



One frustration of the magazine business is that this second edition of the *Journal of Mechanical Design* is going to press before I have seen the first edition, and especially before there has been any opportunity for reader response to the format, arrangement, contents, etc., of the *Journal*. A few modifications were made, and I hope that additions and changes meet with reader approval. You are encouraged to send your comments so that only those features you find useful will be carried in the *Journal*.

This edition of the *Journal* differs from the first in two minor ways. We have moved the Special Features Section, which thus far consists of Titles of Books and Articles of interest, to the front of the *Journal* so the reader can quickly scan the Table of Contents and the titles immediately following, and find something of interest.

Another difference is the addition of abstracts of some titles listed in this Special Features Section. I have not yet decided whether to list abstracts of all available titles, or to just feature abstracts of the most significant items. Your comments will help me make this decision.

In subsequent issues, programs of meetings sponsored by the Design Engineering Division will be listed. These programs will make a permanent record of the titles and authors of papers presented by the DEED, even though many of the papers will not themselves be published in full in these Transactions.

Journal Operations

The bulk of the material published in this *Journal* will be Transactions-level papers presented at meetings of the Design Engineering Division (DEED). The sources for those papers are the Technical Committees of the DEED. Review of these papers will be conducted by the Associate Editors or Papers Review Chairmen of each committee. Authors who wish to submit papers for publication in this *Journal* should send them to the appropriate Associate Editor listed on the masthead. Material which does not fall into any of the categories covered by the Associate Editors can be sent to the Papers Review Chairman of

the DEED. Prof. Bernard Roth of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305 is the current Papers Review Chairman.

Special editorial items such as progress reports, research reviews, literature reviews, book reviews, etc., will be evaluated and reviewed by Special Features Editor Dr. Richard Berkof, Manager, Advanced Technology, Gulf & Western Advanced Development and Engineering Center, 101 Chester Road, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania 19081. Dr. Berkof has responsibility for the Special Features Section, which immediately follows this editorial. It is with Dr. Berkof's energetic and thoughtful leadership, and with the active cooperation and participation of the Technical Committees of the Division that we hope to make this *Journal* of more use than would be a compilation of the papers presented at meetings of the Design Engineering Division.

Space limitations do not permit us to give the address of each Associate Editor on the masthead of the *Journal*. For those who wish to submit their work for the *Journal of Mechanical Design*, we include on the next page the areas of responsibility, names, and addresses of the Associate Editors, which will be updated annually as changes are made in the Technical Committees and the Editorial Staff.

I am encouraged that the *Journal* is off and running with the support of all the Associate Editors, the ASME staff and all the active participants in Design Engineering Division activities working to make it a truly meaningful publication.

My Editorial Assistant, Linda Grogan, and I earnestly solicit your thoughts and contributions to this effort. We will have succeeded if the publication receives the attention of thoughtful students of design, not only for the research papers presented, but for the special features that may inspire other developments in the many fields of Mechanical Design.

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