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### CALL FOR HOURGLASS AWARD NOMINEES

The Academy's 1986 Hourglass Award Selection Committee is seeking nominations for consideration. The award is in recognition of significant contributions to the literature of accounting history. Past awards have recognized major books and monographs as well as consistent contributions to the literature over time through published articles or other works. Authors of books published since 1980 will receive preferable consideration from the committee.

Nominating statements should be sent to:

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The editor of this publication has often requested contributions of manuscripts, news items, and shaggy dog stories for possible publication. Al Roberts of Georgia State University submitted the following dialogue which he calls a shaggy dog story. Because of Dr. Roberts untiring efforts on behalf of the Academy, this editor felt that the following story should be made public. This is a dialogue between a radio announcer and the chief of an Indian tribe in Indiana. It is about a medical situation which has confounded all of the experts:

(A)nnouncer: Tell me, chief, what are the symptoms of this disease?

(C)hief: No can sleep. Never sleep. Much awake all the time.

(A): You mean you stay awake for days and never get to sleep?

(C): Yes, no can sleep. Never sleep.

(A): Are you the only person in the tribe with this terrible affliction?

(C): No, all tribe, no can sleep. Never sleep. Tribe always awake.

(A): You mean to say your entire tribe has this horrible disease and they never get to sleep?

(C): Entire tribe. No sleep. Never sleep.

(A): Remarkable. Chief, how many persons are in your tribe?

(C): Tribe is me and 499 others.

(A): I see, and what name do they give to your tribe?

(C): INDIAN NAPLESS 500.