Editorial

Jack D. Gaskill, Editor

On Frequency Doubling and Other Changes

At the meeting of the SPIE Board of Governors held in Arlington, Virginia, this past spring, a great deal of time was devoted to concerns over the government's involvement in various aspects of the Society's affairs. There were distractions related to technology transfer, distractions due to the establishment of separate export control sessions at the technical symposium, and distractions caused by the presence of the media at the symposium.

Amid all of these distractions, a motion to change the frequency of publication of *Optical Engineering* from bimonthly to monthly, starting with the January 1986 issue, was suddenly placed before the Board without advance notice. Several of the governors present seemed a bit surprised, but, after a minimum of discussion, the motion passed with only a few dissenting votes. Because the decision to go monthly had been postponed by the Board several times previously, I can only conclude that it must have been the fluctuations in the index of distraction at that meeting that led to a frequency doubling of the Journal. Whatever the reasons, *Optical Engineering* is **definitely going monthly in January!**

In addition to the change in publication frequency, the Journal will have a new look between the covers. The type size is being enlarged to make it easier to read, and the boxes that have outlined the figures for many years are being eliminated. Also, if an author is a member or Fellow of SPIE at the time the manuscript is accepted for publication, a notation so indicating will be placed beside that author's name on the title page. Additionally, the format of the references is being expanded to include titles of journal and proceedings papers and book chapters in order to make reference citations more complete and useful.

The SPIE Reports section is being modified and will no longer include Forum columns. We felt that, although interesting and informative, these columns tended to be of a nonarchival nature and probably were better suited to another publication, e.g., *Optical Engineering Reports*. However, the book reviews and meeting and short course calendars will be retained.

One final change that will be implemented early in 1986 is the following: at the end of each paper will appear brief biographical sketches and photographs of the authors. We believe that this will add a nice touch that will be appreciated by authors and readers alike.

Announcement

Future Special Issue: Optical Interconnections

Part of the October 1986 issue of *Optical Engineering* will be devoted to the topic of optical interconnections. Prospective authors who are doing new work in this field and who may be interested in contributing to this issue are encouraged to contact the Guest Editor, Lynn D. Hutcheson (see address and phone at right).

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