

editor's page

Passing the Baton

When you've spent two exciting years as the editor of the *Journal of Extension*, and when all your experiences have been big smiles, then I see no real need to look back. The *Journal* continues to carry out its stated objectives. The prominent position it occupies is due to its strong, integrated team approach. But it's the future, the next part of the program, that's important NOW.

Our new editor for the 1979-1981 period is Dr. Richard E. Young, evaluation specialist at Washington State University. Dick did his undergraduate and graduate work at Ohio State University. He has a rich 4-H background, serving first as a county 4-H Extension agent and later as associate state 4-H leader. Dick is no stranger to the *Journal*. He has co-authored two *Journal* articles, served four years on the Editorial Committee, and most recently, two years as a member of the Evaluation Committee.



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Now, since I've just recently completed materials for a 4-H jogging project, let me conclude by simply saying I've reached that line where the spent runner passes the baton to the fresh team member. Congratulations, Dick, and may your *Journal* experiences be richly rewarding.

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