

**Report of the Editor for 1983**  
(October 1, 1982–September 30, 1983)

During the year ending September 30, 1983, 193 manuscripts were received. For comparison with previous years, we received 163 in 1979–80, 193 in 1980–81, and 217 in 1981–82. Table 1 summarizes the operations of the journal over the past year.

The backlog has grown to 1½ issues, but with the slightly smaller number of manuscripts submitted, this backlog has leveled and will presumably decline slowly in the coming months. Median publication time in recent issues has been 14 months, with those manuscripts submitted in good condition and receiving rapid review requiring 9–10 months. Most of the time over 10 months is related to the time required by authors for revising manuscripts.

A new version of Instructions to Authors is being published at the end of the January–February, 1984 issue. Changes include new instructions for camera-ready tables and figures, additional detail on format, a recommendation that authors use the Kretz (1983) mineral abbreviations, and a request that authors designate appropriate sections for small print. An effort is being made to insure quality and brevity in order to help keep the backlog down.

As in the past, the thirteen associate editors have done excellent work in handling reviews, revisions, and recommendations. Maryellen Cameron, Donald Peacor, and Subrata Ghose complete their terms this year and Robert

Table 1. Summary of operations of *The American Mineralogist*

Volume	No.	#Articles	#Pages of Articles	Pages Misc.	Total Pages
<u>Published</u>					
67	9-10	26	209	15	224
67	11-12	18	204	20	224
68	1-2	27	279	9	288
68	3-4	18	184	8	192
68	5-6	17	167	25	192
68	7-8	21	182	10	192
68	9-10	17	179	13	192
<u>In Press</u>					
68	11-12	25	230	26	256
Manuscripts accepted		54			
Manuscripts under review		106			
Manuscripts rejected		36			
Manuscripts withdrawn		10			

Newton resigned to assume the editorship of *Journal of Geology*. The service of these departing Associate Editors is very much appreciated.

Linda Dungan continues in her role of Managing Editor, and I do appreciate her efforts on behalf of the journal. The Council and President Roedder have been most supportive in helping us to make important decisions.

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