

## From the Editor

With this double issue of *Technostyle*, we have produced a second publication in our new format to constitute both the Spring and Fall 1994 installments of the journal. After the delays that come with transition, we can now synchronize our publications with the calendar.

This issue addresses a range of topics of relevance to our diverse readership: studies of the relationship between discourse and power (Horn), the status and nature of written genres (Beaudet, Russell), issues of standardization of linguistic norms (Bossé-Andrieu), and certain political dimensions of teaching technical writing (LaDuc and Schryer). With this edition we are also introducing new dimensions to *Technostyle*. One of these is the inclusion of reprints of note-worthy articles that have been written by CATTW members and published elsewhere. We are very pleased to reproduce for our readers two such publications: an analysis of semantic bypassing in medical literature by Jennifer Connor (with J.T.H. Connor), and a study of reader/writer collaboration in usability testing by Karen Schriver. These scholars have both distinguished themselves in their respective fields.

This issue also initiates a conversation about our professional organization: we have included a series of pieces on the history of CATTW, a panel debate about future directions, and a paper by one of our early members (Jennifer Connor) that essentially takes stock of the organization and those issues that have emerged as CATTW continues to grow and change. A third component is the renewal of a former *Technostyle* section for our readers' responses and concerns. This "Forum" page will appear in the Spring, 1995 issue (see our invitation for comments elsewhere in this issue).

As Editor, I would like to acknowledge our very outstanding and capable staff at Douglas College. These enterprising assistants comprise a team of students from the College's professional writing program, Print Futures, and bring to the journal the expertise and enthusiasm that contribute in large measure to a publication that meets our readers' expectations. I would also like to extend thanks and appreciation to our roster of reviewers and copy editors.

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