

ASHTON-TATE NEWS

TWO LEADING WORD PROCESSING EXPERTS JOIN ASHTON-TATE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

TORRANCE, Calif., May 2, 1988 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced that two word processing experts, Philip Michael Florence and Dr. Robert A. Greene, have joined the company's word processing development team. Both are based at Ashton-Tate's word processing development center in East Hartford, Conn.

Philip Florence, who has been appointed chief architect of word processing products, previously lead the development of the Leading Edge Word Processor and Microsoft's Excel spreadsheet program for the Macintosh computer.

Robert A. Greene, who has been named project leader, future word processing products, has over 10 years of experience in senior management positions supervising software development teams at Wang Laboratories, Inc., and Compugraphic Corp. of Wilmington, Mass.

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"The addition of Florence and Greene to our development team will allow us to build upon and technologically extend our MultiMate heritage and take advantage of our recent acquisition of FullWrite Professional for the Macintosh to create state-of-the-art word processing products," said Roy E. Folk, executive vice president and general manager of Ashton-Tate's Software Products Division.

Prior to working on Excel at Microsoft, Florence was executive vice president of research and development at Leading Edge Products, Inc.

From 1977 through 1982, Florence managed the development of several software products at Wang Laboratories, Inc., including Remote Wangnet communications software, Wangwriter word processing software, and a voice workstation that allows users to dictate into a standard Wang workstation. He established and supervised Wang's VS language development department and contributed to the original architecture of the Wang VS and VS-100 minicomputers.

Prior to Ashton-Tate, Greene was responsible for identification and development of new business opportunities and the introduction of new product lines at Compugraphic Corp.

At Wang, Dr. Greene was one of the original contributors to the Wang Word Processor, and a principal designer of the Office Information (OIS) and Alliance systems.

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Ashton-Tate is one of the largest developers and marketers of microcomputer business applications software and the major supplier of relational database management systems for microcomputers. Based in Torrance, Calif., the company markets best-selling microcomputer business applications software in the following categories: database management, word processing, business graphics, desktop publishing and integrated decision-support products.

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