

Richard K. Gardner Resigns as Editor of *Choice*



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Richard K. Gardner, editor of *Choice*, has resigned to accept a position on the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science of the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Gardner served as the founding editor of *Choice* when it began under a grant of the Council on Library Resources in 1963. He continued in that position until 1966, when he left to teach at the School of Library Science of Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Gardner returned to edit the journal in 1972.

During his more than six years as editor of *Choice*, Dr. Gardner has succeeded in making it one of the most respected reviewing journals in the world. *Choice* is currently on the subscription lists of well over 90 percent of all colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Academic libraries throughout the world use *Choice*; there are subscribers in Great Britain, France, India, Australia, and New Zealand. Moreover, 80 percent of all public libraries in communities with populations of more than 50,000 subscribe to *Choice*.

Choice's success and widespread use is due to the editorial policy introduced by Dr. Gardner in which reviewers are required to compare the work in hand with previous publications in the field. Dr. Gardner and his staff have enlisted faculty members interested in undergraduate education from many colleges throughout the country to provide reviews. This policy has brought the journal the respect of the scholarly community as well as the gratitude of librarians responsible for building strong undergraduate collections.

The subscribers of *Choice*, members of

ACRL, under whose auspices the journal is published, and scholars everywhere owe Dr. Gardner a great debt for his efforts in founding a new reviewing journal and in building it into a publication distinguished for its scholarship and one which remains economically viable. The ACRL Board, the ACRL Publications Committee, and the *Choice* Editorial Board at their Midwinter meetings approved resolutions honoring Dr. Gardner.

A graduate of Middlebury College, Dr. Gardner also holds the degree of Master of Science in Library Science from Western Reserve University, a diploma in literature from the École Supérieure de Préparation et Perfectionnement des Professeurs de Français à l'Étranger, Faculté des Lettres, Université de Paris, and a Ph.D. in library science from Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Gardner has had a variety of working experiences both in libraries and through teaching in library schools. He has served on the library staffs of Middlebury College; the New Bedford, Massachusetts, Public Library; the Foundation des États-Unis, Cité Universitaire in Paris; and the Case Institute of Technology; and from 1959 until 1968, he directed the Marietta College Library in Marietta, Ohio. Between his two associations with *Choice*, Dr. Gardner served on the faculty of the School of Library Science, Case Western Reserve University, from 1966 until 1969, and at École de Bibliothéconomie at the Université de Montréal from 1969 until 1972, serving as Directeur et Professeur Titulaire from 1970.

Dr. Gardner has traveled extensively, particularly in France, where he completed his dissertation *Education for Librarianship in France: An Historical Survey*; and in Vietnam, where he was library advisor to the Vietnamese government. Dr. Gardner's publications include many periodical articles and several books, including *Bibliography of Periodicals Published in Vietnam*, with Nguyen Xuan Dao, and the *Opening Day Collection*, published by *Choice* and now in its third edition. Dr. Gardner is currently under contract to write a new book on book selection.

In addition to his other activities, Dr. Gardner finds time to serve on the board of the Forest Press, the Lake Placid Club Education Foundation, and the publishers of the Dewey Decimal Classification, and as a trustee to the Russell Library of Middletown, Connecticut.

Melvin R. George, Chairman
Choice Editorial Board

