

EDITORIAL

From 1996 (volume 8), *Utilitas* will be published three times a year instead of twice as at present. This important development reflects the growing interest and confidence in the journal and will enable it to publish articles, discussions, and reviews more quickly so as to reflect current debate and interest in various topics. We shall also be able to have more special issues devoted to one or two topics while still including a wide range of articles across many disciplines in the course of a given year. Among a number of special issues planned for future numbers are a critical discussion of Brian Barry's second volume of his work on justice, *Justice as Impartiality*, a series of articles on punishment edited by C. L. Ten, and a collection of articles on nineteenth-century utilitarianism (including material on J. S. Mill, George Grote, Alfred Marshall, and others).

The current number is devoted to essays in contemporary moral philosophy. Seven of the articles (by Feldman, Vallentyne, Sinnott-Armstrong, Blackburn, Sorensen, Sider, and Driver) were originally presented as papers and comments on papers at the nineteenth annual Philosophy Symposium held at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on 7–9 April 1995. The theme of the symposium was Moral Obligation. I am indebted to Professor Michael Zimmerman as well as to Associate Editors, Brad Hooker and Roger Crisp, for assistance in bringing these important papers to publication so quickly and efficiently. In addition, articles on moral character by Cullity, on the treatment of euthanasia in Dworkin's *Life's Dominion* by Mitchell, and two important discussions of the article on agent-relativity by Skorupski in the last number by Broome, and McNaughton and Rawlings, plus reviews complete the issue.

This may be an appropriate place to remind readers that subscribers to *Utilitas* automatically become members of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies which sponsors conferences and other events and publications. Plans for the 1997 conference in New Orleans are now being made, and further details are included in the Announcements at the end of the journal.

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