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A Message from your President

February, 1988
Daniel R. Ilgen

My first response for this column in the November TIP was written immediately after returning from the APA Convention in New York. Stepping into this office in the middle of an APA convention has a tendency to create the impression that the Society is very busy but that it is primarily reacting to pressures from APA and other sources. I am pleased to say that the last three months have done much to dispel that impression. Although there has been no meeting of the Executive Committee during this time period, proactive responses in your committees from a large number of members have accomplished a great deal. Much of this is reported in the committee reports later in this issue. In addition, there have been indications that APA is somewhat more responsive to our needs than it has been in the past.

The creation of two staff positions at APA deserves some mention. The Division Services Office, directed by Louise Van Horne, was established to provide services needed by divisions. Much of what is provided by that office addresses housekeeping functions but yet is quite useful. More importantly, I have found the office very willing to help with issues that we initiate. They make a real effort to serve division needs.

Second, the establishment of a Science Directorate should be valuable to our scientific needs, broadly defined to include research that is aimed at advancing either theory or practice. This office is just beginning in its attempt to develop ways to facilitate science, but it has some concrete courses of action. One of these is a granting program that intends to award small grants for research conferences. The Scientific Affairs Committee, chaired by Bob Lord, is looking into this for our Innovations in Science Conference to be held as part of the upcoming Annual Conference in Dallas. Whether we are or are not successful in obtaining some funding for the conference, it is still important for APA to more actively foster such activity than was the case in the past.

I raise the issue of APA support in partial response to a number of you who have written or called in the last two months with your own concerns about the ability of APA membership and to those who have not responded but who harbor similar concerns. I have almost become convinced that the APA Council, in its wisdom, passed a dues increase over the opposing votes of several, including myself, simply to give me an opportunity to hear from such a large number of you! Although I agree that a more advantageous structure for APA is needed for us and that there are limits in my patience for waiting for some resolution to the reorganization issue, I also believe that our Society along with other non-health care providers have succeeded in demonstrating that we are serious in regard to our commitment to addressing our concerns. I think that some of the responses of APA to our needs, such as expressed above, and also the keeping of reorganization discussions alive, are indications of some progress.

I mentioned earlier that many people have been proactively involved with all aspects of your Society's business. I do want to highlight one set of activities that is working well, but that may in the future need member involvement. This deals with our conferences. Using level of participation and member reports of satisfaction, we, as a Society, have been very successful at putting together attractive programs and workshops at the APA convention and now at our annual conference. Over its brief lifespan, the annual conference has been a real success story, and Jim Breauh reports that there was approximately a fifty percent increase in the number of submissions for the Dallas meeting over those submitted last year. In New York, we increased the number of workshops offered and still had to turn people away. Clearly, we are doing these activities very well thanks to the support of a large number of people.

However, a minor scheduling change in the timing of the APA convention has the potential for affecting responses to calls for papers and symposia. Next year and in the following years, the convention will occur in mid-August instead of the end of August. As a result of this change, the deadline for submission of programs for APA has been moved up. This means that there is less time between the deadlines for the annual conference and APA. Both Elaine Pulakos and Jim Breauh and their program committees and subcommittees for the APA convention and the annual conference, respectively, are working hard to deal with this change in order to maintain high quality programs at both meetings. I am sure that they will be successful with this as they deal with the transition to the new times. In the future, I also think that we, as members of the society, can help by attempting to distribute our creative efforts over the two meetings.

In closing, let me add that I have enjoyed talking with many of you about issues related to the Society. Please feel free to continue to contact me or other members of the Executive Committee and Society committee chairs so that we may better meet your needs. I look forward to seeing many of you at what promises to be an exciting conference in Dallas.
Testing
Maintenance Employees

Comments by Tom Ramsay
Human Resources Psychologist

A recent development in training maintenance employees is the competency-based program. Rather than selecting or promoting maintenance employees on the basis of time on the job, they are promoted on the basis of knowledge or ability to perform job tasks.

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- Motor Inspector
- Mechanical & Hydraulic Repair
- Electronics
- Electronics & Instrumentation Technician

- Maintenance Mechanic
- Millwright
- Electronics & Combustion Technician
- Ironworker
- Systems Repairer

Supervisory estimates of time spent in various areas determined the number of items in each area. The tests usually contained about 120 items and yielded KR20 reliabilities in the .90s.

Cutting scores were developed using Angoff's method of requiring subject experts to estimate the proportion of borderline candidates who would pass each item of each test. These results were then averaged across raters and summed for each test.

At a subsequent meeting with employee representatives, example items were reviewed and development procedures were described. Employee representatives welcomed the procedure as an objective departure from the former practice of promotion based upon the judgement of one supervisor.

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Stanley B. Silverman, Chair
Dallas
April 21–23, 1988

Our third annual conference is only two months away, and things are really starting to get exciting again. The various committees have been working hard to once again make the conference a significant and innovative event for our society. In this issue of TIP you will find registration materials for the conference itself as well as the workshop descriptions and registration forms.

Jim Breauh and the program committee have put their finishing touches on the program. You can see the program highlights put together by Jim in this issue of TIP, also. Once again, because of multiple-tracking, I am sure you will find it difficult to decide which session to attend because you will want to be at several at one time.

The workshops, chaired by Bill Macey, will be conducted on April 21, and there will be eight half-day workshops and two full-day workshops. The conference program itself is scheduled for April 22–23 and will run from approximately 8:30–6:00 on the 22nd and 8:30–4:30 on the 23rd.

All meetings and workshops will be held at the Loews Anatole Hotel. On page 9 you will find a registration form for the hotel—cut it out of TIP and send it directly to the hotel. The room rates are as follows:

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We are all very excited about our third annual conference. Please help us out and register early! In the meantime, if you have any questions, give me a call at (216) 375–7713.

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SIOP Conference Program Committee Report

James A. Breaugh

Given certain scheduling uncertainties, we were not able to finalize the SIOP Program before the deadline for this issue of TIP. As usual, the complete SIOP Program will be sent to each Division 14 member several weeks before the conference. However, we wanted to take this opportunity to whet your appetite concerning the upcoming SIOP Conference. The SIOP Conference Program Committee has put a tremendous amount of effort into preparing what we believe is an excellent conference program. Our work was greatly aided by the tremendous increase in submissions this year. Conference submissions were up approximately 50%. Among the conference highlights will be:

* 50 papers presented in poster sessions
* 34 symposia and panel discussions addressing such topics as:
  - compensation satisfaction
  - research consortia
  - new directions in job design
  - structured interviewing
  - General Motor's Foreman Selection Assessment Center
  - new directions in job attitude measurement
  - industrial gerontology
  - troublesome questions in job analysis
  - cross-cultural psychology
  - integrative models of motivation
  - advancing the theory and method of biodata
  - cognition's role in training design and implementation
  - training evaluation R&D in the Air Force
  - new statistical approaches to turnover research
* 4 master tutorials including Fritz Drasgow speaking on Item Response Theory and Larry James speaking on Confirmatory Factor Analysis
* 4 roundtable discussion sessions including sessions on I/O graduate programs and construct validity.
* an invited address by Robert Kahn of the University of Michigan
* 2 social hours

As is obvious from the preceding list of topics, there truly is something for everyone at this year's SIOP Conference. We hope you agree that Dallas will be the place to be April 22 and 23.
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Workshop Schedule

Thursday, April 21, 1988

Registration 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Morning Sessions 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Lunch 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Session 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Reception (Social Hour) 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Lombardo received his Ed.D. from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Coordinator: Sally F. Hartmann, Sears Roebuck & Company.

Section 2 (Half Day)
CURRENT TRENDS IN MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT

George P. Hollenbeck
Harvard Business School

Harry B. Bernhard
University of Southern California

Management and executive development are increasingly seen as tools for competitive advantage. Downsizing and cost reduction pressures have made development more rather than less important.

The goal of this workshop is to familiarize participants with the state of the art in management and executive development with perspectives on what works and what doesn’t. The workshop will be practitioner-oriented and participants will be expected to share their experiences and concerns. An overriding theme will be the integration of development processes into the fabric of the organization.

The topics covered will include:

• The difference between management and executive development.
• The need for needs analysis.
• The key elements of development strategies.
• The pluses and minuses of current tools.
• Why “program” approaches usually fail.
• Where to begin in implementing processes.

George P. Hollenbeck is Senior Director, Executive Education, at the Harvard Business School where he is concerned with the role of executive education in executive development. He was Merrill Lynch’s Human Resource Director and an I/O psychologist at Merrill, The Psychological Corporation, and IBM after earning his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Harry B. Bernhard is Executive-in-residence in the School of Business Administration at the University of Southern California where he teaches human resources and consults. Prior to 1987, his entire career was with IBM and included positions in marketing, executive and management development, and personnel research. He has a BA from the Wharton School and a Master’s from Columbia University. In 1985–1987 he was an IBM/Harvard Fellow at the Harvard Business School.

Coordinator: Nita French, BellSouth Corporation.

Section 3 (Half Day)
USING I/O PSYCHOLOGY TO FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL CORPORATE MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Mitchell Lee Marks
California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles

Mergers and acquisitions are extremely stressful events for both managers and employees. Recent research shows that only about one of every four corporate combinations live up to pre-merger financial expectations. It is becoming increasingly clear that human and organizational dynamics contribute to this high failure rate.

This workshop examines the individual and organizational reactions to mergers which influence employee well-being, relations between merging firms, and productivity and performance in the post-merger organization. Topics to be addressed include:

• The factors which distinguish successful from unsuccessful mergers.
• Employee and organizational responses to being merged or acquired.
• The clash of cultures between merging organizations.
• Interventions available to I/O Psychologists to facilitate successful mergers.
• Strategies for increasing the utilization of I/O Psychologists in the merger process.

Much of what will be addressed in this workshop will be applicable to other forms of major organizational change, including internal reorganizations, downsizings, and divestitures.

Mitchell Lee Marks is Associate Professor of Organizational Psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles and Senior Consultant with the CFP Organization Development Center. He has conducted extensive research into human and organizational aspects of mergers, and has consulted on mergers in a variety of industries. He has assisted a broad range of clients including Unisys, AT&T, and American Airlines. Dr. Marks received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Coordinator: Miriam M. Graddick, AT&T.
Section 4 (Half Day)

TEST ITEM CONSTRUCTION

Erich P. Prien
Memphis State University

Hilda Wing
National Research Council

An extensive literature exists on the science and art of test item construction and analysis, and the various techniques used to analyze and evaluate responses. The focus of this workshop will be on the steps in the flow, beginning with the analysis and evaluation of the test budget and specifications through to the assembly of the final test form. The workshop will specifically address:

- Analyzing job analysis results to develop test item specifications.
- Selection of item types to meet test specifications, drafting items, and performing preliminary evaluation.
- Techniques for item analysis.
- Central considerations in test construction.

This will be a practical, hands-on workshop with a single exercise to serve as a model for the entire process.

Erich P. Prien is Professor of Industrial Psychology (retired), Memphis State University. He has been engaged in test construction activities for over 30 years. He is particularly concerned with developing test specifications through job analysis, selection of appropriate item types, and the practice of test item construction. He received his Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University.

Hilda Wing is a Psychologist with the National Research Council and is a research associate on the Council’s GATB validity generalization project and the committee on the performance of military personnel. She has had extensive experience in test standardization, analysis and evaluation of test parameters and validity, and computer based testing. Her experience includes 15 years with the Office of Personnel Management, the Army Research Institute, and The Psychological Corporation. Dr. Wing received her Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University.

