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public or private. However, the real powerhouse of public messages is that any subscriber can respond to questions or requests for information, sometimes within an hour or two. Because real first and last names are required while in Actuaries Online to maintain professionalism, forum messages have an identity attached to them.

Messages can be posted in any one of our 15 topic areas, such as Research, Disability, or Property &

Casualty, our newest section.

Messages scroll off the forum in about three weeks, so subscribers are advised to either store responses in their electronic filing cabinets or to print out hard copies. Also the system operators (sysops) archive message threads on diskettes and can upload a thread as a library file upon request.

#### **Innovative use for messaging**

Actuarial clubs have found that Actuaries Online is a great way to post

upcoming club announcements. If you're responsible for getting the word out about your meeting and are not a member of Actuaries Online, find another member of your club who is Online to post it for you. Remember, however, that advertising for products and services is limited to the Advertise Online library. **Peggy Grillot can be reached by e-mail at 72662.356@compuserve.com**

## Minority recruiting committee needs support

by Carl Voss

The Joint Committee on Minority Recruiting needs your support. Started in 1977 by the Society of Actuaries (SOA), the Joint Committee now includes members of the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS). The committee encourages qualified minority students (African Americans, Hispanics, and Native North Americans) to pursue an actuarial career by awarding scholarships, granting exam fee waivers, and assigning mentors.

The committee also has supported summer programs at Florida A&M University and Howard University for talented African American high school students. These programs introduce the students to the actuarial profession and the actuarial programs at these schools.

Over the past 18 years, the committee has awarded just over \$1 million in scholarships and grants to the two summer programs. Over that period, 28 of the scholarship recipients have become Fellows or Associates of the SOA or CAS. Many recipients are still working on exams.

We need your support in several ways:

- Volunteers to serve on the committee

- Volunteers to serve as mentors to scholarship recipients and applicants
- Contributions. Our fund stood at only \$30,000 at the end of January 1996. We need at least \$100,000 by July 31, 1996, to fund this year's scholarships and summer programs.

To volunteer, please call me at my *Directory* number. To make a corporate or personal contribution, please make the check payable to "CAS/SOA Minority Recruiting Program" and mail it to the Society of Actuaries/Casualty Actuarial Society, P.O. Box 95668, Chicago, IL 60694. Contributions are deductible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If your employer has a matching contribution program for contributions to a 501(c)(3) organization, your individual contribution can be maximized by your employer's match. **Carl Voss is an actuary at the Chicago office of Watson Wyatt Worldwide and chairperson of the Joint Committee on Minority Recruiting.**

## Spring 1996 Exam Seminars

| Organization           | Course   | Instructor/Phone  | Location            | Dates                        |
|------------------------|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------|
| The Austin 150 Seminar | 150  | Dr. James Daniel, ASA<br>512/343-8788                                 | Austin, Texas       | March 30-April 6             |
| Sam Broverman          | 120, 130, 135, 140,<br>150, 151, 160, and<br>EA1-A | Professor Samuel A.<br>Broverman, ASA<br>416/978-4453<br>416/966-9111 | Chicago<br>New York | April 9-29<br>April 16-May 9 |

## CAS study manuals

Study manuals for all Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) exams, including those for which Society of Actuaries (SOA) credit is granted, can be obtained from Casualty Study Manuals, 1835 Brantley Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27103; phone: 910/722-3177; fax: 910/722-5778. Credit card orders (Visa or MasterCard) are now accepted. For details, see the SOA study note package or contact Tammy Applegate at the above address and phone number.