

## From the Editor's Desk

In our issue for the Fall of 1973 it was announced that our longtime editor for new North Carolina books, WILLIAM POWELL, had resigned his position with the North Carolina Collection in the Wilson Library at Chapel Hill to become a full-time faculty member in the Department of History there at the University. A consequence of this has been that Bill has found it necessary to resign from your journal's editorial board. This comes as a real blow to the journal, as Bill had edited the section on North Carolina books for the past sixteen years. Not only that, but he served your editor as a font of invaluable ideas and editorial advice. May we say thank you, but not good-bye?

The present issue lacks, therefore, its traditional section on North Carolina books. We are pleased to announce, however, that this circumstance is only temporary. After a thorough search around the state for someone with the ability, interest, and willingness to follow an act such as Bill Powell's, we have asked Dr. WILLIAM BURRIS, Professor of Political Science at Guilford College, to assume the responsibility.

Bill Burris is a graduate of Wake Forest and Chapel Hill. He served as Academic Dean at Guilford until two years ago. An avid reader with broad interests, Bill's most recent achievements were surviving the deanship during a most crucial period in the growth of the College and the shared authorship of a text in political science entitled *Analyzing American Politics*.

Consonant with your editorial board's goal of improving and strengthening your journal until it attains regional primacy among state journals, we have added three positions to the Board within the past two months.

As you may remember, revenue from advertising copy is a vital source of support for us, and it is the main reason why the improvements you see in the journal have obtained. It is a source of pleasure and comfort that a person so dynamic and diligent as ROBERT MAY, Associate Director of the Forsyth County Public Library, has assumed responsibility for maintaining and enlarging our advertising activities. After only two weeks his efforts are bringing success. His motto? "Keep NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES green, send money!"

Toward the resolution of another weakness in your journal, we have asked EDITH SNIDER, Reference Librarian at Guilford College, to become our official indexer beginning with Volume No. 31. By year's end we hope to be caught up and back on schedule, publishing annual indexes as a regular part of the first issue of each new volume. The thirty-year index is also in process and should be published within the next year.

Last but not least, you will notice the addition to our board of RALPH RUSSELL, newly-appointed Director of Library Services at East Carolina University. Ralph is developing a project for soliciting student manuscripts from graduate library schools throughout the southeast. Few other journals act officially as an outlet for student papers. We believe we may be missing something and performing a disservice to our readers by not attempting this in an official way and seeing for ourselves if there is not something worth publishing out there. Your board will determine whether a particular paper should interest you.

Judging from all this, our prospects are positive.

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