

## THE EDITOR NOTES

In keeping with the format of *Explorations in Ethnic Studies*, this issue includes articles with critiques of each. Although the articles are referred before acceptance, the editors believe that additional responses provide both the writer and the reader with ideas to continue research in the same area or to apply the concepts to yet new projects. We invite readers to respond to the articles included in this issue and to indicate their own willingness to write critiques of future articles.

Research is an on-going process; it is descriptive and not definitive, and change is what makes the study of ethnicity important. As Gilbert G. Gonzalez points out in "Racial Intelligence Testing and the Mexican People," the research of a generation ago is not valid for contemporary society. Skovira wrestles with the notion of Byzantine Catholic identity formation as it is influenced by nationalism and religion—clearly a centrifugal force in the United States. Martin shows the importance of teaching the works of indigenous writers to further understand the ethnic studies process.

At the June meeting of the Executive Council in Santa Clara, California, the Council accepted a recommendation from the editorial board to include only articles and critiques in future issues of *Explorations in Ethnic Studies*. Poetry which has already been accepted will appear in the January issue, but subsequent issues will contain no poetry. This decision was made after serious consideration of the purposes of the journal. Although the poetry of past issues has been "good for the soul," *Explorations in Ethnic Studies* is not a literary journal. There are many small press outlets for poetry, and there are few journals which publish non-specialized research on ethnicity.

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— Charles C. Irby