

From the Editor

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The issue you hold in your hands marks two full years of the current editing team of Sheppard, Landahl, Toth and McClanahan. I must say that the four of us breathe a huge collective sigh of relief each time we get the word that an issue is finally in the mail.

What have I learned in the course of these two years? First, I've learned again that serving as a conduit of information for others increases my own knowledge immensely. In this way, editing resembles teaching—shaping material to present to others helps us to get the details right for ourselves. Second, I've come to admire you, my colleagues, more than ever: the editorship has brought intimate acquaintance with just how much you do, how much you know, and how well you cope with a field that changes and grows at an astonishing rate. I've also learned how much generosity and good will there is out there in IALL Land. When putting the *Journal* together has been particularly challenging in an overloaded life, there were always several of you to lend a hand and a kind word.



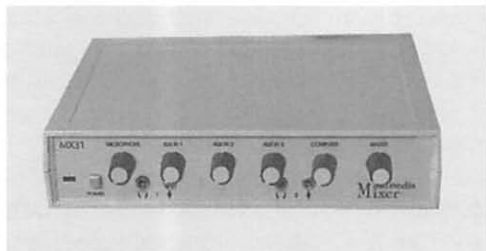
This issue inaugurates Pete Smith as Managing Editor of the *Journal*. Pete has hit the ground running and pulled together, with remarkable efficiency, all the components for printing the *Journal* and getting it to you.

The Membership Directory included in this issue is for many of us a professional lifeline. Mine is well thumbed, as I refer to it constantly when looking for new columnists, reviewers, someone to answer a question, to bounce an idea off—all in order to keep the information flowing as fully and as accurately as possible in the *Journal*. So don't be surprised when the telephone rings and it's me on the other end. You're needed. ■

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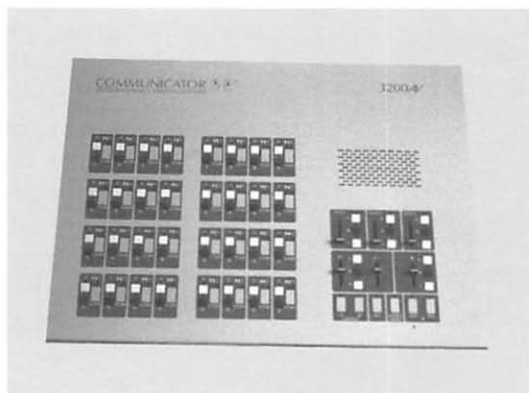
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