This issue of *PS* marks the first of two transitions for the journal. With this issue Catherine E. Rudder departs as editor of *PS*. The APSA Council unanimously appointed Rudder Executive Director of the Association at its Spring 1987 meeting. As editor Rudder fashioned a journal that included scholarly and professional news for political scientists, as well as articles of political analysis on current political phenomena. Rudder set a goal for *PS* to include intellectually lively material of interest to all political scientists; she unquestionably achieved her goal issue after issue.

As the new *PS* editor, I will follow the course set by Rudder. *PS* will remain the record of the profession, offering scholarly and professional features for political scientists. *PS* will continue to offer articles of political analysis that explain current political events and behavior, challenge prevailing interpretations, and stimulate scholarly debate.

**Change in Format**

Although the substance of *PS* will remain the same, the Winter 1988 issue will introduce a change in format. The Council asked that *PS* be designed to make it more appealing to the reader, as well as easier to use. The Winter issue will introduce a new cover design and interior layout. It is fitting that the changes be made with the Winter issue for it marks the 20th anniversary of *PS* as a publication of the Association.

I hope that you will let the Editorial Board and me know your reactions to the changes in *PS*. Although it is a dangerous request for an editor to make, please write.

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