Editorial

This, being my last chance to adopt the Editorial 'we', seems as good a place as any to look back on what I wrote on the first such occasion: I exhorted you all to 'take courage and write'. I've enjoyed my two years as Editor, but it remained true that getting quality material was rather a problem. Now, in the highly ironical way in which real life seems to work, just as I am about to hand on the Editor's hat to someone else, we have received a flood of good, relevant and timely material, and I shall have the additional pleasure of handing over to the next incumbent a full 'contributions in' tray. On his/her behalf however I again urge you to write—one issue doesn't make a journal.

This is also a good place to thank 'the team'. I have had nothing but help and co-operation from my Editorial Board and without them and their hard work my job would have been infinitely harder and a lot less fun. Thankyou everyone for your time, your contributions and your good humour as we sweated through the process of producing a publication policy to guide and regulate the Society's publication program.

Finally, this is a good place to remind everyone that the disclaimer at the bottom of the fourth page is literally true. It is no part of any Editor's job to suppress opinions only to ensure that those opinions are expressed clearly and in a manner which is not personally offensive. Two of the articles in this issue may raise a few eyebrows or ruffle a few feathers and if they do and if a debate develops we hope that it generates light as well as heat – from such debate we can all only benefit.