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PREFACE

The development of a comprehensive business text is not unlike the development of a new business enterprise. The starting point is to identify the needs of the market and then to develop a plan designed to satisfy those needs. BUSINESS was written to satisfy three basic needs of the introduction to business market. These basic needs focus on balance, clarity, and realism.

- 1. BUSINESS provides a balanced coverage of business fundamentals, trends, issues, principles, and practices. Large corporations make many important contributions to our business system, but students also need to become aware of the exciting developments taking place in the small business sector. One would expect a modern business text to focus on the contemporary scene, but not at the expense of ignoring important historical developments and future perspectives. The desire to achieve balance throughout the text influenced hundreds of decisions regarding content selection, depth of coverage, and examples used to illustrate key points.
- 2. Clarity of presentation has been emphasized throughout the text. We believe that presentation clarity is positively associated with student achievement. To achieve clarity, we avoided the use of vague terms and complex theoretical jargon. An abundance of illustrations and examples are used to clarify key concepts and ideas. Finally, every effort was made to eliminate unessential content that might distract the reader. Our aim has been to present the material in a non-technical, interesting, and readable style.

3. Realism in terms of appropriate real-world examples builds student interest in reading the text. Our goal has been to develop a book that students will enjoy reading. Every effort was made to select examples that are realistic to the wide range of students who enroll in introductory business courses.

With a focus on balance, clarity, and realism we established our objectives for BUSINESS. They were:

- ☐ To survey the basic concepts of business
- □ To build a vocabulary of key business terms
- ☐ To develop business decision-making skills☐ To provide a background for further study
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- ☐ To create an awareness of career opportunities in business

Achieving our objectives will mean that students will be prepared to enter the business world with objectives of their own.

The Text

BUSINESS will provide students with the opportunity to study the many dimensions of the American business system as well as help them to understand the relationship between business and the other elements of our modern society.

Organization

BUSINESS is organized along the lines that an entrepreneur would want to consider in the creation and management of a business entity. Part 1, "The Business System," provides the framework for studying

American business including its economic context, social responsibility, legal forms and small business considerations. Part 2, "Management and Organization," describes both processes and the human side of enterprise. Part 3, "Human Resources and Production," is concerned with personnel, labor-management and operations management. Part 4, "Marketing Management," considers the decisions on how a product is developed, what its packaging will look like, how it will be presented to end-users, what its price will be, how the product will be transported from its manufacturer to the next purchaser, and what types of promotion will be used to sell it. Part 5, "Information for Business Decision-Making," describes accounting, computers, and the collection, analysis and presentation of management data. Part 6, "Financial Information," focuses on money, our banking and credit system, financial management, the securities market, risk management and insurance. Part 7, "Business and Its Environment," deals with legal, regulatory and international trade.

The basic concepts of business are clearly presented in these seven parts. Each part is a self-contained unit and may be assigned in any sequence. In our presentation of the material we have tried to make the reader aware of opportunities in business and value of planning a business career. It is with a focus on planning for a career that we have included the Career Appendix — work in the 21st century by Dr. S. Norman Feingold, President of National Career and Counseling Services. This appendix will prove to be a valuable tool to those who choose to use it.

Presentation

Included in the plan for BUSINESS were special steps to assure that the design of the book would assist in the learning process. To be effective, a text must be inviting to the reader. It was with respect to this criterion that every aspect of the design of BUSINESS was evaluated. The art program is complementary as well as instructive. Photographs, tables, charts, and figures were either selected or created for the instructional and aesthetic value they bring to the book. The pedagogy is supportive without being obtrusive. Learning objectives, marginal notes, boxed inserts covering international, technological, and social issues, and two end-of-chapter cases support each chapter and help ensure comprehension of the material. Re-

view of each chapter is assisted by the chapter highlights, key vocabulary terms, review questions, and application exercises. Finally, a complete glossary and comprehensive index prove valuable items for reference and review.

A unique feature of BUSINESS is the inclusion of six "photo essays" that provide a business perspective on current issues affecting American business. *Business Views* present photographs and essays on timely issues that are changing the way we live our lives and the way we conduct our business. Changes in demographics, world economy, high technology, the work environment, and types of industries as well as questions about tomorrow have immediate and long-range effects on businesses large and small. These photo essays can be read at any time and as often as the reader wishes to reflect upon the big picture.

The Supporting Package

Student mastery is enhanced by the following enrichment materials:

- □ Study Guide Written by Constantine G. Petrides, Borough of Manhattan Community College, this comprehensive study guide provides students with several options for reviewing and mastering the material. For each chapter of BUSINESS it contains a list of learning objectives, vocabulary mastery exercises, true/false, multiple choice, fill-in, and matching type questions.
- Business Microstudy A microcomputer version of the study guide available for use with the most popular microcomputers.
- □ Entrepreneur A computer simulation by Jerry Smith and Peggy Golden, both of the University of Louisville. This microcomputer simulation provides students with an introduction to the establishment and management of a new venture.

A battery of instructional support materials offer assistance for teaching and evaluation:

□ *Instructor's Manual* Includes suggestions for organizing the course, grading, and preparing lectures. The instructor's manual also provides a chapter overview, detailed lecture outline, and answers to in-text questions for each chapter as well as transparency masters, sample business papers, and film lists.

□ Lecture Bank A floppy disk containing detailed lecture outlines offers instructors the option of personalizing their lectures or creating material for use in the classroom.

☐ *Test Bank* This manual contains over 2,200 exam questions of multiple choice and true/false format.

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