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## *Editor's Corner*

### *More Changes: Some Happy and Some Sad*

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THE START OF the new millennium is as good a time as any for us to take stock of where we are heading and how we hope to get there. As I reviewed with you in my most recent Editor's Corner, we at *JSA* have worked hard to overcome the crisis that produced a backlog of articles for publication. That accomplished, we have begun to deal with other issues, many of which have an impact on the *Journal* overall.

Leading the list is the sad news. Howard T. Blane, Ph.D., is stepping down from his position as associate editor of the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*. When I assumed the role of associate editor in about 1992, Howard had already been a member of the Editorial Board for many years (since 1983) and had agreed to join the *Journal* as an associate editor. Working in parallel, he and I complemented each other because of our different areas of interest, and I soon learned to turn to him whenever issues regarding methodology and psychological processes that relate to substance use disorders were being discussed. When I became editor in 1994, I was relieved when Howard agreed to stay on and have thoroughly enjoyed our almost 6 years of working closely together. I don't know what I would have done without him, and the *Journal* is in a much better place because of him. While I look forward to being able to continue to turn to Howard for advice and reviews, I will greatly miss our closer interactions.

My sadness is tempered by the fact that the other associate editors, Dick Deitrich and John Helzer, are continuing to work with us. They have been wonderful. I am also excited by the prospect of working with our new associate editor, Edward P. Riley, Ph.D. Actually, this is a chance to welcome Ed back home, as he received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, and served as a member of the Center of Alcohol Studies during his postdoctoral fellowship. Along with most of you, I got to know Ed Riley through his publications in the field of fetal alcohol effects and as a consequence of his stellar leadership of the Research Society on

Alcoholism. I have always admired his knowledge of psychology and alcohol, and I have long looked forward to the possibility of working more closely with him in some way. I'm sure that all of these attributes, as well as his warmth, sense of humor and high energy level, will be important assets to the *Journal* for many years. We are lucky and grateful to have him, and we welcome him as an associate editor.

In the context of all these changes, my office has been consulting with the editorial office at Rutgers to make sure that we are keeping current and that steps are being taken to make the *Journal* optimally useful to scientists and clinicians in the field. These discussions resulted in an updating of the *JSA* website. Therefore, during the year 2000 we have begun listing the table of contents for each upcoming issue of the *Journal*, are considering incorporating selected abstracts in the website and have posted the review forms onto the website to facilitate the review process. We hope the readers of the *Journal* enjoy these additions and will regularly turn to the website, which can be reached at the following address: [www.rci.rutgers.edu/~cas2/jsa.html](http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~cas2/jsa.html).

Those of you who have recently submitted manuscripts to us might also have noticed some additional changes. We are using e-mail to correspond with you whenever appropriate and are trying to fax reviews of manuscripts along with the Editor's letter in order to expedite the review process. Additional changes include posting on the web manuscript submission information for contributors and instructions to authors, as well as listing the names and contact information of staff people in case you have specific questions about permissions, subscriptions, etc.

In summary: Good-bye Howard, you have done a wonderful job. Welcome Ed, we are all looking forward to working with you. Viva l'Internet!

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