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A Message from the Editors

We are back, with a somewhat modified name and a new look. We hope you, our readers are pleased with the new design and layout.

During the past year, while the staff was in the process of redesigning and developing the layout for the magazine, some of you have written or called to inquire about the status of our publication. To all of you, we say thank you for your interest and we hope to hear your comments in the future.

The last issue of New Direction, the Howard University Magazine, was published in the Fall of 1971. We know it has been a long time. And, we are glad to be back to serve you on a regular basis once more. The modified name of the magazine is: New Directions. We have added the letter "S".

In this issue of New Directions, there are several interesting articles that we hope you will enjoy reading. You will find, for example, a report on the University, and the continuing struggle of the Howard leadership to maintain excellence, by Dr. James E. Cheek, President of Howard University.

You will find an article which thoroughly discusses sickle cell anemia, including research efforts at the University’s medical complex; there is an article on the University Without Walls at Howard—a new concept in higher education; and a report on the visit of a medical team from Howard University to the People’s Republic of China.

Also, photographs of the 1973 commencement exercises, and of the visit to the campus of an acrobatic troupe from China, are included in this issue.

In subsequent issues, we plan to continue to report on relevant topics of interest to Howard, to our readers, and to the community. Additional sections, such as letters to the editor, book reviews and commentaries, will be introduced to complete the growth of our publication.

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