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From the President

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This will be my last president's column for *North Carolina Libraries* and I am sure that after you have read this issue, you will say "good riddance". It has been a year of triumph and heart-break for the association and certainly a year when the phrase "what if ..." looms large. As those of you who have had the pleasure of serving with me on the Executive Board during the triennium are aware, had we been awarded the prestigious Morton Watson Grant, the association would be facing NO SHORTAGE of money, and we could dictate our future, moulding minds, building information highways, and dressing pretty well, destined to change libraries throughout the next decade. What if ...

Also, now that we have survived the three recounts, we are announcing the officers for the next ennium. Although most of you have doubtless not heard of the candidates that have been declared winners, the method of settling the disputed election (see *North Carolina Libraries*, Spring-Fall 1990) seemed the least divisive and rather unusual! All fourteen of the co-officers are introduced in this issue.

Prepare now to attend the conference next year! The theme I have chosen is "Libraries ... and Seafood!" As you know, the conference will be held in New Bern. Our friends with the New Bern Chamber of Commerce made the highest bid for the conference and not only will the association be substantially richer, but the IBM PS 6000 donated for the association offices and the stuffed marlin for the wall will be welcome additions. Once again, Dr. Park will be our keynote speaker and has bid \$325.00 to make his usual interesting speech. We almost had Charlie Robinson, but he only bid \$200.00. I know, What if ...

Finally, I commend to you the articles in this issue. They are some of the most insightful we have featured in many years and will not only make you think about your profession (and it is a true profession), but will make you think. I know I had to. Thank you for the wonderful year and the "Fry Baby". I know the association is in good hands, but I am not sure whose. See you in New Bern!

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