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Goode, Boskin to Speak at Luncheons

Editor's Note: With more than 350 sessions, each with several speakers, the 1993 Joint Statistical Meetings in San Francisco will offer myriad opportunities to hear about statistics in a broad range of subjects and with a variety of approaches. Among the most-awaited speakers are the two profiled below; though their respective topics are quite different, each promises an entertaining and enlightening look at his field of expertise.

Bud Goode Tackles the NFL

To many fans of football, Maxim "Bud" Goode is "Mr. Sports Statistics." Citing his "pioneering work in applying statistical methods to forecasting professional foot-

ball," the Section on Statistics in Sports will honor Goode at its first awards luncheon on Wednesday, August 11. Goode plans to discuss the upcoming football season, making estimates for the regression equation based on the new game rules, player changes, and the 1993 draft.

Since 1975, Bud Goode's clients have been general managers and head coaches in the National Football League. Each week during the season he provides them with an updated analysis of the game, using a regression model that predicts each game of the season.

In addition to his work as a consultant, however, Goode takes a strong interest in education and has converted his computer-dependent football package so that it can be used as an educational resource. In fact, besides his appearance at the sports luncheon, Goode will be delivering an invited paper entitled "Teaching Statistics Using an Updated Sports Data Base" on Tuesday



Maxim "Bud" Goode



Michael Boskin

Robbins to Deliver Fisher Lecture

Herbert Robbins, New Jersey Professor of Mathematical Statistics at Rutgers University, will give the 1993 Fisher Lecture at the Joint Statistical Meetings in San Francisco. His topic will be "N and n—Sequential Choice Between Two Treatments."

The Fisher Lecture, named for the statistical pioneer R.A. Fisher, is the highlight of the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS) awards ceremony. Robbins will receive the COPSS R.A. Fisher Award, which consists of a plaque and \$1500.

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