



## TO BEGIN AGAIN



An important new task is often begun with apprehension, the more so when it is inherited from a dedicated man such as Lou Stang. Although I can not match the effort and achievements Lou has made, I do hope to continue to build and improve the journal for and with the help of the readers and the Society. As Lou noted, the success of the journal depends on the help of many. With this first commentary I am taking the opportunity to solicit your help, to begin again the task that was first begun some five years ago and has been so successful.

The Publications Committee, Editorial Advisory Board, Society Officers, and the headquarters staff all provide help vital to the journal by soliciting authors, selecting reviewers, and encouraging the editor. But to make the journal both responsive to the needs and interests of the Society members and readers, as well as an archive of excellence, your participation and help is essential. Papers in your field can be published only if you and your colleagues write and submit them. Their quality can be assured only by your reviews and criticisms.

There are many changes that can be made. With your help, we can select those changes that will improve the journal and make it more responsive to you, the readers. Some changes are being made with this issue. The cover is a single photograph, the name has been changed to *Nuclear Applications and Technology*, and the Table of Contents has been merged with the Authors and Papers. Other proposed changes have not yet been made. Should this feature "Commentary" be continued? Do you find the keywords sufficiently useful to warrant their continuation? Are we failing to solicit papers in areas of interest? These are questions you must answer for me. We include the Editorial Advisory Board in every issue, partly to recognize their contributions but more importantly, so you will know who is speaking for you when you don't speak yourself.

The journal will be what you want it to be—as you are heard and you encourage others to be heard—through technical papers, reviews, and correspondence to me or your representatives on the Publications Committee and Editorial Advisory Board. Even the form and style of the journal should reflect your tastes and suit your conveniences. Do you use the keywords? Are the tables of contents, the references, the credits, and cover what you want?

With your help and enthusiasm we will continue to make *Nuclear Applications*, now *Nuclear Applications and Technology*, a journal of excellence.