

EDITOR'S PAGE

PERILS OF PUBLISHING

One of the advantages of operating as an editorial autocrat in a loosely structured organization like the ISP is that one could simply adjust the publication schedule to one's convenience. And it may seem like that's exactly what I'm doing -- but I'm not. Believe it or not, the date on which this journal gets mailed has depended more on when Nancy has time to complete the formatting than it does on almost anything else. (Those of you who attended the last international conference will remember Nancy.)

But now, as if our schedule wasn't arbitrary enough, Nancy has found another job, outside the university, and we have had to find someone else to perform this intricate step. Our difficulty in getting this issue arranged in proper format accounts for it being so late.

It seems certain that we will have to change our policy from publishing two issues of this journal per year, to publishing just one. As of now, we have only one or two acceptable manuscripts, no where near enough to think of publishing. Also, in July, the editorship will be assumed by Bob Henry and publication will be carried out at the University of Tennessee. Therefore, I suggest we discontinue the January number and plan to publish future issues on or about July first of each year. If you have strong feelings about this, please contact Bob or me.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

One of the original intentions of the Editor's Page was to be able to keep the membership apprised of what was going on in plastination. Announcements of meetings, job opportunities, new products and revisions of technique were examples of the grist for this mill. Well, we are also out of grist! Any of you who have any for the next issue, please send it to Bob Henry.

As I relinquish the editorship, I would like to thank the membership for its confidence and apologize for the somewhat erratic publication schedule. I have enjoyed serving as editor and feel that our journal is becoming a valuable addition to the scientific literature.

See you at the Heidelberg Conference!