Computing Story Trees ........................................... 135
Alfred Correira

Characterizing Indirect Speech Acts .......................... 150
Gretchen P. Brown

A Plan-Based Analysis of Indirect Speech Acts ............. 167
C. Raymond Perrault and James F. Allen

Book Reviews

NETL (S.E. Fahlman) ........................................ 183
Reviewed by Stuart C. Shapiro

Understanding Spoken Language (D.E. Walker, Editor) .... 186
Reviewed by Madeleine Bates

The Process of Question Answering (W.G. Lehnert) .......... 187
Reviewed by Lance A. Miller and by John M. Morris

The FINITE STRING Newsletter

Minutes of the 1980 ACL Meeting .............................. 190
Annual business meeting was held in Philadelphia

Call for Papers - 1981 ACL Meeting .......................... 192
Meeting will be held at Stanford, June 29 to July 1

Announcements ................................................. 193
OAC, NCC, ICCH, Text Manip., IJCAI, ACM, Semantics, etc.

Abstracts of Current Literature ............................... 196
Fifty-five abstracts of recent publications

ACL Membership List ......................................... 211
About 900 entries, arranged geographically

Microfiche (AJCL Mf. 86)

Published Quarterly by the Association for Computational Linguistics
A Note from the Editor:

This issue of the American Journal of Computational Linguistics (AJCL) is a combined issue for the third and fourth quarters of 1980. It is Number 3-4, dated July-December.

This issue contains 94 pages, which is almost double the 50 pages per quarterly issue stated in my original proposal for producing this hard-copy Journal. [Details may be found in the news article on page 49 of the January-March 1980 issue of AJCL and in the proposal reproduced on page 68 in the Microfiche Supplement of that issue.] The first two quarterly issues of 1980 consisted of 62 and 64 hard-copy pages, respectively. These three issues together, then, provide a total of 220 hard-copy pages for the year (plus 9 pages of Microfiche Supplement). Included in these issues are nine rather long technical articles (130 pages), ten book reviews (16 pages), 133 abstracts (34 pages), a complete membership list (18 pages), and announcements, minutes and programs of meetings, etc. (22 pages).

In July, Michael McCord of the University of Kentucky became Associate Editor, and in October, Andrea McKenzie of IBM Research became Editorial Assistant. Both of these people contributed substantially to the publication of this issue.

In 1981 we intend to publish four smaller issues on a more nearly regular schedule. We currently have about 25 articles being refereed, about 25 books to be reviewed, and a backlog of about 25 abstracts to publish. But, we would like to have still more. We continue to welcome submissions of technical articles and other material (especially abstracts of technical reports and announcements of meetings) according to the guidelines given on the inside back cover.

George E. Heidorn, Editor