

Editor's Statement

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Having survived my first issue as editor, I am pleased to present the Fall 1996 issue. Based on the feedback I have received, it appears that the changes that were seen in the Spring issue have been favorably received. Most changes result in a few glitches and the Spring issue was no exception. Fortunately, the only major one was printing the wrong date on the cover of the entire run. As good as the Spring 1995 issue was, to have it come out twice would not have been a great idea.

I would like to correct a very obvious and regrettable omission from the Spring 1996 issue. Dr. Ed Etzel's name was inadvertently left off of the list of members of the editorial board. This was not, I have assured Ed, our way of telling him his services are no longer needed. To the contrary, Ed has provided valuable and detailed feedback on a number of submissions, and I look forward to his continued contributions as a member of the board. Special thanks are due to Kathy Lyons who is leaving the board after serving the *AAJ* for a number of years as editor and editorial board member. Kathy was a tremendous resource during the transition, and on behalf of the board I wish her all the best in her new position. I want to express my gratitude to all of the board's members for generously sharing their valuable time. They have been of immense help to me and to those submitting manuscripts. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce the newest members of the editorial board, Drs. Allen Cornelius of the University of Hartford and Trina Kudlacek of the University of Maine, and Jill DiMichele of Arizona State University and to thank the following individuals who served as ad hoc reviewers during this year: Drs. Janice Jordan and Leslie Orysh of the University of Delaware, and Debra Vinci of the University of Washington.

There are two changes you will notice in this issue of the journal. The first, a small change, is the addition of volume numbers to make referencing easier and to bring the *AAJ* in line with most accepted reference formats. In order to prevent new readers from mistakenly assuming that this is a new journal, the numbering system will commence with Volume 11, Number 2 (this issue). Beginning with this issue you will notice a new feature that will occasionally appear in the journal. A new column, *Warming Up*, will present brief, practical solutions to everyday concerns faced by professionals in our field. In *Warming Up*, the focus is on providing a forum for ideas other professionals have found to be useful. The first installment of *Warming Up* is a contribution by Brian Bartolini, who offers strat-

egies for enhancing the communication between support service personnel and coaches. I welcome your feedback about *Warming Up*, and encourage readers to submit brief manuscripts discussing solutions to issues of concern to those who counsel and advise student-athletes.

I would like to close by asking you, the readers and members of N4A, to again consider submitting a manuscript for publication. I know that many will cite legitimate reasons for not doing so, such as adding one more activity to an already overcrowded day, or concerns about not doing research that is worthy of publication. I believe, however, that all of us in this field are involved in programs and activities that others will benefit from hearing about, whether they be formal research on student-athletes, or services we offer that prove valuable. Perhaps a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation contains the germ of an article. The N4A clearly benefits from the willingness of its members to share time, ideas, and resources with each other. I am asking that the sharing process be extended to include writing for the *AAJ*. Aside from the organizational benefits that come from writing for the professional community, publications look good on one's vita, and certainly help our image—individually and collectively—in the eyes of those outside of the organization. Although the writing process is not an easy one, I believe the benefits of engaging in it far outweigh any difficulties.