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This *Draftings* volume is special, for it brings together the research and writing of students from two departments of the UNI College of Business Administration: the Department of Economics and the Department of Management. The five students whose work is showcased in the following pages selected their own subjects and conducted their own research, but then shared the drafts of their work-in-progress in writing groups led by Professor Donald Cummings from the Department of Economics and Professors Daniel Power, Lynda Goulet, and Susan Rueschhoff from the Department of Management.

The first four timely essays — “Flying the Not-So-Friendly Skies: Competition, Concentration, and Consumer Welfare in the Deregulated Airline Industry,” “Prescription for a Better Health Care System,” “Renewable Energy: Economics and Public Policy to Fuel the Transition,” and “To Balance or Not to Balance: The Federal Budget Deficit” — are the work of economics students. The volume’s final essay, “Workplace Violence: A Growing Epidemic,” by management student Chris Henle, looks at workplace violence in terms of both economics and management strategies.

As Editor of the *Draftings* series, I wish to take this opportunity to salute the work, not only of the fine student writers, but of these two Departments and their faculty who have demonstrated noteworthy commitment to moving student research and writing beyond the classroom toward professional publication. For more than a decade, the Department of Economics has led the way in dedicating faculty time and energy (and departmental funds) to the publication of student work. Beginning under the leadership of Bruce W. Anderson and faithfully continued by current department head Fred J. Abraham, the Economics Department has published undergraduate and graduate student research and then sent *Draftings in Economics* volumes to the colleges and universities most often sought out for graduate study by UNI economics students. Professor Cummings has served most often as the advisor for *Draftings in Economics* writing groups, but Professors Abraham, Janet Rives, and Kenneth McCormick have served as advisors as well. Indeed, the entire Economics faculty is often consulted by students as they pursue their research and prepare it for publication.

Dr. Daniel Power, head of the Department of Management, and current acting Dean of the School of Business Administration, has shown special commitment to student research and to student writing for publication in

the field of management. This is the second *Draftings* volume presenting the work of UNI management students. The work of Professors Power, Goulet, and Rueschhoff — like that of their colleagues in the Department of Economics — reveals the University's dedication to the liberal arts ideal of developing students committed to returning the fruits of their learning to society.

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