

editor's page

The End of the String

This will be my last Editor's Page as my term as editor has expired. I will be helping with the November/December issue but the new editor has officially taken over the duties of the editor. In my first page in the 1975 September/October issue, I used the following quotation to reflect my editorial philosophy:

And one might therefore say of me that in this book I have only made up a bunch of other people's flowers, and that of my own I have only provided the string that ties them together.

—deMontaigne

As I review the past two years, I find this quotation accurately represents my work. It has been the authors, the Research in Brief editors, Editorial Committee members, Tools of the Trade editor, letter writers, liaison people, members of the Board of Directors, evaluation panel members, the staff at Madison, the staffs at North Carolina State University and Kansas State University, and many others who have contributed the ideas and the manuscripts. I've had the pleasure and satisfaction of tying them together into a professional publication.

A unique and significant policy of the *Journal* is that each editor serves two years. This enables new and fresh ideas to be incorporated into the publication.

Dr. George Blume, Extension Specialist for Staff Development at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University is the new editor. He's already at work bringing his special competence to the editor's job.

In addition to being responsible for staff development, he has been spending 25% of his time teaching in the Department of Adult and Continuing Education. He has had experience in Louisiana, Missouri, and Virginia. You'll find a Forum article written by him in this issue. Incidentally, he wrote the article several months before he knew he would be the new editor. He has a long list of the publications including a 1973 *Journal* article. It has been his challenge to work on the "current needs" in Extension. As a result, he has had a variety of experiences including work in the community 4-H Clubs, career exploration, international Extension, demography, and programming. All of us are delighted to have George as a member of the "*Journal* Team."



The end of my string is here.

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