

From the Editor

In my first editorial in the previous issue, I commented that I was busy working on the day-to-day workings of the *Journal*, and had not had time for any “deep thoughts.” I have been editor one year, and that situation has improved only slightly. Also in that issue I said, “my immediate goal is to publish sufficient issues to get the *Journal* back on to its expected publishing schedule. To accomplish this task will require that we publish four issues before the end of 2000, a rather ambitious goal, especially given that one of the major reasons for our tardiness is a dearth of submissions from members.”

I had hoped that by streamlining the editorial process, I would be able to speed up the publication. While I have been successful in streamlining some aspects of the publication process, I have been notably less successful in other areas. In the success area, I must commend the members of the editorial board. I have asked them to return reviews to me within a 4-week time period, and

with few exceptions they have met and exceeded that time frame. With that deadline met, I had hoped to be able to return comments to the authors within an additional 4 weeks. Perhaps it is me, perhaps it is the nature of the task, but I have been singularly unsuccessful in achieving that goal. Thus, although I can and will get the *Journal* publication schedule in line with what is expected, it will take longer than I had hoped and anticipated.

To end on a more positive note, I will introduce the lead article in this issue. This article is a reprint of the talk that Dr. Vincent Tinto gave as the *Journal* speaker last October. It was a privilege to have Dr. Tinto as the NACADA Journal speaker, and especially for me to be able to introduce him. It is again a pleasure to present his research and talk from that meeting. So, without further ado, and to borrow a phrase from Ed McMahan, “Heeeeeeeeeere’s Vince.”

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