

Holiday Greetings and Year-End Thanks

Mails willing, this issue of *Science Editor* will reach you well before the new year arrives. Let me wish all of you the very best, editorially and otherwise, in 2003. And if you are among the many readers observing holidays this time of year, let me wish you and those dear to you an excellent holiday season.

Also, as the year ends, let me thank all who have helped with *Science Editor* during 2002. Special thanks to members of the *Science Editor* staff and editorial board, whose names appear in the masthead below. The year included considerable non-CSE travel by *Science Editor* staff members, and I thank the travelers and other staff members for the accommodations they made to meet the production schedule nevertheless. Each issue reflects countless hours of work by volunteers on the staff. I feel privileged indeed to have

such dedicated and able colleagues.

Thanks also to others, not listed below, who have contributed repeatedly to these pages. Perhaps foremost among these are CSE committee chairs, who sometimes joke that their activities are driven by *Science Editor* deadlines. Peggy Robinson, as chair of the Style Manual Subcommittee, has been especially active in providing articles and article ideas. Also, each year the program chair and short-course coordinator add much to these pages through articles about the CSE annual meeting and associated workshops. And I am grateful to the Editorial



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Policy Committee for sharing the three editorial policies, recently approved by the Board of Directors, that appear in the current issue.

I am also grateful to the many others—whether in formal leadership positions in the Council or not, and indeed whether CSE members or not—who have added to these pages in various ways: by contributing unsolicited articles, serving as peer reviewers, volunteering to cover conferences or sessions, preparing other pieces on request, suggesting topics or authors, recommending cover art, providing constructive criticism, offering encouragement, and more. Please do not hesitate to volunteer your skills or share your suggestions; whether or not your ideas are pursued right away, they are very much appreciated.

As always, I am grateful to the current and recent stu-

dents who have contributed enthusiasm, energy, and talent to *Science Editor* during the year—both by serving as interns (or, this year, also as fellows) and by contributing individual articles. I hope that, in addition to building their portfolios and resumes, these new members of the science-editing community have found the experience educational and rewarding.

Finally, my continuing thanks to the CSE Board of Directors, the CSE headquarters staff, Newman Printing Company, and the Texas A&M University Department of Journalism for their help and support.

Happy holidays, heartfelt thanks, and wishes for a safe and satisfying new year. I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2003.

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