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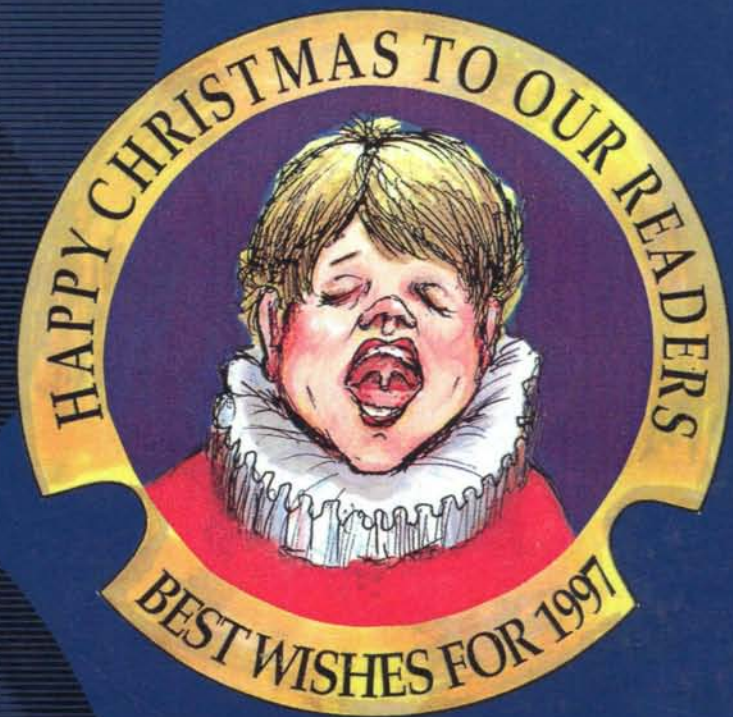
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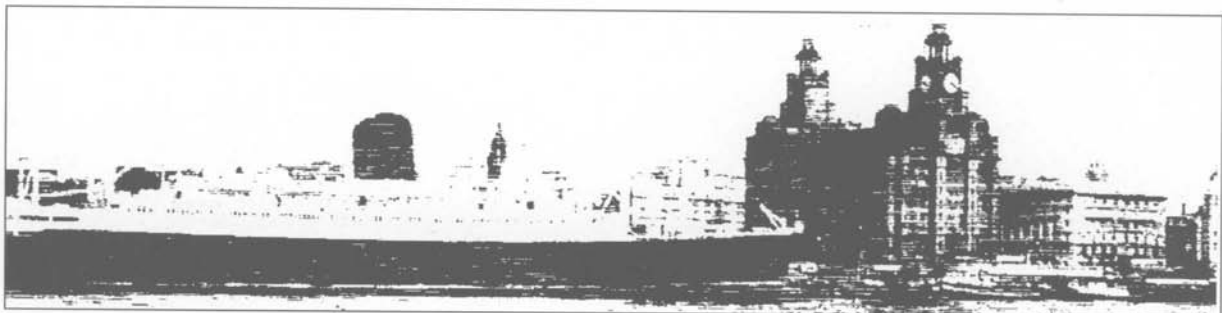
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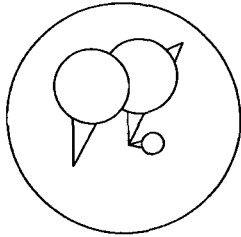
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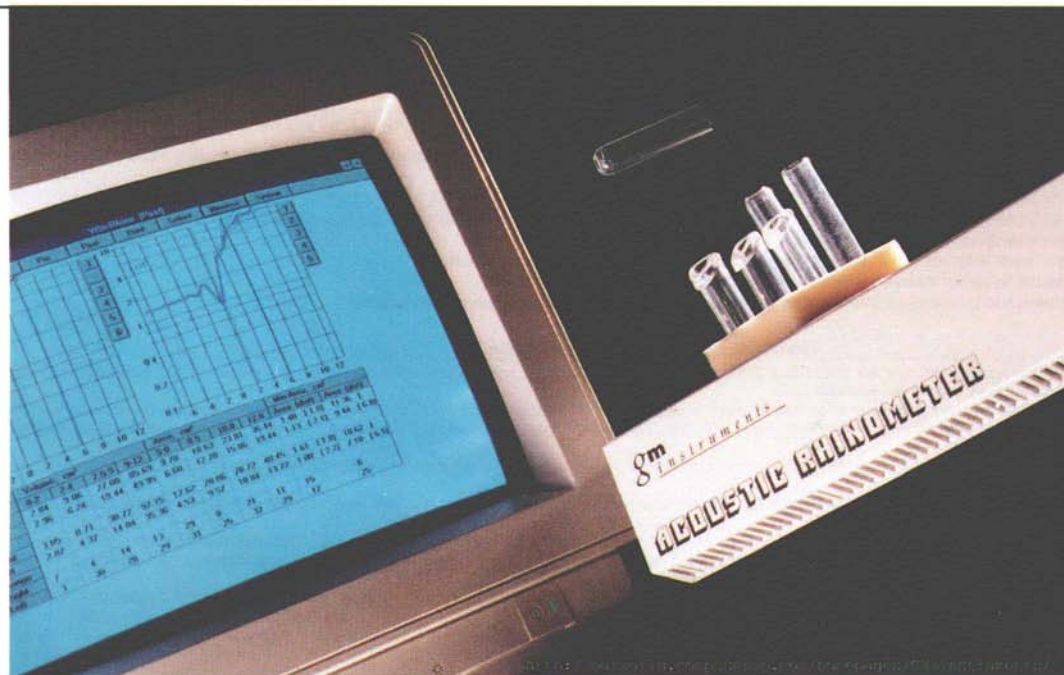
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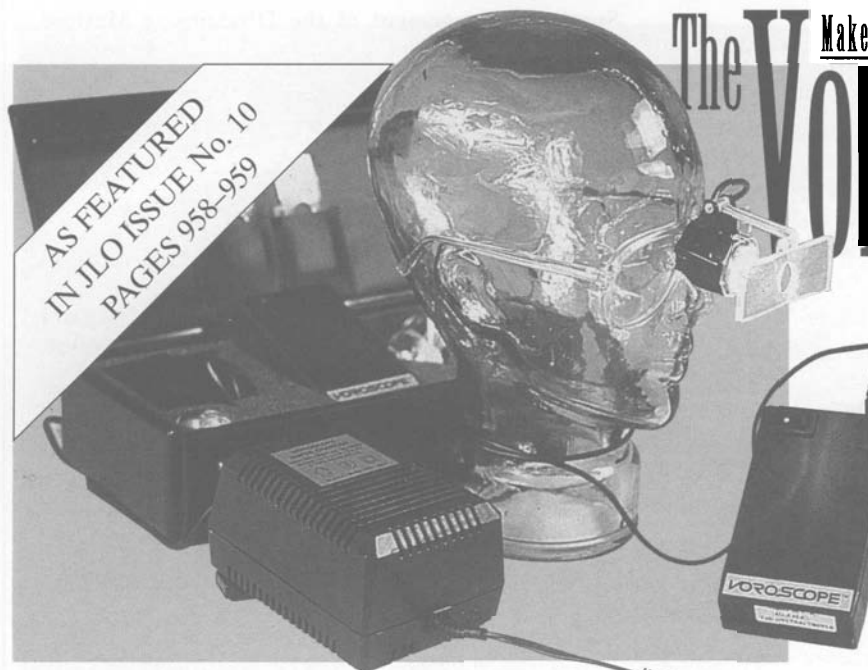
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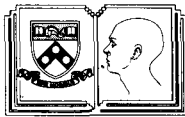
