

From The Editor

This issue heralds in a new era for the journal. *Lifestyles: Family and Economic Issues* is a morphogenesis of *Lifestyles: A Journal of Changing Patterns*. The journal is now publishing articles having as a central focus the interface between the family and economic systems. With this changing focus comes a new editor, associate editors, and editorial board.

This first issue provides some hint of the type and range of issues that will be published. The article by Mari Wilhelm and Carl Ridley, using a sample of families affected by a mine closure, explores how the consumption changes implemented impacts economic, marital, and emotional functioning. Daniel Seiver and Donald Cymrot explore the dissonance between the reproductive ideals of husbands and wives using data from the Michigan Time Use Survey. The authors speculate about marital communication and misconceptions concerning perfect family size.

Laurence Miners presents rural family data suggesting that the demand for medical care is influenced by other family members. Specifically, that the employment status of one family member may influence not only his or her rate of medical care, but also that of other household members. Peter Chi, using data from Taiwan's 1984 Household Income and Expenditure Survey, reports that extended families tend to increase aggregate household income, foster home ownership, and consume more housing space than single person households and nuclear families. Jean Lown and Elizabeth Dolan offer an applied article. The authors review the literature on the financial aspects of remarriage, and then make recommendations for developing a workshop as well as providing possible resources.

The next issue, Volume 9, Number 2, will be guest-edited by Dorothy Price and Mari Wilhelm. It will contain papers focusing on social economic stress. Volume 9, number 4 will also be devoted to this topic. Issue 3 will contain a variety of articles on economic decision-making by families, housing issues, and family and work roles.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the new associate editors. They have assisted greatly with establishing what I believe to be an outstanding editorial board. They have also provided many excellent ideas for the journal's emerging focus, helped to spread the news concerning the journal, and provided informative day to day operating protocol. The associate editors are Timothy Brubaker, John Burton, and Patricia Voydanoff. Besides providing much of the original impetus for

the new journal focus, Tim has helped with the mundane day to day operation of a quality professional journal. John, a former colleague at Utah, has continued to educate me about consumer issues and consumer studies. Besides providing critical ideas for operating policy and focus, he has helped to establish this journal within the consumer studies profession and in the recruiting of distinguished consumer studies oriented scholars for the editorial board. Pat, a well known expert on family, employment, and unemployment, has helped recruit well regarded family and work oriented scholars for the editorial board, as well as providing critical operating policy.

Of course a journal depends upon the dedication of its editorial board. Without this voluntary service added upon their already heavy workloads, a journal could not survive. The distinguished editorial board assembled for *Lifestyles: Family and Economic Issues* receives my heartfelt gratitude. Their critical feedback and evaluation of manuscripts should make this journal a significant outlet for high quality articles related to the linkages between the way lifestyles affect consumption and economic issues effect family interaction.

Three other individuals deserve recognition. Jan Kettlewell, Dean of the School of Education and Allied Professions at Miami University has provided administrative support for me as editor of this journal and encouraged the establishment of the editorial offices within the Family and Child Studies Center at Miami University. Cheryl Russell, secretary in the Department of Home Economics and Consumer Sciences at Miami University, has helped with the day to day operations and a variety of clerical procedures. My wife, Kathryn Williams-Hennon, has provided the emotional support that I have needed and encouraged me to do this journal.

One last acknowledgement is in order. I want to thank the former editors—Larry Constantine, Roger Libby, and Barry Singer—of the journals that form the lineage for *Lifestyles: Family and Economic Issues*. Their hard work and dedication, often during difficult times for the journal, is appreciated and respected. The former editorial board members are also given a word of thanks for their dedication and hard work.

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