

# Editorial

Four years ago when the second editor, Mike D'Amato, took over the reins from the founding editor, Abe Amsel, he could see that the change would be hardly noticeable. As the reins pass on once more, the change will again probably go unnoticed. The thing is that the *Journal* is an unruly, undisciplined creature that does not respond very well to the reins. Once let loose, it goes pretty much where it wants to go, and it sets its own pace.

This independent character did not just happen, of course; it was deliberately built into the *Journal* by its founders. It results from the spreading of editorial authority and responsibility over a panel of associate editors. It results from the use of 160 outside reviewers (last year's figure). It results from the marvelous diversity of our authors, who continue to submit all sorts of different papers, embodying many procedures, addressing many different phenomena, and presenting many different points of view.

We relish this diversity. We believe we will be nourished by it and grow strong on it. Hence, we will continue to encourage diversity. We will welcome the authoritative, ponderous paper and the sparkling little one. We will be happy to see research on reinforcement and Pavlovian mechanisms, on developmental and cognitive processes, on eye blinks and spatial orientation. We are interested in the behavior of primates, rodents, flies, or anything else that moves around. We like factorial designs, correlational analyses, and cumulative records. We will publish mostly empirical work, but we hope also to have an occasional theoretical piece. And, of course, we will continue having notes and comments.

The actual change of editorship was quite orderly—except that D'Amato had overrun his allotted pages, so that for this issue we both had the reins. The first eight papers were handled by him.

*Robert C. Bolles*