

FROM THE EDITOR

An exceptional occasion and the coming together of the various and now standard formats of publication here in this one issue seems to warrant a few comments. In June, Robert Byrnes and Gerhart Niemeyer died. Both were scholars whose long and distinguished careers came to be closely involved with this journal. They were truly friends of *The Review* and served it in several ways. I am grateful to George Brinkley, emeritus professor of Government at the University of Notre Dame, and V. Bradley Lewis for writing on behalf of *The Review* the memorial tributes that follow.

Bradley Lewis has left *The Review* to become Assistant Professor in the School of Philosophy of the Catholic University of America, and this occasion allows me to say a special word of thanks to him before the wider audience he served in his years at *The Review*. His breadth and depth of learning along with careful and caring judiciousness in all matters always made it easier to keep this journal to the high expectations and standards long associated with it.

This issue's opening piece by Richard Ruderman exemplifies the kind of reflective overview of a significant dimension of politics and/or the study of politics which I should like to see lead off an issue whenever such an essay of quality surfaces for us. I am pleased to report that such pieces by senior scholars will follow in the next two issues. Markus Fischer and Paul Franco on Machiavelli and Hegel respectively treat us to the kind of scholarship in political philosophy that has been the hallmark of *The Review*. Then we use the symposium-format developed over the last few years to explore John Fortier's challenge to the claims of *Hobbes's Three Discourses: A Critical Modern Edition of Newly Identified Work of the Young Hobbes* by Noel Reynolds and Arlene Saxonhouse and his entailed test of the limits of wordprint analysis.

Francis Bacon is implicated in the issues of the symposium, and it is good that we can give attention to recent scholarship on his thought through the review essay by Heidi Studer. Review essays allow a discussion that is especially useful and fruitful for our readers; such essays are welcome whenever significant ones can be generated. Finally, this issue concludes with a selection of our traditional ample book reviews.

With our next issue, the first of 1998, *The Review* enters its 60th year of publication. It will then be only a couple of short steps to a more significant anniversary for the human family at the turn of the millennium. Early in 1998 and with an eye to the year 2000, *The Review* will announce a special issue or more devoted to such themes as Christianity and Politics, and Christianity and Liberal Democracy. Manuscript submissions will be welcome from all interested in those topics, and it is appropriate that those marked by such heroic dutifulness that they read messages from the editor should receive the reward of a little lead time.

The Review's operations and communications as what is in fact an intellectual center and the journal's substance and appearance could not be as excellent as they are without the fine assistance I continually receive from the regular staff, Managing Editor Dennis Moran, Book Review Editor Peter Moody and Administrative Assistant Roberta Ferkins.

—Walter Nicgorski