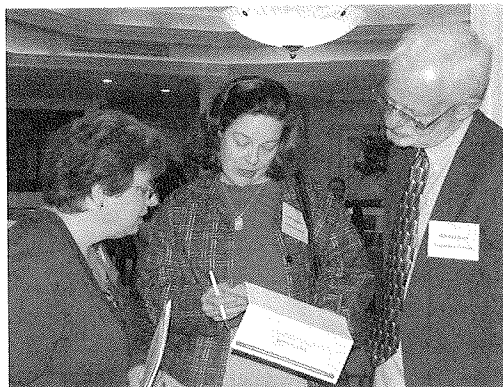


From the Editors



We are beginning our third year of editing the *ASIANetwork Exchange*, and having survived our first (and hopefully only) hard drive crash, we feel that we can conquer anything! With each issue we learn more efficient and effective ways of producing the best possible newsletter for you.

This year as last, we requested that certain conference presentations selected for publication be submitted to us during the summer, and then we will publish them throughout the year. We had to move the deadline for the Fall issue back to July 15 because two of us (Anne Prescott and Ben Nefzger) will be leaving for Asia on August 29 to teach on Augustana College's East Asia Term. Thanks to all of you who were so understanding and sent us your papers early in the summer. A great deal of our material for publication comes from the conference presentations, so your cooperation is essential to the success of the *ASIANetwork Exchange*.

How do we decide which conference papers to print when? Normally, one keynote address is published in each of the Winter and Spring issues. This year, the keynote addresses (and a number of the panel presentations) were more visual and informal, so we are not able to publish them. We prefer to print the panel presentation papers as a set, but sometimes circumstances don't allow that, most often because we have yet to receive one of the papers from a panel. We have already received a greater percentage of the total number of papers than we had at this time last year, but we are still missing that final paper from most sessions. If you have not yet submitted your paper from the conference, please don't feel that it's too late! Again this year we are running our amnesty program, and we encourage you to send them in. Marsha Smith will be on campus throughout the fall and will be happy to receive those and any other correspondence. To assure that you receive a prompt reply to your inquiries,

through November please contact Marsha Smith at either sosmith@augustana.edu or ANExchange@augustana.edu.

Now for the appeals—and this will probably sound like our column from last year! Each year we have encouraged your feedback on issues you have read about or would like to read about in the *ASIANetwork Exchange*. However, we have yet to receive any letters to the editor, and we rarely receive any ideas for things you would like us to include in the *ASIANetwork Exchange*, your publication. So let us hear from you! Anything you agree/disagree with? (The editorial staff has plenty of ideas, but we haven't stooped to writing our own letters—yet!) Anything you would like to emphasize/ask/answer? We welcome any and all suggestions which would benefit the membership.

We continue to try to enliven the newsletter with photos, and if you're shy about contributing your words, perhaps you would be willing to loan us your photos. If your college is having a special Asia-related event, if you took a trip to Asia this summer and have a great picture you'd like to share, or if you have any great photos from past conferences, let us know. All photos will be returned to their owners—please mark them with a name and address.

The deadlines for submissions for the remainder of this year are **November 1 for the Winter issue** and **February 1 for the Spring issue**. We encourage you to help us get each issue to you on time by observing these deadlines. Thank you for your support, and we hope that you enjoy reading each issue of the *ASIANetwork Exchange*.

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