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EDITORIAL

In this issue, we are experimenting with the idea of devoting the entire *Journal* to papers from the standpoint of a single discipline, Psychology. At least once each year, it is hoped that we will be able to put out an issue of this type — oriented to a single disciplinary field and its application to the rehabilitation of deaf adults. We welcome reactions from readers, both pro and con.

We are doing this to assist professional workers with deaf adults to obtain clearer insight into the problems that other disciplines encounter when dealing with the group with which we are all concerned. The interdisciplinary approach is a vital one from the standpoint of the *Journal*, its sponsoring organization, and the professional workers in the field. Too often, a rehabilitation counselor is given the responsibility of working with deaf clients, and then meets with so little comprehension of his problems from professionals in other disciplines that he is tempted to ignore them and to undertake the entire rehabilitation procedure alone. This is desirable on one hand; the deaf client is consistently working with someone who is able to communicate with him and who has some understanding of the depths of his problem. On the other hand, it is undesirable in that persons in other professional disciplines are unable to make their unique contributions to the rehabilitation process. The disadvantages outweigh the advantages, for the deaf client is deprived of the same full range of professional services that are available to other rehabilitation clients.

We have selected Psychology as the focus of our first “special” issue because, as is brought out in the following pages, rehabilitation counselors for the deaf are generally becoming disillusioned with the clinical psychological services they have been purchasing for their clients. It is hoped that the articles in this issue will serve two purposes: (1) To orient rehabilitation counselors to the problems encountered by psy-

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chologists when working with deaf clients, and (2) to orient psychologists to the need to use more appropriate tools and techniques when evaluating the capacities of deaf adults.

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