Although born in northern Louisiana, Emily Hoskins moved to New Orleans at a young age. Working as a laboratory technician (in Biophysics) at Tulane University, she availed herself of the opportunity to take courses in Geology, with the ultimate goal of becoming a geomorphologist. This goal changed suddenly after meeting paleontologist Harold Vokes, who came to Tulane in 1956 to become Chairman of the Geology Department. She began her lifelong interest in the Muricidae as a graduate student and ultimately published some 150 papers, primarily on this group but also on a variety of other Cenozoic Gastropoda. Her entire professional career was spent at Tulane University, where she began as an Instructor in Geography in 1969, including ten years as Chairman of the Geology Department and one year as Acting Dean of Newcomb College. She became Associate Editor of *Tulane Studies in Geology and Paleontology* in 1970, and Co-Editor in 1986.