Intears, Fellows, and Student Contributors: In Appreciation

On turning to the Features section of this issue, you may notice articles by recent Science Editor fellow Judith McIntosh White and current fellow Jennifer Ann Hutt. Interns, fellows, and ad hoc student contributors have been adding much to this publication. I am delighted to take this chance to thank them, and I am even more delighted that some of them now occupy editorial posts.

When being considered for the editorship of this publication, I proposed involving students more. This involvement has taken the form largely of internships for master's degree students in science journalism. Also, recent recipients of graduate degrees have served as Science Editor fellows; and because of her excellent work, our summer 2002 intern, Jennifer Ann Hutt, has been appointed a fellow for her last semester of master's studies. Students and recent graduates also have contributed many conference reports and other pieces outside of internships and fellowships.

Science Editor interns and fellows have been serving largely as staff writers, supplying content that might otherwise be difficult to obtain. Their recent contributions have included the initial pieces in the “Other Than Editing” profile series, the article in the last issue on writing journal histories, and the current article on telecommunications and science editing. Interns also have assisted in other ways, such as helping to edit manuscripts, search the literature, and seek cover art. Meanwhile, they have been able to observe the workings (or sometimes lack thereof) of the publication.

Several recent graduates who worked with Science Editor have since donned science-editorial hats. When this issue went to press, former intern Linda Wang was assistant news editor of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, and former intern Gabe Waggoner had embarked on an editorial traineeship at the American Society for Microbiology. A slightly earlier student contributor, Katherine Arnold, is now news editor of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute and a member of the Science Editor editorial board. Posts taken by other former student contributors include editorial assistant at Chemical & Engineering News, biomedical and health editor of Encyclopaedia Britannica, and editor of StarDate magazine. Also, our designer, Tiffany Inbody, took the position while still a graduate student; her science-editorial involvement now includes editing Advance, the Texas A&M University research magazine.

Although Science Editor cannot take credit for those editorial embarkations, perhaps it has contributed in some way. I hope that, through its process as well as through its content, this publication has been helping to build the next generation of science editors. Whatever the case, students and recent graduates have been adding much to Science Editor, and I thank them for their contributions.

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