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from the editors

We apologize to our subscribers for the long delay in getting this issue out. It was partly caused by a forced change of typesetters.

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the Dean of Arts at the University of Windsor, Dr. Jerome V. Brown, our subscription rate for 1985 will remain unchanged, even with the extra costs of acquiring a more ''journal'' look: \$10 per volume to individuals, \$14 to institutions. Subscriptions for Volume VII are now due. We will experience further delays in the process of changing over, but we hope to be onto a reliable schedule by Fall 1985.

We are delighted to welcome **Dr. Maurice Finocchiaro** of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas to the Editorial Board. Editors, authors and readers alike will benefit from his sympathetic but penetrating critical services.

While we receive a steady flow of articles submitted for publication, we still need to use this space to solicit work, and encourage you, colleagues, to put your thoughts on paper. Our decision to publish the proceedings of the Second International Symposium on Informal Logic over a number of issues has created a small, temporary backlog that will be over by the end of this year. While there will, in the interim, be a delay in the publication of articles, it remains short as journals go—about 12 months. And we will still run comments and replies quickly—in the issue following or the one after that.

In this issue, we have two articles which deal with rhetoric: George Yoos's paper, "Logic, Rhetoric and Argument" was presented at the Second International Symposium on Informal Logic. We are pleased to welcome Professor Burke to these pages; his article is "A Rhetorical Conception of Rationality." Questions we ponder when thinking about the nature of informal logic are "What is rhetoric?" and "What

relationship is there between rhetoric and informal logic: between speech communication and informal logic?" Clearly, one topic which interests both parties is argumentation; our brethren in speech communication and rhetoric have been actively involved in research in this area for many years and have been quicker to see the potential of the work done by philosophers such as Stephen Toulmin and Chaim Perelman than have logicians and other philosophers.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find several responses to articles and notes which have appeared in previous issues of **Informal Logic** and announcements of several conferences worthy of note.

corrections

Please note the correct spelling of Maurice Finocchiaro's name. The editors apologize to Dr. Finocchiaro for the error which appeared in vi.2, p. 1 (Contents).

And please note the correct spelling of Stephen N. Thomas's name, and the correct date of publication of his text, **Practical Reasoning in Natural Language** (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, Inc.) First Edition, 1973; Second Edition, 1981. The editors apologize to Dr. Thomas for the errors which appeared in John Nolt's, "Possible Worlds and Imagination in Informal Logic", vi.2, p. 15 and p. 17.

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