

EDITORIAL

This issue of Early China is late. Given the pressures of teaching, research, and administrative duties which have constantly delayed what ought to be a more expeditious editorial process, it was decided by the members of the Society for the Study of Early China in the annual meeting at the Association for Asian Studies in Washington, D.C. on 21 March 1984 to appoint a managing editor for the journal who will be provided with a salary and an editorial budget. To expedite the handling of editorial matters, all correspondence should be addressed to her at 1223 Sequoia Place, Davis, California 95616.

Attention should also be called to the distinguished group of international scholars who have agreed to serve on a newly formed editorial board to offer advice and direction to the editors.

This new editorial arrangement costs money and initially, for the next few years, this expense must be funded by the annual DUES paid by the members of the Society. Thus, it was voted at the March meeting to raise those dues to \$10.00. Please note that in order to continue to receive the journal, two, separate, checks should be made out: one, for the \$10.00 tax-deductible membership DUES, payable to the Society for the Study of Early China; and the other, for the \$10.00 SUBSCRIPTION to Early China, payable to the Regents of the University of California. Though payable to different parties, both checks may be mailed together to the Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720.

To guarantee the existence of the Society, its independent editorial function, and thus, the existence of the journal itself, it is imperative that the Society build an endowment to guarantee income, in addition to the dues, to pay for the annual expenses. This year every effort will be made to launch such an endowment drive by applying to private donors and foundations and by applying for a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. You will receive more details in a later mailing. Your support in the way of an additional tax-deductible gift, and suggestions concerning this fund-raising effort are most welcome.

