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The initial step for a long term solution to information use and the development of management skills based upon efficiency must ultimately come from the academic sector. This is where future professionals will be trained and any changes to be made in the profession can be slowly added to the training programs in colleges and universities. The foci of academic curricula are as diverse as the spectrum of preparation programs. The ultimate type of preparation is one that will allow for the development of interdisciplinary skills from the broader perspective. Another important consideration is development of an ability to work on the micro level to achieve the goals and objectives of the organization, while maintaining the integrity of the consumer. This type of academic program has not yet been developed. New experiments are needed in institutions of higher education to isolate more effective approaches to achieve efficient managerial competency. If the first stage is academic preparation, the second phase is development through professional organizations. It is the purpose of professional organizations to stimulate continued renewal.

TRIBUTE

A TRIBUTE TO DR. D. C. WILLIAMS, JR.

As I worked with individuals on this issue, the one comment most often made about Dr. Williams was that of his dedication and pursuit of excellence. This position is reflected in his introductory comments and in his other works. The selection of this issue topic is reflective of his creative thinking. He is the type of individual that is going to make the difference in the future for improvement of the profession. We are extremely pleased to have him on our editorial board and have appreciated his contribution to our efforts.