

# EDITORIAL

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WE ARE CATCHING UP, both with the dates on the journal cover and with publication of backlogged papers. While this issue contains papers received from early 1983 well into 1985, it includes much of the backlog that was on hand. The second issue of Volume 27 could totally remove the backlog. Therefore—after more years than I care to mention—I am ready to call for new papers, with the assurance that delays in publication will no longer be measured in years. This call applies as well to book reviews.

We have a problem with book reviews. We have accumulated several books on the archaeology of India and China and do not have a roster of potential reviewers to contact for the necessary reviews. I would appreciate hearing from volunteers to review these books on China and India as well as books on other areas covered by *Asian Perspectives*. Please contact me and indicate your interests. We still have a moderate backlog of unreviewed books.

Unhappily, obituaries are coming along more often than they used to. Robert Maher, who died in early 1987, had intended to retire at the end of the 1987 school year. This issue includes not only Bob's obituary, but also his final article on Ifugao archaeology. Two obituaries are in hand for the next issue. This is not a desirable way to make new positions available for younger archaeologists.

The best way to provide new positions is to create them. That is what has happened at the University of Hawaii, Manoa campus. Last year two new tenure track positions in Hawaiian and Pacific archaeology were advertised by the Department of Anthropology and filled, as was a third, previously existing position; all three positions were filled by young archaeologists. We have six archaeologists in tenure track positions, all specializing in Pacific or Southeast Asian archaeology. We have been informed by our administration that two new technical positions will be received soon.

I hope that other universities will recognize that *AP's* area of coverage—eastern Asia and the Pacific—is now fully a part of the mainstream of world archaeology and will hire young archaeologists to cover our half of the world in their programs.

The new administration at the University of Hawaii has done more than enhance the Pacific and Asian archaeology program in the Anthropology Department. The general field of Asian and Pacific studies has also been strengthened through the creation, in July 1987, of the School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies (SHAPS). Publication has taken on an increased importance. The University of Hawaii Press has a new director and a totally new staff was brought in for their Journals Department.

I would like to thank the new director of the UH Press, William Hamilton, and the new journals manager, JoAnn Tenorio, for their greatly appreciated assistance in bringing *Asian Perspectives* back on schedule. Keith Leber, of the Journals Depart-

ment, is in charge of seeing *AP* into print and has been most helpful in getting us back on track.

Ultimately, it is the University administration's recognition of the importance of a strong publication program that has made this possible through budget improvements for the Press. And finally, the Hawaii State Legislature has made the funds available to support these new directions of the University. So I also thank the State of Hawaii—and its part-Hawaiian governor—for their part in this renaissance.

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