

The Editor's Page

Finding the appropriate words to express how much I've enjoyed being a part of the *Journal* as editor for the past two years is extremely difficult. Let me take this opportunity to share some of my thoughts with you in this, my last, Editor's Page.

First of all, a big "THANKS" to each and everyone who has made the *Journal of Extension* possible: the authors who have contributed manuscripts for feature articles and content for Points of View and Idea Corner; the Editorial Committee whose reviewing function of manuscripts is indispensable; the Book Review and Research in Brief editors for their contributions; the editorial staff and Board of Directors of Extension Journal, Inc., for their continual support; and, last, but most important of all, YOU, the readers, for whom the *Journal* exists!

The purpose and editorial philosophy of the *Journal* is to bridge the gap between research or theory and application. My idea of what a professional journal for Extension staff should be concurs with that philosophy, and I've tried to make the *Journal* serve that function. A much needed readership study of the *Journal* is being done this fall. Hopefully, each of you chosen randomly as subjects will cooperate in responding so that our new editor, Dr. Patrick Borich, will have a clearer picture of future directions for the *Journal*.

Pat, professor and state leader of Extension Research and Education with Extension at the University of Minnesota, recently completed his Ph.D. in education at The University of Chicago. He's had many years of experience in Extension, serving positions as a county Extension agent and district director, before assuming his present position. He brings a broad background with him and will challenge your thinking as editor.

I'll be returning full time to the Youth Development staff, University of Wisconsin-Extension, and shall follow the *Journal* with great interest because I believe in it. It's a great vehicle for enhancing the spirit of professionalism among Extension staff. I'm looking forward to meeting you as our paths cross in the future.

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