Achieving balance: great taste or less filling?

This issue of Design & Test looks at the complex world of test technology. Thanks to Peter Bottorff, our guest editor, we have an excellent selection of articles—reflecting the overall quality of the International Test Conference.

After sampling these four articles, you won’t want to miss the 1987 ITC. You can bet that D&T will be there.

Our special feature deals with design, conforming to our plan to balance design and test treatment in each issue. Alexander Micro and his colleagues discuss important concerns in developing a simulation model.

In the departments, this issue marks the second appearance of Forum, one of our new arrivals. I often wonder what our readers want that we lack. I know most of you want new technical information related to your work. Sounds great. But reading all technical articles and nothing else could be dull. So how about the lighter side?

We discussed this very thing in the last editorial board meeting. However, by the time the meeting ended, the board had still not settled the “great-less-tasting” argument. We did agree that the lighter side should be there but were not sure how much. So we restricted it to the new department Forum.

Forum humor debuts (last issue’s department was an opinion item) with a piece by Mirin Abramovich and Rich Hellman in honor of April 1. We’re looking for more contributions, both serious and humorous, so send me your reactions and any appropriate material.

Another new department makes its debut this issue. “Industry Briefs” is designed to quickly apprise the reader of what’s happening in the marketplace. It will contain information based on press releases from the companies in design and test. We think it might be a nice balance to the often theoretical detail in our articles.

Let me hear your thoughts.