

## Editorial Preview

The first two articles in this issue, on word processing and structured development respectively, come from the SMIS Award Paper Competition. Both papers received awards for their contribution to the MIS area.

The next article, by Bob Vierck of Dillingham Corporation, concludes our special invited series on DSS edited by Ralph Sprague. This paper represents the MIS manager's view of DSS. The *MIS Quarterly* published a number of DSS oriented articles even before the special series. We will continue our commitment to this subject and encourage authors to submit DSS material.

The Theory and Research Section contains three articles. The first two, by Blake Ives of Dartmouth College and Margrethe Olson of New York University, and William DeLone of UCLA come to us as special papers submitted to the Second International Conference on Information Systems. A few submitted papers were selected for refereeing by MIS journals. These two papers, in addition to being selected by the Conference Paper Review Committee, were also passed by the *MIS Quarterly* reviewers and editors. These articles have both passed the test of close scrutiny by several critical reviewers.

The final article in this issue is the second part of an article by Scott Hamilton of ComServ Corporation and Norman Chervany of the University of Minnesota. The first part of this article on evaluating information system effectiveness was published in our September issue.

I want to say a special thank you to Naomi E. Estes who has served as Managing Editor of the *MIS Quarterly* since its inception. I can say with absolute certainty that this journal would not have survived had it not been for Naomi's love, effort, and devotion (represented by hard work and long hours) to this activity. The MIS area and I both owe her a great deal. Catherine Ross will serve as Managing Editor beginning with Volume 6. She has been on the *MIS Quarterly* staff for four years and has worked with many of our authors, editors, and subscribers.

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