Editorial

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T Minus Six Editorials and Counting

On June 30, 1990, I will have served as Editor of Optical Engineering for a period of five years, which leaves just six months until I am eligible for parole and Brian Thompson, who is to be my successor, begins serving his sentence. Yes, it is Brian—not Jim Wyant—who is going to succeed me, no matter whose picture you might have thought you saw in last month's issue.

As you may have discerned from the title of this editorial, I have taken to measuring the passage of time by counting down the number of editorials I have yet to write. The reason for this is simple: including the piece you are now reading, I have written 56 editorials since taking on the duties of Editor. After writing that many editorials, I am finding it more and more difficult to identify appropriate and/or interesting subjects about which to write. Of course, some of you may feel that being unable to identify appropriate and/or interesting subjects never before prevented me from writing about something, and I guess I would have to agree. Nevertheless, I seem to be continually searching for some mild, overnight relief for the bouts of literary irregularity that are annoying me with increasing frequency.

Because the deadline for this editorial is approaching rapidly, I do not have time to just sit here at my MacIntosh and hope that suitable words will suddenly materialize. Nor will I resort to some of the "filler" topics I have relied on in the past; e.g., those fateful events that have occurred on dates of May 31 and made a big impact on my life, the increase in the circulation of the Journal since the last report, projections of Society membership for the year 2000, etc. However, I do promise that I will try to come up with an appropriate and/or interesting subject for each of my final six editorials. Note that I said I promise to try—not that I promise to deliver!

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