

News and Comments

Editor's Report

I appreciated the support, patience, and kind words provided by many of you during my first year as editor. Those positive notes, e-mail messages, and telephone chats meant a great deal to me, as well as the editorial staff.

Institutional support is critical to maintain publication of any scholarly journal. The *Quarterly* continues to receive substantial moral and financial support from Slippery Rock University, its administrators, faculty, and staff.

Publishing a scholarly journal involves a labor-intensive process, requiring the contributions of many individuals. The *Quarterly* has been fortunate to have the talents of Robert Levin, Bruce Nelson, Diane Quinn Carion, and Phyllis Kendziorski. Steve Sarnese, a graduate student in history, has joined us for the 1998-99 academic year. This is a serious and hard-working staff who maintain a superb rapport with each other. Our monthly editorial meetings are lively, constructive, and productive. In short, because of all these intelligent, talented, and genial people working on the journal is fun.

I also appreciate the opportunity to work with a diligent and knowledgeable group of associate editors and editorial board members. Their good nature, detailed and often nurturing reviews made my job easy. I am indebted to Bill Reese, Jim Albisetti, and Mary Ann Dzuback who generously agreed to continue this past year as associate editors. They provided continuity during this transition period. Barbara Beatty and Linda Eisenmann have kindly agreed to serve as associate editors for a three-year term. I also want to express my gratitude to those editorial board members whose term ended in December: Barbara Beatty, Donald Leinster-Mackay, Robert Lowe, Theodora Martin, David Parker, Timothy Reagan, Theresa Richardson, Marcia Synnott, and John Whitehead. I am pleased to announce that Clinton B. Allison, Kate Cruikshank, William Cutler, III, Phil Gardner, Thomas O'Donoghue, Patricia Palmieri, Daniel Perlstein, Susan Semel, Vanessa Siddle Walker, and Roberta Wollons have accepted my invitation to serve three-year terms on the Editorial Board.

We were busy during the *Quarterly's* first year at Slippery Rock University. Volume 38 contains 10 articles, 1 Presidential Address, 1 Henry Barnard Prize essay, 2 essay reviews, and 77 book reviews. We received 72 manuscript submissions in 1998 calendar year. We have also initiated a number of projects. During the past year, we began to collect copyright agreements from current and previous authors. This is a standard practice by scholarly journals and facilitates dissemination of our scholarship, allowing us to fulfill requests for reprint permissions from publishers. Furthermore, we have created a website for the History of Education Society and the journal. Please visit it at: <http://www.sru.edu/depts/scc/heq.htm>.

I welcome your suggestions. Every ten years the *Quarterly* produces an index of the previous decade's volumes. We have begun this long and tedious process which will culminate with the completion of Volume 40, at the end of the year 2000. We anticipate that the index will be available for sale in the early months of 2001. Finally, we have continued our exploration of the electronic journal issue. John Rury has appointed a committee consisting of Wayne Urban, Mary Ann Dzuback, and myself. We have met and exchanged information and will continue to deliberate throughout this academic year.

The journal continued to operate with a slight surplus this past year, but that belies an imminent shortfall because of steadily falling revenue and rising costs. Given this eventuality, the HES Board of Directors has approved an increase for individual and institutional subscription rates. Starting January 2000, student memberships will rise from \$15 per year to \$20 per year; individual memberships from \$30 per year to \$40 per year; US institutional subscriptions will rise from \$57 to \$71 per year; and non-US institutional subscriptions will rise from \$61 to \$77 per year. I urge you to please check with your institution to see if it maintains a library subscription. I hope you also entice your colleagues to subscribe to the *Quarterly*.

Again, I thank you for all of your support and wish you a happy and productive year.

Respectfully submitted,
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Editor