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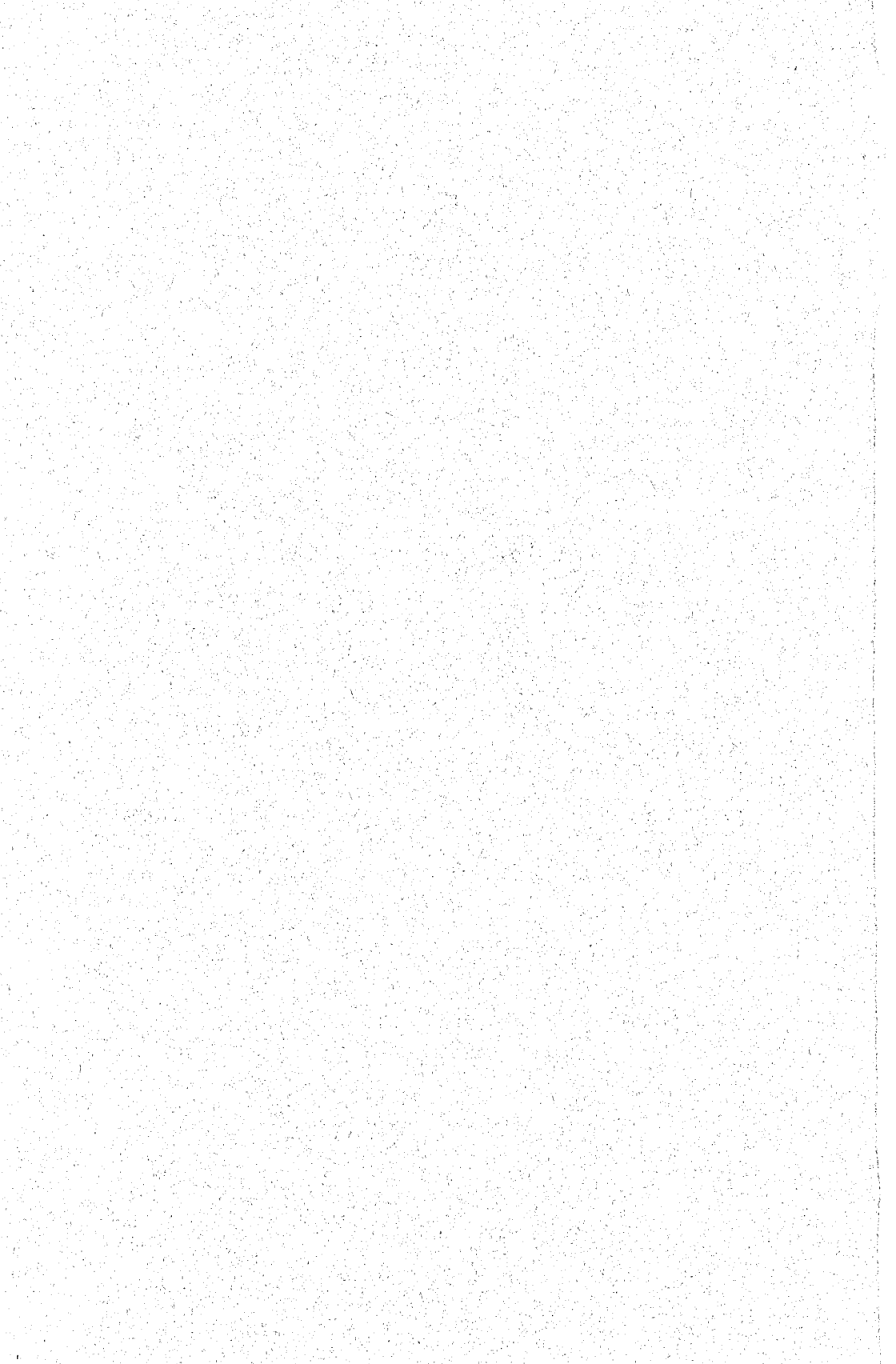
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Editorial

I would like to thank those who have contributed to this special issue of the *AMCAP Journal*. The authors were forced to work with a tight publication deadline, and I greatly appreciate their willingness to take time out of their summer months to complete their articles. I express special thanks to William Byne, who, though he is not a member of AMCAP, consented to be interviewed for the *Journal*. Also, my deep appreciation and thanks to A. Dean Byrd who contributed in many significant ways to this issue of the *Journal*.

The topic of homosexuality is controversial. I am sure we will not please everyone with the contents of this issue. Some will probably say, "It isn't balanced enough. You only present one perspective." Perhaps this is true, but my response is, "The professional literature is not balanced. Only one perspective gets published right now—the gay affirmative one. Someone needs to present alternative perspectives." The gay affirmative or gay activist perspective so dominates the professional literature right now that it is very difficult for therapists to consider alternative viewpoints and treatment options for homosexual people. I believe, therefore, that this special issue of the *AMCAP Journal* on reparative therapy makes a needed and legitimate contribution to the professional literature. It provides open-minded therapists an alternative to the gay affirmative therapy model. I hope that this issue proves to be

a resource for such therapists and for their “non-gay” homosexual clients who seek assistance in controlling and overcoming their unwanted homosexual tendencies.

Readers will note that articles dealing specifically with female homosexuality are conspicuously absent from this issue. This deficiency is not unique to the *AMCAP Journal*. Much less is available in the professional literature in general regarding the reparative treatment of female homosexuality. Though I invited papers regarding female homosexuality for this issue, the authors were unable to have their manuscripts ready before we went to press. I hope to devote a future issue of the *Journal* to the topic of female homosexuality and wish to invite the AMCAP membership to contribute articles. Articles which (1) review theories of etiology of female homosexuality, (2) give insight into the psychological and spiritual challenges which female homosexuals face, and, (3) describe reparative therapy approaches with female homosexual clients and their families are all welcomed. Please submit these manuscripts to me in the regular fashion. If you wish to discuss your manuscript idea with me before you begin writing, please feel free to write or call.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the number of submissions to the *Journal* seems to be on the increase. It appears that we will have enough manuscripts that have survived our rather rigorous peer review process to go to press with a Spring, 1994, issue of the *Journal*. Please keep the manuscripts coming! I hope we will also be able to publish a Fall, 1994, issue. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the *AMCAP Journal* editor and welcome your comments and feedback.

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