Coordinator: Tove H. Hammer, Cornell University

Section 5 (Half Day)

NON-EEO LEGAL ISSUES: AIDS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, EMPLOYMENT-AT-WILL, WORKPLACE HEALTH CONCERNS, AND PRIVACY

John C. Haymaker
Supermarkets General Corporation

Lawrence Z. Lorber
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Today organizations are becoming increasingly aware of the need to develop and implement policy and procedures to deal with non-EEO legal issues such as those arising from the AIDS epidemic, the trend toward testing for substance abuse, the “employment-at-will” doctrine, and workplace health and privacy concerns. While these issues pose many challenges for organizations, they also present many opportunities for research and intervention. Yet, because these areas which have not typically been addressed by I/O psychologists, our clients, and perhaps even we ourselves, may be unaware of the potential contributions we can make.

Following the brief update on EEO-related legal documents, the balance of the workshop will be devoted to lecture and small group discussion of non-EEO legal issues using case studies specifically prepared for this session. Opportunities for research and intervention by I/O psychologists also will be explored, and participants will be provided an extensive bibliography for further reading in these areas. Prior to the workshop, participants will be asked to complete and return a brief questionnaire seeking information on their level of involvement with these issues in their own organizations, as well as which of the issues they would prefer to see emphasized in the session.

John C. Haymaker is Director, Human Resources Research at Supermarkets General Corporation, a large food, drug and home center products retailing organization. Over the last two years he has chaired task forces to develop and implement policy on AIDS and substance abuse, including substance testing programs. From 1978 to 1982, he was Senior Research Associate with Richardson, Bellows, Henry and Co. in Washington, D.C. He received his Ph.D. in I/O psychology from the University of Georgia in 1979.

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frequent lecturer and author in the field of equal employment and labor relations. Mr. Lorber is a graduate of Brooklyn College and the University of Maryland Law School.

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Section 6 (Half Day)

INTEGRATING HUMAN RESOURCE SYSTEMS

Milton D. Hakel
University of Houston and
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The typical organization maintains several free-standing human resource systems that have grown in response to specific needs: compensation, training and development, employee selection, appraisal of performance, staffing analysis, succession planning, identification of managerial potential, career counseling, etc. These systems should be better linked to maximize the effective development and use of human resources.

This workshop will present several examples in which various human resource systems have been integrated, and will draw upon the research literature on human attributes and job analysis, the technology of database management systems and microcomputers, and strategies for implementing change in organizations. It will also cover the costs, benefits, and prospects for increased integration in the future.

Milton D. Hakel is Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department at the University of Houston, and President of Organizational Research and Development, Inc. He is a past President of Division 14 and an ABPP Diplomate. He edited Personnel Psychology for 11 years and now serves as its publisher. Hakel authored Making It Happen: Designing Research with Implementation in Mind and the 1986 Annual Review chapter on personnel selection. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Hakel has consulted with industry and government for 20 years on interviewing, assessment, job analysis, management development, job attitudes, and compensation. Currently he chairs the Scientific Advisory Group for the Army's Project A, the largest investigation of job performance prediction ever undertaken.


Section 7 (Half Day)

PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT FOR SELECTION
AND PLACEMENT DECISIONS

Robert T. Hogan
University of Tulsa

Leaetta M. Hough
Personnel Decisions Research Institute

The opinion of many academic I/O psychologists is that personality variables have little or no validity for predicting job performance or job fit. Nevertheless, many I/O practitioners include personality testing in the battery of tests they administer when assessing individuals for selection and placement decisions.

The following topics and issues will be emphasized in the workshop as they relate to the proper use of personality variables in selection and placement decisions:

- History of personality testing in industry.
- Theoretical model(s).
- Structure of personality variables.
- Measurement issues.
- Evaluation of personality scales.
- Validity—construct and criterion-related.
- Moderating variables (Faking, group membership).
- Ethical issues.

Robert Hogan has been McFarlin Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology at the University of Tulsa since 1982; prior to that he was Professor of Psychology and Social Relations at The Johns Hopkins University. The author of over 80 scholarly articles, chapters and books, he is currently studying the effects of personality on effective team performance. Dr. Hogan was the first editor of the Personality section of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology. He also consults regularly with government and industry on human resource issues.

Leaetta Hough is a founder and Vice President of Personnel Decisions Research Institute and an Affiliate Professor in the Psychology Department at the University of Minnesota. She has specialized in the measurement of individual differences specifically for selection, promotion, and placement decisions and has developed, validated, and implemented many human resource systems. Dr. Hough received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Coordinator: Ralph A. Alexander, The University of Akron.
Section 8 (Full Day)

COMPENSATION: DEVELOPING THE LINKAGE BETWEEN INCENTIVES AND RESULTS ON AN INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP BASIS

M. Peter Scontrino
Issaquah, Washington

John Culbertson
Seattle, Washington

Employers are searching for new ways to compensate employees and to achieve productivity and quality enhancements. The goal of this workshop is to explore both the current trends and the innovative compensation practices that have their roots in basic compensation theory, participative management, and quality improvement processes. The specific areas to be addressed include:

- Current practices in cash and non-cash compensation.
- Emerging trends in compensation.
- The major types of gainsharing plans.
- Components of effective gainsharing plans.
- A five step process for planning and installing a gainsharing plan.
- The linkage between individual/group compensation and the quality improvement process.

The emphasis will be on pragmatic approaches to individual and group compensation that are both theory based and practice tested. Specific examples will be provided and program results will be discussed.

M. Peter Scontrino is an Industrial Psychologist in private practice in Issaquah, Washington. Formerly on the faculty of the University of Washington and Seattle University, he has fifteen years of consulting experience. He has worked with the American Productivity Center, ARCO, General Electric, AT&T, Weyerhauser, Honeywell, and other organizations in the design and implementation of productivity gainsharing plans. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1971.

John Culbertson is an independent management consultant in Seattle, Washington, with twenty years of consulting experience including positions with Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby and Booz-Allen. He was formerly on the faculty of the University of Maryland in the School of Business. His consulting work focuses on executive compensation, sales compensation, and quality improvement programs. He holds his DBA from the Harvard Business School.

Coordinator: James R. Larson, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Section 9 (Half Day)

STRATEGIC JOB ANALYSIS

Benjamin Schneider
University of Maryland, College Park

Contemporary job analysis procedures focus on the tasks and knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) required to do them for jobs that exist now. This workshop will demonstrate various ways by which the future of the job may be considered in conducting job analyses.

First, a brief history of job analysis methods will be presented. Then, considerations and procedures in conducting strategic job analysis will be framed. These include:

- Who to include in and how to run a session designed to illuminate corporate and environmental issues that may affect a job.
- Whether to run a traditional job analysis prior to the strategic job analysis sessions and how to use the data from the traditional analysis in the future sessions (or vice versa).

The workshop is designed for people who use job analysis information as a basis for the design of selection and training programs or as input into wage and salary decisions. All of these require projecting to the job of the future and the workshop will show some models for doing this.

Workshop participants should bring with them a summary of the tasks and KSAs for a job that might be studied through Strategic Job Analysis. They should also identify the five most critical corporate and environmental influences on this job in the next 3 to 5 years.

Benjamin Schneider received the Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 1967. Since then he has taught at Yale, Bar-Ilan, Michigan State and Maryland. In between he has published (or has in press) more than 60 articles and four books on organizational climate, personnel selection, and service. He has served as President of SIOP and the OB division of the Academy of Management. He also has consulted with AT&T, Citicorp, Chase Manhattan Bank, and GEICO, among others. He is also Vice President of Organizational and Personnel Research, Inc.

Coordinator: Jeanette N. Cleveland, Colorado State University.
Section 10 (Full Day)

BEHAVIOR DESCRIPTION INTERVIEWING

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"Behavior Description Interviewing" (BDI) builds on, but goes beyond, the time tested principle that "Past performance is the best predictor of future performance." BDI is based on the notion that the most accurate prediction of future behavior is based on specific behavior in circumstances as similar as possible to those circumstances the person will face in the future. The BDI proceeds from a structured pattern of questions to a flexible and in-depth approach to probing the applicant's past behavior in specific situations, selected for their relevance to critical events.

Behavior Description Interviewing benefits all three actors on the interviewing stage: the applicant, line manager, and the human resource specialist. This interview approach has added utility beyond other approaches and evidence will be presented to demonstrate that utility.

Specific skills will be taught as a refresher/new perspective for the veteran interviewer or as a "how-to" lesson for the novice. Basic concepts in interviewing skills will be covered so no prior experience or knowledge is assumed.

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Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. All workshops will be limited to 25 participants. Please note that advance mail-registration will close on April 14, 1988. All registrations received after that date will be processed as on-site registrations.

$150—Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Inc. (Division 14 of the American Psychological Association) Members and Student Affiliates.
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Views of Job Satisfaction

C. J. Cranney

On October 29 and 30, the I/O Psychology Program at Bowling Green State University hosted a conference entitled Job Satisfaction: Advances in Research and Applications in Bowling Green, Ohio. There were about 100 participants, most of whom were SIOP members. Graduate students from Stevens Institute, Michigan State, and Bowling Green also participated. The two-day conference comprised twelve invited presentations by sixteen authors, and questions and discussion by all participants. Bob Guion had the last word.

The opening presentation was given by Frank Landy (Penn State), who reviewed the early history of job satisfaction, and even claimed to have uncovered a few scandals. Charles Hulin (Illinois) and Mary Roznowski (Ohio State) spoke on the usefulness of important measures of valid constructs. They discussed a model relating absence, tardiness, and turnover as manifestations of a common trait, and pointed out problems due to the use of skewed or dichotomous criteria. Eugene Stone (BGSU) discussed methodological problems and conceptual issues basic to the study of job satisfaction. He held that, contrary to some recent claims, people can and do restructure and redefine jobs with consequences for affective variables. Ben Schneider and Sarah Gunnarson (Maryland) talked about Opportunity as the Great Satisfier, a concept which they feel explains many apparent inconsistencies in the literature. Some later speakers questioned this idea but, unfortunately, Ben and Sarah were unable to stay for Friday’s program.

On Thursday afternoon, Rene Davis (Minnesota) presented a model of person-environment fit and related it to job satisfaction. He discussed both methodological and conceptual concerns and their implications for research. Larry James (Georgia Tech.) presented a model relating latent measures of work environment and latent measures of job satisfaction. The day ended with two views of the outcomes and correlates of job satisfaction. Ray Katzell and Richard Guzzo (NYU) dealt with the linkages and independence of job satisfaction and job performance and presented a model which holds that the causes of each of these constructs are neither identical nor completely different, and also that the two are interconnected both directly and indirectly. Ed Locke (Maryland) and Cynthia Fisher (Texas A&M) spoke about the possible consequences of
job satisfaction and dissatisfaction and a complex criterion comprising many different behaviors or consequences.

Friday began with a discussion of job stress and health by Gail Ison (Stanford U. Medical Center). In addition to reviewing evidence on this relationship, she considered issues including measurement and definition of variables and examination of person-environment fit. Bonnie Sandman (Smith, Sandman & McCree) followed with a description of the development of the Job Stress Index. She also discussed the possibility that the relationship between job-induced stress and job satisfaction may differ due to the situation in the organization. Not surprisingly, both the Ison and Sandman presentations generated considerable discussion. Sheldon Zedeck (UC, Berkeley) (in his first return visit to Bowling Green in seventeen years) finished the morning with a presentation on satisfaction in union members and their spouses. The data concerned not only the satisfaction, stress, health, perceived climate, and self-reported performance of the union members, but also similar information from their spouses.

Finally, Pat Smith (BGSU) presented what she described as her “tree” model of job satisfaction, its correlates, and its consequences. Bob Guion (BGSU) then had the last word, summarizing and highlighting the major themes of the presentations and discussion as: problems with ad hoc measures and sloppy terminology, the importance of recognizing the historical bases of our research, and the increasing stress on the importance of multivariate research in this area. It was also noted that discussions by Landy and Zedeck have finally settled the question of which one was Bowling Green’s first I/O Ph.D., but that there remain at least two views of how it was settled.

