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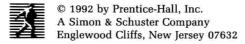
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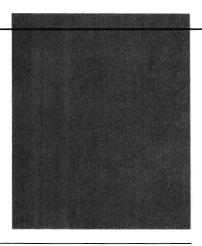
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PREFACE

The purpose of Fundamentals of Financial Management is not only to provide an understanding of how funds are raised and allocated within a company, but to inspire an interest in what goes on in corporate finance. It is an exciting subject. Important academic advances are on-going, and we have tried to capture them. The financial environment is ever-changing—the globalization of finance, reforms of regulatory and tax law, varying economies worldwide, the market for corporate control, and a host of other considerations permeate the landscape of financial decision making. These are fascinating times and finance is very much a part of them. If we can instill excitement in our readers, we will consider ourselves successful.

The book is designed for use in an introductory course in financial management. It is both conceptual and applied. Most of the concepts are expressed verbally, with a minimum of math. Concepts are not expressed abstractly, but as a means for better decision making, whether in raising funds, paying dividends, or investing in capital. The tools of financial analysis and control are similarly addressed. Finally, we present some of the rich institutional backdrop in which financial decisions occur.

This edition has been completely rewritten from start to finish. Under the lead and largely due to the work of John Wachowicz, the expression, format, and style of the book have changed dramatically. Every aspect and literally every word have been carefully reviewed, and substantial changes have been made. All of them are directed to making this text easier to understand. This is not to say that newer ideas have not been integrated into the book. They have been. However, the major emphasis has been on making the learning process easier.

A number of materials are available to supplement the text. For the professor, there is a comprehensive Instructor's Manual, which contains suggestions

for organizing the course, answers to questions, solutions to poblems, and transparency masters. Another aid is a test-item file of extensive questions and problems, both in hard copy and on computer disk. These materials can be obtained from Prentice Hall. For the student, the text contains many self-correction problems as well as extensive references to original literature sources. Also available is an excellent Study Guide to Fundamentals of Financial Management, written by Mary Kay Sullivan, to help the student master financial decision making. Finally, there is Financial Management Computer Applications, written by Stuart B. Van Horne and James C. Van Horne. This booklet and disks may be used with Lotus 1-2-3 or Macintosh Excel. End-of-chapter problems that can be solved using the software contained in Financial Management Computer Applications are identified by the computer disk symbol shown in the margin.

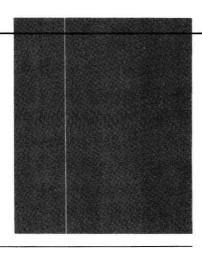
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We believe the final product, the book you have before you, is much improved. You the reader are the judge, and we will be grateful for your comments.

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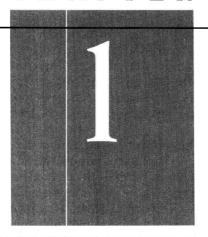
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CHAPTER



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THE GOAL OF THE FIRM

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ORGANIZATION OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FUNCTION

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SUMMARY

QUESTIONS

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Wealth to us is not mere material for vainglory but an opportunity for achievement.

—Thucydides