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## EDITORIAL

As you may have noticed, there've been some changes made. Norman Goroff, our Founding Editor and Publisher, has decided that putting the *Journal* out by himself while trying to maintain his University's extension program in upper New England is too much work. Norm has published the *Journal* at the University of Connecticut since its beginning; he and Ralph Segalman, the other Founding Editor, shared the editing chores. Six years ago, they turned that responsibility over to me; but Norm continued to do the publishing. Since this separation of offices has been a constant source of confusion to our authors, subscribers, and even ourselves, moving the publishing operation to Western Michigan University seemed a natural step. What made it possible was the willingness of Ed Pawlak and Danny Thompson, who served as editors in 1983-84 while I was in England, to help shoulder the new load. Danny will handle subscriptions and oversee general business matters. Ed will deal with the typesetters and printers and help with editing. The three of us will attend to editorial matters and to planning and developing the *Journal*. Together, we will be able to attend more accurately and promptly to the needs of authors and subscribers. It may be too much to ask, but we may even be able to bring the *Journal* out on time.

When we decided to make the move, we also decided it was time for a new look. Camera-ready copy has served us

well and computer printing is getting better, but we all agreed that the look of set type was what we wanted. So we asked Western Michigan University for a temporary infusion of capital to finance the extra expense. The sponsors of the Editorial Office for the last six years, Phil Kramer, Director of the School of Social Work, and Dave Chaplin, Chair of the Department of Sociology, backed us. Bill Burian, Dean of Health and Human Services, and Bruce Clarke, Dean of Arts and Sciences, added their support, though both had tight budgets this year. Then, with the counsel of Don Thompson, Assistant Vice President and Chief Research Officer, we approached our President, Diether Haenicke. He agreed to a three-year participation in our efforts. During that time, we hope to increase subscriptions to the point where we can cover the higher cost of operation. We have been recognized for a long time as a group who nurture and make accessible high quality scholarship. We also publish more and cost less than any comparable journal. With a new physical appearance, we should be an irresistible bargain. If you're not already a subscriber, what more could you ask?

As I write this, we are still working out what Volume 14, Number 1 will look like and trying to estimate when it will appear. We will do our best to make Norm Goroff, Ralph Segalman, and the other Founding Mothers and Fathers proud of us. They decided there was a need for a journal focused on the social scientific study of social welfare. Our survival through thirteen years which have been less than generous either to education or the human services is a testimony both to the accuracy of their vision and to their hard work. We will do our best to carry on both. By the way, you may notice that the back inside cover indicates that JSSW prefers the manuscript style of the American Sociological Association. Yet, this issue has articles with different styles. We are in a transition phase. We will have a uniform style in Vol. 14, No. 2.

BOB LEIGHNINGER