Fuccillo Steps Down as InterViews Editor

Domenic A Fuccillo has retired as editor of CBE InterViews, a CBE Views column that he began in 1995. When InterViewed after submitting his final column, which ran in September, he offered the following:

Fuccillo: Domenic joined CBE in 1962 and began contributing articles to CBE Views a couple of years later. He served 2 terms as a member of the Editorial Board and then became contributing editor, primarily responsible for CBE InterViews, a name coined by former Editor Martha Tacker. InterViews covered a variety of topics, including the “grey literature”, science writing, copyright, author-editor relations, teaching scientific writing, copyediting, editing abroad, editing education articles, and Internet journals. Guest interviewers took over when Domenic served an editing assignment in the Philippines last year. A perpetual student, he is pursuing an MEd in educational technology, a task consuming so much “retirement” time that he asked Barbara [Gastel] to be relieved of editing InterViews.

The Council of Biology Editors thanks Dom for all he brought to CBE InterViews. It looks forward to his continuing to contribute in other ways when his time permits. For readers who wish to consult past InterViews, a list accompanies this article. Thanks to graduate-student intern Wendy Lawrence for compiling information in the list.

CBE Views Editor Barbara Gastel hopes to keep publishing CBE InterViews in coming months as an occasional guest column edited by graduate-student interns and others. Readers who are interested in serving as guest InterViewers or who have InterView topics to propose should get in touch with Barbara (telephone 409-845-6887; fax 409-845-5408; e-mail b-gastel@tamu.edu).

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- An InterView with Gary Peterson: Responsibilities as Editor-in-Chief (1996 Apr-May;19(2):36)
- InterViews with Silvana Guida and Linda Sears: A Look at Life Science Editing in Italy (1996 Aug-Sep;19(4):90-1)
- Writing and Editing for the Internet (1997 Jul-Aug;20(4):149-51)
- Teaching Scientists How to Write (1998 Jan-Feb;21(1):23-5)
- The Copyeditor Tie-In [copyeditors describe their jobs] (1998 Mar-Apr;21(2):71-3)
- Seeing Us as We Are [on authors and editors] (1998 Sep-Oct;21(5):171-2)

Gifts for and from Editors: Thoughts from CBE Members

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As the year end approaches, thoughts and conversation often turn to gifts. Science editors might wonder what, if anything, to give staff members, board members, and other associates. They also might ponder how to reply when friends and family ask what they themselves want.

To obtain ideas on gifts for and from editors, I informally surveyed by e-mail various CBE members of my acquaintance. The following are some highlights of the responses.

**Different Cultures**

Customs regarding gifts vary widely among editorial offices, the responses soon made clear.

“I’ve never given a gift to or received one from a science editor. That’s just not part of my culture”, one long-time editor wrote. “I always took my staff out for dinner once a year, and occasionally invited them to my house, but that was the extent of my giving (unless you count handling our salary raises).”

In contrast, another editor reported being “on a journal which has a long tradition of giving all the editorial board members gifts”. Usually, the gifts have been items of clothing with the journal’s logo embroidered on them. Gifts also have included calculators, desk clocks, and backpacks or canvas carry-on bags bearing the journal’s logo.

**Books: A Favorite**

“We have also given out bound copies of the journal each year, sometimes with the member’s name embossed on them”, this editor added. “Recently that’s switched to a CD-ROM of the journal.” He noted that...