

Editorial Announcement

It is now time for me to step aside as Managing Editor of the *Alabama Journal of Mathematics*. It comes as a bit of a surprise to me now that my first association with the Journal occurred in the Spring issue of 1977, volume 1, number 2; I have been the Managing Editor since 1996. Through all of the years that I have been engaged in various aspects of the *Journal's* production, we have tried our very best to follow the high principles set out by our founders. The scope of the *Journal* has always been as broad as possible, to “stimulate and improve the level of mathematics interest, cognizance, and creativity” (to quote from the “Statement of Purpose” in the first issue) of the whole mathematics and mathematics education community, from K-12 to universities. This is a mathematics journal, but it is not a research publication, per se.

The next Managing Editor will be Professor Pat Rossi whose addresses are:

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Pat and I have worked very closely over the past few months in order to make this transition as smooth as possible. In fact, Pat has already introduced several improvements to the typesetting process, some of which are visible in this issue, and I am confident that more advancements in the *Journal* will be forthcoming.

As my last editorial task, I have the great pleasure to acknowledge and publicly thank a good number of good people who, over

many years, have given their precious time and many talents to the success of the *Alabama Journal of Mathematics*.

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There are three persons not on this list because they deserve special appreciation. First, it is a simplistic understatement to say that Rick Davies has typeset the *Journal* for more than ten years. Rick has been an editorial colleague who has often had to take some of the most fractured text, from obscure electronic files to handwritten manuscripts, and produce the highest quality professional TeX hard copy for our printers. Second, at a critical time in the history of the *Journal*, Istvan (Steve) Kovacs rescued our editorial office from what were literally debris and scraps. In all of the ensuing years, Steve has generously given the *Journal* the highest mathematical and editorial standards. Finally, my wife, Kathy, has been the best and most constant companion in this enterprise I could have wished for. In nearly every issue, she has provided excellent advice on layout and design, she has been a consistent source of good and professional editorial help, and most of all, she has given her undivided moral support.

Joe Albree