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This cover photograph from a recent issue of Appalachian Heritage (AH) reflects the magazine’s focus on southern Appalachian life and culture. AH is published by the Special Collections Department of Hutchins Library, Berea College, Kentucky, as part of its goal to promote the study of the southern Appalachian region. Special Collections and Archives at Berea include extensive materials on the history and culture of the area defined primarily as West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and Tennessee, and western Virginia and North Carolina. Access to the archival collection is available via the RLIN database. Photo credit: William Bake: Summer meadows on Snake Mountain near Trade, Tennessee.
Earthquake damage at Occidental College in Los Angeles, where about 50,000 books fell off the shelves. For more on the earthquake, see News from the Field.
March is National Women's History Month. According to *Chase's Annual Events* it is a time for "re-examining and celebrating the wide range of women's contributions and achievements too often overlooked in the telling of U.S. History." In honor of Women's History Month our Internet resource list in this issue covers women's studies and was compiled by Mary Glazier. Also, see News from the Field for a look at this year's commemorative poster.

Other Internet items of interest this month include an article by Mary George on how the Internet can contribute to your professional development; George offers five tips for getting comfortable with the Internet. Also, ACRL's Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee announces the start of its listserv, EQUILIBRN.

Networks and publishing were the topics of a joint symposium sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries and the Association of American University Presses. Jinnie Davis and Ann Okerson provide us with highlights of some of the electronic publishing projects underway around the country.

This issue also provides insights on how libraries are coping with the ongoing problem of rising journal costs and shrinking acquisitions budgets. Elizabeth Fuseler and Juliann Rankin share with us how their libraries are using document-delivery services as alternatives to journal subscriptions. The News from the Field column includes the text of a University of Tennessee faculty senate resolution that draws attention to the impact escalating serials prices have on libraries' materials budgets.

Patricia Breivik and Maureen Pastine, candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect, share with us their visions for ACRL. Take time to read their statements and be an informed voter in the election this spring.

Finally, congratulations to ACRL's *Choice* magazine which this month celebrates 30 years of successful selecting and reviewing materials for academic libraries. See *Choice* editor Pat Sabosik's reflections on page 150.

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