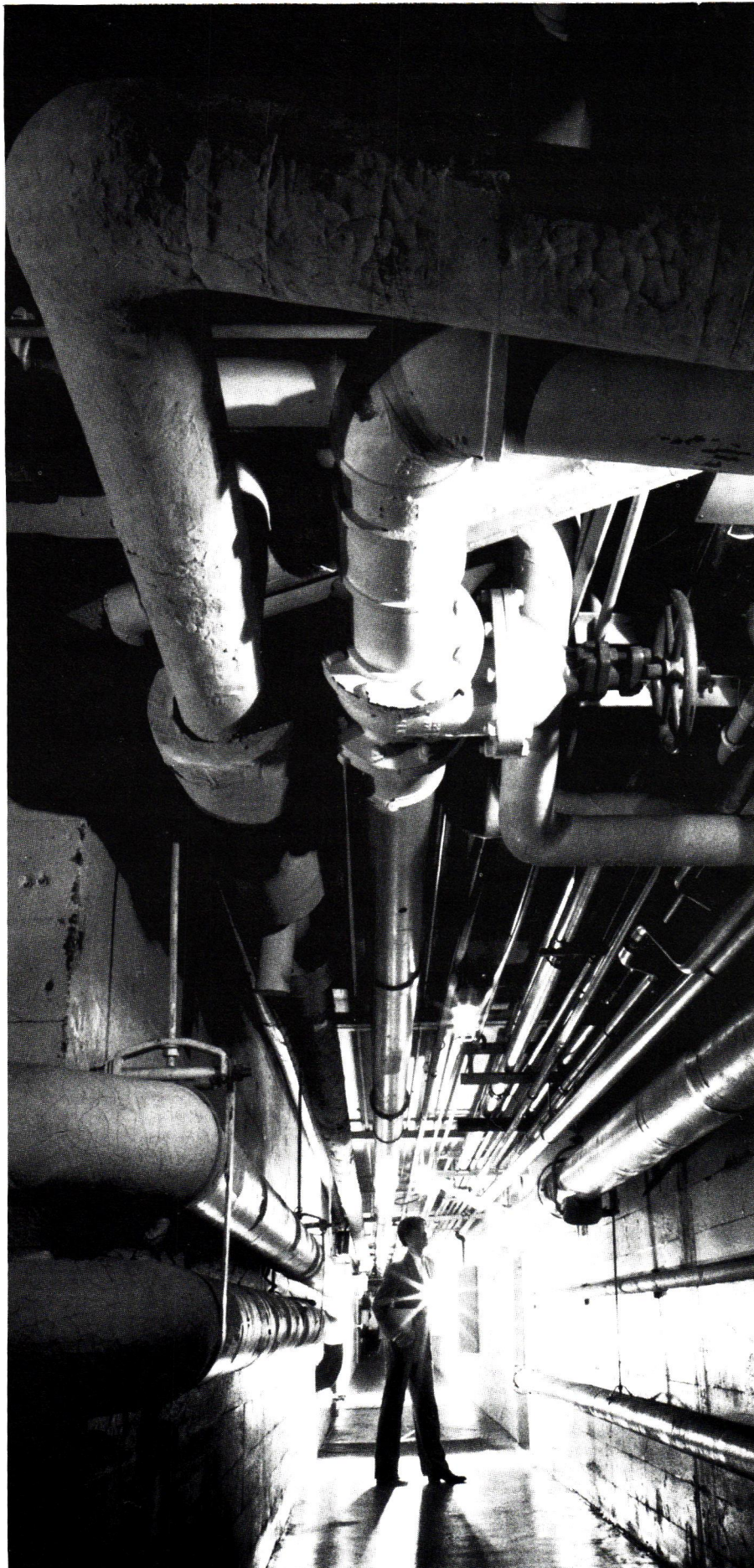


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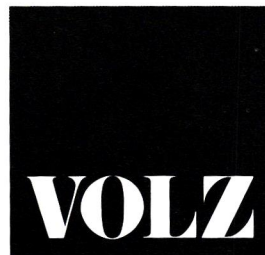
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ON THE COVER

Who says big firms have all the fun? Not Tony Poli, AIA, shown in the colonnade of the First Presbyterian Church undercroft (basement). Poli brightened the multi-purpose space by converting pipes into columns and adding accent lighting. For more insight on small firms, see "Small Fish in a Big Pond" on page 6.

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VIEW POINT

MARSHA BERGER, AIA, PRESIDENT



Harvey Gantt made the headlines last month by capturing the Democratic nomination for the Senate from North Carolina. He will face Jesse Helms, the Republican incumbent, in November. You may remember Mr. Gantt as a stimulating participant in the *Remaking Cities Conference* when he was Mayor of Charlotte. He was most articulate in describing the innovative programs that he had implemented in his city; he made a lasting impression. But at the time, most saw him only as a polished politician and accomplished public figure, and missed the fact that he was also an architect.

Supporting Harvey Gantt (through contributions to his campaign) affords us the opportunity not only to help elect a superior candidate and a fellow architect, but also the opportunity to deny the Senate seat to a foe of artistic expression, to deny the man who would dictate "good" and "bad" taste, and to affirm the autonomy of the National Endowment for the Arts. Rarely has there been such an opportunity to see the dollar stretch so far to do so much good. (Send your contributions to: Harvey Gantt for Senate Campaign, 700 East Stonewall Street, Suite 655, Charlotte, NC 20802).

- What about ...
- What about the future use of Richardson's County Jail?
- What about setting chapter guidelines on appropriate material to be submitted by a firm during a job interview?
- What about saving the Brazilian rain forest?
- What about Harvey Gantt? Jesse Helms? The NEA?
- What about historic designation of Fourth Avenue? Shadyside?
- What about minority participation in our profession?
- What about Prince Charles' challenge?
- What about the sale of the King Estate?
- What about quality-based selection of architects by public institutions?
- What about the education of future architects?
- What about the Guidebook? The Convention? The Centennial Celebration?
- What about Interior Designer Registration by the State?
- What items should be the focus of the September Membership meeting?

We, the members of the Pittsburgh Chapter, as a body, need to debate many issues. Please call the office (471-9548) if you have a subject which you would be willing to present to the chapter for debate in order to formulate a public position. The floor could be yours that evening. How about it? Δ