LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The responsibility for *JIBS* has now been completely transferred from Rutgers University to the University of South Carolina. Concurrent with this transferral, a few other changes have been made. Besides a new cover and some cosmetic alterations, we begin with a different Editorial Board and plans for expanding the Book Review Section.

The Editorial Board is the heart of any sound academic journal. I am extremely pleased that our new board members have agreed to serve for the next two years. All have outstanding reputations and have demonstrated their serious commitment to *JIBS* by their records of service to the *Journal*. Naturally since the size of the Editorial Board is substantially smaller than in the past, we will need the support of other individuals. Although we have already received many offers, even more reviewers will be needed. We certainly appreciate the support provided by all of you, and we intend to honor those who are most helpful by inviting them to serve on future Editorial Boards.

Steve Kobrin has assumed the responsibilities of the Book Review Section which were so ably handled by Bill Ogram over the past seven years. Since we are envisioning a major expansion for this section, please forward any suggestions to Steve for consideration.

Although most of the cosmetic changes in the *Journal* are either obvious or unimportant, I would like to call your attention to our new practice of reporting a manuscript's history (the dates the paper is received, revised, and accepted) on the first page of each article. Not only will this procedure indicate how current the article is, but it will also illustrate that nearly every paper accepted in *JIBS* requires some revisions. We hope that this will show authors that a request for revision is not unusual and that they should not become discouraged if such a request is made.

We would like to thank Bill Dymsza, Robert Vambéry, Florence Smith and the staff at Rutgers University for their important part in the publication of this issue. Although we were responsible for the production aspect of the issue, all of the articles were submitted to and accepted by Bill prior to July 1, 1984, when we assumed the review responsibilities. I now know just how much work Bill put into this time-consuming task.

I would like to close by stressing that *JIBS* is your journal. Your ideas, suggestions, and comments are welcome. I appreciate this opportunity to do what I can to make *JIBS* as valuable to you as possible.

David A. Ricks