



A bit of dictation before heading for the courts.

In a memo of March 4, 1975, Zilly banned the use of portable electric heaters by secretaries. This aroused the competitive fire and wit of Eagleton and led to his masterpiece of March 14, 1975, which was termed a "Zilly dilly" by our appreciative secretaries. Nevertheless the battle between these two persistent memo-masters (REZ humorless, LCE wry) raged on for almost two years until, on January 4, 1977, Zilly caved in with, "Your point is well taken." Space requirements preclude the inclusion of their memorable correspondence in this article; however, copies of key memos will be provided by the author upon request. This anecdote may seem frivolous, but it illustrates Lee's determination, his disarming wit, and his tolerance of diverse opinions, all of which make him so effective in deliberative bodies.

Although he had numerous opportunities (Deanships, National ASEE, *etc*) to expand his field of influence, Lee consistently chose to focus his energies on his professional discipline. For example, he was recently elected to the select group of ASEE Fellows. His election was, however, almost entirely because of his activity in the Chemical Engineering Division. He has been heavily involved in the Summer Schools and has held all offices in the ChE Division. He volunteered to serve on the *CEE* Publication Board and was Secretary of the Division when *CEE* was moved to the University of Florida. He was elected as Publication Board Chairman in 1981, where he served through 1985. Klaus Timmerhaus credits Lee with pushing hard to make *CEE* the quality publication that it is and for helping to set up the mechanism for adequately financing its operation.

All three of Lee and Mary's children followed his example by studying engineering. Beth is an industrial engineer with Rockwell International in Los Angeles. Jim most closely fits the mold with chemical engineering degrees from Michigan and MIT, a job

with Rohm & Haas in Philadelphia, and involvement in a recent AIChE contest problem. Bill's current position as a cook for Stouffer's Restaurant in King of Prussia seems to go back more to his catering service at his father's receptions than to his college education.

When you see Mary, ask her about Lee's devotion to the evening tennis doubles group. The group was surprised one night when a substitute, Jack Purnell, showed up for the 8 o'clock game. Jack (who still plays with the group) is an anesthesiologist at the local hospital where Lee was preparing for minor surgery. Lee was on the table, ready for the mask, being wheeled by the anesthesiologist to the operating room, when he said, "Wait a minute, I have to play tennis tonight." □

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Editor:

I just wanted to drop you a note and thank you for initiating the tribute to the memory of Olaf Hougen in your journal. I think that the finished product is quite fine, and I have already heard a number of favorable comments. I hope that some of the material in the summary will be interesting to many of your readers and that through the "Hougen Principles" his influence will spread still further.

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ChE book reviews

ECONOMIC EVALUATION IN THE CHEMICAL PROCESS INDUSTRIES

by Oliver Axtell, James M. Robertson
Wiley-Interscience, Somerset, NJ 08873 (1986),
241 pages, \$44.95.

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This short book presents a general treatment of methods used for economic evaluation in the chemical process industries with primary emphasis on keeping the presentation as simple as possible. There are essentially no mathematical equations in the entire book, and quantitative analysis is limited to examples

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