INTRODUCTION

It is with great pride that we introduce our new resident JOURNAL. This unique forum was created to allow our residents the opportunity to explore the challenges and pleasures to writing and publishing. Putting one's thoughts and experiences on paper demands a clarity of thinking and a willingness to share what is otherwise private. For the resident this becomes a valuable educational enterprise.

For the faculty this is an opportunity to view first hand the work of our trainees. Not limited to reading course descriptions of clinical service schedules, our staff can now get to know the depth, variety, and quality of resident work. Even further, we welcome input from the faculty on the ideas presented in THE JOURNAL. We will be beginning a 'Letters to the Journal' section and hope that it becomes a significant arena for interdepartmental discussion.

It has taken the efforts of many people to put together this edition of THE JOURNAL. This year's editorial board, Drs. Jessica Byrne, Kenneth Certa, and John Clayton, have performed admirably in gathering and editing the manuscripts. Mrs. Debra Kohler worked long and hard in preparing this issue and getting it 'camera-ready' for our Print Department. It is of course to the contributing residents that most of the thanks belong. They went along with what at first seemed like a long shot. Their willingness to be the charter contributors to this JOURNAL is appreciated.

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