

News and Comments

Editor William J. Reese gave the following report at the annual meeting of the History of Education Society, Nov. 1989:

Writing this annual report enables me to thank the many people who make working on the *History of Education Quarterly* a pleasure. Dozens of people deserve high praise. Administrators at Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana University Northwest, and Cleveland State University generously support our endeavors. Dean Howard Mehlinger, who has resigned as dean of the School of Education at IUB, merits special praise for his steadfast support during his tenure. We wish him well in the future and thank him for all of his help.

It is a pleasure to praise so many people for so many jobs well done. My fellow editors, staff members, members of the editorial board, and officers and members of the History of Education Society labored many hours for the *HEQ* during the past year. Board members, for example, evaluated the nearly 100 manuscripts we received during the past year; they have attended to tough, demanding responsibilities in exemplary fashion and have been unselfish with their time.

Several members of the editorial board complete their three-year terms at the end of this calendar year. I will miss corresponding with them so regularly. They've set the highest standards for our field and have been constructive and wise in their evaluations of manuscripts. I cannot praise them enough. My deepest thanks go to Edward R. Beauchamp, Linda L. Clark, Lynn D. Gordon, Jurgen Herbst, John L. Rury, Michael W. Sedlak, Maxine Schwartz Seller, Harold Silver, and Julia Wrigley. These wonderful colleagues are a tribute to our field. Let's all applaud them for their kindness and generosity.

At the same time, I look forward to working with the following scholars named to the editorial board for a three-year term: Richard Edward Aldrich, Geraldine Jonçich Clifford, Barry Franklin, Ellen Condliffe Lagemann, David Labaree, Sheldon Rothblatt, Donald Warren, and Sue Zschoche. They bring a wide range of experiences, scholarly interests, and deep concern for the welfare of our journal.

My editorial staff continues to strive for excellence. Amy Schutt, the managing editor, faces every new challenge with a smile and steely determination. Many thanks to our subscribers who have written to me in praise of her outstanding skills and many talents. Alex Urbiel, our subscriptions manager, Margaret Miller, on our professional staff, and Mark Olesh, a graduate student in history of education, worked diligently to

ensure that our readers received the best possible journal. A special word of thanks goes to Gary Bailey, who was acting managing editor in the fall semester of 1988 and is preparing a new ten-year index of the *HEQ*. Now teaching at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Gary was an integral part of our work during the past year. Thanks to all of these dear friends and colleagues.

Words fail to convey my gratitude to Ron Cohen and Dave Adams. Ron routinely reads manuscript submissions, advises me on new projects, and encourages me in my work. He is central to the journal. Dave Adams, too, left a powerful imprint on the journal during the past year. Dave read dozens of manuscripts, wrote many pages of constructive commentaries for authors, and did so with an efficiency and care that made me feel blessed. Without the many contributions of Ron Cohen and Dave Adams, my job as editor would be impossible.

Many individual members of the History of Education Society, too, gave generously of their time. They read manuscripts, reviewed books, gave me advice, and said yes to many different types of requests. Thanks to the careful work of so many people, the *HEQ* published the following in Volume 28, 1989: eleven articles, thirteen essay reviews, two forums, one retrospective essay, and seventy-four book reviews.

I also would like to thank the officers of the Society for their wholehearted support during the past year. Ray Hiner and Maxine Seller have been incredibly generous with their kind words and constant encouragement. Through Ellen Condliffe Lagemann's initiative and the generosity of the Society, we've now purchased a new computer system that will enable us to serve our membership better. We've already begun new membership drives that have continued to boost our individual membership: we've grown from 441 in 1986, to 454 in 1987, to 500 in 1988, to over 530 currently. I'd like to report more growth next year. Even with the added expenses of preparing a new index, our finances are strong. We are in the process of having a professional accountant audit our books, and we think this should be an annual ritual.

I've said little about my own work since it should be evaluated by others. The completion of my first year as editor, however, has reaffirmed my deep respect for our little corner of the academic world. I urge members of the Society to write to any of the editors, board members, or elected officers about ways to improve the journal.