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This issue of LRB represents the beginning of our second year of publication. We are extremely grateful to the New York State/United University Professions Joint Labor Management Committees for their sponsorship of the 1995 issues of the journal. They enabled us to publish and mail two complimentary copies of LRB. From now on, the operating expenses of the journal will rely on subscriptions, publisher's advertising, and grants. We have had a tremendous response to the 1995 issues of LRB and are confident that this enthusiasm will be translated into continuous readership support. Those of you who subscribe during the 1996 calendar year will also receive complimentary copies of the 1995 issues while supplies last.

You will probably notice that this issue reflects a slightly different format from earlier ones. We have incorporated new sections to the journal: featured articles are now separated from review essays and book reviews. Although the distribution of works between articles and book reviews will vary by issue, we intend to maintain the character of the journal as primarily a source of information on recent scholarship, intellectual dialogue, and books on the Latino experience in the United States and the societies from which they originate. We have also added a "Letters to the editors" section, entitled Communications, and an LRB Forum section to focus on pressing issues impacting Latinos in higher education. Our first guest commentator for the LRB Forum is Dr. Ricardo Fernández, President of Lehman College, City University of New York, who provides an insightful discussion of the current national debate on affirmative action. Forthcoming issues will also contain a perspective on a topic of current interest from a notable voice within the Latino community.

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