

FROM THE EDITORS

This issue contains the first Review Article to be published in the JOURNAL OF BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERING. A few comments are in order concerning both the article and the author.

The paper, "Steady Flow in Collapsible Tubes," is of considerable importance to the bioengineer. The usual concept of a review paper is to gather the important reference material together on a specific subject and to summarize the "state of the art." Dr. Shapiro has done that but the paper also includes a great deal of material which is new. This paper will undoubtedly be the primary source for researchers interested in flow in collapsible tubes for some time to come.

Dr. Shapiro is one of the foremost educators in Engineering. He has published textbooks on compressible flow fluid mechanics which have had a tremendous impact on engineering education and industrial design, particularly in space technology of the 1950's and 1960's.

His educational films on fluid mechanics have been adopted and extensively used by universities throughout the country. A number of recent texts written on fluid mechanics tie in with the use of the very fine films developed by Dr. Shapiro.

In recent years Dr. Shapiro has become involved in biological aspects of fluid mechanics. The review paper published in this issue of the Journal is one part of his recent work and is characteristic of the high standards and effectiveness that Dr. Shapiro maintains in communicating with educators, researchers, and students.

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