



Editorial

Jack D. Gaskill, Editor

**Reader Suggestions for
Optical Engineering Material**

A few months ago, Ken Leib wrote a nice letter to me commenting on the editorial in which I paid tribute to George Reynolds (*Optical Engineering*, April 1987). Ken then went on to suggest that we should consider including one personal or historical type article in each issue of the journal. He expressed some concern about acceptance of such articles by the membership at large, but indicated that he personally would like to see us publish biographies of some of the "giants" of SPIE or articles related to the history of the society. That is an interesting idea, and I would like to hear from others concerning this suggestion.

Regarding the subject of ideas, Joe Geary recently wrote with the recommendation that, in our efforts to make *Optical Engineering* more archival, we should not make a habit of rejecting "idea type" papers. He noted that scientists and engineers in government and industry often do not have the luxury of completing many of the research projects they start, and if journals make a practice of publishing only "complete" works, much potentially useful material "will never see the light of day." He then wrote that when a paper about an uncompleted project is published, there may be "someone out there who can pick up the ball and run with it. But they have to see the ball and know there is a game. Let *Optical Engineering* continue to publish good ideas—it helps all of us." I would also be interested in learning what others think about his recommendation.

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