From the chairperson

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First of all, I want to thank you again for electing me to serve you for the next three years as CEAL Chair. When Tom Lee called and asked me to run, I spent a week thinking about whether to accept the nomination. As you know, the duties and responsibilities of this office are considerable. Ultimately what led me to accept was my affection for the organization and for you, its members. Tom has frequently reminded us during his term as Chair that we are like a family. Certainly I have benefitted from the nurturing environment which our organization fosters. Many current and former members of CEAL have helped me over the years to develop the knowledge and skills I use in my work. Our meetings have always been forums where the news shared and issues debated made a difference in my day-to-day work. When I needed advice, CEAL members always were ready to share their experiences. By taking up this new challenge, I hope that I can repay, in part, what I have taken from CEAL. I know that I can continue to count on your support and look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Only former chairs can appreciate the amount of paperwork one assumes with this office. I have now been initiated, thanks to Thomas Lee’s help, in the basic procedures. Within days of returning to Columbus from New Orleans I received a shipment of all the remaining back issues of the CEAL Bulletin in six boxes. Since these boxes take up a great deal of space, I want to encourage you to order any fill-ins that you may need. (Many issues are already sold out, including No. 88 & 89 and the 1990-91 Directory.)

Please feel free to contact me and/or the appropriate subcommittee chairs about any issues which should be brought to the attention of CEAL members. Tom has assured me not to worry, that you never hesitated to keep him informed of developments. I encourage you to continue to do this or to communicate directly with CEAL members through the electronic "bulletin board" which Ed Martinique established for us: (eastlib@archive.acs.unc.edu).

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With best wishes,

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