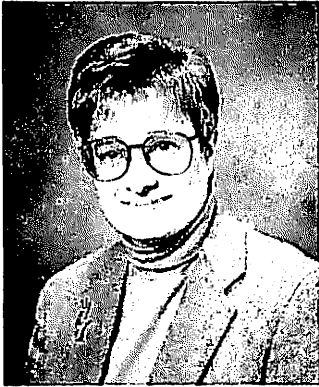


From the Associate Editor

Karen Landahl, University of Chicago



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Marie Sheppard was golden! That is the descriptor that comes to mind when I think of my experience of her work and her presence. I first met Marie at a spring IALL Board and Council meeting that she hosted many years ago at the University of Colorado-Boulder. She took us on a walking tour of the Anderson Language Technology Center, which was then under construction. With great energy and enthusiasm she helped us visualize the completed project. I respected the drive, hard work, vision, as well as the calm with which she undertook the task of creating a premier facility for language learning and teaching. I was, therefore, both pleased and honored when she asked me to join her on the *IALL Journal* editorial board as the assistant editor. Marie was a superb journal editor, a worthy successor to Read Gilgen. She gathered about her dedicated, gifted and diligent workers, including our current editor, Pete Smith. And she maintained only one standard—excellence! Marie and her editorial assistant, Robin McClanahan, took courses and did research to help them become better at editing and layout. They produced each number of the *Journal* with great thoughtfulness and took it many steps toward becoming an outstanding publication that our organization can be proud of as our standard bearer to the larger world. Marie built on the foundation laid by Read and his staff, and passed on to Pete and the rest of us a legacy to honor and enhance.

On the University of Chicago quadrangles the flag flies at half mast in honor of deceased faculty, students and staff. I often take a look at the placard identifying the person who has recently left us, and I have noticed over the years that the majority of deaths occur when people are in their upper 80s to 90s, or in their late 30s to early 40s. Midlife appears to be a dangerous time, and some seem destined to enjoy only half a life. Sadly, Marie was one of these, but the years she did have to spend with us were a great gift. I will miss her exemplary presence in our midst, and will treasure the memory of the times we spent together. ■

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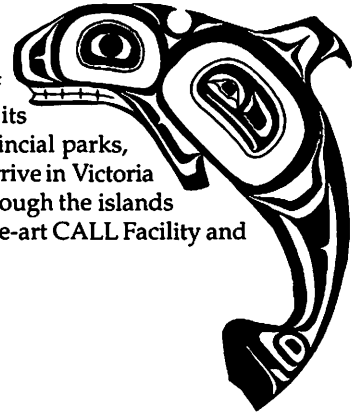
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