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PUBLISHER'S REPORT

It now has been over two years since the management of the Western Institute of Multivariate Experimental Psychology began its plans with The Journal's editors to publish this journal. We have already written to our patrons to explain some of the problems we have experienced in our efforts to produce a publication that will be a credit to this profession. Everyone is aware of the ever spiraling inflation that threatens to disrupt worldwide economic foundations. As this report goes to press there is no relief in sight. However, the management of the Institute is determined not to increase The Journal's subscription price nor its charges to authors at this time. We feel that to do so would be to contribute to the problem which we all decry.

The Institute is situated in a relatively rural western American region which often lacks resources which our urban brothers take for granted. This had made it necessary for us to search for technical support outside of our immediate environs. This has caused frustrating delays in meeting publication schedules.

We are pleased to report that with this issue we will have the publication facilities of an agency of the Oregon State System of Higher Education. In this way we will have access to printing hardware that The Journal would not be able to afford for many years. The savings thus afforded will be used to insure that The Journal is placed in as many psychological institutions throughout the world as is possible. Our goal continues to be to place The Journal in every university library on earth. The manage-

ment of the Institute is convinced of the value of this publication to that extent. Subscriptions have been slowly but steadily increasing and we are confident that the psychological community will share our enthusiasm for The Journal. We perceive a favorable trend and look forward to increased support for our editors and authors. It is with pride that we herewith publish our list of patrons.

Effective immediately we have terminated our working relationship with the Western World in Bandon, Oregon. We have found the distances involved between the editorial office and the printing plant to be too great for effective operation. All correspondence with The Journal should be directed to the following address: The Journal, P. O. Box 554, Ashland, Oregon 97520. We have experienced some painful and costly delays in having mail forwarded from Bandon to Ashland. Perhaps some of these delays will be more forgivable if our public will realize that we still depend almost entirely upon volunteer staff, with the exception of actual manuscript processing and printing. We are not offering excuses or rationalizations for our inadequacies, but merely explaining the contingencies of the reality in which this publication functions. But we are most grateful for the patience which has been extended this new enterprise.

Some day we hope to purchase one of the newer machines which produces right justified margins; in the meantime our copy workers will do the best they can with what they have to work with. Also, the present issue is greatly reduced in size. There are at least two good reasons for this: (1) our first number was too large to fit into usual library shelves, and (2) the specter of paper shortages looms just over the horizon. We have seen but the first symptoms

of a worldwide-problem which is destined to increase with time.

Manuscripts of excellent quality are coming in to the editorial office, so we are confident that there will be no shortage of creativity in this area of specialization. With your continued support, patience, and God willing, we shall move slowly onward. Thank you.

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