

PREFACE

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Beginning with this volume, *The Journal* has a new look. The cover is graced by the recently designed logo for the Rutgers University Libraries. The design suggests the open pages of a book, the traditional symbol of libraries, and, more abstractly, a reaching upward into the future. This logo will appear on all Libraries publications, giving them an immediate and recognizable presence. There are also new type faces featured in *The Journal*, the main type is Centaur and the headline type is Optima.

The current issue, while not technically a special issue, contains interrelated articles. There are two articles on World War II, one concerning changes that WWII brought to Rutgers and by implication, to American higher education in general, and another representing Rutgers' WWII Oral History Project. The author of the former article, Richard P. McCormick, Rutgers history professor emeritus, is profiled in a third article that is based on an extensive interview with him. The final piece in this volume is on the nineteenth-century socialist, Robert Blatchford, by a former editor of *The Journal*, John W. Osborne, who has donated several books to the Rutgers Libraries by and about Blatchford.

This issue is long overdue. The last issue of *The Journal* was December 1995, Volume LVII, Nos. 1 and 2. In fact it was printed and distributed in spring of 1996. The current issue is Volume LVIII, 1997. There is no volume dated 1996. From now on, *The Journal* will be published on an irregular basis, but at least once a year, and each issue will be given a volume number only.

I would like to note that the first issue of *The Journal* under my editorship, a special issue entitled *Consumerism, Labor Unions, and the Pursuit of the American Dream*, won the Arline Custer Memorial Award for 1996 presented annually by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference for the best publication in the field of archival scholarship. The certificate for this prestigious award was given in the name of the guest editor, James P. Quigel, Jr. Furthermore, Quigel's article in that issue, "Charged with Electricity: The IUE Archives Project," was reprinted in a revised version in *Labor History*, Volume 38, Nos. 2 and 3 (1997).