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on the lighter side

Does spotlight shine on actuaries?

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Fame is not something actuaries usually think about. But actuary Dave Bennett, editor of Staple Inn's publication (also called *The Actuary*) couldn't help but wonder which actuaries rated as famous among his constituency. So last March, *The Actuary* (U.K.) e-mailed a questionnaire on this topic to 600 members of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

It's no surprise that Chris Daykin took first place. He has wide influence

as the United Kingdom's chief government actuary, and he's a visible presence at many meetings.

Other members of the top 10 were: David Wilkie (second), Frank Redington (third), Paul Thornton (fourth), Duncan Ferguson (seventh), Anthony Asher (eighth), James Crosby (ninth), and Alistair Neill (tenth).

A surprise, though, were the fifth and sixth largest vote-getters: "There aren't any" and "Don't know," respectively. Wrote editor Bennett in the September article reporting the survey's results, "Many of (those respondents) were trying to think of people well known outside the actuarial world."

Who's your choice?

Just for fun, editors of *The Actuary* invite your nominations for famous actuaries. Indicate whether you consider your nominee well-known within the profession, outside the profession, in multiple countries, or in just one. Nominations should be received by Dec. 31 (Kelly Mayo, Society of Actuaries, Suite 800, 475 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173; fax: 847/706-3599; e-mail: kmayo@soa.org.)

Florida university announces 2 openings

Position: Two assistant professor positions to start August 2000 in the University of Central Florida's Department of Statistics.

Duties: Teach two courses per semester, conduct research, help supervise students, and provide service to the department, college, and university.

Qualifications: Doctorate by date of hire and demonstrated or potential for excellence in both teaching and research. Preference will be given to those specializing in actuarial science, statistical computing, survival analysis, or statistical genetics.

Deadline: Applications should be postmarked by Dec. 31.

Applications: Applicants should provide a letter of interest, resume, and transcript. They also should arrange for three letters of reference to be sent. All materials should go to: Search Committee, Department of Statistics, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816-2370. Questions should be directed to Dr. Ibrahim Ahmad, Chair, Department of Statistics (phone: 407/823-2289; fax: 407/823-3930; e-mail: iahmad@mail.ucf.edu).

IN MEMORIAM

Donald Anderson
FSA 1960, FCIA 1965

Bradley C. Bergman
FSA 1989, MAAA 1987

Carroll H. Brown
FSA 1962, MAAA 1965

George L. Holmes
FSA 1924

Jeffrey E. McGill
ASA 1998

William E. Moody
ASA 1959, MAAA 1967,
FCIA 1969, MSPA, 1993

Charles G. Groeschell, FSA 1951, MAAA 1965, died in September at the age of 84 in Milwaukee. Puzzle fans from 1979 to 1991 will recall his stint as *The Actuary* competitions editor, in which he authored many of the Actucrostics and graded every Actucrossword returned to him so he could recognize the "100% solvers." One of his first competitions in 1979 was for epitaphs for actuaries; Groeschell's contribution was, "He was much alive and on the run, but his q_{65} became equal to one."

Update on Bowles symposium

Those working toward SOA Fellowship may receive nine units of professional development credits for attending the 1999 Bowles symposium. More information is posted on the SOA Web site at www.soa.org/eande/prodev.html.

Also, the symposium's informational Web page has moved. The new URL is www.rmi.gsu.edu/bowles/nextsym.htm. Information is available as well from Anne Chamberlain Shaw, conference manager (phone: 404/651-0931; e-mail: achamberlain@gsu.edu).