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What was I thinking? Was I crazy to accept such an overwhelming post like SciTech News editor? Should I have run screaming when I saw the posting about the position? Why am I babbling on in this fashion in my first "From the Editor" posting? Only the Norns may know for sure!

Any way, enough wailing and gnashing of teeth! First off, I must apologize for the lateness of this issue. All blame should be assessed to me alone. Transitions are often a bit messy and this one was no exception. But, the fault lies with your humble editor and should not be ascribed any further. I accept all blame and ask you all for your kind forgiveness and I truly hope this does not herald a new standard for the SciTech News.

I am grateful to all the contributing authors and especially my predecessor, Susan Fingerman, for all her advice and support as I tackle this new challenge. I am thankful that she is staying on as an Assistant Editor, at least for a little bit to help with the continuing process of getting the SciTech News running more smoothly under its new management.

I am also thankful that Abby Thorne has agreed to be an Assistant Editor, as well, taking on the monumental task of doing the markup for each issue this year. "Thankful" is actually too small a term..."eternally grateful" would be much more appropriate!

I am also happy to report that both Carol Lucke and Heidi Porth have agreed to stay on in their accustomed roles with the bulletin!

And, finally, I want to thank Christina Pikas for her years of service to SciTech News. She has done a phenomenal job as Assistant Editor and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

To the readers, I want to thank you for your patience as I "learn the ropes." I also want to put out a call for, as the Manuscripts notation so eloquently illustrates, "papers of interest to the community of science and technology-oriented special libraries."

And, finally, I do want you all to know that your editorial staff will be looking into several new, or returning, features/changes for SciTech News this coming year. Those changes will include: an online version of the bulletin, hopefully by 2010, a return of the refereed section, and, perhaps, a surprise or two.

See you next time!

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