The conference seemed successful, with both the quality of the presentations and the discussion indicating that research in job satisfaction and related areas remains one of the most active and exciting areas in I/O psychology.

On Friday evening Pat Smith was honored (and lightly roasted) at a dinner by a number of her friends and colleagues for her outstanding, and continuing, contributions.

APA & Civil Rights Bar Opposed by Justice, EEOC, ASPA, IPMA & EEAC Before Supreme Court in CLARA WATSON VS. FORT WORTH BANK & TRUST

James C. Sharf

The Supreme Court granted cert in Watson to decide if the “racially adverse impact of the employer’s practice of committing employment decisions to the unbridled discretion of a white supervisory corps” should be analyzed under the disparate impact standard of Griggs or the disparate treatment standard of McDonnell Douglas. APA and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law argued in their respective Supreme Court amicus briefs filed in November that subjective personnel assessment methods such as interviews, experience requirements and performance appraisals can and should be held to the Griggs burden of proof, i.e., the same validation Standards and Principles as objective tests. The Department of Justice + EEOC, the American Society for Personnel Administration + the International Personnel Management Association, and the Equal Employment Advisory Council in their respective briefs challenged APA’s presumption and argued that subjective selection procedures should be held to the disparate treatment burden of proof. The case will be argued and decided this term. The APA and ASPA arguments are abstracted below.

Statement of Facts

Clara Watson (Petitioner), a black woman, was hired as a proof operator by Fort Worth Bank & Trust (Respondent) in '73, was promoted to position of drive-in teller in '76, and was promoted to position of commercial teller in '80. She sought further promotion to the position of supervisor of all tellers—a promotion subsequently awarded the supervisor of the Bank's bookkeeping department. During the following year, Watson unsuccessfully applied for promotion to three other supervisory positions. In two instances, more experienced employees were chosen. In the third, promotion was awarded to a candidate having at

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*The opinions expressed are those of the author and not necessarily official policy statements. Abstracts of all amicus briefs filed in Watson may be obtained from the author, OPM, Rm 6454, 1900 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20415.*
least some supervisory experience. In only one other instance had a black unsuccessfully applied for promotion.

Each of Watson's promotions as well as her three unsuccessful attempts was based on the judgment of the manager who considered the candidate's "accuracy of work, alertness, personal appearance, supervisor-co-worker relations, quantity of work, physical fitness, attendance, dependability, stability, ambition, friendliness, courtesy, job knowledge and experience." Watson's prima facie argument consisted of applicant flow data showing that blacks had one-fourth the chance of a white applicant to get a job initially, that a black employee was likely to receive $46/month less than a white employee for comparable work, and that blacks progressed at a rate six-tenths of a pay grade/year more slowly than similarly situated whites.

**Lower Court Decisions**

The district court held that the respondent's articulated reasons for failing to promote Watson were not pretextual and that, although petitioner, "made allegations of discrimination in hiring, compensation, initial placement, promotions and other terms and conditions of employment, there was little or no evidence of discrimination in these categories" and that "no discrimination against blacks as a class had been proved on the basis of defendant's hiring practices." The court of appeals held that "a Title VII challenge to an allegedly discretionary promotion system is properly analyzed under the disparate treatment model rather than the disparate impact model," that there was "no indication in the record . . . that the district court neglected to consider the statistical evidence presented in terms of evaluating the credibility of the preferred explanations for promotion decisions" and that "the district court's finding that the bank's explanations for its action were not pretexts for discrimination is not clearly erroneous."

**Brief for the American Psychological Association in Support of Petitioner**

"(APA) will leave it to the parties to argue whether disparate impact analysis under Title VII . . . is properly applied to review the legality of subjective assessment devices for the hiring and promotion of employees. However, insofar as a negative answer is grounded in the assumption that subjective assessment devices are not amenable to psychometric scrutiny in the same way that ability tests are, such an assumption is contrary to fundamental and generally accepted scientific principles of measurement. . . . Subjective selection devices can be scientifically validated for the assessment of individuals . . . The choice of analyses under Title VII, therefore, should not turn on whether the challenged employment practices are based on objective or subjective evaluations of applicants.

"(T)he use of employment interviews should be 'preceded by a thorough analysis of the target job, the development of a structured set of questions based on the job analysis, and the development of behaviorally specific rating instruments by which to evaluate applicants.' The assessment of employees 'should be maximally dependent on their personal characteristics and minimally dependent on who made the assessment. Where non-test predictors like interviewer judgments are used, the (employer) should develop procedures that will minimize error resulting from differences between judges'. . . .

"In sum, rating scales will conform to legal and psychometric requirements if the appraisal system is based on a job analysis, contains clearly defined dimensions of job performance rather than vague, global measure or abstract trait names, is behaviorally based so that all rating can be supported by objective, observable evidence, and if the raters are in the position to observe the behaviors to be rated and are trained to reduce sources of bias, contamination, or other rating errors . . .

"There is absolutely no legitimate reason why respondent failed to conduct even crude validity studies of the selection devices it used to evaluate petitioner or, at the very least, to investigate the availability of existing sources of valid selection devices . . .

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1Copies of the APA brief may be obtained from Gus Martin, APA Legal Department, 202/955-7662.
“In light of the ‘nondiscrimination’ objectives of Title VII and the demonstrated ability of professionals to validate subjective assessment devices, however, there is no principled reason to treat objective and subjective devices differently in imposing a validation requirement, regardless of whether a plaintiff proceeds under disparate impact or disparate treatment claim. Indeed, permitting the use of unvalidated subjective assessment devices while requiring objective devices to be validated provides a ready mechanism for covert discrimination for employers seeking to avoid the constraints of Title VII. Validation does require the expenditure of both time and money by an employer. But, as amicus has demonstrated, there are a number of readily available techniques for developing, adopting, and validating both objective and subjective devices, and both professional and legal standards allow the use of already developed selection devices. Thus, when one balances the relative costs of validation to the employer against the costs of eroding the protections provided by Title VII and the damage to society of perpetuating the vestiges of discrimination, the outcome clearly favors the requirement that employers use psychometrically sound and job-relevant selection devices.”

Brief for the American Society for Personnel Administration (ASPA), The International Personnel Management Association (IPMA), and the Employment Management Association Supporting Respondent

Question: Does Title VII require that a final managerial judgment to promote an individual employee be supported by the same complex proof of job relatedness required for standardized selection protocols which systematically deny employment opportunities to a disproportionately high number of the members of protected groups?

“Petitioner’s indictment of promotion decisions involving ‘discretionary subjective evaluations’ attacks the most common method used by American employers to make final selections among competing applicants. Petitioner’s refrain that personnel judgments are suspect or illegitimate if they are “subjective” relies on a distinction that is artificial. All personnel decisions involve value judgments by those responsible for the success of an enterprise. To label these judgments “objective” or “subjective” is of no help in deciding how they should be reviewed under Title VII. The decisions of this Court have never relied on such a distinction.

“Intentional discrimination against individual employees was the principal evil Congress sought to eliminate when it enacted Title VII. This Court has enforced Title VII in the absence of proof of intent only in cases where employers have erected systematic barriers to employment which have a disparate impact on members of protected groups... the diploma and test requirements imposed in Griggs permitted no case-by-case judgments about other qualities that might have recommended these candidates for selection. Under these special circumstances, this Court made an exception to the essential principle of Title VII that employers should be liable only for intentional discrimination. The Court held that specific selection devices which impose systematic, irrebuttable barriers to employment opportunities for blacks cannot survive Title VII review unless shown to ‘have a manifest relationship to the employment in question.’

“In contrast to the well-defined, systematic criteria which disqualified a group of blacks from further consideration in Griggs, Watson has identified no specific employment criterion which she claims the Bank used to her disadvantage in evaluating her promotion application. Nor has Watson identified a test or employment policy which operated to the disadvantage of blacks generally in the competition for promotions. Having failed to show that she was treated any differently than her white competitors, Watson nevertheless insists that a promotion decision is inherently suspect if it is based on a manager’s business judgment. According to Watson, every employer that permits its managers to exercise judgment in personnel decisions has to be prepared to prove the business necessity of such judgments. Since no illegitimate test or promotion criterion has been identified by Watson, this means much more than validating a test instrument, complex as even that usually proves to be. Watson appears to demand that employers ‘scientifically validate’ the general practice of permitting managers to make judgments about individual promotions, a practice so universal that it has never before been questioned in the Court. Indeed, this Court has taken pains to make sure that, in the absence of proof of intentional discrimination, routine business judgments about individuals are not second-guessed in the name of Title VII.

“As is best illustrated by the discussion of ‘scientific validation’ presented by Watson’s amicus, the American Psychological Association, massive new burdens would be placed on employers by a requirement that they validate each of the criteria and procedures used to make judgments about individual employees. Petitioner’s theory of Title VII, would, therefore, lead inextricably to one of two results never intended by Congress. Employers that endeavor to ‘validate’ the practice of permitting managers to make judgments will suffer the untold expense of validating a continuous stream of personnel decisions, followed by litigation of remarkable complexity, pitting one team of statisticians against another in battles about the quality of those validation efforts—and all in the absence of any proof of an intent to discriminate. For employers who choose not to employ ‘validators’ to attempt to certify their
judgments—perhaps because they simply cannot afford to do so—there will be only one other option. In order to avoid Title VII liability without 'scientific validation' of every aspect of personnel management, these employers will see to it that their managers' judgments have no disparate impact on minorities by hiring and promoting on the basis of class membership. In short, numerical quotas become a low cost alternative to the impossibly complex system demanded by Watson and her amici .

"Petitioner's amicus, the American Psychological Association (APA), introduces its brief with the disclaimer that it 'will leave it to the parties to argue whether disparate impact analysis under Title VII . . . is properly applied to review the legality of subjective assessment devices for the hiring and promotion of employees.' The APA explains that its limited purpose is merely to show, as a matter of psychometrics, that procedures like those used by the Bank can be 'scientifically validated.'

"However, contrary to its opening disclaimer, the APA proceeds to argue not only that the Bank's employment devices could be validated but that they should be validated as a matter of law under Title VII. ASPA, IPMA, and EMA respectfully disagree. Rather than presenting convincing reasons why employers should be forced to adopt complex, statistically based personnel practices, the parade of research findings invoked by the APA shows the Court how burdensome such an imposition would be and how, in the final analysis, the 'validation' recommended by the APA would do little to advance the cause of equal employment opportunity.

"The APA's call to require validation of all selection devices—including processes like employment interviews—hinges on the faulty legal conclusion that 'the crucial public policy goals of Title VII would be thwarted if employers could rebut claims of discrimination simply by pointing to the results of unvalidated assessment devices, whether subjective or objective.' This statement reflects a basic misunderstanding of Title VII laws. Evidence simply describing the result of a choice between two employees is never enough to defend a disparate treatment claim. To rebut Petitioner's claim of discrimination the Bank had to do much more than simply 'point to the results' of its managers' judgments. Under McDonnell Douglas, the Bank was required to explain the factors that distinguished Petitioner from her competitors and, ultimately, the district court had to be convinced that those factors were the genuine reason for its decision.

"In view of the slender legal reed supporting the APA's position, the extreme financial and administrative burden that would be imposed on employers by the results it seeks looks even more out of place. While the process of 'scientific validation' may seem straightforward to a few industrial psychologists, the APA brief shows it to be a process of enor-
"The Court should reject Watson's effort to subject judgments about individual employees to disparate impact analysis when the disparate treatment approach has already provided her the opportunity to prove unlawful discrimination. ASPA, IPMA and EMA urge the Court to reaffirm that the limited purpose of disparate impact analysis is to review specific employment devices which have the effect of systematically excluding members of protected groups from employment opportunities."

