

# NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SMFS

Dear Members and Subscribers,

As I write these words it is winter in North Carolina and I am sprinting towards the finish line of another fast-paced semester. SMFS's annual, spring gathering at the Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo seems a long way off. Yet thinking back to the vitality, good fellowship, and intellectual energy of last year's SMFS business meetings, sessions, and banquet lifts my slightly shopworn spirits, and I find myself looking happily forward to Kalamazoo 2001. I imagine that the Congress's fabled collegiality and intellectual debate will be as spirited and vigorous as ever, enlivening not only sessions but also hallways, walkways, and meals, mixing things up, stirring up the old and the new. I look forward to catching up professionally and personally with old friends and acquaintances and to greeting new members of SMFS as well as those SMFSers who journey to Kalamazoo for the first time. See you there!

*Ann Marie Rasmussen*

