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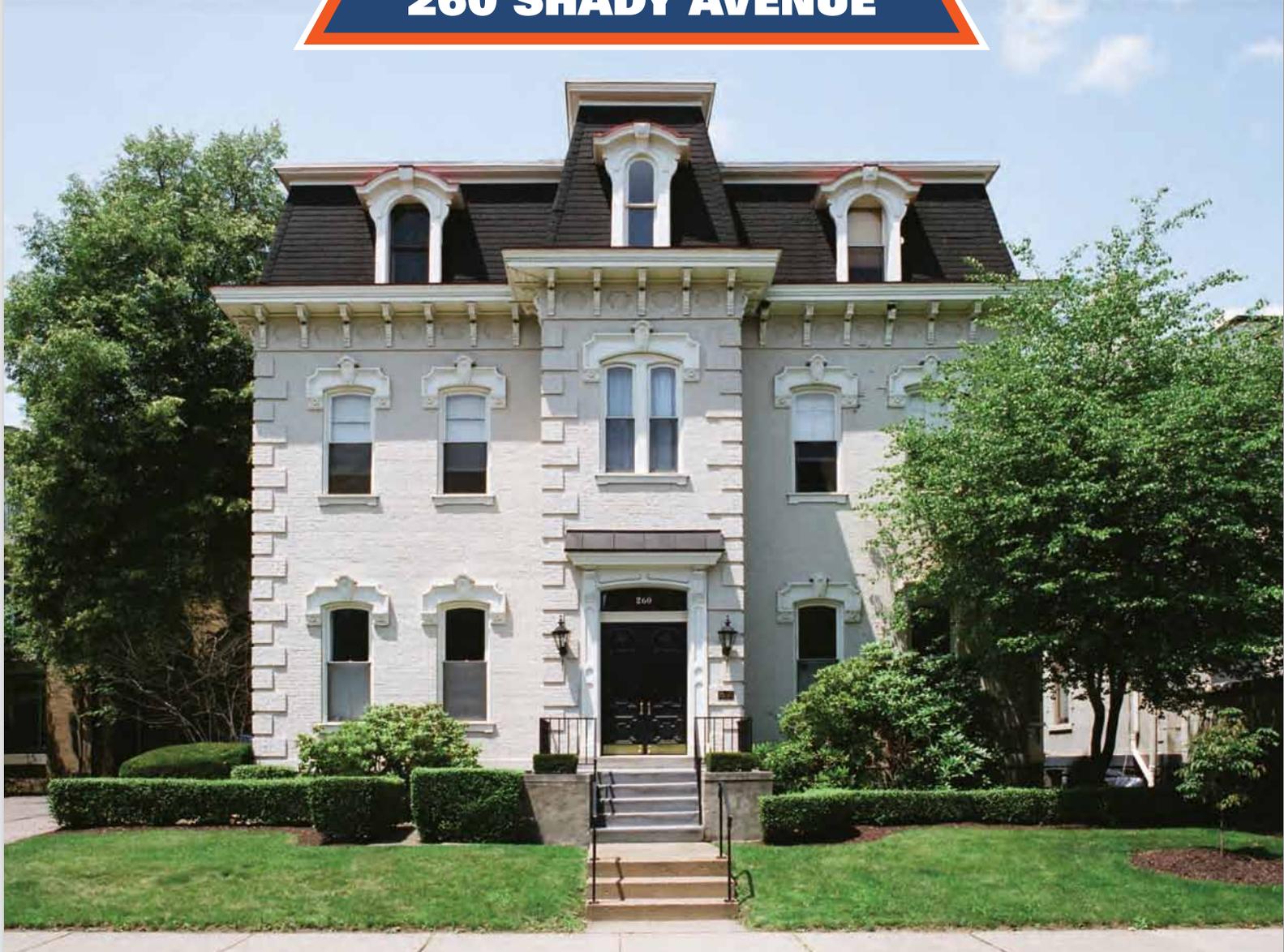
Through the ever-unpredictable status of the real estate market, Pittsburgh has emerged as a jack-of-all-trades. Of course, we know our city's been named the country's most livable, more than one time, by more than one publication, and as current occupants of the city, we understand why. Livable, by raw definition, means suitable to live in, or habitable, but when it comes to a superlative such as most livable, there's something more there that makes Pittsburgh extraordinary. No matter if you're looking for your first apartment after college, buying your first home as newlyweds, or finding a place that brings you back to your childhood in the suburbs, somewhere within the reaches of our region is the place you'll call "The One." In the midst of a stable and plentiful market, Pittsburgh continues to offer more and more as the years go by. And, along with a rising desire amongst residents to be closer to the heart of the city, comes continued innovation in urban areas. At the dinner table that is the feast of Pittsburgh living, the city's diversity is certainly its bread and butter. Save room for dessert though, because we've found a few spaces that are the cherry on top of a city that will continue to sit atop the throne of places to hang your hat. 



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