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ACADEMY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED AT ALABAMA

The Academy of Accounting Historians has established its administrative office in the Garner Center for Current Accounting Issues in the Culverhouse School of Accountancy at the University of Alabama. Dr. William D. Samson, Roddy-Garner Professor, will assume the duties of Academy secretary as of January 1, 1996, and will perform the administrative functions for the Academy. Establishment of a permanent home for the Academy’s administration office will be of great benefit to its members. Bill moderated the dedication ceremony, and he, Dean Paul Garner, Thomas Lee, and others who contributed to this event are to be congratulated.

The dedication ceremony to establish the administrative office at the Garner Center was held on Monday, November 13, 1995, in Bidgood Hall, where the Garner Center is located, with approximately fifty Academy officers and trustees, faculty, students, and former accounting graduates of the University of Alabama attending. Dr. Gary Previts, Case Western Reserve University and trustee and former president of the Academy, as the featured speaker, spoke to the assembly on the subject of “Accounting History Evolution and the Future.” A reception in the Alston Parlour followed the dedication ceremony, and tours of the Garner Center, Bruno Library, Bashinsky Computer Center, and Alston Hall were provided.

Dean S. Paul Garner was honored for his lifetime contributions to accounting history and to the Academy. Also, Dr. Alfred R. Roberts was recognized for his many contributions to the Academy with the awarding of Life Membership and the presentation of a bound volume of letters from Al’s many friends and colleagues. Dean Garner and Al, as well as, several in the audience, were instrumental in the establishing of the Academy, its development in the early years, and have continued to provide leadership.