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Black Family

Dr. James K. Sours, president of Southern Oregon State College, shared with me a recent issue of *New Directions*. I was impressed (mightily) by your layout, content and style.

The extended family concept as developed by Basil Matthews, "The Black Family in America," [January '76 *New Directions*] supported my long-held view that "family" for us stretches far beyond immediate biological ties.

Jo Gardenhire
Affirmative Action Officer
Southern Oregon State College
Ashland, Ore.

Good Journalism

I read *New Directions* with interest as it keeps me informed about Howard University from where I got my M.S. in general Home Economics in 1957.

In 1965 on my way to the Iowa State University, I had visited the Howard campus and I was much impressed by the developments that I saw there.

I congratulate you for maintaining a high journalistic quality. This magazine to me is a symbol of the emerging Black potentials which had been suppressed for so long. I wish you all the success in continuing the excellent work of improving and strengthening the Howard image throughout the world.

Dr. Arvinda Chandra
Gujarat, India

Troubled Soul

I have been enlightened very much with what I have read in the January 1976 *New Directions*.

You see, I am in prison on trumped-up charges and my case has been on appeal for two years now to determine my guilt or innocence. In my adverse condition, it is magazines such as *New Directions* that have strengthened my mind toward positive thinking and I remain strong.

Rahim Shabazz
Raleigh, N.C.

First Time

I had the good fortune of reading your magazine for the first time. The articles were refreshing and challenging.

Rev. Joseph B. Weathersby
Executive Director
Saginaw Urban Ministry
Saginaw, Michigan

Quality Reading

I have found unexpected pleasure in reading *New Directions* from cover to cover. I especially enjoyed Dr. W. Montague Cobb's article, "What is Man?"

I must confess that I am apprehensive that my new-found pleasure may go the way of so many things of genuine quality in the world today. Of course I hope that your magazine will continue providing quality reading and pleasure to me.

Joel Cosby
Madison, Wisconsin