Note from the Editor

Society for Iranian Studies members and subscribers who have not received a copy of *Iranian Studies* for almost a year will presumably be surprised and delighted to be holding a new issue in their hands. It will have crossed some minds, however, to wonder why it has taken so long to arrive.

It's a long story. Suffice it to say that a major part of it involves the theft of two Macintosh computers from Columbia's Middle East Institute. Since we used those computers to produce camera-ready copy to send to our printer, and they stored most of our material for future issues, and they were uninsured, to boot, recovering from this disaster has been a slow and painful process.

We are now back in business, however, and hopefully will catch up with our schedule early in 1991.