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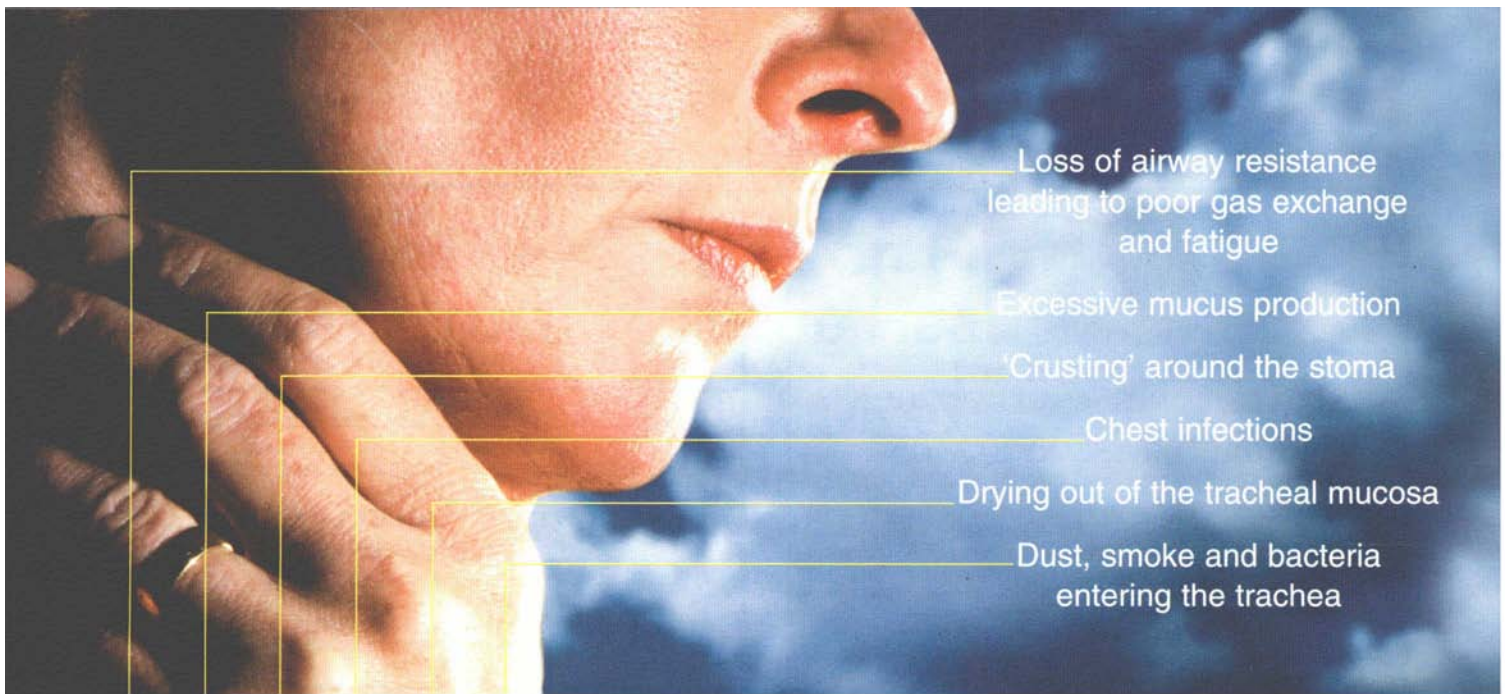
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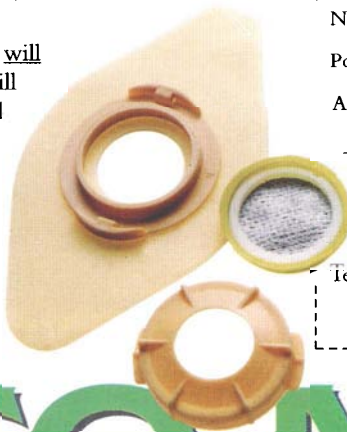
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The *Journal* has had a busy and productive year. We received 478 papers and have published 272. Earlier this year Guy Kenyon joined Neil Weir as editor and has brought his extensive knowledge of information technology to the *Journal*.

