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Welcome to the 1998 edition of *The Park Place Economist*! This marks the sixth year that the journal has been in publication. It is a collaborative effort by students from several disciplines, produced by the Economics Department of Illinois Wesleyan University.

We are excited to be publishing the work of nine scholars in this edition. The globalization of world markets is reflected in this year's journal. This issue features papers focusing on the European Union, China, and Japan. With the European Union commencement date rapidly approaching, we have included three papers featuring the debates over this union. Patrick Holly, Jr. gives an overview of the development of the European Union. Tom Purl points out some of the problems that the member countries will face, while Sean Hantak discusses the benefits the united countries will receive. This issue also features two articles on domestic topics: education and the specialization of travel agencies.

It has been an exciting year for *The Park Place Economist*--it has undergone several changes, yet maintained the academic quality of past journals. We have welcomed staff members not only from the Economics Department but also from the English, International Business, and Political Science Departments. These students have dedicated countless hours to producing a journal that I am very proud of; I wish I had room in this letter to thank each of them individually. I would especially like to thank Pat Holly, my Technical Editor, for his contagious enthusiasm and dedication. I would also like to thank Kate Dougherty for her grammatical wisdom and for going above and beyond the call of duty of an Assistant Editor. These two, along with the rest of the staff, have made this journal possible.

Finally, I would like to thank Robert Aaron for his help with the journal over the years. Without his direction and support, this journal would never have existed. Bob has recently taken on a similar position at the University of Puget Sound. On behalf of *The Park Place Economist*, I wish him the best of luck with his new position.

That being said, I invite you to sit back and enjoy this year's edition of *The Park Place Economist*.

Jennifer Van Dyke, Editor-in-Chief

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