

Journal Editor Report

The *JSH* received and reviewed 46 manuscripts between October, 1978 and May, 1980. The editorial board give nine (9) articles a conditional acceptance but asked authors to make specific changes before returning the paper. Eight (8) of these were returned and subsequently published while one (1) has not yet been returned. Nineteen (19) manuscripts were placed in the "resubmission requested" category. Four (4) were resubmitted and then published, two (2) received conditional acceptances and were later published, one (1) was asked to be revised and resubmitted a second time and was then published, one (1) has been resubmitted and is currently under review, and, eleven (11) were never resubmitted. It should be noted here that all seven (7) articles which were resubmitted have been published. Finally, eighteen (18) articles were rejected outright. In sum, the *JSH* has accepted and published fifteen (15) manuscripts and rejected eighteen (18), while thirteen (13) remain in some form of "resubmission requested."

All publication decisions are made after an anonymous review by at least three (3) members of the editorial board and are relayed to authors in one of four (4) possible ways: (1) acceptance; (2) conditional acceptance pending revisions; (3) revision and resubmission; or, (4) rejection. In the case of a decision to accept pending revisions, the editor usually determines if the author's changes meet the board's requests. In the case of "resubmission requested", the article is reread and rediscussed and another decision is rendered. Each contributor is provided with a rationale for the decision reached; for conditional acceptances and resubmissions the author is also given detailed instructions for improving the manuscript.

The time elapsed between the receipt of a manuscript by the *JSH* and notification of a decision to the author is usually six (6) to eight (8) weeks. As one can see from the past *JSH* record, an article accepted will appear in the next issue and at the present time, only two (2) articles have been accepted for the Summer, 1980 issue (Vol. 7, No. 2).

Besides the articles, the other two regular portions of the *JSH* are the "Journal Surveys" and the "Book Reviews". These two sections, each with their own editor, J. Thomas Jable and Lawrence W. Fielding respectively, are organized and offered in the *JSH* as separate and independent areas of information. Each has expanded in the recent issues and will continue to do so in future issues. Other sections such as "Commentary," "Recent Dissertations", "Communications", and "Announcement" are presented at different times depending on invitations and need.

Respectfully submitted,
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