The recipient of the *JLO* Travelling Fellowship this year was Mr Jules Mason who visited the Head and Neck Cancer Unit in Beijing, China. His report will be published early next year. The 1997/98 *JLO* Visiting Professor, Pat Gullane from Toronto, will visit the UK in February 1998 and will deliver lectures in Dublin, the South-West Regional Meeting in Bath, Birmingham and at the Royal Society of Medicine. This year the *JLO* also awarded two Travelling Scholarships to the Second US/UK Joint Otolaryngology Meeting in Boston in July. The two winners were Mr D. Ingrams and Mr R. Walsh whose reports appeared in the November issue of the *Journal*.

We are grateful to the CME Committee of the British Association of Otolaryngologists – Head and Neck Surgeons for granting 10 Distance Learning CME points for completion of our CME Questions which we hope you will enjoy doing and will find in this issue of the *Journal*.

We are sad to report that Brian Manners, one of our Pathology Advisers, has felt obliged to retire because of ill health. Brian has been a very stalwart and conscientious member of the editorial team. We all thank him for his significant contribution over the years.

We welcome John Rubin, Head of Voice at the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, London, and Steven Zeitels, Associate Professor, Department of Otology and Laryngology, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston who will be joining the Assistant Editors in January and would like to thank all the Assistant Editors, Pathology, Audiology, Radiology and Statistics Advisers for all their hard work during the year.

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Finally, we wish to thank all our contributors and readers for their continued support of the *Journal*. May we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and successful New Year.

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