

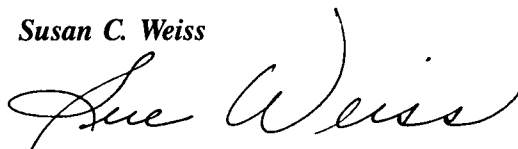
As I began to prepare for my term as Editor of the *Journal*, I thought it would be useful to obtain a "historical perspective" of the *Journal* and its previous editors' accomplishments; therefore, I reviewed all of the previous issues. The first issue appeared in March of 1973 with Glenn A. Isserstedt as the Editor. In Glenn's first Letter From The Editor, he asserted that in order for the *Journal* to mature it would require work, continued input, and refinement. Glenn and the subsequent editors, L. David Wells, Patricia Weigand, and Paul Christian, have done just that. Each one of them has worked tirelessly, brought innovation, and continued refining many aspects of the *Journal* to better provide information and continuing education for the nuclear medicine community. The *Journal* has grown significantly from that first issue of 36 pages to nearly 100 pages. A tradition of excellence has been firmly established by the previous editors and I will, to the best of my ability, uphold that tradition. As Glenn said, however, no one can do it alone. I need your input, suggestions, and criticism as well as the assistance of the Editorial Staff.

Many people have asked me recently about changes am I going to make in the *JNMT*. The answer to the question is that at present, no significant changes are planned. I have solicited comments and suggestions from the Editorial Staff and as time goes by will begin to implement some of the ideas. However, I feel strongly that one should not make change merely for change's sake. I believe that one must know the job first before making changes. I must better learn this business of being an Editor in order to understand the implications of any potential changes.

My education began nine months ago when I was chosen as the Editor-Elect. Paul Christian has been a generous and patient teacher. He has made the transition from his Editorship to mine an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Paul deserves not only my thanks but the recognition from you, the membership, for his devotion to the *Journal*. In the National Office the *Journal's* Managing Editor, Eleanore Tapscott, has contributed significantly to my education, as has SNM Publications Director, David Teisler. I thank them for their patience and generosity.

The learning curve has been steep, the teachers have done their job. Now I shall depend upon you, the readers and contributors, to help me steer the right course. Your comments and suggestions will always be welcome. Your constructive criticism is necessary.

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