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Cover note: Many archivists will be familiar with the classic “before” and “after” scenes shown on the cover. Although they could have been taken at a county courthouse, on a university campus, or in the basement of a business office building, both were, in fact, taken in local government offices, and they highlight the problems and the possibilities discussed in two articles that appear in *Commentaries and Case Studies*. Photographs courtesy of the Illinois State Archives.

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To the Editor:

Congratulations to all the contributors and editors who were responsible for the special *American Archivist* issue, Summer 1988, on archival education. I sincerely believe that this will turn out to be one of the most cited issues of our journal in the decade ahead.

I recommend all professional archivists and individuals interested in archival management to read carefully this issue. Terry Eastwood's essay on "nurturing archival education in the university" is perhaps the finest statement to date on what we should be striving for in graduate archival education. Paul Conway's argument for full-time faculty is a convincing addition to Eastwood's manifesto on graduate archival education. The essays by Janice E. Ruth and Susan E. Davis demonstrate some of the kinds of specialized courses we need, while Tim Ericson's piece on continuing education is likewise the fullest evaluation of how such education relates to that in the universities. Constance Schulz's analysis of one aspect of the archival marketplace, in this case the state archives, is an example of the kind of research the profession requires as it continues to plan and develop educational programs.

The agenda set by these and the other authors is formidable but attainable. Let's

get to work! How can we strengthen the newly adopted graduate guidelines? Should we move to accredit graduate programs? How will certification and the graduate programs be coordinated?

Again, congratulations to all.

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To the Editor:

In the process of editing my article, "Founding Mothers: Women in the Society of American Archivists, 1936-1972" (50 [Summer 1987]: 370-89), a very important contributor was mistakenly deleted from the author's acknowledgments. Jacqueline Goggin guided me in the research of this article and shared with me her knowledge of the subject, her contacts, and the source materials she had collected in her own research on women historians and archivists. She saved me valuable research time and without her help the article might still be an idea.

I apologize to Jackie for this unfortunate omission and sincerely thank her for her help and encouragement.

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