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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to report that after serving nearly nine months as a Dean I am still alive, sane and looking forward to many more months in the job. To the many members of our Academy who either answered my desperate calls for advice and help or waited patiently as I delayed answering your own calls during recent months, I say thank you.

A sure sign of the Academy's maturity as an organization is the loyal, dedicated service performed by a large number of members who produce our high quality publications and programs. I can take no credit for their fine work, but I can mention their work as a way of expressing gratitude for the magnificent contribution they make to the Academy's success. At James Madison University, Don-Rice Richards is hard at work taking over the Working Paper Series that Ashton Bishop directed so capably for many years. Don tells me that Volume 3 of the Series may be out by the end of 1983. Further west, at Notre Dame, Jim Gaertner is compiling an excellent series of articles to include in Monograph No. 4. And at the University of Mississippi, Dale Flesher produces the liveliest and most informative newsletter that one can find among academic organizations. Meanwhile, back at Virginia Commonwealth University, Ed Coffman directs the "flagship" among our publications, *The Accounting Historians Journal*. Finally, let me mention two persons whose activities keep everything else going: Dick Vangermeersh at the University of Rhode Island manages the Academy checkbook and also keeps its investment portfolio poised on an efficient frontier; and last, but certainly not least, at Georgia State University is Al Roberts who literally does everything not mentioned above (and sometimes he even does a lot of the above). The fine work by these members and many others whose names I don't have space to list is what makes the Academy a vital, flourishing and unique community of scholars.

Speaking of scholarship, let me remind everyone who has not done so already to answer my call in the Fall, 1982 *Notebook* for ideas on the teaching of accounting history. Please send your ideas to Ken Elvik at Iowa State University. I urge everyone to consider the issue that I raised in my last message; since that message went to print, two major national academic organizations—the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business and the Association of American Colleges—have announced themes for the 1983 annual conferences that focus on the interaction



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between business education and the humanities. We historians can make a unique contribution to these discussions, now and for years to come.

News about Academy activities at the August annual meeting is in other columns of this issue of the *Notebook*. I look forward to seeing everyone again in New Orleans.

H. Thomas Johnson  
President

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