

EDITOR'S NOTES

Goodbye JOLA

It is with mixed emotions that we note that this is the last issue of the *Journal of Library Automation*. The first issue appeared in March 1968, just shortly after this editor had graduated from library school. Under the editorships of Frederick G. Kilgour and Susan K. Martin, *JOLA* established itself as a major source of information about developments in library automation.

This is also the last issue of the first volume produced by a new editorial board. The current editors are especially indebted to Eileen Mahoney of ALA's Central Publication Unit, whose experience, patience, and wise counsel contributed materially to making this last volume one we are all proud of.

Hello ITAL

Please welcome volume 1, number 1 of *Information Technology and Libraries* when its bright new face appears on your doorstep in March. It will look very familiar to you. The new name reflects many of the shifts in emphasis that have gradually been introduced in recent years as changing technologies have encouraged a broadening of *JOLA*'s original scope.

We plan to introduce some minor changes to increase *ITAL*'s utility, but see these as evolutionary. We continue to solicit comments and suggestions on how the journal can better serve your needs.

Synchronicity

In our September issue, we initiated a new section, "Reports and Working Papers," in which we reproduce documents we believe deserve a wider readership than their original distribution. We were amused to note a similar innovation in the August *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science*. We would welcome comments on the usefulness (or wastefulness) of the new section.

Standards

Standards continue to be a major concern in our field. We hope those of you involved with acquisitions systems will find the communications by Sandy Paul and Jim Long in this issue useful. We encourage you to participate in standards development efforts when possible. Please try to use developed standards whenever they are applicable to your work. The ISBN, SAN (Standard Address Number), SLN (Standard Library Number), and other standard numbers will become increasingly important as our systems become more interdependent in this shrinking world.