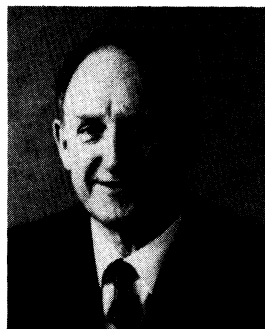


**Brian J. Thompson**  
Editor



Yes, indeed, we have made a few small changes to the journal *Optical Engineering* to launch the new year and Volume 30. The arrival of a new editor is always a signal to make a few adjustments just to mark the changing of the guard—but we hope that on this occasion the changes are worthwhile in their own right.

It is a pleasure for me to be taking on the task of the editorship of the journal and trying to live up to, and build upon, the strong editorial leadership we have

had in the past. As January approached I must say I became more and more nervous about what I had undertaken and awed by the magnitude of the task at hand. Bonnie Bittner and Jack Gaskill did warn me but also helped me immeasurably to ease into the position. They will be tracking papers that they had in process at the end of the year until they are completed and sent to the managing editor for publication. Papers received after December 1 have become part of my responsibility. So now you know whom to write to if you need to inquire about your paper—and do not forget “to use the OE number in all correspondence.”

It is clearly my task as editor to serve you all to the best of my ability. Naturally, I look forward to receiving constructive suggestions about the future of our journal.

One important change that will not yet be apparent in the journal is the editorial. This could well be my first and last editorial! In any event, I do not have Jack Gaskill's talent for editorializing, so at best my offerings will be few and far between.

There has been a slight shift in the Society's editorial position on papers that are presented at meetings and appear in the Proceedings. In a recent letter to chairs of our meetings to be held in 1991 I stated the following:

The Society has available to it a large body of knowledge developed by a wide range of competent workers in our field. At present, that material is published in our Proceedings. As Editor of *Optical Engineering*, I would like to do all I can to capture some of that knowledge in the archival literature.

Thus, I urge you to select material from your Proceedings and encourage the authors to present that material in the form necessary for consideration for publication in our Journal.

The initial response to this letter has been quite positive. I look forward to the opportunity to publish the best of the work done in the field of optical engineering and applied science and its many applications.

Finally, I should take the opportunity to thank Jack Gaskill and Bonnie Bittner for their devoted service on behalf of the journal—and I do that on behalf of us all, authors, readers, and members alike.

Thus, Volume 30 of *Optical Engineering* is launched and I wish everyone a wonderful and productive 1991. May your days be filled with light and your intellectual darkness filled with interesting illumination.

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