

## *For Your Thought*

As the American culture slowly matures, it is becoming aware of many wrongs and inconsistencies within its own flesh, many resulting from neglect, others a result of growing pains. Mike Inman's article on prisoners' rights points out a problem that has been ignored until recently, while Richard Money examines the need for reform within the administration of the judicial system.

Everywhere we look, there is change or someone crying out for change. Professor Williamson examines the judicial process as a potential vehicle for change. Underlying all these articles is the unanswered question: what role should the law school play in seeking social change and in teaching those individuals who desire to change society? A few preliminary remarks might be in order.

Change is coming, it is as sure as the march of time itself. The greatest unknown is who shall lead

us forward. Since law is perhaps the major expression of society's will, it would seem that the position of leadership should arise from the legal profession. Yet this does not seem to be the case; check the record of our lawyer-infested legislature. As pointed out in Bill Hawkins' article, Ralph Nader would say much of the blame should fall on the law schools who seem to cater more to the needs of law firms and corporations than to the needs of a changing society. Law schools must first make a decision as to whom they owe primary allegiance, the "profession" or the society in which they operate. Do law schools have a duty to seek change of the status quo to the financial loss of their successful graduates? Consider the issues of no-fault insurance and divorce.

As you read through this issue, ponder the problems presented. Who is in the best position to seek sensible and orderly change? The law profession? And where should one first begin to think and discuss these issues? Law school?

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