

By the time you receive this issue of *delta-K*, you will be almost halfway through another school year, with all its challenges. The annual conference is already history; you will likely have distributed report cards for the first time; and you will be getting ready for the Christmas break and looking forward to 1996. It is hard to believe there are only four years left in this century.

The MCATA publications schedule is different this year. Instead of publishing a newsletter and a journal this fall, we are publishing only this issue of *delta-K*, which is a combination journal and newsletter. The proposed timeline for future issues of *delta-K* is February, April and July. Deadlines for receiving materials will be February 10 for the April issue and April 25 for the July issue.

Other publications available to members this school year are the historical document, *Thirty-Four Years and Counting: A History of the Mathematics Council of The Alberta Teachers' Association* that provides an overview of MCATA from 1961 to 1995, and a monograph on statistics and probability being prepared by Florence Glanfield which should be available by late spring. Also, Andy Lui of the University of Alberta is the appointed editor for *Math for Gifted Kids II*, a joint publication with the Gifted and Talented Education Council that is due out in spring 1996.

MCATA is looking for ways to best serve its members and is prepared to help with organizing miniconferences and regionals. It would be great to see some regionals established in this province. MCATA also supports mathematics contests.

Remember the 1996 annual conference will be held in Red Deer in early November. Plan to take an active part.

All the best for the festive season and 1996.

Special Thanks

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I might add that I have always found these folks most helpful with all MCATA publications. Without their help, my assignment would be impossible.

Arthur Jorgensen

I wouldn't have seen it if I hadn't believed it.

—*Marshall McLuhan*
