

## From the Technical Editor

As announced on the preceding page, Professor L. B. Freund has been appointed as the new Technical Editor of this Journal. He will assume the editorship on January 1, 1983. Starting from that date, all manuscripts and correspondence with the Office of the Technical Editor should be sent to

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The current plan is to physically move the files of the Office from Berkeley, California to Providence, Rhode Island around December 20, 1982. For this reason it will help greatly if the authors could refrain from sending material to the Technical Editor between December 15 and December 31.

Looking back now at the last six and one-half years of my term as the Technical Editor of the Journal, I find the work to be one of the most rewarding and interesting experiences, and I shall always feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve the Journal in this capacity. The editorship does involve a great deal of work, but my work was considerably eased because of the remarkably sensible operation system Phil Hodge had set up for the Journal when he was the Technical Editor. The longer I work on the job, the more I appreciate his wisdom and foresight in devising the system. During my tenure I have followed very much the mode of operation he had initiated, with only very minor changes dictated by the new policies of the Society. For this and for his constant willingness to give me advice and help when needed, I want to express to him my gratitude.

With regard to the operations of the Journal, a few words about our editorial system might be in order here. While all the authors know this system well, many of our readers may not. The JOURNAL OF APPLIED MECHANICS follows a strong associate editor system. Each paper is assigned to an Associate Editor who is either an expert himself or a highly knowledgeable person in the subject area of the paper. In our system it is the Associate Editor who carries the burden and the responsibility of selecting the reviewers, evaluating the reviews, and making the final editorial decision. In the last several years it has been my good fortune to work with an outstanding group of Associate Editors. Those who have finished their terms are:

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To all these past and current Associate Editors, thank you for your hard work and professional dedication.

Another group of unsung heroes of the operation of the Journal is, of course, the large corps of reviewers the editors are able to call on to help. I believe an excellent tradition has been established for the Journal, so the reviewers all take their responsibility most seriously to maintain the high standard of the Journal, and to be fair. In my view this is truly the strength of the Journal. The readers probably have seen in the issues some of the authors' acknowledgments of very helpful suggestions from the reviewers which have materially improved the papers. To all these reviewers who service is gratefully acknowledged each year in the September issue, thank you again for your effort and time.

While the Associate Editors and the Technical Editor have to decide which manuscripts to accept and which to decline, once a paper is accepted, the long and arduous copy editing and printing process is shifted to the New York Editorial Office. In this respect, the JOURNAL OF APPLIED MECHANICS has been blessed with excellent production editors. Ronnie Heaney was in that position for 13 years until she left ASME in 1981 after 26 years of service. Ronnie was succeeded by Suzanne Magida, our current Production Editor. Both have given the Journal excellent service, and I want to take this opportunity to thank them both on behalf of the Journal and the Applied Mechanics Division.

Closer to home, I want to express my warm appreciation to my secretary and assistant, Janie Ellison. She started with me in 1976 to set up the Technical Editor's Office in Berkeley. Besides overseeing the smooth flow of the manuscripts from the authors, to and from the associate editors, and finally to the New York Office, she also attends to a myriad of other details of the office. On several occasions when I was away from Berkeley on extended trips, she ran the operations of the Office by herself. For all these years of long and efficient help, my heartfelt thanks.

As mentioned by Bill Gottenberg, the Technical Editor must have the support of his home institution in order to do his job. On this, I want to thank Professors C. L. Tien and I. Finnie, the past and current chairmen of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Berkeley, for their strong support. This is particularly appreciated in this era of stringent budget situations everywhere. At the Society level I want to thank the Executive Committee of the Applied Mechanics Division for their trust in appointing me to this editorship and for their continual support throughout these years.

Finally, I send Ben Freund my best wishes for the future. Ben is no stranger to this Journal. He was one of the very hardworking reviewers before he took on the associate editor assignment in 1979. I join with many others in wishing him success in the coming years.

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