From the Editor-in-Chief

A very large number of comments appeared in the mailbag this month. As usual, I am grateful for your comments and suggestions. Our industry changes so quickly that communication from readers worldwide is extremely important in keeping *IEEE Micro* relevant. The reader response cards travel here from all continents except Antarctica.

The recent Computer Society magazine readership survey indicated that *IEEE Micro* had the most loyal readers (about 89 percent intend to renew this year). Albeit we won distinction in this category over the other CS magazines by a very small margin, this is still very gratifying. While we are vigorously looking for new subscribers, we are very attentive to the comments of those currently subscribing as well. When I see a well-written technical article submitted...

"All of the articles are well written and simple to read...." R.A., Como, Italy

"I find it amazing that the June issue arrived two weeks BEFORE the April issue." H.D.A., Wellington, New Zealand (The June issue was mailed precisely two months after the April issue. I suspect that your April issue spent a good deal of time stuck in the bottom of a mailbag somewhere.—J.F.)

"I liked the TRON project—good stuff...BTRON is the way to go...Look out, DOS-TRON is coming!" J.N., Suva, Fiji Islands

"More articles on microprocessor applications for hydraulic/pneumatic circuitry." F.J.B.B., New London, CT (Being familiar with the New London area, I suspect that F.J.B.B.'s work involves nautical electronics.—J.F.)

"I liked the standards report." Bothell, WA

"I would like to see a bit more depth and detail in MicroLaw column." T.P.G., Torrance, CA (Richard Stern has written a detailed and extensive book on semiconductor copyright law, if you wish further study.—J.F.)

"I liked Clipper, Am29000, MicroReview, and MicroLaw. I would like more tutorials on microprocessors and VLSI." K.W., Nashville, TN

“Compare the 80387 to the Weitek 80387 replacement...(*Micro*) New Products Department is a wimpy substitute of a concept. For the real thing, check out (several commercial trade publications listed).” R.G., Randolph, NJ (Most comments indicate that our new products are right on target. We get the same news releases everyone else gets. Being bimonthly, our major problem in this department is timeliness.—J.F.)

"I liked little—collection of pseudo-intellectuals. I disliked extreme theory—wrong magazine. I would like to see clean applications articles by American authors." (origin withheld) (*IEEE Micro* reviews all material for publication without regard for the sex, race, religion, handicap, or national origin of the author.—J.F.)

"I liked New Products section, IEEE standards news." M.B., Brisbane, Australia

"I liked the new generation of microprocessors, introduction to the Clipper architecture, the 80387 and its applications." W., Vernon, France

"System Considerations in the Design of the Am29000" was superb. I would like to see more articles such as the Am29000. How about articles on MIPS-X, Acorn's RISC processor, etc.?" V.L.D., Bangalore, India (Your suggestion is well taken. We have scheduled a special issue on this for June 1989, but perhaps we should address some RISC processor issues sooner.—J.F.)

"I liked the lack of HYPE in the microprocessor articles; reveals the honest..."