

## **EDITORIALS**

*North American Committee for Humanism*

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NACH was established in 1982 to serve as a conference of humanist leaders. It includes leaders from the six major humanist organizations in North America-The American Ethical Union, The American Humanist Association, The American Rationalist Federation, The Committee for Democratic and Secular Humanism, The Fellowship of Religious Humanists, and The Society for Humanistic Judaism-as well as leaders from academic institutions and the world of the arts and sciences. Its purpose is to promote cooperative effort among all humanists and to strengthen the outreach of Humanism among the people of the United States and Canada.

The most dramatic achievement of NACH has been the establishment of the Humanist Institute, a graduate school for the training of professional humanist leaders. This school is headquartered in New York City, and provides a three year graduate program to educate qualified men and women for fulltime leadership roles in humanist communities and other institutions with humanist concerns.

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It is our fervent hope that *Humanism Today* will provide the public with a greater understanding of the basic principles of Humanism and of their application to the important issues of our contemporary world.

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