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# Profession's Leaders Lecture for the Future

## TRB&S Foundation Provides Initial Funds

Two of America's most distinguished accountants delivered lectures at Michigan State University recently for eventual use in the 21st century. They were the first of 10 professional and academic leaders who will be invited to place their ideas and concepts into a new videotape library at MSU.

Dr. W. A. Paton, professor emeritus of accounting at the University of Michigan, author of 20 books, and more than 100 professional articles, taped the first lecture. Carman G. Blough, former chief accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission who has had a long and distinguished professional career, followed two days later.

Dr. Herbert E. Miller, MSU professor of accounting who is planning the library, said:

"We know students now and in the future will be interested because the work of Paton and Blough will be studied for the next 40 or 50 years, or even longer."

Although the tapes will be available for viewing immediately, Dr. Miller said, their full potential may not be reached for decades. Students will not only read the works of these men, Dr. Miller added, but they will have a chance to see them in action.

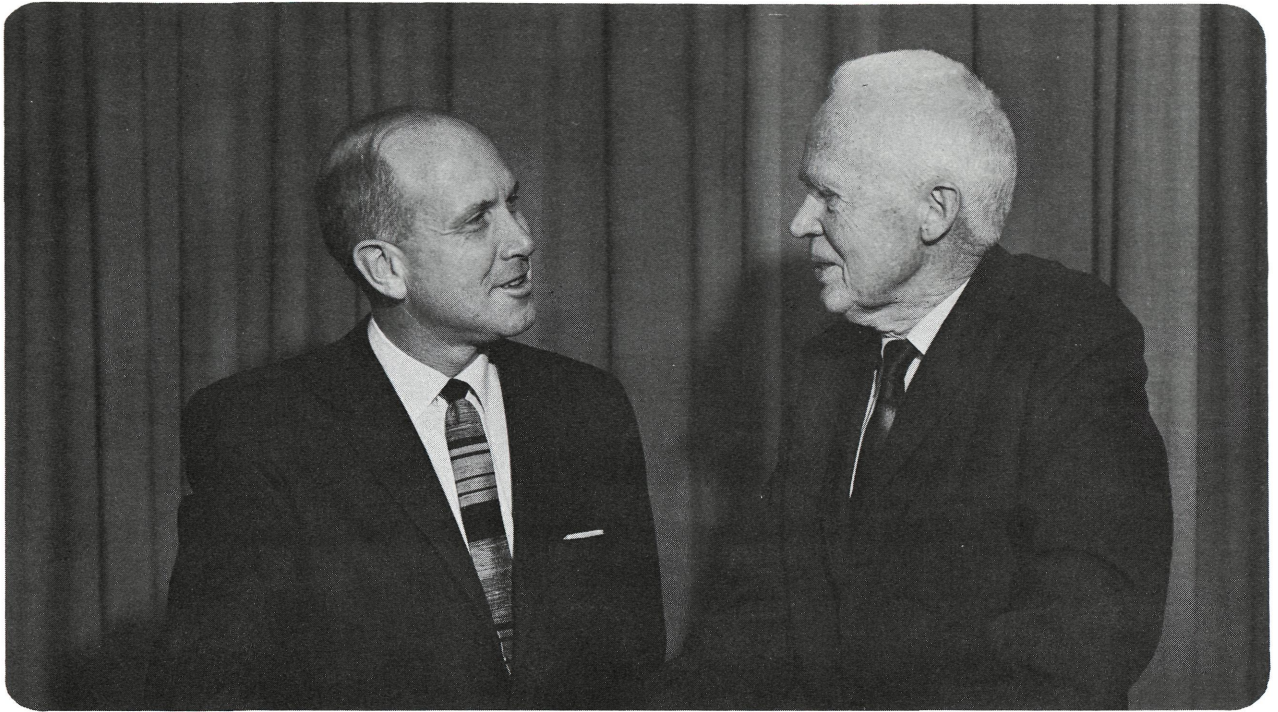
The hour-long lectures will deal largely with concepts instead of current practices and will be of interest primar-

ily to graduate students. Other universities with graduate courses in accounting will have access to the library.

The Touche, Ross, Bailey & Smart Foundation, which provided the initial funds for the preparation of this series, has given support to a number of educational projects since its organization in 1958. Two of these which especially generated interest in the profession are the *Journal of Accounting Research* (partially supported by the Foundation since its first volume) and Carnegie Technology's booklet on *The Future of Accounting Education*. The latter was distributed by the American Institute to deans and accounting professors throughout the country.

When the TRB&S partners started the Foundation seven years ago, they did so because they felt that there was a definite need for financial help with projects not usually included in a university budget. The Board of Trustees stated that "the purpose of the grants will be to encourage research and educational activities in the field of business management, especially accounting."

The Foundation is interested in exploring other projects which meet its purposes, realizing, of course, that the number of projects which it can support is limited. The Trustees are particularly interested in projects that result in articles, monographs, or educational materials.



*Dr. Herbert E. Miller is shown with Dr. W. A. Paton, who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1921 until his retirement in 1959. Dr. Paton developed the Patonian theory of accounting which is taught in almost every major university in the nation, and has delivered 400 major addresses. He now serves as visiting professor, a consultant in litigation, and a speaker.*

*Carman G. Blough, former chief accountant for the SEC, taught at the University of Wisconsin, University of North Dakota, American University, and Columbia University. He was the first director of research of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and wrote a monthly column in the Journal of Accountancy for 17 years.*

If you know of projects which you believe are eligible for support by our Foundation, you should forward enough information to the Trustees for them to make a decision. It is not necessary to make formal application for a grant. There is no fixed limit to the size of the grant, for it is determined by the project. After a grant has been made, it is not necessary to make progress reports although, as a matter of general interest, the partners like to know the results of the projects sponsored by the Foundation.

