

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is the last issue of the *Slavic Review* that I shall edit. I am grateful to the hundreds of scholars who have contributed to the journal over the last six years. I have in mind not only those who have published in the journal, but also those who have read manuscripts, suggested discussion topics, recommended potential book reviewers, or provided technical advice on arcane linguistic, historical, or geographical matters.

The years since 1975 have been years of continual financial difficulties for the AAASS and thus for the journal as well. Double-digit inflation, shrinking library budgets, and the cessation of growth of the component fields of Russian area studies have made it extremely difficult to maintain the professional quality and the attractive physical appearance of the *Slavic Review*. A stalwart few have provided help essential to overcoming the crises that have followed one upon the other during the last several years. Special thanks are in order to these scholars, and my own heartfelt thanks go especially to those to whom the phrase "rolling thunder" has meaning.

A small professional staff has contributed time, energy, and emotion well in excess of anything the meager pecuniary compensation could have justified. There are no words adequate to express my appreciation for the loyalty and dedication that first Barbara Colson, then Birute Lanys, provided as associate editor. Ellen Abell and Susan Zorn also contributed much as assistant editors, and I want to thank Mary Nicholas and Mark Coyle for their help in completing my last two issues.

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