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**Interprofessional Relations and External Affairs: A Legal Perspective**

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The External Affairs Committee of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology has the "goal of establishing better relationships within the American Psychological Association, within the Society, and with outside professional associations from this country and abroad" (Quaintance, 1986, p. 73). Given their professional training, it would seem that I/O psychologists could easily promote this goal, such as by avoiding or resolving conflicts with colleagues. Unfortunately, personal attributes sometime contradict professionalism.

An axiom of personnel management is that there be mutual respect. While I/O training presumably promotes respect as a prevailing set, egocentric needs may negate positive relations. When the egocentric drive breaks through professional restraints, interpersonal (or interprofessional) problems result.

Traditionally, psychologists have had an obligation to actively resolve conflicts with colleagues. In recent times, this obligation has been diminished to a recommendation, which is not an ethical mandate.

In the "Ethical Principles of Psychologists" (APA, 1981), Principle 7, Professional Relations, states:

"Psychologists act with due regard for the needs, special competencies, and obligations of their colleagues in psychology and other professions. They respect the prerogatives and obligations of the institutions or organizations with which these other colleagues are associated." (p. 636)

When a psychologist knows of an ethical violation by another psychologist, ethics (7g) support, if it seems appropriate, that an attempt be made to resolve the issue directly with the other psychologist. All too often, psychologists avoid confrontation, even (especially?) for situations short of a possible ethical or legal violation.

The Society's *Casebook on Ethics and Standards for the Practice of Psychology in Organizations* (Lowman, 1985) supports that a psychologist's comments to a client that raise doubt about another psychologist's competencies should be inspected for what "was intended to be communicated and the psychologist's motivation" (pp. 39-40);
presumably expressing “legitimate reservations” to a client would be ethical. What is ethical may not be compatible with legal principles; for example, intent and motivation may be secondary to the results (i.e., damages created by a slanderous statement).

Commonly being in an entrepreneurial effort, the I/O psychologist is in the mainstream of business competition. It seems likely that the business world (as opposed to, say, the “human services” world of clinical psychologists) creates a special liability for I/O psychologists. Proving one’s products or services to be superior to what is offered by the competition fulfills the basic drive to experience success. But this is where the legal trouble may start.

It is one thing to compete legitimately, but quite another matter to resort to unfair competition. By definition, unfair competition involves actions that are incompatible with public policy, if not in violation of the law per se. Unfair competition is proscribed by the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C., Section 45), and state statutes typically codify essentially the same principles for use in the state courts. Unfair competition is a complex legal area, and herein the discussion will be limited to selected principles that have special relevance to the practice of industrial and organizational psychology.

Competing for a contract, e.g., to do personnel assessments, must be performed in a way that does not result in the tort cause of action interference with contract. For example, using “trade secret” information (ideas intended for in-house use only) from a former employee of a competitor to “pirate” an assessment method and submitting a lower bid to a contractor might well be wrongful, even though the competitor’s method might not be legally protected (e.g., by copyright). In contrast, analysis of a competitor’s publicly revealed assessment method as basis for constructing an improved method would more likely pass a test for fairness.

To follow up on the trade secrets notion, it would seemingly be unfair to recruit an employee away from a competitor solely to gain knowledge of the elements that led to the competitor’s successful operations. It is one thing to recruit an employee with experience in the field, and quite a different thing to recruit him/her for the “insider” perspective about the competition.

Another example of faulty interprofessional relations involves making libelous (written) or slanderous (spoken) statements about a competitor to a prospective client. In defamation, as would embrace libel and slander, it is not always a defense to believe what is communicated. Likewise, it is not enough to intend no harm. Depending on the nature of the “publication” (what was communicated and the context in which it occurred), a sincere personal opinion about the shortcomings of a colleague could be the basis for a legal action. [Note: the definition for a cause of action is commonly determined by statutes and case decisions unique to the state.]

It should be recognized that, historically, psychologists (and other professionals) enjoyed a certain insulation from the legal system. By public policy, there was deference to regulation by the profession (as probably underlies the ethical notion that conflicts should be resolved between the psychologists). The situation has changed—this is litigious era and professionals of all ilk (and psychologists are certainly no exception) must abide by the same legal prescriptions and proscriptions as anyone else (Keeton, 1984).

An I/O psychologist with “bad vibes” about a colleague might argue, “Surely I have a professional duty to monitor wrongful practices by others in my discipline!” That is true, but only in a circumscribed manner.

If an I/O psychologist files a complaint to an ethics committee or a state board of licensing about another I/O psychologist, there would likely be—if there was a scintilla of justification for the complaint—limited immunity from a counter-action (say a slander suit). To the contrary, if the I/O psychologist who files the complaint—no matter how well justified—starts talking to others, be it a professional or layperson, in a disparaging way (e.g., “I know he/she is unethical, because the state board is going to yank his/her license to practice”), any professional insulation, deference, or limited immunity is improbable. [Note: state laws may differ on this matter.]

The prudent I/O psychologist must avoid disparagement (making an invidious comparison of another psychologist’s competencies to other psychologists, with damages resulting) and defamation (making statements that imply that another psychologist is dishonest, lacks integrity, or deliberately defrauds the public). While a legal action based on disparagement and/or defamation must prove the falsity of the statement, simply alleging that it was made (especially with an affidavit from the person who heard the statement) shifts the burden of going forward to the person who made the statement—which means he/she would have to prove the truth of the statement. [Again, state laws may differ on this matter.]

The Society’s Legal Affairs Subcommittee of the External Affairs Committee strongly supports the idea of “minding your business.” As noted elsewhere (Woody, 1987), psychologists should have no trouble with this dictum: “minding” is “their business.”
A Consultant's View of Being a Consultant*

Part III: The National Consulting Firm

Daniel E. Lupton

Editor's Note: Part of a series of articles on organizational consulting coordinated by Dan S. Cohen and initiated by the Professional Affairs Committee while chaired by Manny London.

A. Self Description

Age: 56
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Highest Degree: Ph.D.
Field of Study: Adult Development
Firm: Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby, Inc.
Years in Position: 17
Year Degree Granted: 1967

B. Career Description

Returning one day from the office, with babies crying and wife summoning me to dinner, the phone rang and my current job found me. At the time I was working for another national firm specializing in "corporate psychology" which at the time (1969) was primarily psychological evaluation of candidates for managerial, sales, and professional positions, executive counseling (now called "stress management") and individual management development planning. I had obtained that position through attending the "meat market" at MPA a couple of years before.

In prior years I had been an avid reader of the APA Employment Bulletin and dispatcher of resumes. Apparently, one of those resumes—like messages in an empty bottle—had washed up on the shores of a tribe of headhunters and the call was from an executive recruiter.

As I look back over the formal psychological training I received, I can only say that it was eclectic in the extreme. My interests have always been broad and so in pursuit of the "union card", i.e., the Ph.D., my program embraced a practicum in client-centered counseling and experimental, educational, clinical, and I/O courses. I even took a sequence in "Rational Psychology" as part of the fulfillment of the requirements for my undergraduate degree in Philosophy! In short, I never let my training...
get in the way of my education. Probably the most occupationally specific programs I undertook were an internship in small group dynamics at the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Chicago and a post-doctoral MBA at the same institution.

The MBA was most useful in that it gave me an acquaintance with the language of business (Accounting and Finance) and exposure to the ways business people think (interaction in case study groups with my fellow students who were all at the middle management level in a wide variety of businesses).

My early work experiences were in organizations where I had the opportunity in a variety of settings (religious, social welfare, and academic) to hone my listening and counseling skills.

In terms of the skills and attributes that have been instrumental in my providing quality service to our clients, I would rank a commitment to life-long learning at the top of the list from a cognitive viewpoint. I have not only been able to build on many years of actually working with clients (consultants are accused of learning on the job), but have also taught (a great way to learn) and taken courses and seminars over the years.

Another complex of skills has to do with the delivery of consulting services. Here the ability to make effective presentations, think on your feet, and not let your ego or eccentricities get between you and your clients have all been extremely important.

Like most people, I suspect, my career progression has been a combination of interest and serendipity. When I got my doctorate, the academic industry was in the early stages of contraction (1967). The only position available was funded with "soft money," i.e., a federal grant, and prospects for the future looked rather bleak. I was already working for a profit-making organization doing "contract research" as a way of financing my education. I found I enjoyed the variety of working with a number of different organizations because, while the basic issue or task may be the same, it will always be different given a specific organizational setting and cast of characters. I had already made the break from "pure research" (and suffered the opprobrium heaped on me for "selling out") so I decided to make a career in consulting.

C. Organization Description

Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby is a consulting organization specializing in total compensation (pay and benefits), actuarial, and communications consulting services.

We also offer general management services in the areas of strategy, human resources, organization planning, and management processes. We serve clients in virtually every sector of the economy, with specialized groups serving the communications, energy, financial services, information processing, mining, and transportation industries and in the government and education service sectors. Through TPF&C's Insurance Consulting Unit, we counsel property and casualty and life insurance companies in all our service areas. We also offer risk management counsel to help organizations evaluate and manage their property and casualty liabilities.

TPF&C is a rather flat, non-bureaucratic organization, although with growth has come some layering of management; we now have regional managers. The New York office, like most of our larger offices, is a matrix organization. As a result, I wear two hats. I am a unit leader (a line position) with five consultants reporting to me, and the practice leader for Human Resource Management Services (a functional position) with a "dotted line" relationship to all consultants engaged in consulting projects involving the human resource planning and development discipline in the office.

D. Professional Activities

In responding to questions from my colleagues at TPF&C about what exactly do I do or what are Human Resource Management Services, I usually respond by saying that we do everything that's not benefits or compensation consulting related.

In other words, the work that I and my team perform is varied in the extreme, but it is all related to the audit, development, installation, and evaluation of such human resource management systems as selection, orientation and training, career/succession planning, performance evaluation, culture management, and down-sizing. Organizationally speaking, we deal with the people management side of the business in all aspects of their work life except compensation and benefits. These latter are the bread and butter services of the rest of TPF&C.

To get a more specific idea of the nature of these "everything else" services, I've summarized a few of the major projects that our team here in New York was involved with during the past year.

Project 1. How can employees indoctrinated in the culture of a heavily regulated company make the transition to a highly competitive, customer-oriented business environment?

Recognizing the urgency of achieving the desired behavior changes, TPF&C designed an intensive, one-year, culture management program. We conducted a culture survey to create a sense of the changes needed and the effort they would demand. We helped the division establish task forces to tackle problems identified by the survey. To foster a spirit conducive to change, we held off-site team-building meetings, sometimes for a whole division, sometimes for a single work unit. We organized struc-
turced peer, supervisor, and subordinate feedback programs that focused on the desired entrepreneurial behaviors and led to focused development plans and training programs to provide needed skills. We designed individual objective-setting and semi-annual performance reviews to help direct the individual’s efforts. Individual coaching sessions reinforced these policies as needed.

Formal program evaluation conducted at the end of the year indicated the following results:

- Better planning and priority-setting decreased the reliance on crisis management.
- The business teams were able to develop because few employees terminated or transferred outside the work unit; they did not jump ship to more predictable and stable jobs.
- A strong esprit de corps had developed that promoted cooperation and progress within the division.
- Managers displayed many of the desired behaviors, including willingness to take risks; they showed less concern about going through formal channels and more about getting a job done; and they paid more attention to what people know and do than to their status in the organization.

Project 2. How can a company use its performance appraisal process to support efforts to enhance quality and teamwork?

