

EDITORS NOTES:

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This issue represents the third special issue of the AEER. I hope you agree that this strategy offers some well needed focus on special topics of contemporary interest in East European cultural studies. Nancy Ries has done an excellent job of pulling together a series of outstanding papers. The editorial staff is grateful for her efforts.

For the Spring issue, we return to our accustomed newsletter format. Please submit research reports and observations from your recent visits to field sites as soon as possible. The value of this publication is the opportunity it provides to put observations into the hands of other specialists as soon as possible.

With this issue, I am instituting a format change that will make life much easier for preparing the manuscript for printing. I have begun to put footnotes at the bottom of the page on which it is cited, rather than pulling all the notes together at the end of the article. This has created all sorts of formatting problems for me and introduced unnecessary errors. In some cases, the notes were wiped out altogether. There is one article in this collection that still has endnotes, but that will be the last.

I am happy to announce the availability of the AEER home page on the World Wide Web. To access the page, type the following URL, exactly as printed here, into your Web Browser (Netscape or Mosaic are the most popular):

<http://condor.depaul.edu:80/~rrotenbe/aeer/aeer.html>

The page permits us to advertise our newsletter to scholars throughout the world interested in East Europe. Articles from regular issues will be available for downloading two years after their publication. This will make the number of back issues I keep on hand low, while making older articles available to people who do not have access to archives.

If you do not want to have your article available for downloading, please let me know as soon as possible. No articles from special issues will be available for downloading unless the editors of those

issues have instructed me to put them there. This protects the efforts of the special issue authors and editor to publish the papers commercially.

The Web Page permits visitors to find email addresses of EEAG members. I have some addresses from my efforts last Spring to create an EEAG electronic bulletin board. If you want to be listed on the Web Page, send your name address, email address, and regional and topical research interests to me at rrotenbe@wppost.depaul.edu.

I am open to any suggestions from you on how to use this home page. Please feel free to tell all your colleagues in other disciplines about it.

Our colleague and friend Dennis Vnenchak died in New Jersey in September. I hope to include a full obituary in the Spring issue.

Please note the date and time of the EEAG meeting. We want to have as large an attendance as possible. If you find any people presenting papers on East Europe topics or regions, make sure they know we exist and invite them to the meeting.