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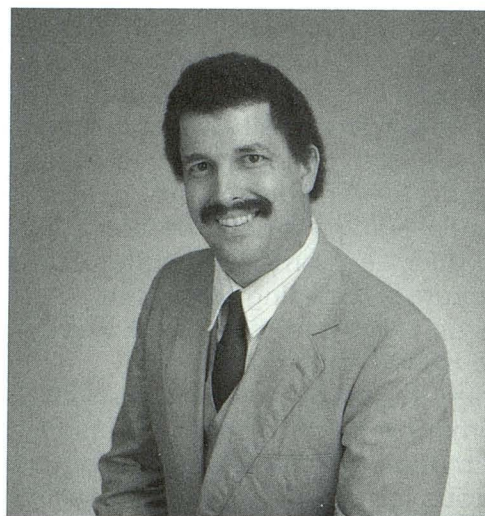
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In case you hadn't noticed, a welcome addition to the cover of the June 1994 issue of the *American Journal of Neuroradiology* is the American Society of Pediatric Neuroradiology. For years, a devoted cadre of pediatric neuroradiologists held informal sunrise sessions at the ASNR annual meetings, willingly sharing their expertise in this most complicated and sensitive area of our specialty with those of us who only occasionally care for pediatric patients. Through the efforts of people such as Derek Harwood-Nash, Tom Naidich, Robert Zimmerman, and Jim Barkovich (to name a few), this persistent group has formed a viable scientific society, the ASPNR, under the umbrella of the ASNR. The *AJNR* is honored that this organization has selected it to be its official publication.

Throughout its history, the *AJNR* has been blessed by the contributions of pediatric neuroradiologists to its body of scientific investigation and to its peer review and editing processes. The special pediatric issue of March 1992 was an instant classic, and all additional copies of this issue were quickly sold.

The addition of ASPNR to the masthead is accompanied by the appointment of William B. Ball, Jr, MD, to the post of Assistant Editor for Pediatric Neuroradiology. In this position, he will make editorial decisions on the more significant pediatric papers, suggest reviewers, invite commentaries, and provide news items and opinions of interest to pediatric neuroradiologists.

Dr Ball, a native of New Orleans, attended Louisiana State University and received his MD degree from Tulane University. He trained in pediatrics at Charity Hospital (Tulane Service) and the Ochsner Foundation Hospital, serving as chief resident at both institutions. After a radiology residency at the University of New Mexico, he served a 1-year fellowship in pediatric radiology/neuroradiology at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, followed by additional training in neuroradiology at the



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University of New Mexico. He is currently Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics and Chief of the Section of Neuroradiology at the Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Dr Ball has received the Editor's Award with Distinction for his reviewing for *Radiology* and has received Honors in Reviewing from the *American Journal of Neuroradiology*. He is a member of the Founding Committee of the American Society of Pediatric Neuroradiology. He has authored over 80 journal publications and 10 book chapters and is currently authoring a textbook of pediatric neuroradiology. He has been principal investigator on grants totaling more than \$800,000. A frequent contributor and reviewer for the *AJNR*, Dr Ball brings a wealth of experience in research and editing to his new position.

The *AJNR* is pleased to have the ASPNR in its official family and Dr Ball on its editorial staff. The specialty of neuroradiology can only benefit from this union.

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