TPF&C developed a survey questionnaire about the company's performance appraisal system and career development program after conducting a series of focus group meetings with supervisors and employees and working with a task force of personnel executives. The questionnaire explored both philosophical issues (e.g., objectives and fairness of the company's system) and pragmatic concerns (e.g., supervisory behavior and employee participation in the appraisal process) and looked at the link between the company's performance appraisal system and its quality program.

TPF&C distributed the mail-in questionnaire to the company's exempt staff. Although it required some 20–30 minutes to complete, nearly 70% of the employees did so, with many adding extensive comments.

Through the survey, employee meetings, and review of appraisal materials, TPF&C identified several ways the appraisal system was failing to support, and perhaps even hindering, the company's efforts to enhance quality. Guided by the findings of the survey, the company developed a new appraisal system specifically designed to address these problems and thus promote commitment to “doing things right the first time.”

Project 3. How can a company reduce turnover among key professionals without greatly increasing its costs, even though these employees can earn significantly more money by leaving?

Working with line managers and human resources personnel, TPF&C identified the costs associated with turnover. Tangible costs approximated 150% of the average professional employee's first-year salary. The intangible costs were more devastating: greater stress on the staff who had to do extra work during transitions between employees and growing distrust among customers who were aware that many staff members were new and inexperienced. There was even concern that the loss of people with reputations and long-term customer relationships meant loss of business opportunities for the company.

Having established the significance of the cost of turnover and its impact on business expansion, the company wished to explore causes and solutions. TPF&C interviews with current and former employees disclosed that higher compensation was not the principal cause. Far more important were the frustrations interviewees cited, including limited career paths (hence departure after 3–5 years when they had been passed over for management positions), lack of challenge, and the perception of being considered unimportant or unable to contribute to the organization. TPF&C found that management was not sharing plans and results with employees and was offering them only limited opportunity to expand their contributions to the company. Several managers admitted little interest in managing; they had accepted the role as the only available promotional route.

The company is taking various steps to reduce turnover by eliminating its causes. Among these steps are the creation of a dual career path, quarterly meetings to discuss business plans and results and other organizational information, and the design of appraisal and compensation plans to encourage performance that fulfills both individual and company needs.

Perhaps these examples will serve to highlight the extremely varied and complex organization problems TPF&C's Human Resource Management Services group is called upon to help companies cope with. The work is intensely interesting and rewarding and keeps all of us in a continuous learning mode. What more can one ask of one's work life?
American corporations have recently undergone massive downsizings, resulting, in part, in temporary or contingency managers.

Little is known about ad-hoc managers except that they are being hired to fill operational holes left in the organization.

This new breed of managers is troublesome from a human resource point of view. What exactly do they do? What are the guidelines for hiring and terminating them? What benefits and compensation do they receive? What legal liabilities does the hiring company have? What exactly is their status?

Consultants are easy to understand; use their services, pay them, and call them again when you want them. But what about contingency managers? Their status and use is decidedly unclear.

To help us understand this new phenomenon, we invite you, as a human resource executive, to participate in our nationwide survey of ad-hoc managers. Please send your business card and we’ll send you the survey. The results will be shared with all participants and your views will help clarify a muddy and worrisome issue.

The Ad-Hoc Manager may well be here to stay. But just where and how does he or she fit in?

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Coverage of I/O Psychology in Introductory Textbooks

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Last year, Marilyn Quaintance, Chairman of the External Affairs Committee, identified as a goal for the University Affairs Subcommittee the review of introductory psychology textbooks to determine the extent of their coverage of I/O psychology and related topics in applied areas. Janet Barnes-Farrell started the project, and I continued the review this year. Our concern was that the field was not specifically defined and that topics related to I/O psychology were not adequately covered in introductory texts. The purpose of this report is to document this inadequacy and to suggest ways in which we might increase awareness of the I/O specialty through introductory publications.

Evaluation of Textbooks

We used the following evaluation categories to describe text coverage:

Poor—contains no explicit description of the I/O field and little or no specific discussion of relevant I/O issues.

Weak—provides a brief definition or description of the field and/or presents brief mention of relevant topics.

Marginal—contains a short (1-5 page) discussion of I/O psychology and/or other related applied areas, describing relevant topics.

Good—provides over 5 pages of coverage of I/O psychology and relevant issues.

Excellent—contains an entire chapter devoted to the field of I/O psychology.

Janet Barnes-Farrell’s initial review of eleven introductory texts evaluated four as “poor,” five as “weak,” and two as “marginal.” To determine whether this initial evaluation was indeed representative, I sent letters to publishers of over 100 introductory textbooks to obtain books for review. Bibliographies, reviews, and publisher listings for introductory textbooks are given in the Psychology Teacher’s Resource Book: First Course (Johnson & Wertheimer, 1979) and TOP’s Directory of Introductory Psychology Texts in Print: 1986 (Taney, 1986). Other texts were obtained from a search of fellow faculty members, resulting in a final sample of thirty-five texts.
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Field of I/O psychology as a specific subspecialty devoted to studying many of these phenomena.

Four texts were evaluated as “marginal.” The Houston et al. (1983) text defined industrial and engineering psychology briefly and gave good coverage to personality assessment in industry, including hiring decisions (the job interview) and promotional decisions (the assessment center). McMahon and McMahon (1982) gave a passable description of the field as part of a chapter on Social Psychology. Quinn (1984) defined industrial psychology and provided references to topics relevant to I/O in a chapter called “Planning Careers” (e.g., analyzing jobs, job requirements, applying for jobs, types of interviews, and job satisfaction factors). However, these topics were not specifically related to the field of I/O. Finally, Rathus (1987) gave a fairly complete definition of psychologists in industry, referring to I/O as “a rapidly expanding specialization,” and also provided an informative inset called “Psychology in the Workplace” in which specific ways to enhance job satisfaction and productivity addressed major sub-areas of the field. These texts were considered “marginal” because coverage was minimal and topics which were covered did not give a complete picture of the I/O field.

Three texts received “good” evaluations for their coverage of the field. The Coon (1986) text described industrial psychology as an outgrowth of functionalism and illustrated typical activities of industrial and engineering psychologists. Coon presented business and industrial applications of reinforcement principles in a chapter on Learning. He also provided a chapter on Applied Psychology in which I/O psychologists were described as working in three major areas: testing and placement (personnel), human relations at work, and engineering psychology. Topics covered included selection procedures, theories of management (Theory X and Y), job satisfaction, and job enrichment. The Roediger, et al. (1987) text defined I/O and engineering psychology and discussed work motivation in a chapter on Motivation and Emotion. There was also a chapter on Social Issues which contained a 4-page section on I/O psychology, including coverage of organizational behavior, personnel selection, and motivation and performance. The Smith, et al. (1982) text also defined the field adequately and provided a 6-page description of I/O psychology in a 30-page chapter on Applied Psychology. These texts generally provided good coverage, but lacked the comprehensiveness of coverage which was found in texts which received “excellent” ratings.

Only five texts provided “excellent” coverage of the I/O field. Brief reviews follow.

Applied Specialties in Psychology by Altmaster and Meyer (1985) is a good book for courses in Applied Psychology. The text defines I/O psychology as well as engineering and consumer psychology. It also
covers the historical development of the field, discusses training and work settings, treats issues on psychological measurement, provides an overview of selection, and contains lengthy sections covering the definition, measurement, prediction, and facilitation of performance. The latter section covers training, motivation, job satisfaction, and leadership. This text is very thorough, covering all the major issues in I/O, although it is not suitable as an introductory textbook for general psychology.

Understanding Psychology, a basic introductory text by Feldman (1987), provides a reasonably comprehensive review of some basic areas of I/O psychology. The text provides a brief definition of I/O as well as environmental and consumer psychology, but no mention of engineering psychology and its relation to I/O. Chapter 20, titled “Organizations and the Workplace,” covers groups in organizations; productivity and group cohesiveness; corporate decision making, structure, policy, and improving decision making process; promotional and job satisfaction. The text provides excellent learning aids, including mini-tests, sections on “Psychology at Work” to illustrate application of concepts, and good use of questioning techniques.

Psychology: The Science of People by Frank Landy (1987) has the advantage of having an eminent I/O psychologist as author. The text provides complete coverage of basic areas in psychology and closes with a chapter devoted to I/O Psychology. The 34-page chapter covers a variety of I/O topics, including the history of the field, human factors psychology, social and organizational psychology (job satisfaction and work motivation), personnel psychology, types of tests, and discrimination in hiring. Evaluation of this text is excellent; the I/O chapter is interesting to students, well-covered, and insightful. In addition, the “Questions for Thought” sections at the top of each subject heading help the reader to comprehend what is being taught.

Psychology, by Ludy, Hopkins, and Nation (1987), defines the field of I/O psychology in an introductory section on the diversity of psychology. Following each chapter on traditional introductory topics (e.g., Learning, Memory, Emotions), there is a section which relates the chapter topic to education, the workplace, and everyday life. The book also contains a 20-page appendix on I/O by Ross Stagner covering selection, training, performance appraisal, human engineering, working conditions, motivation, job satisfaction, mental health, quality of work life, relations with unions, organizational climate, and diagnosis, and organizational development. Thus, the appendix provides an excellent overview of major I/O themes.

Psychology Today: An Introduction by Bootzin, Bower, Zajonc, and Hall (1986) defines I/O psychology and includes descriptions of human factors psychology, personnel psychology, and consumer psychology. The text also provides a well-written 20-page chapter on I/O Psychology by Richard Guzzo in a section on Social Psychology. The chapter covers such areas as matching workers to jobs, work motivation, work attitudes, and social influences at work (leadership and work groups). Despite the social bent, the chapter provides an excellent introduction to topics of interest to I/O psychologists.

Implications for Action

Although our survey of introductory textbooks did not examine each and every existing text, we feel our results represent reality. Given our findings that only one-quarter of the books which we reviewed provided adequate coverage of I/O and related areas and that well over half of the texts gave little or no recognition to the I/O specialty, what can we do to increase awareness of the I/O specialty through introductory publications? At least two responses are immediately available, one at the Society level and one at the individual level.

To address this concern at the Society level, in the spring of last year, Sheldon Zedeck, SIOP President at that time, sent letters to the psychology editors of approximately 35 publishing companies. The letter described the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology and its current membership and activities (a Society brochure was also included). The letter stated that, although 7% of all APA members are in the I/O area and although I/O psychologists have made “important theoretical and practical contributions to the field of psychology throughout its history, most introductory psychology texts note the existence of this field only in passing.” Shelly strongly urged publishers to encourage authors to devote additional attention to the I/O field in future text editions and offered the Society’s assistance in providing any help and current information needed to accomplish this task. So far, Shelly’s phone has not been ringing off the hook in response to his offer, although he recently received a supportive letter from the editor of Dorsey Press.

Many of us, however, can do something at the individual level to influence whether students of Introductory Psychology will be exposed to the I/O subspecialty. We can become more actively involved in the selection of introductory texts within our departments. We can provide our services to publishers who are seeking reviewers for new or revised introductory texts. We can also try to add courses such as one which we require for undergraduates at the University of Central Florida, in which students are introduced to many subspecialty areas of psychology, including I/O. Of course, we can also write directly to publishers or indicate our sentiments to sales representatives who make frequent calls on
college campuses. These suggestions are a few obvious solutions; there should be many more.

Conclusions

We conclude that our initial suspicions concerning inadequate coverage of the I/O area in introductory textbooks have been confirmed. This inadequacy only helps to perpetuate the common misconception that I/O psychologists are actually clinical psychologists who practice their profession in factories, providing counseling and support to workers with psychological and emotional problems. Please let us know any suggestions which you have regarding ways to improve coverage of our field in introductory textbooks in particular, as well as any other ways to increase student awareness of I/O psychology in general. Communications may be addressed to: Dr. Janet J. Turnage, Department of Psychology, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida 32816.

