

## My view

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You have the right journal and it has changed! The cover is new, the standard journal introductory page is now on the inside of the front cover, the table of contents has been moved to the first inside pages, and an abbreviated Directions for Contributors will appear on the inside of the back cover of each issue. To achieve more rapid publication, the Board of Directors has approved a major change: publication of 6 issues each year. Other than the cover, the layout of articles may be the most obvious change. I hope the many style changes will improve readability and aesthetic appeal. Those with whom we work at Allen Press in Lawrence, KS, have assured me they will incorporate the style changes in your manuscripts. The journal editorial staff will not demand manuscripts be retyped to conform to the new style. Changes will be integrated throughout the next year as we change our Directions for Contributors (watch the inside back cover of future issues) and learn how to prepare manuscripts in the new format.

Perhaps not all changes will appeal to all readers. Everyone will notice the new look and I hope most will like it. Your thoughts and advice are welcome. One important thing has not changed: *Weed Science* will continue to publish original research that advances knowledge. The journal's editorial and reviewing staff and the employees of Allen Press will strive to make our journal the world's best weed science journal.

Another new feature is this article. The first article in each issue of *Weed Science* will be called "My view." I hope the views presented will provoke thought, action, and feeling. It is not wrong if a view initiates debate or argument, but that is not the article's primary purpose. The intent of "My view" is not to anger readers but to provide a place for regular presentation of issues of importance to our field. The

articles will not be editorials because most will not be written by me, as the Editor, or by an associate editor. I hope this new feature of our journal will be regarded as beneficial to our science.

"My view" articles will not be peer reviewed, but they will be edited. An abstract is not required, key words are permissible but not required, no page charges will be assessed, and reprints may be purchased. "My view" will emphasize good thought; the article is limited to 1 journal page, or about 2,000 words or approximately 3 double-spaced, typed pages. I will invite colleagues to write their view and will consider voluntary contributions. "My view" articles might be regarded as another way the Weed Science Society of America provides a service to its members and to our science. The articles will fulfill an intellectual need. They will not be a place to run for office, complain about dues, or comment on society management. Thoughtful articles could address issues such as:

- Graduate student education
- What should weed science students be required to know?
- Trends in weed control or weed management
- The relationship between weed biology and weed control
- Where are mathematical models leading weed science?
- Who should do what kinds of research?
- What research ought to be done?

Any of these topics will be welcome, but this is not an exhaustive list. "My view" is an opportunity for those who wish to express a thoughtful view to do so. It is a chance to test thoughts and gain responses from colleagues. What is your view?

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