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From the Editor

Dear Reader:

The Journal has taken on a new look. Most important, however, we feel that the Journal contents are more useful and timely. We're proud of our efforts, thus far, and most of the credit must go to the editors, Ms. Mary Hoff and Dr. Brad Gottfried. Rather than indulge in "self-delivered" kudos we'd like to hear from you, the reader. Doubtless, you've had some reaction to the changes and we'd like your comments — good or bad. Also, we'd like to consider any new features you might suggest be included in the Journal. So — please write to us at the Academy office.

Incidently, we intend to publish Academy News and Notices as a regular feature. We're most excited, too, about the prospect of publishing the proceedings of two topical symposia — one which represents a balanced discussion on acid rain and the other on scientific ethics.

A major concern has been the nature of our research articles. We would like to enlist your aid in encouraging authors, particularly in the social sciences (including psychology and political science), the physical sciences, and engineering, to send their manuscripts to us. We feel that the Journal should reflect the broad base of interests which the Academy represents.

Finally, let me encourage you and your colleagues to continue to support the Academy through your membership and by committee service. A number of committees are beginning to lay the groundwork for future programs. Why not lend your expertise? We offer a special invitation to those who might be willing to help us on the Journal. Please call or write the Academy office for information.

Daniel P. Gilhoe
Executive Editor

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April 27-28
Minnesota Academy of Science 52nd Annual Meeting,
College of St. Thomas, St. Paul. Contact: MAS, Suite
916, Pioneer Building, St. Paul, MN 55101

July 29—
Ninth Annual North American Prairie Conference,
August 1
Tricolege University. Contact: 306 Ceres Hall, North
Dakota State University, Fargo ND 58105.