

EDITOR'S CORNER

Assuming the editorship of a major journal is always challenging, and is even more demanding when that journal is in transition from one printing and production process to another. However, the brunt was borne by my predecessor, Dena Dincauze, who did an outstanding job of effecting the transfer of production to Allen Press while also initiating the Washington University editorial staff into the *American Antiquity* routine.

With the shift in editorship of the journal also comes change in some of the Associate Editors: Lynne Goldstein now edits Current Research, and Jerald Milanich is the new Book Review Editor. He asks that interested scholars send him a card noting their geographical and topical specialities so he can enlarge the file of potential reviewers.

Besides learning the editorial techniques over the past few months, we have been planning a special issue of *American Antiquity* for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Society. That special issue will be Volume 50, no. 2, timed to appear just before the 1985 annual meeting in Denver.

Meanwhile, we have found assembling Volume 49, no. 3, to be exciting as well as intellectually rewarding. Like all previous editorial staffs, we are grateful for the generous cooperation and patience of both authors and reviewers.

It is abundantly clear that the mid-1980s will be a time of significant challenge to Americanist archaeology, both on the national scene in Washington, D.C.—where a bewildering diversity of legislation potentially and actually affecting cultural resources must be monitored—and at the local level, where sites are being destroyed at an unprecedented rate. At the same time that these and other forces claim our attention, important developments are taking place in archaeological theory, such as examinations of archaeological interpretation by philosophers and archaeologists in the New World, and the rise of “post-processualist” archaeology in England. With the active aid of the readership, I intend to encourage in *American Antiquity* representation of as many facets of contemporary archaeology as possible. I look forward to a very lively three years as Editor of your journal.

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Editor

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