

## Letter from the Editorial Vice-President Edward P. Hobson



As I start my new position on your Executive Committee and Board, I'd like to thank the hard working folks at SMPTE Headquarters and the volunteers on the Board of Editors who make our *Journal* possible. Every month you can read their names on the masthead and in the Board of Editors listing, along with the Officers, Governors, Directors, and Section Chairs. I would especially like to thank LeRoy DeMarsh, Chairman of the Board of Editors, for volunteering for another year in this important position. The *Journal* is a peer reviewed publication, and LeRoy would be pleased to hear from any members who would like to join his board and assist in the process.

I also want to thank David Juhren and the editorial staff. Those of us who attend SMPTE Conferences often have a chance to meet with Marilyn Waldman who coordinates our Papers Program. MaryAnn Frusciante, Managing Editor; Mathew Kuriakose, Production Supervisor; and Dianne Ross Purrier, Associate Editor, complete the team.

### Web Site Updates

Your Board of Governors has been working to improve the SMPTE Web Site, and I am pleased to inform you that it is in the process of being entirely overhauled to better serve our members. The new site—expected to go live early next month—will have many new and useful features. It will offer members the chance to purchase a subscription to the online Library, allowing them to do research on past articles in the *Journal*, as well as papers from previous conferences. What's more, members who purchase a library subscription will have access to an online version of the *SMPTE Journal*. This feature will help those members who receive their hardcopy issue overseas, and therefore must sometimes wait long periods before it is actually delivered.

SMPTE's printed Directory, published annually, can quickly become out of date, especially in this day of constant career movement. Therefore, the new website will have an online Directory that will be available to SMPTE members only. Furthermore, members will be able to change their personal information right over the internet using a password.

The SMPTE website will also have a store where you can order publications, subscriptions, membership renewals, test materials, and almost everything else SMPTE sells. Tired of waiting for standards to be shipped to you? Well, now they'll be available almost immediately. To put it succinctly, the website is going from the "information" website of the 90s, to a "useful" website for the future.

I'd like to thank those Sustaining Members who have provided funds for the improvement: ADC, Evertz, Grass Valley, Microsoft, Panasonic, Philips, Quantel, Snell & Wilcox, Sony, Tiernan, and TV Magic. I'd also like to thank Gavin Schutz and Bob Kisor for their leadership in obtaining these funds.



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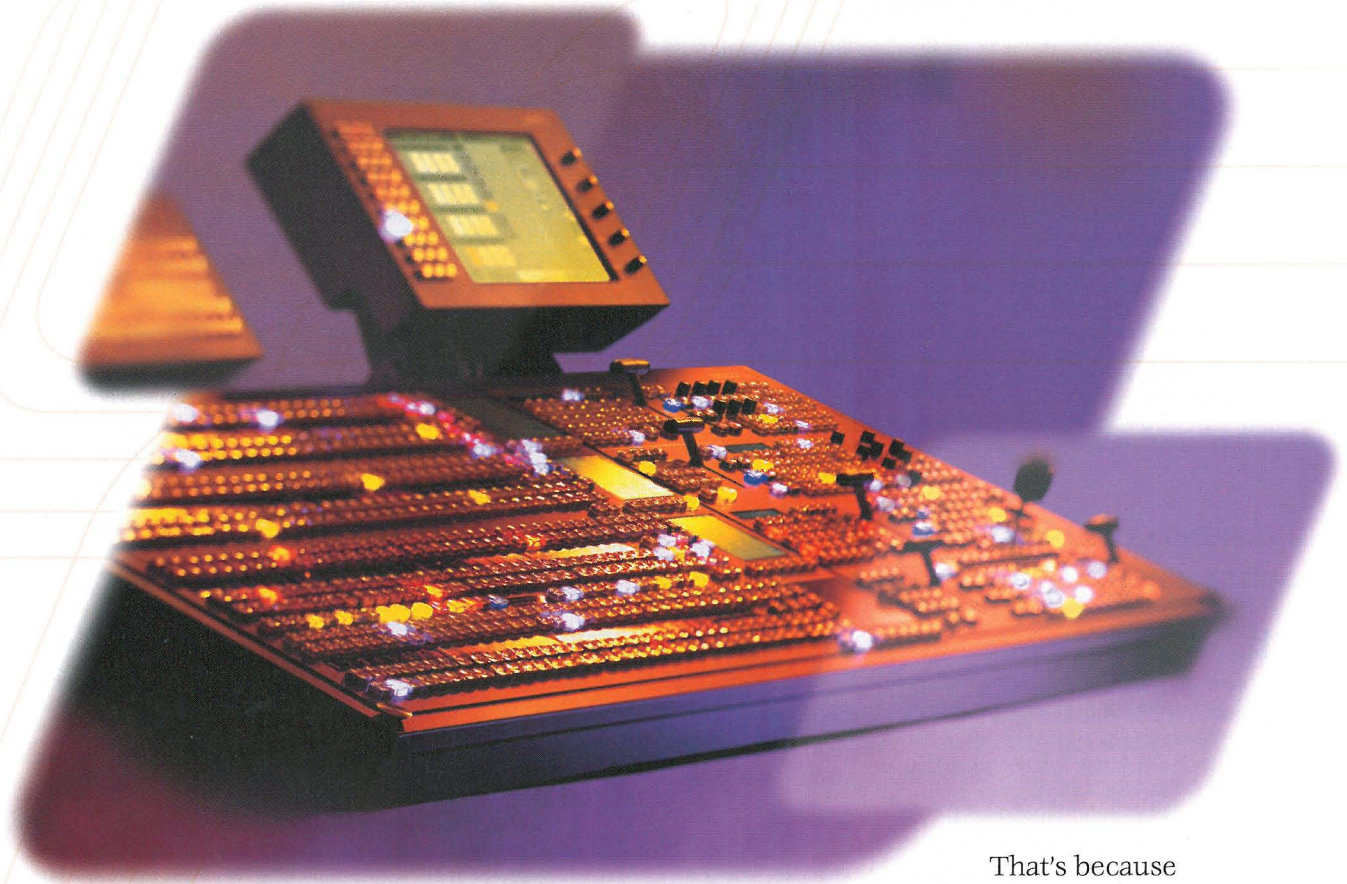
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