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Results of SIOP Practitioner Services Survey

Hannah Hirsh, Chair
Professional Affairs Committee

A short survey to assess the perceived adequacy of SIOP services to I/O practitioners was distributed at the August, 1987, APA convention in New York. Our goal was to collect information which would help guide the development of new society products and services for practitioners. A total of 63 usable responses were collected, including 7 from members of the Professional Affairs Committee. Fifty-one of the respondents indicated that their primary employment was as a practitioner, in either a corporate or consulting setting. Given the small number of responses, relative to the number of society members, we cannot conclude that the sample is representative of the views of either all SIOP members, or of all SIOP practitioner-members. We believe, however, that (1) the results of the survey will be of interest to society members and (2) the information we gathered will be a useful starting point for new program development.

Respondents were first asked to rate on a scale of 1 (insufficient) to 5 (sufficient) the sufficiency of current society services in the following areas: Practitioner Publications, Continuing Education, Marketing of Services, Legal and Legislative Concerns, and Relations with APA. Mean ratings for each area are reported together with a comparison of the percentage of respondents assigning ratings of 1 or 2 (insufficient) with those assigning ratings of 4 or 5 (sufficient). The latter was chosen as the measure of dispersion of response due to the non-normality of the distributions.

The respondents were most satisfied with continuing education, which was given a mean rating of 4.08. Seventy-one and a half percent of the respondents rated services in this area as sufficient, compared to only 6.3% who rated these services as insufficient. SIOP also appears to be handling APA relations in a satisfactory manner—the mean rating here was 3.42, with slightly more than half the respondents viewing current service as sufficient and about a quarter of them feeling that the services were not sufficient. Our current services in the legal, legislative and regulatory area received a mean rating of 3.02, but there was considerable diversity of opinion. About 40% of respondents felt that the services were sufficient; a nearly equal amount felt that the services were insufficient (39%). The two areas seen by respondents as being most underserved were practitioner publications and marketing of services.

The mean rating of sufficiency of service in the area of practitioner publications was 2.87. Nearly half the respondents (46.8%) felt that the services were insufficient, while 30.6% felt that current services were sufficient. SIOP handling of marketing of services received a mean rating of 2.27. Two-thirds of respondents indicated that current services in this area were insufficient, and only 14.3% believed that they were sufficient.

Respondents were also asked to indicate which two of the five areas were of most concern to them. The three areas which were most often named as "of greatest concern" were legal/legislative/regulatory, marketing of services, and practitioner publications. Each of these was named by about 40% of those responding. These were also the three areas receiving the lowest mean ratings. This suggests that the reason for the respondents' concern is inadequacy of current service.

A comparison between those whose primary affiliation was corporate or consulting and those in academia did not reveal any major differences in either mean rating, or areas of concern; nor did there appear to be differences between those receiving their doctorates ten or more years ago compared with newer Ph.Ds.

Survey results clearly indicate the need to provide more and better services in the areas of marketing of services, practitioner publications, and legal/legislative regulatory issues. The Professional Affairs Committee is currently examining ways to make SIOP more responsive to practitioner needs in these areas. We hope to have some suggestions ready for presentation at the spring executive committee meeting, and intend to report our progress in the next issue of TIP. SIOP members who have opinions about the survey results, or suggestions for program improvement, are encouraged to write to Hannah Rothstein Hirsh, Professional Affairs Committee Chair, Department of Management, Box 507, Baruch College, 17 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY 10010.

On Self-Seriousness as an Over-Rated Virtue

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As a profession, we are beginning to take ourselves way too seriously. Certainly, no one among us wants to practice psychology with anything but the highest standards of competence, diligence, creativity,
and conscientiousness. However, there is a major difference between taking one’s work seriously and taking oneself too seriously. The first enhances our professional and personal lives; the second diminishes them dramatically.

There is a noticeable increase in feelings of defensiveness about what we do. The organizational behavior and industrial psychology professors I talk with tell me that they spend a great deal of energy trying to convince their students of the importance of what they teach them, and yet I am not sure the students would even think of this issue much were they not battered over the head with it. Personnel practitioners seem to be bending over backwards to be more “bottom line” than their finance and marketing colleagues, but in so doing risk becoming managers who profess love for mankind but hate people. Clinicians in industrial settings, self-conscious about having few easily measurable results, are beginning to shy away from the flaky image of Bob Newhart. Where once they seemed embarrassed by the yuppie image, today many embrace it gladly. They now refer to patients who need more than a few sessions of help as “difficult.”

Why is this norm about appearing self-serious so entrenched these days? Goffman suggests that part of the reason may lie in “facework”—the managing of impressions in social situations. Our profession calls for “dramaturgical circumspection.” It demands of us that we exercise prudence and judgment in “performing” our jobs in front of others—students, subordinates, and patients. Our value to them might decrease if they saw what went on behind the curtain: the occasional blunders, the mis-starts, the self-doubts, the burnout.

Many psychologists in our discipline also struggle for self-seriousness as a reaction against their sense of marginality. In business schools, organizational behavior certainly doesn’t attract that many majors; students take our courses, but not our careers. In psychology departments, I/O typically does not have the tradition of experimental nor the élan of social. In commerce, human resource managers must strive to demonstrate productivity gains and explain away overhead. In counseling settings, clinicians are often treated as “not really doctors” and “not really therapists.” This whole feeling of being on the periphery leads to increased feelings of being on guard, of being citizens above suspicion.

The whole message, in fact, seems to be that being anything but a grey eminence is a terrible mistake. Although intellectually we know better, we have come to feel more comfortable with melted vanilla ice cream in a white dish than with Rocky Road; we would rather hire Salieri as a colleague than Mozart.

Yet our everyday experiences belie the notion that self-deprecating humor decreases the quality of either our professional life or our personal life. Indeed, having a sense of humor about oneself is often very enriching.

Taking ourselves less seriously can often reduce the anxiety of those with whom we deal, so that they can better cope with the problems they are facing. Humor helps people put perspective on their problems, and see them in a broader context—what Thurber calls “emotional chaos remembered in tranquility.” Taking ourselves less seriously decreases the danger of becoming smug, self-satisfied, or prideful. It helps us reconcile the high ideals of our profession with the day-to-day frustrations of practice. With some humor, we help students and subordinates see connections in their lives they wouldn’t otherwise see, or with the same intensity.

Taking ourselves less seriously conveys to those with whom we deal that we are not afraid to let our guard down, that we are confident in their reactions to us. It says that we trust them to value our spontaneity as much as, or more than, our stage persona. As Richter writes, “true humor springs not from the head, but from the heart. Its essence is love, not contempt. It issues not in laughter, but in still smiles, which lie far deeper.” Self-seriousness can mean that I want to make you like me; humor can mean that I already accept your friendship.

Quite simply, life is too short, too joyful, and too full of possibilities to waste it trying to live on a pedestal. If we’re only going this way once (unless you’re Shirley MacLaine), why do it as limestone?

Graduate Information Exchange

Paula Singleton

The Psychology Department at North Texas State University is pleased to announce that a new Industrial-Organizational Psychology specialty area is now available within their APA accredited doctoral program in Counseling Psychology. The curriculum combines the perspectives of both areas of psychology, and has as its goal the training of professional psychologists who can apply counseling techniques to organizational problems. As far as they know, this will be one of the first such combined programs in the United States.

In addition to the usual classroom instruction in both fields, research and practicum experiences in organizational settings will be provided so
that the student has a firm grasp of "real world" organizational issues before he or she completes the degree. This program should be attractive to students who seek careers in employee assessment, employee counseling and career development, organizational intervention and change, and the increasingly popular area of employee assistance programs.

They are currently seeking qualified students for admission to the program, beginning Fall, 1988. They expect to admit five students per year. Although it is part of an ongoing doctoral program, the new program will have its own admissions process separate from that for the other counseling psychology students. Therefore, applicants will not be competing for openings with students from other areas within the counseling program. Interested students seeking applications or further information should write to: Douglas A. Johnson, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, P.O. Box 13587, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas, 76203.

Hofstra University established a program in Applied Research and Evaluation in 1972. Since that time, a total of 94 students have graduated from the program. Their program is currently involved in the following research:

**Team Building:** Several students are working with Dr. William Metlay and Dr. Ira Kaplan on various projects related to group behavior. Karen Wexler is comparing three methods of team building: one focuses on improving interpersonal relationships, one on task problem solving, and the third is a combination of the first two. Dave Hurewitz is studying the influence of participative versus non-participative goal setting on performance. Art Kramer is investigating the effect of information load on group decision making.

**Computer-Based Training:** Neil Silverstein is heading a project looking at the effects of graphics and flexibility in going from one part of the program to another.

**Meta-analysis:** Students working with Dr. Chuck Dill are looking at the size of the effects of various psychological interventions on productivity.

**Group processes:** Dr. Alan Lundy is directing a project analyzing group interaction processes through the utilization of simulated groups.

**Cognitive processes:** Dr. Charles Levinthal is heading a project on use of different graphic display formats and their effects on decision-making.

**Test development:** Phil Kantor will be working with Dr. Jerry Siegal on a test-validation projects scheduled to begin in January.

Graduate students are encouraged to share information on the activities they are undertaking in their studies by sending the information to:

Paula Singleton
Industrial/Organizational Psychology Program
Department of Psychology
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118

**A Revisionist Look at Power and OD**

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Historically, organization development and power have occupied different and often opposing camps. Attempts at integration have been minimal, usually focusing on power acquisition problems of the change agent. If only the change agent can learn to acquire greater power, then OD, in all of its traditional forms, can proceed with greater effectiveness.

Our revisionist viewpoint argues for a deeper and more integrated view of the relationship between power and OD. In essence, we contend that both schools of thought need each other to correct for the limits of each. Together they can have a more potent impact in dealing with social adaptation in organizations today and in the future. Such a reconciliation, however, requires a fundamental revision in OD's models of organization, attitudes toward power, conceptualizations of the change process, and techniques for implementing change.

As a basic premise, we contend that OD needs to let go of its normative and idealized "Collegial/Consensus" model of organizations to accept and work with a "Political/Pluralistic" model. The latter comes closer, we believe, to representing the descriptive reality of exercising influence in organizations, not just because people seek power to control their own destinies but because resources are limited and interdependencies exist across organizational units with differing goals. Even in the most "participative" and "organic" organizations, there will be an inevitable and underlying political process for acquiring, creating, sharing, and dividing up resources and rewards.

This does not mean caving into the seamier side of politics. Quite the contrary. There is evidence that power can be gained from acquiring many of the attributes long valued by OD—knowledge, reputation, and information. But there is also charisma, position, and political access, which have not been so characteristic of OD's power base in organizations. Interestingly, there are "above board" political strategies used by managers that are not antithetical to OD either, such as "being persistent," "focusing on the target group," and "using data to convince
others.” In fact, Schein’s (1987) research shows that line managers use these influence strategies more than they do strategies such as “exaggerating information,” “giving guarantees,” “discrediting the opposition,” or “using threats.” Unfortunately, OD advocates often stereotype the political side of organizations as dominated by these latter underhanded techniques.

The political viewpoint of organizations also teaches OD that organization change is far more complex and difficult than simply applying re-education through interpersonal feedback, team building, and inter-group confrontation meetings. Individuals have their self-interests to protect and serve, as well as less conscious motivations toward power acquired from earlier socialization experiences with authority figures. Furthermore, the power structure of organizations, i.e., the dominant coalition and other vested interest groups, are likely to be more attached to the status quo than opening themselves up to a fluid situation where their privileged positions are in doubt. Hence, organizations will change very slowly, and then only through piece-meal compromise reached out of a cumbersome bargaining process and occasional political infighting.

