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From the Editor

BRUCE L. GOLDEN
Editor

One glance at the front cover should suggest that the journal is in the process of transition. And it is. In particular, this issue formally marks the beginning of my term as Editor of the *ORSA Journal on Computing*.

As you well know, the *JOC* has become a high quality, scientific journal dedicated to the publication of research, survey, and applied articles on topics in the interface between operations research and computer science. Harvey Greenberg, the Founding Editor, is largely responsible for the journal's success. Harvey's Area Editors and Associate Editors are also deserving of special recognition. I intend to build upon the journal's accomplishments in a number of ways.

First, I hope to involve the computer science and artificial intelligence communities in journal activities on a more regular basis. Some of the most important decisions to be made by an Editor involve the composition of the editorial board. I am very proud of the list of editors unveiled on the inside covers of this issue. With respect to computer science and artificial intelligence, I have added an area titled Knowledge Based Systems and appointed an expert in genetic algorithms and neural networks to head the area of Heuristic Search & Learning. Overall, the editorial board includes more than a few computer scientists.

Second, following Harvey's lead, the entire editorial board will dedicate itself to the careful and swift handling of manuscripts. We invite our readership to submit their best work to the *JOC* and to encourage their colleagues to do the same.

Third, several changes are planned for the *JOC*. Some will be stylistic (such as the new cover and slightly modified layout), while others will involve content and new features. For example, we have inaugurated a new section devoted to the rapid publication of papers (called feature articles) on contemporary, high-impact topics in the interface of operations research and computer science. The *Feature Article* Editors envisage that the ideal article would be interesting to both OR and CS researchers and practitioners, tutorial in flavor, readable, thought-provoking, and forward-looking. Accompanying the publication of every feature article will be several commentaries written by leading researchers, as well as a rejoinder prepared by the author of the article. The editors of this area, in consultation with the Area Editors and myself, are seeking, by invitation only, high-visibility scholars to write feature articles for the *JOC*. The journal promises a fast-tracked review process and the timely publication of the article as the lead paper in an issue of the *JOC*. We expect to publish the first feature article in early 1993.

Finally, a few words about the cover design. The primary concept is based on the triangle graphic. The lower left triangle represents OR and the lower right triangle represents CS. The large central triangle denotes the merging of OR and CS into the *ORSA Journal on Computing*. The multitude of "active" smaller triangles conveys the message of the journal subhead: Charting New Directions in OR and CS. This message, if taken seriously by authors, editors, and referees, should enable us to set this journal apart from other scientific journals devoted to computing.

Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas or suggestions regarding the *JOC*. I thank you in advance for your support.

BL Golden