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Firm: Williams Trebilcock Whitehead

Family: wife, Sandy; daughter, Dina, 19 and Lindsey, 15.

Years in practice: 20 (but not long enough to be an expert).

School/Education: Kent State University (B. Arch '69).

First Job: Caddying for future clients.

Project you're proudest of: Owens Tech. College, classroom building on Findlay College Campus.

Building you wish you had designed: East Wing, National Gallery in Washington DC by I.M. Pei.

Building you'd like to renovate: The Fulton Theater Building.

If you hadn't been an architect, what would you have been? TV weatherman; good income, fame, not accountable to anyone and you know he'll be in error 50% anyway!

If someone made a movie of your life, who would play you? Chevy Chase, my wife thinks I act like him.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where? Tahiti.

What's the best part of your job? Facing a new opportunity each day!

What would you change about your job? Never check another shop drawing.

What have you always wanted to tell your boss? Thanks for your trust and support.

What have you always wanted to tell your clients? Approach your project with a clean agenda and allow your architect to orchestrate his imaginative skills to create...

What's the most annoying things architects do? Believe you must be 58 before you know how to successfully practice.

Advice to young architects: Start in a firm of 7-8 individuals and learn to do everything, and shoot for the stars.

The one thing you wish they'd teach in school is: "Never measure your performance against mediocrity."

Favorite interior: Nave, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Favorite building: Fallingwater, Edgar Kaufman House.

Favorite city: Chicago.

Favorite architect: Louis Kahn.

Favorite book recently completed: "Flesh and Blood" by Thomas H. Cook.

Favorite Pittsburgh neighborhood: North Side because of the combination of open spaces, commercial, retail and architecturally significant neighborhoods.

Most architecturally appealing restaurant in Pittsburgh: Heinz Hall, outdoor Courtyard Cafe.

Best gift to give architects: To be given a commission without submitting a proposal or attending an interview.

Wish list for Pittsburgh/downtown: Having an integrated community of retail, commercial, and residential components.

What's the next big architectural trend? Pink sportcoats.

Someday I'd like to: Sail around South America.

I want to be remembered for: My integrity and inspiration.

People would be surprised to know that: I have a tattoo.

The secret of my success is: My optimistic attitude.

I belong to the AIA because: Its activities provide an opportunity to network with friends and recharge my architectural batteries, and provides a format to improve our profession.



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