Faculty Comings and Goings

Our one new hire is Steve Polasky, who is a Ph.D. candidate at Michigan. Steve's fields are industrial organization and natural resource economics. His dissertation is entitled "Market Structure and Exploration for Exhaustible Resources."

Scott Freeman will be returning after a year's leave at the University of Western Ontario, while Barbara Spencer will be taking a second year's leave at the University of British Columbia.

Graduate Student Placement

Placement activity is still underway, but I can report the four placements we have to date. Mike French will be going to the Triangle Research Institute, while Kitty Dorman has accepted an offer from Holy Cross. James Cosgrove has taken a faculty position at Marquette University, and Ted Shepard has taken a position with the National Association of Home Builders.

Graduate Student Fellowships and Awards

Two of our third year students, Gary Fissel and Tullio Jappelli, have been awarded fellowships to support their dissertation research. Tullio has been awarded a Boston College University Fellowship for the summer of 1986, while Gary has been awarded an Irwin Foundation Fellowship for the 1986-87 academic year. In addition, three of the Department's Teaching Fellows, Mike French, Bob Hoffman and Janet Thomas, have been recognized by Boston College as winners of Teaching Excellence Awards.
I. FACULTY RESEARCH AND ACTIVITY

James E. Anderson

Conferences and Presentations


Papers

"Microeconomic Aspects of Monetary and Fiscal Reform in an Open Economy," with Leslie Young, April 1986.

Christopher F. Baum

Publications


Conferences and Presentations


Christopher F. Baum (continued)

"Modeling the Treasury Yield Curve," presented at the Eastern Economic Association Meetings, Philadelphia, April 1986. The session in which the paper was presented was organized by Cliff Thies (Ph.D.,'82), and included a paper coauthored by Mark Klock (Ph.D.,'83) and John Carter (M.A.,'80)

David A. Belsley

Publications

Model Reliability, jointly edited with Ed Kuh, has been published by the MIT Press.


Conferences and Presentations


Robert J. McEwen, S.J.

Conferences and Presentations

Spoke on the topic of computer software copyright protection at a communications seminar at MIT in November.

Luncheon speaker at the Annual Convention of the American Council on Consumer Interests in St. Louis in April.

Spoke to the Economics Club of Regis College at its annual dinner in April.

Fr. McEwen has been invited to present a paper at the International Consumer Policy Seminar, organized in New York, May 27-29, by the International Organization of Consumer Unions.
Robert J. McEwen, S.J. (continued)

Appointment

Elected to the Executive Committee of the Consumer/Financial Services Industry Task Force, a newly formed organization to encourage consumer-industry dialogue on banking and financial service problems. The organization is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Francis M. McLaughlin

Frank taught the "Economic Analysis" course in the 75th session of the Harvard Trade Union Fellows Program at the Kennedy-Littauer School of Government at Harvard University from January through March this year.

Robert G. Murphy

Publications


Conferences and Presentations


"Productivity Shocks, Non-traded Goods and Optimal Capital Accumulation," presented at the Faculty Workshop, Brandeis University, March 1986.

Joe Peek

Publications


Joe Peek (continued)


Conferences and Presentations


Attended the Lehrman Institute's Critical Economic Issues Seminar, New York City, March 1986.

"Monetary Policy Regimes and Reduced-Forms: The Case of Interest Rates," presented to the Economics Department Seminar, Miami University (Ohio), April 1986.

Fellowship

Joe was awarded a Boston College Faculty Fellowship for the fall 1986 semester.

Joseph F. Quinn

Publications


Joseph F. Quinn (continued)


Conferences and Presentations


Richard T. Tresch

Conferences and Presentations

II. GRADUATE STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACTIVITY

Joseph A. DiMasi (Ph.D. 1984)

A recent paper of Joe's "The Appropriate Specification of Constant Elasticity Demand Functions" (co-authored with D. Schap) appeared in the September 1985 issue of Social Choice and Welfare. Joe is an Assistant Professor at Holy Cross.

Ignatius Horstmann (Ph.D. 1980)

Two of Ig's papers recently appeared in print. "Location Models as Models of Product Choice" (with A. Slivinski) came out in the August 1985 issue of the Journal of Economic Theory, while "Patents as Information Transfer Mechanisms: To Patent or (Maybe) Not to Patent" (with A. Slivinski and G. MacDonald) appeared in the October 1985 issue of the Journal of Political Economy. Ig is an Assistant Professor at the University of Western Ontario.

Edward C. Kienzle (Ph.D. 1976)

As a member of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Committee of the National Tax Association-Tax Institute of America, Ed participated in the annual convention/meeting held in Denver in October. In November, he presented two papers "Tax Progressivity Measurement and the Distribution of Income" and "The Optimal TIAA-CREF Portfolio: Theory and Evidence," both with Hossein S. Kazemi, at the Northeast Business and Economic Association Meetings in Baltimore (abstracts forthcoming in Proceedings). Ed is an Associate Professor at Stonehill College and an Adjunct Associate Professor at B.C.

Michael Naughton (Ph.D. 1984)

Michael, who was formerly with the Research Triangle Institute, is now an Assistant Professor at San Diego State University.

Richard G. Sheehan (Ph.D. 1978)

Clifford F. Thies (Ph.D. 1982)

One of Cliff's recent papers "New Estimates of the Term Structure of Interest Rates: 1920-1939" appeared in the Winter 1985 issue of the Journal of Financial Research. Cliff is an Assistant Professor at the University of Baltimore.