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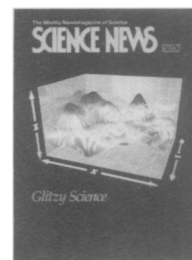
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Bidding good-bye and godspeed to an invaluable colleague

Within a few hours of my appointment as the first outsider to edit SCIENCE NEWS, I received phone calls from two friends, one a writer on this magazine and the other a former managing editor here. Both callers offered their congratulations and, in almost identical words, offered me some advice: "Whatever you do, don't lose Laurie."

Laurie, of course, is Laurie Jackson Vaughan, who has labored for nearly a decade as our managing editor. I quickly learned the wisdom of my friends' counsel. Laurie's editing and people skills, her organizational talent, her percep-



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tiveness, her ethical standards, and her news judgment made her an invaluable member of the staff. Happily, Laurie stayed on.

Until now.

Now, we have lost Laurie to Stanford University, where she will serve as Associate Director of Medical Communications. In her new post, Laurie will work with what is generally recognized among science and medical writers as one of the top university news and information offices.

I count myself fortunate to have worked with Laurie, as do my colleagues and the many interns who have learned so much from her tutelage. And I count myself and our staff equally fortunate to have Blair Burns Potter sitting in the managing editor's chair as Laurie's successor.

Blair is no stranger here. She joined us as associate editor early last year, bring-

ing with her a wealth of experience from her years at several magazines, including SCIENCE; in book publishing; and as a successful freelance editor. When Laurie went on maternity leave last fall and winter, Blair took over the managing editor's duties and performed them with distinction. Since March, the two have shared the job of managing editor.

Laurie leaves with our gratitude, admiration, and affection. Stanford's gain is both our loss and our gain. We will miss Laurie, but we welcome Blair to some exciting times ahead. — Patrick Young



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