Department Activities and Highlights

TERRY WITT TO BE NAMED PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Terry Joe Witt, retired Associate Professor, will be conferred the title of Professor Emeritus on September 18, 2001 at the Fall Meeting of the University Faculty. The meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Rosebud Theatre of E.H. Hereford University Center with a reception following.

Professor Witt retired in the year 2000 after 32 years of selfless and dedicated service to the Department and University. He is known as an outstanding accounting educator who upheld high academic standards in the classroom. In recognition of his teaching excellence he was nominated five times for the Chancellor’s Council Teaching Excellence Award. He was also named Outstanding Faculty Member and Teacher by Beta Alpha Psi and the College of Business Constituency Council.

Professor Witt served not only the Department and University on numerous committees but also the profession. He is a co-founder and charter member of the Mid-Cities Association of CPAs and served as President and Member of the Board of Directors as well as Member of the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Chapter of CPAs. He also served his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy.

No one is more deserving of this honor than Terry Witt. The faculty in the Department of Accounting unanimously recommended the conferring of the title and hope you’ll join us September 18th to congratulate him.

KPMG PROVIDES UNRESTRICTED GIFT OF $9,300

This past Spring KPMG presented the Department of Accounting with an unrestricted gift of $9,300. Participants funding the gift included John Anderson, Kathy Applegate, Kim Carpenter, Scott Decker, Shawn Hessing, Collene Isley, Cristi Jolly, Brad Jones, Greg Land, Don Mason, Debbie McDonald, Mark Moses, Michelle Rudloff, Don Spitzer, Fred Tedesco, and Clyde Womack. A check in the amount of the gift was presented to Dr. Tom Hall (Accounting Chair) by Fort Worth KPMG Managing Partner Clyde Womack. Also in attendance at the presentation were Shawn Hessing (KPMG Assurance Partner) and Dr. David Gray (Associate Dean of the College of Business).

This gift will be used to support accounting student groups (Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi), fund faculty continuing education, recruit accounting majors, and provide other activities necessary to maintain excellence in the Accounting Program. KPMG and accounting alumni employed there have provided sustained and significant support to the Accounting Program for many years and the Department is grateful for the support provided by the firm and these individuals.
I have now concluded my first year as chair. Although many things about the year stand out, perhaps the most satisfying is the consistently positive feedback I received from firms and recruiters regarding the quality of our graduates. Also, I have received many e-mails from students commending various faculty for their dedicated teaching and mentoring activities. Clearly, the fact that our faculty does a great job in the classroom is no secret. But… there is something about our faculty that is generally unknown in the professional community.

Within the academic community the reputation of a department is based on the performance of the faculty in two primary areas: teaching and scholarship. Of course you already know that UTA’s accounting faculty does a great job in the classroom, but I doubt you know that the accounting faculty has an excellent record of scholarship. As a collective group our faculty publishes in top research and professional journals on a regular basis and often outperforms faculty at many nationally rated universities. The last study in this area appeared in Issues In Accounting Education and placed the performance of our faculty at about the 90th percentile nationwide.

On another issue, our efforts to establish endowed scholarship funds to honor Kaye Horstmann and Terry Witt are well under way. To date $7,000 of the $20,000 needed has been raised. A large portion of the funds raised so far was generously donated by Mike Baylor at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Other contributors include Leon Carpenter, Mary Lee Hodge, Becky Pierce, Mitch Wenger, and Bill Wilson. On behalf of the faculty and myself I want to express our appreciation for the generous support of these alums and encourage others to donate to this cause. Once established, these endowed funds will provide a permanent source of funding for several accounting scholarships. It is rare that we get a chance to participate in something that will have a positive and permanent effect on our world. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the upcoming Chili Cook-Off. The date has been set for October 27 and I look forward to seeing you there.

Dr. Tom Hall

For the period studied our faculty outperformed the accounting faculty at many top-tier universities including Auburn, Clemson, Boston College, Iowa State, Lehigh, University of Nebraska, Pepperdine, Syracuse, University of Virginia, and Wake Forest.
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RIA CONtributes Tax On-Line Software and Services

Research Institute of America (RIA), a New York-based business unit of Thompson Tax & Accounting, has graciously donated to the Department of Accounting over $20,000 in equivalent annual use and availability to its on-line tax preparation software and services. RIA is one of the nation’s leaders in providing Internet-based tax preparation software and services to the accounting profession.

The on-line services will allow the Department of Accounting to provide unsurpassed, state-of-the-art on-line tax preparation and software training to our accounting students. This training will enhance their value and marketability to prospective employers. RIA’s generous contribution will enable our students to be on the technological cutting edge as they graduate and begin to seek employment.

Dean Dan Himarios (left) with RIA representatives Joshua Kasman (Product Support Manager) and Robert Button (Product Marketing Manager).

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