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The editorial staff of *IJOM* wishes to express sincere appreciation for the splendid contribution over the past two years of Dr. James M. Wood, outgoing Editor of our journal. Jim has put in untold hours of dedicated service and has given strong leadership and direction to the journal. He has helped in many kind and thoughtful ways to ensure a smooth transition to the current editorship.

For many years, Jim has been a leader in the areas of speech pathology and oral myology. After earning the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in speech pathology and educational psychology at the University of Utah, he taught briefly at Eastern Michigan University. From 1968 until 1979, he was associated with The University of Nebraska at Omaha. He served as Director of Speech Pathology from 1972 to 1976 and has held the rank of Professor of Speech Pathology since 1972.

Among his many professional affiliations and offices, Jim served as President of the Nebraska Speech and Hearing Association in 1975; he has been a member of the American Association of Dental Editors for the past two years. He served as Editor of the *International Journal of Oral Myology* from 1977 to 1979, and he is a Certified member of The International Association of Oral Myology.

Dr. Wood's Ph.D. thesis was entitled "Tongue Thrust: An Assessment of the Reliability and Validity of the Clinical Diagnosis as Made by Speech Pathologists," University of Utah, 1966. Other publications include "A Growing Profession," *Utah Educational Review*, 1963; "Tongue Thrust: Some Clinical Observations," *Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders*, February, 1971; "Orofacial Muscle Imbalance: Some Considerations in Referral," *IJOM*,

April, 1975; "The Genesis of the Creighton/UNO Dental and Speech Sciences Laboratory," *UNO Pro Ed Review*, June, 1975; "Analysis and Interpretation of Research Publications," *IJOM*, July, 1976. His eight-week demonstration video-tape, "Tongue Thrust Diagnosis and Therapy," is held in the Eastern Michigan University Videotape Library.

Dr. Wood's wife is Joye L. McLeod, a member of IAOM, who has contributed two years of service as an Associate Editor of *IJOM*. We sincerely thank both of them for their hard work and outstanding contribution to our association and to *IJOM*. Joye and Jim, we wish you well. We look forward to seeing you at our professional meetings.

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