

EDITOR'S CORNER

This issue of *American Antiquity* heralds far-reaching changes in the Society for American Archaeology that are, in turn, a reflection of changes in archaeology; it also portends a transition in editors. Ray Wood glimpses the light on the other side of the April issue, while Jeff Reid optimistically moves into what promises to be an exciting decade in archaeology.

The most obvious change is the journal cover and its color. Do not wonder where the yellow went, nor grieve for its passing for, in large part, this color conversion is meant to draw the attention of members to the changing structure of the Society and its growing role in archaeological matters that concern us all. Those of you who have followed recent articles in the *Bulletin* will appreciate the profound significance of the events that are prompting this change. The reburial issue and antilooting initiatives are prominent, but by no means the only, stimuli necessitating our growth and transformation.

Signaling our dramatic growth is the founding of *Latin American Antiquity* under the general editorship of Prudence M. Rice. We join Pru in viewing this new journal as a significant opportunity to publish the important regional research being reported in Spanish and English, and to work closely with Latin American scholars. Consequently, *American Antiquity* will be able to expand discussion of issues and ideas of immediate relevance to academic, private, and government archaeologists. We strongly urge all readers of *American Antiquity* to subscribe to our sister journal.

As the Society for American Archaeology assimilates the information from an extensive management study, a new image of *American Antiquity* will emerge. The results of the membership survey are clear on two points: the Society should be both a scholarly and a professional organization, and *American Antiquity* is the most important benefit of membership. This journal will continue to be a centerpiece of the Society through the pursuit of four immediate goals:

- (1) broaden readership while maintaining high scholarship;
- (2) decrease article turn-around time through expanded referee participation and manuscript computerization;
- (3) increase the number of papers published by reducing manuscript size; and
- (4) centralize the editor's office with the creation of the position of managing editor.

We are at the beginning of a period of transition and of a more protracted time of growth and adjustment. The change in the cover color is an aesthetic imperative, the founding of a sister journal a necessity, and the shift in editors part of the natural order. Future changes will be solicited, discussed, and implemented as *American Antiquity* responds to the concerns of the members of our discipline.

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