

Farewell and Thank You!
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This is my last edition as Editor-in-Chief. During the past three years, we have launched this peer reviewed journal as a means of sharing ideas. I know that Dr. Tim McGuire of Sam Houston State University will do an outstanding job as Editor-in-Chief.

I also want to thank you for the opportunity to serve on your Board of Directors from October 2000 through 2004. During that time, we have broadened the reach and scope of ACET by inviting industry leaders and government officials to our conferences. We faced September 11th, a hurricane and budget cuts for travel but always managed to have lively and interesting conferences. ACET received television coverage of our Corpus Christi conference. The shift from hotel based conferences to conferences hosted by educational institutions has reduced costs while providing more technology-friendly rooms for our presentations. Montgomery College, Blinn College, and Texas Christian University were excellent hosts. But what makes an organization worthwhile are the members and friendships that develop. ACET's tradition of mixing all sorts of educators in computer technology is worth maintaining. It is really interesting to mix high school, community college, trade school and higher ed teachers. Think about it - ACET is one of the few scholarly organizations that mixes all teachers and scholars within a discipline.

You are truly the innovators and spark plugs behind U.S. competitiveness in world markets by lifting the computer literacy of America. The field of computer technology is absolutely at the core of economic, scientific, social and cultural advancement. There is virtually no human activity that is untouched by computers and technology. As educators in this exploding field, you face a constant challenge of determining what needs to be taught in an ever changing environment. New technologies, new codes, new hardware and software mean that you are constantly having to either develop new courses or incorporate new changes into existing courses.

Please consider sharing your ideas, experiences, insights and research with others through this journal. I look forward to continuing my participation in ACET and am very appreciative of the friendships and opportunities that ACET has given me. I hope you will reap many personal and professional rewards from your involvement in ACET.

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