

Editors' Notes

EVEN CASUAL READERS will notice something different about volume XXV—the absence of the lengthy list of publications in the field that has been a staple of the *AHY* from the very beginning. The bibliography was the brainchild of John Rath, and it has served us well. We owe Miriam J. Levy a tremendous debt for taking on the task of Bibliography Editor in 1989 with high-tech flourish, immense creativity, and amazing good humor. We are grateful, also, to Peter Urbanitsch for his expertise and efforts in supplementing Mimi's work on the Austrian side. It has been a learning experience for all of us. We learned, in fact, that the computer revolution was rapidly making the bibliography increasingly less indispensable. After considerable thought, this realization led us to the decision to drop the list of publications as a regular feature of the *AHY*.

The main reason is clear: the computer and database technology that Mimi used to compile the list is (or soon will be) available to all readers and users of *AHY* who have access to a college or university library *and* it is relatively easy to use. That makes the *AHY* list a lot less valuable as a research tool than it was before. Scholars who wish to do literature searches for specific projects would not be well-served by our broad listing and would be better off doing their own highly-focused literature search. Another major factor in our decision was the cost of compiling and publishing the huge list, especially the monetary outlays for computer time, copyediting, typesetting, and printing. Eliminating the list will permit us to hold the line (at least for a while) on subscription price increases. In addition, it will free up journal space for exciting articles and important book reviews.

We are not leaving you in the lurch. Mimi has already begun passing on her vast storehouse of knowledge about how to use database technology for research. If you lack "database literacy," we urge you to read Mimi's article in this issue of the *Yearbook* and ponder its implications. The untapped potential of this new technology is enormous and will change the way you do your work. From time to time, she will contribute further articles for the "electronic scholar" in both the *Yearbook* and the *Austrian Studies Newsletter*.

In addition, she may compile some bibliographic information for the *AHY* in areas where the databases are weak, for example, in providing up-to-date listings of Ph.D. dissertations.

After carefully reviewing the financial status of the *AHY*, we have decided to maintain the current subscription rates: \$27.50 for individuals; \$40 for institutions; \$15 for students; and \$20 for retired faculty. Even at these rates and without the list of publications, the *AHY* will continue to operate at a loss, which must be covered by the Center for Austrian Studies. We hope readers agree that the quality of the journal alone justifies these rates, which are still low in relation to comparable journals in the field of history. We are moving most of the fulfillment functions "in house" in order to serve our subscribers better and to expand our subscriber base.

We welcome James W. Miller officially as Book Review Editor for the *AHY*. He replaces Gary Cohen, whose extraordinary efforts helped to revitalize this important part of the *Yearbook*. Most of the reviews in volume XXV reflect Jim's efforts over the past year and a half. We look forward to working with him in expanding the number and range of books that we cover.

We are delighted to announce that a previously published *AHY* article is a prize winner! Claire Nolte was named co-winner of the 1993 Heldt Prize for the best article in Slavic Women's Studies for her "'Every Czech a Sokol!': Feminism and Nationalism in the Czech Sokol Movement," which appeared in volume XXIV. The Heldt Prizes are awarded by the Association for Women in Slavic Studies to promote research in the field. We take pride in having published this fine piece of scholarship and salute Claire on the occasion of her high honor.

We sadly note the untimely death of William O. McCagg, who served with distinction on the editorial board of the *AHY* for volumes XXII–XXV. Bill brought the same intellectual power and vitality to the tasks of refereeing manuscripts and reviewing books that he gave his own scholarly work. We will miss Bill and join George Barany in saluting his incredible scholarly legacy and the memories he left behind.¹

The Editors thank all readers who continue to give us valuable feedback on our efforts in editing and producing the *Austrian History Yearbook*. We thank referees for their prompt and careful reading of submitted manuscripts and members of the Advisory Board and the Editorial Board for their continued support and encouragement. We thank Manfred Blümel for his valuable input as a German-language specialist and Mary Elizabeth Ailes and Daniel Pinkerton for their assistance in preparing the manuscript. Anne Running copyedited the manuscript with exceptional care and thoroughness.

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¹*Austrian Studies Newsletter*, 5 (Fall 1993), p. 13.