Editorial Preview

This issue concludes the first year of operation of the **MIS Quarterly.** We have now established the base for our journal and, over the next year, will be investigating a few modifications. Obviously, one of the startup problems faced by a new journal is that one is editorially bound to the material available. I noted earlier that we would like more material of an applications nature. What with our review process and editorial processing it has taken some time for the first of this type of article to appear. The article in this issue by Johnson, Ruch, and Kozar is really the first of its type that we have printed — the description of an application. In addition to describing the system, the authors also analyze what they believe to have caused the system's "failure." Fifteen other manuscripts classed as "Application" are currently in our review or editorial process.

The other article appearing in the Application Section is the second one in a series by Bostrom and Heinen. Having justified a Socio-Technical-Systems framework for systems design in our September issue, they now give an example of how this procedure is applied through the use of a case example.

The Theory and Research section contains an article by Professor Kling from the Public Policy Research Organization at the University of California-Irvine. His article is closely related to the ones by Bostrom and Heinen, but slanted toward what programmers may do to build useable systems. A number of testable research hypotheses are presented in this article to academicians.

Finally, this issue begins our attempts to facilitate communication between authors and our readers. We are printing copies of two letters written in response to articles appearing in the **MIS Quarterly.** I also call attention to our naming of the persons who have performed reviews during our first year of operation, to whom our editorial staff say, "Thank you."

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