All of which might be O.K. if so many organizations today were not facing external threats to their survival, whether it be from takeovers, technological obsolescence, or global competition. In its infancy, OD would have responded to these challenges by preaching “participative management,” a not so subtle way of attempting to overturn the power structure by redistributing power to lower levels. Unfortunately, OD was more often the victim than victor, so it reversed fields to “serve” the power structure through confining its techniques to lower levels and the “bottom line,” such as QWL programs. This subservient role for OD has continued to the present in which the power structure tolerates and even encourages OD so long as it concentrates on fine-tuning the existing situation without threatening the power system maintaining the corporation. Now, however, that system is threatened by outside forces, and OD lacks the power, theory, and methodology to respond.

We argue that a “new OD” must emerge to help the power structure change not only itself but the strategic alignment of the firm with its environment. OD can, if properly devised, provide a more effective process than political bargaining for assisting the dominant coalition to address pressing strategic issues. In essence, OD must enter the arena that has long been sacred ground to the power elite—the strategy of the company, its structure for delivering on it, the positions that key leaders will hold in the structure, and the manner in which they will lead. Without OD to focus powerholders on these strategic issues, they will be left to “poison pills,” downsizing, and golden parachutes to save themselves, most of which are mere palliatives for dealing with the fundamental problem of ineffective strategic management.

Easier said than done. Simply entering the executive suite is a formidable power issue, since most OD consultants never get beyond the plant level. Political access and “selling” strategies are important issues. And then there is the problem of making an early political diagnosis, which if left untended, can result in a premature exit or being used as a pawn by rivalrous factions.

We identified four stages in the change process and the way in which power plays a key role: Consolidating power to prepare for change; focusing power on strategic consensus; aligning power with structure and people; and releasing power through leadership and collaboration.

At the operational level, the OD techniques we are advocating represent a significant departure from the traditional agenda of focusing (forcing?) explicit discussion on behavioral issues to a different mode of facilitating decision making on strategic content. OD, in essence, provides a process for effectively engaging the power structure with highly threatening strategic decisions. At the same time, the participants implicitly “learn” to behave differently through experiencing a collaborative process that works and by creating a new set of future oriented demands on themselves.

Less we seem too enthusiastic about this way of applying OD to strategic change, we recognize that there are antecedent political dynamics that will make or break this approach. There are many situations with a weak CEO and a rivalrous top group that are likely not amenable to even beginning the process.

One must also consider the change agent and problems of acquiring, using, and abusing power in a consulting role. An important reason why a change agent should acquire a power base is to maintain personal integrity. This permits not only an independent relationship with the key powerholders but also allows one to uphold the views of those with less power. The success of any large scale change project depends eventually on the reactions of people many levels removed from top management. Abuses occur, too, from “claiming false credit” to “taking over” from managers.

In presenting our revisionist viewpoint, we hope to spark some needed debate in renewing a field that, in our opinion, has fallen behind the times—a major reason for which being OD’s continuing discomfort and inability to work with power in theory, research, and consulting.

**REFERENCE**

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James L. Farr

As usual, there are some job changes to report. Steve Ashworth, who contributed the current name for this column, has left PDRI in Minneapolis to join the Allstate Research and Planning Center in Menlo Park, CA. Erich Prien has taken early retirement from Memphis State University and will continue consulting work through Performance Management Associates in Memphis. Paul Connolly has left Management Decision Systems to form his own consulting firm, Performance Programs, Inc., based in Norwalk, CT. Hilda Wing has joined the staff of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. Mary Roznowski has become a member of the I/O faculty at Ohio State University.

Harry Triandis of the University of Illinois received an honorary degree from the University of Athens, Greece, for his work in cross-cultural psychology. Harry was honored on October 23, 1987.

When TIP ran the list of SIOP members who had served on APA committees in the last issue, the name of Jo-Ida Hansen was omitted. She has served on the Committee on Professional Standards from 1985–87, and was its chair in 1987. Sorry for the omission.

Ed Locke has informed TIP of an International Conference on Work Motivation that a number of SIOP members attended. It was organized by Professor Uwe Kleinbeck and his colleagues at the University of Wuppertal, West Germany. Presenters included Randy Dunham (Focus of Attention), George Graen (Designing Leadership Systems), Gary Latham (Self Management Training to Reduce Absenteeism), Ed Locke (The High Performance Cycle), Miriam Erez (Quantity-Quality Tradeoff in Performance), Bob Pritchard (Enhancing Work Performance through Productivity Measurement and Feedback), and Jim Terborg (Preliminary Thoughts on Prosocial Behaviors). Also presenting were speakers from Japan, Belgium, The Netherlands, and West Germany. Ed indicated that the participants enjoyed their hosts' warm hospitality as well as the intellectual stimulation provided by the conference.
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THIRD ANNUAL
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DOCTORAL STUDENT CONSORTIUM
Thursday, August 11, 1988

On the day before the start of the annual APA Convention in Atlanta, GA, the Society (Division 14) will sponsor its Doctoral Student Consortium. The Consortium is intended for outstanding graduate students in I/O and OB who have completed most of their doctoral coursework.

This conference provides a unique opportunity for graduate students to attend presentations on the latest research trends and to network with other students.

Participation will be limited to 60 students. To apply for consideration, students should complete a nomination form including appropriate faculty signatures. Faculty members are also encouraged to nominate students. Nomination forms must be received by June 15, 1988.

Nomination forms may be obtained from:

Dennis Doverspike
I/O Doctoral Student Consortium
Department of Psychology
The University of Akron
Akron, OH 44325

Further information on the following meetings can be obtained from Donald W. Cole, Organization Development Institute, 11234 Walnut Ridge Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026.

A. “What is Happening in OD and HRD”—18th Annual Information Exchange—May 17-20, 1988—Williams Bay, WI.
B. Team-Building Conference—June 18-July 1, 1988—Sailing the Greek Isles.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF JOURNAL OF BUSINESS AND PSYCHOLOGY

Hannah Hirsh has recently edited a special issue of the Journal of Business and Psychology, entitled “Megatrends in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.” Some of the contributors include William Schiemann, Ann Majchrzak, Katherine Klein, John Rauschenberger, Frank Schmidt, Manuel London, and Seymour Adler. The issue can be obtained from Human Sciences Press, 72 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011-8004, phone: 212/243-6000.
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A new annual volume, Advances in the Implementation and Impact of Computer Systems, is seeking manuscripts that address empirical research findings related to office automation, factory automation, and computer driven systems in science and engineering. For more information, contact the editors: Jonathan Morel, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, P.O. Box X, Building 450N, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-6205, 615/576-8046, and Mitchell Fleischer, Industrial Technology Institute, Center for Social and Economic Issues, P.O. Box 1485, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, 313/769-4368.

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Two divisions of the Academy of Management have announced calls for nominations for papers published in 1987 in recognized and generally available periodical outlets. Recipients of the awards need not be Academy members.

The Organizational Behavior Division gives the Scholarly Contribution Award for the most significant contribution (empirical or theoretical) to the advancement of the organization behavior field. Each Academy member may nominate one publication (no self nominations). A letter nominating the publication should include a rationale justifying receipt of the award and a full bibliographic citation of the nominated work and should be sent to: Denise M. Rosseau, Department of Organizational Behavior, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60201. Deadline is March 31, 1988.

The Personnel/Human Resources Division gives the Scholarly Achievement Award for the most significant empirical or theoretical publication on issues of importance to the field of personnel and human resource management. General procedures for nominations match those of the OB Division described above, but nominations have a deadline of March 15, 1988, and should be sent to: Susan Taylor, College of Business Administration, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers and symposia are invited for the annual conference of the Council on Employee Responsibilities and Rights to be held October 13-14, 1988, at Virginia Beach, VA. Submissions based on research conducted by industrial/organizational psychologists related to employee rights in the workplace are encouraged. Submissions in quadruplicate should be submitted by May 1, 1988 to:

Paul F. Salipante       Stuart A. Youngblood
Program Chair          Associate Program Chair
Weatherhead School of Management
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH 44106
216-368-2077

Please contact the Program Chair or Associate Chair for additional information, if desired.

CALL FOR INFORMATION ON MASTER’S TRAINING

This year, the Education and Training Committee is beginning the process of developing guidelines for Master’s Programs in I/O. A subcommittee is doing a literature review and document study to determine the need for job analysis in developing these guidelines. The subcommittee would appreciate hearing from anyone who has surveyed their alumni concerning work done by people with these degrees or from anyone who has material (published or not) which specifies the work of the master’s level practitioner or areas of knowledge and skill which are in need of training. Contact Lilly Berry, Department of Psychology, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 94132.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSULTATION

The Division of Consulting Psychology announces a call for nominations for two awards for excellence in consultation. Each award, consisting of a certificate, citation, and a check for $1,000.00, will be presented to the winner at the APA Convention in Atlanta in August, 1988.

The Perry L. Rohrer Award, funded by the consulting firm of Rohrer, Hibler, & Replogle, is named in honor of a founding member of that firm who epitomized the standards of excellence which the Division seeks to perpetuate. The award is given annually to an APA member from any field of psychology whose career has reflected outstanding service to organizations, public or private, by helping them respond more effective-

The National Psychological Consultants to Management Award is funded by that organization, NPCM, an association of psychological consulting organizations which seeks to encourage excellence by honoring psychologists for individual instances of outstanding work. The award is given annually to an APA member, or member-sponsored student, whose research or consulting intervention has had a significant positive impact on the organization and/or has contributed to our knowledge of the consulting process. In 1987, the award was given to Thomas E. Backer and Irene Shriifre Levine for their work to help psychosocial rehabilitation agencies make more effective use of consultation as a tool in serving the severely and chronically mentally ill.

Nomination of psychologists from any area of specialization is welcome, and nominations may be submitted by anyone. Send 3 copies of each submission to: Ken Bradt, Chair, APA Div. 13 Awards Committee, 1911 Rain Forest Trail, Sarasota, Florida 34240, or call Ken for more information: 813-371-6582. Deadline: March 31, 1988.

WILLIAM JAMES AWARD

The Division of General Psychology of the American Psychological Association announces the competition for the Third Annual William James Award of the Division. Carrying a prize of $1,000, the award is given for a submitted work, published within the past five years, that best serves to provide an integration of the diverse subfields of psychology. The purpose of the award is to encourage attempts to build bridges among the increasingly disparate areas of psychology and to promote the development of common denominators that may vitiate the fractionation occurring as specialty areas continue to evolve in our field.

Those wishing to enter the competition must submit three copies of the publication to be considered; a one-page statement that explains the strengths of the submission as a meritorious, integrative work; and vitae of the author or authors. To be considered, the work must bear a publication date of 1983 to 1987 inclusive. Deadline for submission is March 15, 1988. Materials should be submitted in care of William James Award, Department of Psychology, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Additional information may be obtained by writing to the above address.

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Topical in format, the first half of the book describes, in non-technical terms, the complex issues of participation in organizations and the second half develops a new approach to these issues. Software is available for those with access to a computer. For those without computer access, decision "trees" are included.


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Committees

Education and Training Committee

Edward L. Levine, Chair

As you read this, the Education and Training Committee is busily pursuing several key initiatives:

—Janet Barnes-Farrell sub-committee members Ira Kaplan, Manuel London, Robert McIntyre, and Richard Ritchie, are preparing to go into the field with an update of the survey of graduate programs in I/O Psychology and Organizational Behavior. If your program was not included last time, be sure to alert Janet at the University of Connecticut, Department of Psychology, Storrs, CT 06268.

—Dennis Doverspike, assisted by Joel Lefkowitz, are developing the program for the upcoming SIOP Doctoral Consortium in Atlanta, August 11, 1988. Elsewhere in this issue of TIP is a pertinent announcement.

—Manuel London, assisted by Richard Ritchie, is serving as liaison to APA in the area of graduate education. Many just completed another in a series of SIOP's responses to APA's efforts to increase the scope of accreditation of doctoral programs.

