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A Note From the Editor

The editorial baton has been passed from Harlowe Hatle to me. Harlowe set a fast pace; I'll try not to stumble. I have the feeling that about the time I get this job figured out my leg of the race will be up and it will be time to pass the baton to my successor. But enough sports metaphors.

Several trees gave their lives for this journal. And that was before it got to the printer! This was my first experience with "desktop publishing." As requested, the authors submitted final electronic versions of their papers in WordPerfect 5.0. At that point I merged all of the papers into one big file. Then the work really began. While everything was electronic, it seems that there are as many versions of a word processing program as there are people to process words. Eventually, though, I was able to create one document out of all those different codes, fonts, styles, and sizes. I used the HP ProCollection font cartridge (Times Roman 08, 10, 12 point sizes) and took the final version straight from the Laserjet to be duplicated and bound. People told me that doing things this way saves time and money over the alternatives. I'll have to take their word for it. I would like to thank the authors for their patience with this newfangled technology, and this newfangled editor. And I owe a special thanks to my colleagues and friends in and around the Sociology Department at UND for providing some of the resources to produce the journal, and for providing me with a supportive and enjoyable environment within which to produce it.

Since at present we produce one volume of the journal per year, it is awkward to review manuscripts on a continuous basis, as might be done with a bi-annual or quarterly journal. Hence, it is useful to think of the GPS as an edited volume. Consequently, I would like to have all submissions for Volume 4 (1991) by February 1, 1991, earlier if possible. Manuscripts will be sent out for review as I receive them, but final publication decisions on all manuscripts will be made on or about June 1, 1991.

Please consider reviewing manuscripts for the journal. I have tried, and will continue to try, to solicit reviews from all corners of the region and beyond, but in a pinch I inevitably call on friends more often than I should. I particularly appreciate reviews that are prompt, critical, and compassionate. So write, phone, or BITNET and I'll send you a paper. If you have any questions or suggestions about the editorial process, the production of the journal, or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me at the address below. Peace.

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