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Prefatory Note

This is the sixth annual volume representing the work of University of Northern Iowa students writing in the field of economics. The articles presented here in *Drafting in Economics: Major Themes* stem from papers written for classes in economics at UNI. Once again we would like to thank faculty and students who participated in this project for their dedication to quality student writing.

Last January, papers were submitted for consideration for publication. Members of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics student honorary, and the economics faculty used a blind review process to select four outstanding papers. Writing groups were formed which included the authors (Jon Shepherd, Cori McNeilus, Steve Armbrecht, and Kevin Bracker), an economics faculty advisor (myself) and *Draftings* editor (Dr. Barbara Lousberry, professor of English).

The first paper in this year's volume examines employee stock ownership plans and their potential for participation in hostile takeovers. The next paper discusses the causes of labor union decline and the future of organized labor. The third paper analyzes the Brady Plan as an attempt to solve the Mexican debt crisis. The final paper addresses the age-old debate over public support for the poor by comparing the views of two well known late eighteenth century British born clergymen who took opposing positions in the debate.

All of us who participated as writers, editors, and advisors hope that readers will enjoy and profit from this volume as we did in its preparation.

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