

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This is the first issue of the ARA Newsletter in a printed format. This change is consistent with a recommendation of the Executive Committee. As Editor, I would like to encourage the membership to submit research abstracts or articles, descriptions of clinical programs, personal notes related to rehabilitative audiology, letters to the editor, etc., for consideration for publication. It will be noted as you glance through this issue, that the Abstracts of Unpublished Research and many of the Professional Notes on ARA members are related to the program and staff at Michigan State University. This should not be construed by the reader as the new editorial policy. A request from the Editor for publishable items was sent to all ARA members several weeks ago, and to this date only one reply has been received. It was decided to publish an issue of the Newsletter in the new format, in spite of the dearth of responses, since this might encourage all members to submit material. So this issue has been put together using the information available to the Editor.

At the 1968 annual meeting the decision was made to establish an annual \$50.00 award to be given to the student preparing the best paper on some topic related to aural habilitation or rehabilitation. Recent communication from the President indicates that, in addition to this award, an award of \$25.00 will be made to the second best paper. The submitted papers will be evaluated by the Editorial Board of the Newsletter and the winners chosen. The winning papers will be submitted to the Editor for possible publication in the Newsletter. It is hoped that those members involved in university teaching will encourage students to participate in this activity.

With the creation of an Editorial Board, it is anticipated that some definitive guidelines can be set for the types of material that might be acceptable for publication. Perhaps these guidelines will be published in the next issue. In the meantime, submit anything relative to rehabilitative audiology you feel would be worthy of dissemination to the membership.

Editor