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Welcome to another great issue of *TechTrends*. This one marks another transition of sorts. It is the last full issue that Patricia Stockland will be working on. We will really miss her! The next issue will be put together by our new Designer / Editor Joseph Hansen, with Patricia ready to help in the background. Joseph hails from Utah and has worked at MSU,M as a graduate assistant in the Educational Technology program for the past year. He is very excited about taking over the torch from Patricia. Many of you met Joseph in Atlanta where he helped Chuck Stoddard keep the conference running smoothly. Brad Dethmers will still be on board producing our wonderful covers.

Our guest editor for this issue is Gary Powell. As you can see, it has minority issues in instructional technology as its theme. Gary is one of the finest guest editors we have had. He is unbelievably organized and a real joy to work with. He has gathered a very interesting and diverse group of articles. I am sure that you will find them stimulating. I should note that our convention issue was put together by Chuck Stoddard. He pulled a double duty of gathering articles and running the conference! Well done on both counts, Chuck!

Every so often we get asked about some items that seem to have been left out of an issue. Sometimes this is our fault (see the correction from Joe Landsberger below) and sometimes it is not. We rely on others for our articles and features. Unfortunately, if we don't get the copy by press time, we can't put it in.

Until next time.

—Don E. Descy, Editor-in-Chief, *TechTrends*

Corrections

The Sept/Oct 2001 (Vol. 45 No. 5) Issue of *TechTrends* incorrectly credited authorship of the column "E-Learning by Design." Rosann Cahill guest-authored "Integrating a Web-based Bulletin Board Into Your Class: A Guide for Faculty" (Sept/Oct Vol. 45 No. 5; pp. 50-53.) The article reviewed objectives and applications of discussion groups in three areas: course discussions, developing instructional questions (based upon Bloom's Taxonomy), learning activities (featuring 12 examples), and class management (introductions, logistics, materials repository, and group work conference). Critical success factors and characteristics of a good monitor were also discussed. Rosann holds a Masters Degree in Adult Education from the University of Minnesota with a focus in learning technology and serves as Web Campus Faculty Support Coordinator at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. She can be reached at rjcahill@stthomas.edu, (651) 962-6272. We regret our error, and look forward to another contribution by Rosann.

Fern Tavalin's name was inadvertently omitted as coauthor of the jointly authored *TechTrends* article "Redefining a 'Virtual Community of Learners'." She was the WEB Project director and contributed substantially to the article that recently appeared in the Jan/Feb 2002 *TechTrends*.