

## EDITORIAL

For the past four and a half years, I have been assisted with all my duties for the *Monthly Weather Review* by Ms. Lisa Herbster. She has been my right hand in the *MWR* operations. All papers submitted are directed to her attention after I have received them, and she has deftly handled all correspondence, communications, questions, and problems among the submitting authors, editors, and reviewers.

I will be continuing in my position as chief editor of the *Monthly Weather Review* for 1997. Lisa, unfortunately, will not be able to continue to assist me. I will greatly miss her expertise in handling the operations at the *MWR*, but wish her the best for her future.

Continuing in the position for her will be Ms. Darci Foote Kelly. Effective immediately all submissions to the *MWR* will still need to be addressed to me and directed to the attention of Ms. Kelly at the same address as was directed to Ms. Herbster.

In addition to this staff change, I would also like to reemphasize an issue raised in an editorial in the October 1995 issue of the *MWR*. In that editorial, I mentioned the need for including single-spaced captions on the copies of the figures directly, along with the double-spaced captions that are to appear on a page separately from the figures. This policy has been implemented by the American Meteorological Society for all journals and has been done to assist reviewers. The double-spaced copies must also accompany each submission for typesetting purposes. This policy is not an option, it is a necessity in submitting any paper to be considered for publication in the *Monthly Weather Review* and all other AMS journals and has been in effect since this previous editorial. It continues to be effective immediately.

Again, I give my best wishes to Lisa Herbster, as I am sure many of you who have dealt with her in the past also do. It has been a pleasure to work with her and the *Monthly Weather Review* will be a very different place without her pleasant demeanor.

*Peter S. Ray*  
Chief Editor