—Lilly Berry and sub-committee members Michael Cook, John Michela and Loriann Roberson are developing a set of education and training guidelines for master's level programs in I/O Psychology.

—Michael Brumick and Carnot Nelson are developing a survey to explore issues in the teaching of I/O Psychology at the undergraduate level.

Of course, if TIP readers have thoughts to share on any of these issues or others in our general bailiwick, please contact me at Department of Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.
State Affairs

Vicki V. Vandaveer, Chair

This is a test. For each item, the answer choices are the following:

a. State licensing law
b. State Board rules, regulations

1. What determines who may call him/herself a psychologist?
2. What determines educational and experience requirements for certification/licensure?
3. What determines supervision requirements for certification/licensure?
4. What typically specifies who the “client” is?

Hopefully, these were easy items. If you answered “b” to all four, you aced the test.

Pending changes in state law are typically known well in advance of legislative action. State Psychology Board rules, however, can be changed quite easily by the Board; and, frequently, learning about proposed changes requires active pursuit of such information.

State Activity

Minnesota Board of Psychology has drafted a proposal to change its rules. Among the proposed changes are the following:

• The subject of an assessment would have the right to receive a copy of the report before it is released to an organization, and to refuse the release.
• A psychologist would be guilty of an ethical violation by reason of “impaired objectivity” if “the psychologist’s loyalty or responsibility to a client conflicts with the psychologist’s loyalty or responsibility to another entity.” (Again we get swept along with a clinical model’s concept of “client” and “entity.”)

These are only two of a number of proposed changes. They will be presented at a public hearing, possibly in February.

Louisiana has a new certification/licensure law. Val Markos, Chair of State Boards subcommittee, says that the new law tracks fairly closely APA’s Model Act. The regulations, however, are also being revised. Proposed changes will be reviewed by the Board in December, and will be up for public comment in April. Note: One proposed change is to re-
Anyone having or needing information may call these individuals or Frank Ofsanko, Chair—State Membership Relations subcommittee, (818) 302-5480; or Gary Burger, Chair—State Association Relations subcommittee, (314) 553-5391; or Val Markos, Chair—State Boards subcommittee, (404) 249-2171; or Vicki Vanadaver, (314) 247-4582, or Ron Downey, (913) 532-5712, Co-Chairs—Steering subcommittee.

State Affairs Committee is actively recruiting members. The SIOP committees Self-Nomination Form is in the November issue of TIP, p. 73. You need not know anything about the matters we deal with to become involved. You will be supplied with background and information when you join. As it stands, the future of the practice of I/O psychology is not necessarily in our hands. We need your help in monitoring and influencing the development or alteration of State rules and regulations in order to turn current trends more in our favor.

Awards

Eugene F. Stone, Chair

The Awards Committee has publicized four awards that the Society may give annually. These include the Edwin E. Ghiselli Award for Research Design, the S. Rains Wallace Dissertation Award, the Professional Practice Award, and the Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award. An announcement about these awards appeared on pp. 47-48 of the November, 1987 issue of TIP. In addition, a brochure describing the awards, criteria used in selecting potential recipients, and relevant administrative procedures was mailed directly to all Society members.

Several subcommittees have been formed to do a number of tasks that are vital to the identification of potential award recipients. The subcommittee that will handle the Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award consists of Lawrence R. James (Chair), Arthur P. Brief, and Edwin A. Fleishman. The subcommittee in charge of the Edwin E. Ghiselli Award for Research Design is made up of Edwin A. Locke (Chair), Angelo DeNisi, Robert Dipboye, Marvin D. Dunnette, and Simcha Ronen. The subcommittee responsible for the S. Rains Wallace Dissertation Award includes William K. Balzer (Chair), Fritz Drasgow, Gerald R. Ferris, Gary P. Latham, Kevin Murphy, Paul Sparks, and M. Susan Taylor. The subcommittee that will deal with the Professional Practice Award consists of Douglas Bray (Chair), Allen I. Kraut, Delmar N. Landen, and I. Rogers Taylor.

A subcommittee will evaluate the merits of an award for Distinguished Service to the Society. If appropriate, the subcommittee will prepare a recommendation concerning the award that will be subsequently forwarded to the Society's Executive Committee for review and possible adoption.

Another subcommittee is considering the possibility of having the Society administer awards that are sponsored by outside organizations (e.g., private-sector businesses). An award for excellence in survey research in organizations is currently under consideration, and a corporate sponsor for the award is being sought. Society members who have suggestions about either (a) other types of awards or (b) firms that might provide financial support for such awards are urged to forward them to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

External Affairs Committee

Lynn R. Offermann, Chair

The 1987-1988 External Affairs Committee is moving ahead in meeting its goals of improved relationships with APA, with other related professional associations both in the U.S. and abroad, and with increasing the awareness of others about I/O psychology. Tasks have been divided among six subcommittees whose activities are summarized below.

APA Liaison

Bill Siegfried is leading the APA Liaison subcommittee in establishing liaisons with other related APA divisions who have responded to last year’s letter from Shelly Zedeck requesting that we develop closer ties. Bill and committee members Pamela Skyrme and Bob Kaplan are also coordinating I/O involvement in APA’s centennial, and are trying to ensure that I/O psychology is fairly and adequately represented. The committee will also publicize the Division’s major activities in the “Division Spotlight” column of the APA Monitor.

Association Affairs

Returning subcommittee chair Eduardo Salas and members David Veale and Robert Mayer are making arrangements for Dan Ilgen to meet with heads of related professional associations such as the American
Society for Training and Development and the International Personnel Management Association during February in Washington, D.C. to discuss areas of mutual interest and cooperation. This may not get as much press coverage as Reagan’s summit with Gorbachev, but hopefully much will be accomplished. The committee would also like to develop a panel presentation with representatives of our own and other associations for the APA convention.

Public Affairs

Jane Allen (Chair), Joe Schneider, and Daniel Kegan are working hard to publicize the Division and its activities to the general public. Press releases and suggestions for press coverage are welcome.

Society Affairs

Cal Oltrogge (Chair) and Sandra Marshall are working on discovering and publicizing funding sources for I/O research and publicizing the Frontier Series for the Division.

University Affairs

With Janet Turnage at the helm, the University Affairs subcommittee is off to a fast start. We are receiving requests from publishers for input on how to include or expand coverage of I/O psychology in introductory psychology textbooks. Janet and committee members Jack Kennedy and Janet Snezek have also collected data from undergraduates in several universities to assess what undergraduate students think I/O psychology is and what they think we do as professionals. Their report should certainly prove to be interesting. The committee is also investigating the feasibility of developing a way to provide speakers on I/O psychology to undergraduate groups.

We are all looking forward to a busy and productive year. Comments or suggestions may be sent to: Lynn R. Offermann, Department of Psychology, George Washington University, 2125 G Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20052.

Fellowship Committee

Jack Feldman, Chair

The Fellowship Committee has, of this writing, received twelve suggestions for possible nomination. There are, additionally, two nominations from 1986-87 to be considered this year and at least two additional nominations in progress. While the nomination process is slightly behind last year’s schedule, I am confident that we will be able to present a very well qualified slate of candidates to the executive committee in February.

This year’s committee consists of Jack Feldman, Chair, Randy Dunham; Madeline Heitman; George Hollenbeck; William Howell; Frank Landy; Charles O’Reilly; and Erich Prien.

Professional Affairs Committee

ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATUS IMPERILED

Hannah Rothstein Hirsh, Chair

If the Board of Directors Subcommittee on the Future of Professional Psychology has its way, the status of Associate member of the American Psychological Association will be abolished. According to the plan, current associate members would become full members under a grand-parenting clause, and no new associate members would be accepted. The thinking behind the proposal is that psychology is “a doctoral level profession.” This is clearly another move by the health care providers that sacrifices the interests of their non-HCP colleagues in the war being waged for parity with physicians. It is our view that in many areas of psychology, including professional (as distinguished, we surmise, from scientific psychology), master’s level psychologists can and do operate competently and independently. We believe that abolition of associate member status will disenfranchise many of our valued colleagues, and leave them without a professional “home.” We, as a society, are taking action to fight this folly. You as individual members of APA can make your opinions known by writing to the Board of Directors Subcommittee on the Future of Professional Psychology, American Psychological Association, 1200 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.
Scientific Affairs

Robert Lord

Innovations in Science Program for Mid-year Conference

The Scientific Affairs Committee has developed a special program for the mid-year SIOP convention in Dallas that focuses on innovations in science with relevance to I/O psychology. The program, which was developed over the past two years, focuses on innovations in two areas: Developments in Cognitive Science, and Technological Innovations and Computerization. Each of these topics will be addressed in separate three hour programs which run concurrently with the regular convention. Two speakers from outside of the I/O area will speak on each topic. This will be followed by a discussant from the I/O field. More detail on each of the programs is included below.

Developments in Cognitive Science
Friday afternoon, April 22, 1988

Dr. Thomas K. Snell (Department of Psychology, University of Illinois) has published extensively in social cognition and co-edited the *Handbook of Social Cognition* (1984). He will discuss the dramatic changes in social psychology over the past decade, which have important implications for I/O psychology. Focusing on social behavior as studied from an information processing perspective, he will discuss the philosophy and objectives of social cognition and outline several novel methodologies that have been developed. He will summarize what has been learned over the past ten years. His presentation will emphasize the interaction of cognitive processes that are under volitional control with the various structural constraints on the operation of cognitive systems.

Dr. John B. Black (Teachers College, Columbia University) has published extensively in the cognitive psychology/artificial intelligence area. His presentation will stress the value of characterizing any human activity in terms of the knowledge structures involved, arguing that such characterizations are more insightful than descriptions in terms of overt behavior. Example knowledge structures and the research related to them will be described. How to investigate the knowledge structures that support various activities will be discussed using examples from investigations of how people learn to use computer systems and the literacy skills needed to perform various tasks.

Dr. Robert Lord (Department of Psychology, University of Akron) will discuss both of these presentations, focusing on their relevance to a broad range of topics in I/O psychology.

Technological Innovations and Computerization
Saturday morning, April 23, 1988

Dr. Paul Attewell (Department of Sociology, State University of New York-Stony Brook) has extensively researched the impact of computer technologies on organizations. He will discuss the human consequences of computing technologies in business. His presentation will cover the many possible effects of office automation on organizational processes, based on his studies of computer automation in nearly 200 New York area firms. He will discuss the multiple layers of causation which produce complex, often unintended, effects of technological innovation. He will point to the need for a structural contingency theory of technology implementation, presenting data related to this topic and to issues of skill shifts, employment shrinkage, and changing managerial roles produced by automation.

Dr. Daniel Robey (Department of Decision Sciences and Information Systems, College of Business Administration, Florida International University) has extensively researched the impact of information systems in organizations and related implementation problems. His main thesis will be that the efforts of information technology on work can be assessed by discovering the meanings that technology has within a specific cultural setting. Using concepts from the study of organizational cultures, an approach to research on the meaning of information technology is offered and illustrated with data from several case studies. His approach conceives of organizational changes as emergent phenomena and uses process models rather than variance models to guide research. Information technology is seen as one of several ingredients interacting to produce change in work roles and role relationships.

Dr. Paul Goodman (Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Carnegie-Mellon University) has published extensively on technology and organizational effectiveness. He will discuss both of the presentations on technology, focusing on their broad relevance to I/O psychology.
The Test Validity Yearbook: Organizational

Lawrence Erlbaum and Associates is proud to announce that the TEST VALIDITY YEARBOOK: ORGANIZATIONAL will begin publication in 1988. The YEARBOOK will publish criterion-related validity studies conducted in public and private sector settings in the United States and throughout the world.

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