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Lee Receives Burnum Award

Dr. Tom A. Lee, president-elect of the Academy of Accounting Historians and Professor at the University of Alabama was named recipient of The Burnum Distinguished Faculty Award for 1997-1998. This annual award is made to a faculty member in recognition of excellence in research, scholarship, and teaching based on nomination of his or her peers, recommended by The Burnum Award Committee, and selected by the President. The recipient must have demonstrated superior scholarly or artistic achievements and dedication to the art of teaching which are distinctive and bring credit to the academic community. Congratulations Tom on this well deserved and prestigious award.

Flesher Receives Award

Dr. Dale Flesher of The University of Mississippi was named Outstanding Educator in the State of Mississippi for 1997. This annual award is made by the Mississippi Society of CPA’s. Dale as a long-time member of the Academy has served as president, on the Board of Trustees, and numerous committees. We congratulate Dale on this well earned recognition. We should note that Dr. Tonya Flesher received the award in 1995 and also has served as president, on the Board of Trustees, and numerous committees. It seems to run in the family, and we are glad.

Williams Wins Manuscript Award

Dr. Robert Williams of the University of Wollongong was announced as the winner of Accounting History 1997 Manuscript Award for his paper entitled, “Inscribing the Workers: An Experiment in Factory Discipline or the Inculcation of Manners? A Case in Context.” This article was published in the May 1997 issue of Accounting History. This annual award is judged by the members of the Accounting History Special Interest Group of the Accounting Association of Australia and New Zealand and awarded to the author(s) whose paper is determined to make the most significant contribution to accounting history literature. A prize, sponsored by the Faculty of Business and Law, Deakin University, is presented to the author. Dr. Williams is also a member of the Academy of Accounting Historians.

Schoenfeld Receives Award in Switzerland

Dr. Hanns-Martin W. Schoenfeld received the Dr. Kausch Price Award at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. The award was given for Dr. Schoenfeld’s integration of European and American accounting. He is the first American to receive this award. Dr. Schoenfeld, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, served as president of the Academy in 1978-1979 and has made many contributions to accounting history.

McMillan Receives Award

Keith P. McMillan, S.J., Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri, was given the 1997 Vangermeersch Manuscript Award at the 1997 Research Conference in Richmond. The award was made by Dr. Donna Street, chair of the award committee. Dr. McMillan received the award for his manuscript entitled, “The Science of Accounts: Bookkeeping Rooted in the Ideal of Science.”
Holmes Publishes Cases
Sarah Holmes, Texas A&M University, recently authored a case and coauthored another with Joyce Strawser, Seton Hall University, which was published by Dame Publications, Inc. These cases are intended for use in introductory and intermediate financial accounting courses and have been extensively class tested. Sarah is treasurer for the Academy.

International Conference on Accounting and Governance
The International Conference on Accounting and Governance will be held at the University of Naples, Faculty of Economics, on October 23-24, 1998. The main topic of the Conference is the relationship between Accounting and Corporate Governance. Papers should focus on management/financial accounting and governance models in entities of all types and size, such as public and private companies, subsidiary and associated companies, family firms, government enterprises and non-profit-making organizations. Both theoretical studies and empirical researches, including case studies are welcome. Prospective contributors are invited to submit abstracts of papers by April 5, 1998. Full conference papers must be submitted by June 10, 1998. Papers presented will be considered for publication in The Journal of Management and Governance, published by Kluwer. Enquiries and submission of papers to: Professor Michele Pizzo, Universita di Napoli Federico II, Department of Business Economics, International Accounting Section, via Cinthia Monte S. Angelo, 80126 Napoli, Italy. Tel. +39 81 7645429; Fax +39 81 7645389; EMAIL: pizzomi@unina.it

Silent Auction a Success
Again this year, the Academy hosted a silent auction at its annual research conference. During the conference in Richmond, December 4-6, 1997, members were able to browse and bid on the old books, monographs, and periodicals made available by a number of contributors. Jeanette Sanfilippo, chair of the public relations committee, directed the auction and reports that over $900 was raised for the Academy. The Academy tentatively is planning to host another silent auction at the 1998 research conference in Atlanta on November 12-14.

