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Letter from the Editor

When the founders of *Helvidius* published the first issue, the journal was named *The Columbia Undergraduate Journal of Law and Public Policy*. The original motivation for the creation of this journal was to provide an open forum for the discussion and analysis of all issues concerning law and public policy on national and international levels.

Since its founding in 1989, *Helvidius* has consistently implemented positive changes. In 1990, the name of the journal was changed to *Helvidius: The Columbia Undergraduate Journal of Law and Public Policy*. In the years since then, funding provided by the Union of Student Organizations, the Student Government Association, and numerous external advertisers has made it possible to distribute the journal widely on our own campus, throughout the ivy league, and at numerous law schools. Finally, the most recent change occurred in 1996 when the format of the journal was transformed from that of a magazine to a book.

Although change has been crucial, it is necessary to emphasize the fact that *Helvidius's* purpose has remained the same. In this edition, writers address some of the economic issues that have influenced or will potentially influence international relations as well as the economic stability of individual nations. Meanwhile, other writers look at the issue of censorship in terms of radio broadcasting in addition to the status of women in the United States, particularly in the workplace and in the debate surrounding AFDC.

The structural modifications of *Helvidius* over the years were implemented for the sake of improvement. Regardless of these changes, *Helvidius* remains dedicated to its original purpose: to publish a compilation of articles that encompass the breadth of the political spectrum.

Ann M. Jung

Helvidius: The Columbia Undergraduate Journal of Law and Public Policy is named after Helvidius Priscus, a Roman statesman and philosopher in the first century AD. Helvidius Priscus was known for his virtue, independence of mind, and staunch advocacy of republican government. His beliefs brought him into direct conflict with the emperors Nero and Vespasian, both of whom banished him. Helvidius's defense of liberty and freedom of speech, as well as his opposition to dynastic succession, eventually led to his execution. Thus, he is remembered as the first martyr for free speech.