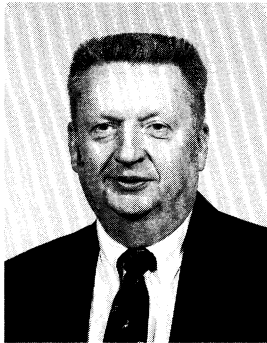# EDITORIAL

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"JEI Is Evolving"

Although JEI may appear much the same from issue to issue, we are very much in a state of continuing evolution. Each year, at the Electronic Imaging meeting in San Jose, we meet with our Editorial Advisory Board and the Coordinating Committee to discuss the state of JEI and where it should be going. Their advice, plus what we hear from readers and referees, provides guidance for our future.

One concept that has been suggested by various sources since our inception has been to include special sections on topics of interest. As editor, I chose not to include such sections in our first year; instead, I accepted manuscripts across a broad range of topics in electronic imaging to prevent biasing potential authors by concentrating on any given topic. We have, indeed, covered many topics and have a broad range of contributors. We have, therefore, decided to try something new, and I am pleased to announce that our first special section is now in progress. Eric Hanson of Hewlett Packard is our guest editor for a section on nonimpact printing. A number of papers have been submitted and are now in the peer review process. The special section should be ready to appear in an issue soon.

Another concept that has been suggested is a section describing electronic imaging research at a given university. Unlike some similar ideas you may have seen elsewhere, we plan to present such a topic at the same technical level as other parts of the journal. The section would consist of a brief introduction about the organization, followed by a few technical papers. The papers would be reviewed like any others in the journal, but by grouping them, the range of work being performed in the organization will be shown. We are talking to several people, but do not yet have a firm commitment for a section. If you are interested, contact me at the address on the masthead.

In a previous editorial, we suggested that JEI might start a correspondence section containing discussion about previously published papers. We would publish submitted comments, along with the author's response. Is anyone interested?

Not all the changes in JEI are visible to our readers. We now have all of our records on a database system on UNIX. The system reminds us about things like acknowledgment letters, so if you submit a manuscript and it is not acknowledged, it probably means we did not receive it. As our base of both manuscripts and referees grew, we needed to make our system somewhat more automatic.

Finally, we have not forgotten our promise to update the methods we offer our authors for submitting manuscripts. (As we have said previously, we will accept floppy disks with ASCII text.) To get our project moving, we have recruited Gary Starkweather, an Apple Fellow, to assist us in examining our current procedures and to help in suggesting ways that we can begin to accept input in digital form. If you are a prospective author, we would like to hear from you regarding what your digital system is like, especially what printing capabilities you have and what output formats you can generate for text, graphs, and illustrations.