

From the Editor . . .

This volume is the first to be completed with me serving as the Academy's editor. I arrived to find the journal in fine shape because of the excellent work done by two individuals: Tom Warren, my predecessor, and Ron Tyrl, copy editor. Both have been a tremendous help during this transition period, and I have learned a great deal from them both. Ron will be stepping down as copy editor with the completion of this volume. I have not yet decided whether to replace him or take on the duties of copy editor myself.

You will notice that Volume 81 is a bit thinner than recent volumes. Only nine reports and notes are in this issue. This is disappointing in a way, but at the same time it has made it easier for me as I ease into the position of editor. The journal continues to contain abstracts of papers presented at the Academy's technical meeting, and this year also includes abstracts of papers given at a joint meeting of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society, the Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management, the Oklahoma Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and the Oklahoma Ornithological Society, titled *The Changing Ecology of Oklahoma*. Is your society holding a technical meeting and needing a place to publish the abstracts? If the information presented is of interest to the scientists and citizens of Oklahoma, please consider the *Proceedings* as a way to disseminate it.

In this volume, we also recognize three individuals, Bruce A. Smith, an outstanding educator, who is this year's recipient of *The Jimmie Pigg Memorial Award for Outstanding Science Teaching*; Edward N. Nelson, who retired last year after 11 years of outstanding service as the Academy's Executive-Secretary Treasurer; and Jerry M. Merz, the Academy's webmaster, who has pushed and pulled our organization into the electronic century.

This volume has a computer science paper. Perusing the last five volumes, I noted that we have had no other papers in this field nor any in mathematics. I welcome

additional manuscripts in these disciplines as well as the other areas in which we publish few papers: geology, social sciences, science education, engineering science, biochemistry and biophysics, and microscopy. Please consider the *Proceedings* when looking for a place to publish.

Finally, I will always be looking for ways to improve the quality and content of the journal. Have an idea or suggestion? Please pass them on to me.