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Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

As in life, so too in academic undertakings: all good things must come to an end. This journal was begun by the current editorial board approximately eight years ago in 2001, after it had been largely defunct for a number of years. A new title for the journal was provided, a dedicated editorial staff recruited and a truly outstanding and internationally famous editorial board of associate editors recruited.

Since that time, we have maintained what we believe to be the highest standards of academic scholarship. We have averaged a rejection rate of three quarters of all manuscripts sent to us. This has been maintained throughout our tenure. We have received considerable acknowledgement from many sources as to the quality of this journal. We have achieved listings in Cabell's and the Journal of Economic Literature. In more recent years, since the time Dr. Melvin Stith assumed the deanship of the Whitman School of Management, he has supported our efforts unstintingly, both in terms of financial necessities and moral encouragement. We could not possibly have asked for more.

Now with the departure of one of our editors for another university, the soon to be undertaken retirement of one of our other editors and the already existing retirement of the Editor-in-Chief, it is time to cease publication of this journal in its present form. Ideally, we would have wished for the journal to continue along the lines of its existing focus. However, unalterable differences as to quality, content and the appropriateness of editors publishing articles in their own journal have led us to the conclusion that we cannot in good conscience pass this journal on to the current leaders of the Academy of Entrepreneurial Finance. We are informed that a journal will be published by them, though under a different title. In the interests of academic progress in the field, we wish them well.

Finally, it should be noted that the preponderance of any success we may have achieved is surely due to the devotion, patience and intelligence of our Managing Editor, Susan Dean. Without her, the venture would have failed at the outset. With her, I believe we have made a noteworthy contribution to the field.

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