

From the Editor

After completing work on Volume 74, 1986, Philip and Kathryn Whitford resigned as editors of *Transactions*. Their dedicated work for the journal, sometimes under difficult circumstances and without adequate support staff, is greatly appreciated. As the new editor I wish to acknowledge their contribution, and on behalf of all associated with the journal, to express our sincere thanks to the Whitfords for their excellent work. My hope is to maintain the standards of judgment, breadth of view, and quality of product so long evident under the Whitfords' editorship.

Readers will note only modest changes in the 1987 volume of the journal. There are a few technical changes in this issue, but the addition of assistant editors and a production editor has already meant an increase in the services we have been able to provide to authors. And recent changes at the Academy office plus the support that naturally comes from being associated with a university campus, have increased the resources available to the journal. No dramatic changes are anticipated though I do plan to include more material from arts and letters. The next volume will have a poetry section, and consideration is being given to a photographic essay, a series of profiles of Wisconsinites, an interview, and original ink drawings or woodcuts. It is my hope that *Transactions* will reflect the diverse interests and activities of the members of the Wisconsin Academy as well as continue to serve as a place to present original work by Wisconsin writers or about Wisconsin.

Three aspects of this volume of *Transactions* should be noted. The first is the inclusion of the Bruce Taylor poem, which gives some indication of things to come. Bruce has agreed to serve as poetry editor for the 1988 volume. The second is the unusually long and detailed lead article entitled "Wisconsin Death March." In this article Professor Clifton meticulously reconstructs the story of an episode in American and Wisconsin history that injected suspicion and bitterness into the relationship between the Chippewa Indians and various agencies of the government. The article serves as an ideal background against which to place the current arguments over the Chippewa's exercise of rights they reserved by treaty. The 1987 volume concludes with another article in a series that began a number of years ago. Botanists are studying the flora of Wisconsin, and *Transactions* was selected as the journal to publish the occasional reports. When the study is completed, this journal will be the major source of information for anyone studying the flora of Wisconsin. We are pleased to continue our participation in this project with the publication of the report on Euphorbiaceae—The Spurge Family.

All of us at *Transactions* hope that you enjoy this volume and that you will consider submitting ideas or completed works for possible publication.

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