Information for the Future
Gary Spraakman of York University encourages members of the Academy to consider presenting a paper at the Business History Section of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada. Accounting papers are acceptable and there is a blind review process that provides detailed written comments. The annual conference is held at a different location in Canada each year at the end of May or the beginning of June. Papers must be submitted by January 15 thus it is too late this year. However it is not too late to begin planning for the 1999 conference. For information on attending the 1998 conference or on the 1999 conference, contact Gary Spraakman at Atkinson College, York University, Toronto, Canada M3J 1P3 or Garys@Yorku.ca.

Contributions to Research Centers
In recent months, the Accounting History Research Center at Georgia State University (AHRC) and the Tax History Research Center (THRC) at The University of Mississippi have received substantial contributions of accounting history publications.

THRC received in December, 1997,
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the Peter L. McMickle collection of historical publications. Dr. McMickle, professor, University of Memphis, is a member of the Academy and served in a number of offices. This collection consists of about 1,600 volumes published prior 1950, including 400 volumes published prior to 1900. Twenty-five books were published prior to 1800; the oldest volume published in 1655.

AHRC has received the complete collection of Jimmy Jones which remain to be cataloged. Mr. Jones was a practitioner and a long-time member of the Academy and supporter of accounting history. This collection of historical materials include approximately 800 books, monographs, and other items mostly dating from 1900 to 1960. Recently, the AHRC received about 50 publications of historical value from Dr. James Don Edwards. Dr. Edwards, Dean, University of Georgia, is a long-time member and has served the Academy in various offices.

The Notebook will provide more details concerning these important sources for accounting history research in future issues. Certainly these contributions will provide members of the Academy an excellent source for accounting history research.

A Reminder

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. The Academy’s Membership Directory has been placed on the Web as part of the Academy’s Home Page. As a result, the Academy will not mail out the printed copy of the Membership Directory as in previous years unless such a copy is specifically requested. The Web address is http://weatherhead.cwru.edu/Accounting.

For those without Internet access, a limited number of printed Membership Directories will be available upon request. If you need a printed copy of the Membership Directory, please contact the Secretary, William Samson at: The Academy of Accounting Historians, Culverhouse School of Accountancy, The University of Alabama, Box 870220, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35487-0220.

THE NOTEBOOK. The Notebook, is now published in April and October of each year. Each issue will be mailed by the end of April and October and should be received during the month following. Please be aware that postal delivery in the U.S. can take as much as four weeks, and destinations outside the U.S. can take as much as six weeks for delivery.

The Notebook, October 1997, Vol. 20, No.2, has been placed on the Web. Please check it out and let us know what you think about using the Web, at least partially, for publishing The Notebook. The Web address is http://weatherhead.cwru.edu/Accounting.

An Early Call for Nominations

The Academy presents annually the President’s Hourglass Award to an author or authors of a particular publication deemed especially noteworthy in the field of accounting history or for a lifetime of research and contributions to the literature in accounting history. Members of the Academy are invited to submit nominations for this prestigious award for 1998. The 1998 Hourglass Award will be presented at the Academy’s annual research conference in Atlanta, Georgia, November 12-14, 1998. Nominations should be sent to Dr. Elliot Slocum, School of Accountancy, P.O. Box 4050, Atlanta, GA 30302-4050 before September 1, 1998. The letter of nomination should include sufficient evidence to support the nomination and include current address, telephone and FAX numbers of nominees.

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Force on Administrative Coordinator had been formed to look into the secretary’s position to see if a paid administrative coordinator should be utilized by the Academy; the duties and the placement of such a coordinator are related issues to be addressed by the Committee.

8. The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.