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In June of this year the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds met in Atlantic City. Many lively topics were discussed, including the revision of the Catholic Hospital Code. The recommendations of the Editorial Board of the *Linacre Quarterly* were discussed and approved. Hopefully these changes will help to improve the quality of this periodical and will stir the interest of our readers.

New additions to the Editorial Board include John R. Cavanagh, M.D., neuro-psychiatrist, author, and professor. Dr. Cavanagh has been Guest Editor of the February, 1970 issue of the *Linacre Quarterly* and of the present issue of the *Linacre Quarterly*. He brings to this position of Associate Editor a wealth of experience, dedication, and wisdom. From Georgetown University School of Medicine comes another addition to our staff, Robert C. Baumiller, S.J., Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of the Cytogenetic Laboratory. In the rapidly evolving field of biogenetic engineering, it is important for us to remain at the forefront of these developments. Father Baumiller is in a position to keep us abreast of the ethical considerations in this area.

Of major concern to the Editorial Board was the position we should take in regard to controversial articles. After considerable discussion it was the consensus of the Editorial Board that if a controversial article was accepted for publication, such publication did not mean endorsement or approval of the opinions expressed in the published article. This new policy gives the *Linacre Quarterly* Editorial Board considerable latitude in this rapidly changing world. If our journal is to reflect the controversies of our time, it must embark on this new course. Thoughtful men after pondering the complex problems of our day too often come up with more questions than answers. Hopefully answers to these extremely complicated medico-moral problems will emerge from the winnowing process of debate and discussion.

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