

## Editorial Notes

Those who know me well, know that I am a "reinvent the wheel" kind of person. I seem to like change and the freshness it brings. Of all the pleasures of life, thinking new thoughts and envisioning new possibilities ranks close to the top of the list. Synthesizing old ways within new contexts pumps the adrenalin for me. In what seems to be a time of flux for our society, (the Republicans now control both sides of the house), our campuses and our denomination, we all face the challenge of change. What will we do?

In choosing a theme for this issue of *The Campus Minister*, I settled on Leadership. This component of development seems to be extremely important as we test new waters. We need to think again about leadership and how it serves as a guide for the years ahead.

In choosing writers for this issue, I was immediately reminded of a recent meeting attended. In April of this year, I heard Dr. William E. Hull present a paper at the Provost's Convocation at LSU Shreveport. His address addressed issues of concern for that college community as well as society as a whole. Many of the issues he addressed are of concern to us as well. One, we work on the college campus which itself undergoes its own transitions. Two, we live in a society which conjures up new things to play with all the time. The landscape changes in subtle and not so subtle ways. I believe you will find the article stimulating and full of ideas for your own individual study. Allow me a personal note. We Southern Baptist are truly blessed to have people of such ability in our midst. While Dr. Hull resided in Shreveport, he served as my pastor. The presence of mind and soul and spirit he brought to the pulpit every Sunday morning was broad and deep and wide. I am honored to have his contributions in these pages. He and Dr. Pat Bates, Provost of LSUS, were gracious enough to allow his address to be reprinted here.

In the 1970s, an Australian lad crossed my path while he and I were in college. My mother first spotted him working as a bus boy at a favorite eating establishment. It seems that her WMU group took an interest in this young man and probably helped him along the way. Not only was he smart, he was witty, a practical joker and all around nice guy. We first met in the local BSU and have remained friends throughout college, seminary (including doctoral studies) and thereafter. He consented to write an article on short notice. He now serves on the faculty at Howard Payne

University as Professor and Chair of the Sociology Department. Ian Jones refuses to give up his Aussie accent. I trust you will find his article on social trends to be enlightening.

A third piece will survey recent articles on leadership. Organizations and institutions of all stripes recognize the value of leadership. New curriculum in leadership appears on the scene every year. Graduate level degrees in leadership are now being offered. Cities and businesses offer leadership seminars and training opportunities for their young managers. Our society seems to be searching diligently for young people prepared to take the role of leader. Campus ministers fit in a unique position because we have the opportunity to shape the leaders of the future. May we be ever diligent in the task.

My kindest regards go to Dr. Glen McCoy for his assistance to me in the transition of editorial leadership and to the officers of ASBCM who have welcomed this neophyte into their midst.

See you at Mission 95!