

# editor's page

## Journal's Research in Brief Section

Their names have appeared on the inside back cover since this year's January/February issue, but they've yet to be recognized on this page. Let's take care of that right now!

Charles Eshbach, Glen Jenson, and Rae Kontio began terms as Research in Brief editors at the beginning of the year. Welcome!

As you're well aware, the *Journal of Extension* isn't a research journal. The in front cover says that rather clearly. And yet, considerable research of significance Extension professionals is being done, and isn't very efficiently disseminated. That's where Research in Brief can play a role.

I wonder if we've made as effective use of the Research in Brief section of the *Journal* as we might? Perhaps a couple of suggestions can help us make it an even more useful tool.

In the 1979 volume, 13 items appeared in 5 of the 6 issues. I can't help but feel that among those 13 items, there should have been at least 1 useful idea for each *Journal* reader. One way to make Research in Brief more useful is for each of us to read the items and consider ways to apply the results to our own work.

Another way to help is by sharing Extension-related research you know about with the Research in Brief editors so they can put it in *Journal* format to share with others.

A few of our readers conduct research, others work with students who do research, but all of us have an obligation to keep up with research in our fields. Regardless of how you become aware of research, let one of the Research in Brief editors know about it. Don't be concerned about format. Oh, sure, it would be best if you could send them a short summary that was all set for publication in the *Journal*. But, they'd be happy to receive abstracts, last chapters, complete reports, or just titles, authors, and sources.

As with so much of the *Journal*, we need to work together to make it a truly useful professional improvement tool.

Rae