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Over 300 faculty members at Western Michigan University answered a survey which was conducted to explore the relationship between faculty use of university libraries and faculty use of computers. Faculty who are regular library users were found to be the same faculty who are using common computer applications. Conversely, it appears that faculty who do not use the library regularly are, for the most part, not using computers. Implications for libraries are discussed in relation to the findings--in the areas of computer databases, faculty assistance, collaboration with computing staff, and marketing of electronic services.

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Editorial

By Pat Ensor and Thomas C. Wilson

Welcome to the first issue of Public-Access Computer Systems Review for the year 1997. And welcome to the first issue edited

by Pat Ensor and Tom Wilson. The founder of the PACS Review and a pioneer in electronic journal publication, Charles Bailey has decided to pass responsibility for the journal to us, and in this, he does us a great honor. We hope to continue in an outstanding tradition by maintaining a vital scholarly electronic journal which contributes to the literature of library and information science.

PACS Review is published by the University of Houston Libraries, where Pat Ensor is the Head of Information Services and Tom Wilson is the Head of Systems. Rob Spragg, Systems Librarian at University of Houston Libraries, has recently become Associate Editor for Technical Production. The editorial team does not plan profound changes in a very successful publication. In the next couple of years, we plan to make intellectual access to information on the Internet a theme, and we want to bring you new columnists.

The aim of PACS Review continues to be to publish articles about "end-user computer systems in libraries." We hope that you continue to read, to respond, and to submit articles; we welcome your input.

The beginning of a different era in the publication of PACS Review comes to us mixed with profound sadness and loss at the death of Paul Evan Peters, a longtime member of the PACS Review Editorial Board. Not only a pillar of the library and information science communities, Paul also touched many lives personally and deeply. This issue is dedicated to him.