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MESSAGE FROM NACIS PRESIDENT

In the Fall of 1980 I attended a meeting in Gatlinburg Tennessee. Alan MacEachren, then at Virginia Tech, called and urged me to attend. Since it was within easy driving distance and just on the edge of Great Smokey Mountain National Park (one of my favorite places for hiking), I decided to go. I can't remember any of the papers that I heard, though I'm sure some must have been quite good, but I do remember that I enjoyed the atmosphere of the conference. It was intimate, I'd guess about fifty people were there, and it was exciting; I also remember that I never got a chance to go hiking.

The North American Cartographic Information Society was founded at a time when cartographic information was exploding. The promise of the computer, long talked of during the 1960's and 1970's, was being realized as the 1980's began. This explosion has both continued and accelerated and NACIS has grown with it, expanding not only as measured by the number of members but also in the strength of its outreach. The birth of *Cartographic Perspec-*

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tives, after a long gestation period as *Map Gap* and *Cartographic Information*, has secured a place for NACIS as both an important resource for and leader of the cartographic community.

The role that NACIS plays in the cartographic community is unique. While there are excellent organizations representing map librarians, academic cartographers, and commercial map makers, NACIS is the only professional organization that has at the heart of its mission the bringing of those groups together. The Society has come a long way since Gatlinburg, but the vitality and intimacy I experienced there is as strong and real as ever.

During the upcoming year the Society has committed itself to several goals:

- **Increase the membership.** As an organization we have always operated in the black; however, as the cost of publishing *Cartographic Perspectives* rises this is becoming an increasingly difficult task. A small increase in membership would go a long way toward guaranteeing the continued high quality of *CP* while insuring the vitality that "new blood" brings to any organization. The Society has always placed a high priority on bringing students into the organization and will continue to do so in the current membership drive.

- **Expand beyond our traditional heartland.** Planning has already begun for the 1994 Annual Meeting to be held in Ottawa, Canada. This represents the first time a NACIS meeting will be held outside of the United States. Ottawa is an important cartographic center and a delightful city.

- **Increase participation of the membership in the activities of the Society.** As NACIS is a relatively small professional organization, all voices are welcomed and important in determining the direction and nature of the Society. I hope all of you will consider serving on a committee, running for an office, presenting a paper at the annual meeting, or in some other fashion taking an active role in your Society.

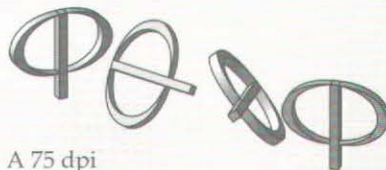
- **Preparation for the annual meeting.** One of the most important activities of the Officers and Board of Directors is the planning of the annual meeting. This year we will be meeting in Washington D.C. Charles Harrington serves as Program Chair and Fred Anderson as Local Arrangements Chair for what looks to be an exciting

meeting in an exciting city.

As President, I am grateful to Chris Baruth, Executive Director of NACIS for handling the day to day operations of the organization and for the commitment of the Board of Directors and Officers. I am also very appreciative of the tireless efforts of Sona Andrews in producing *Cartographic Perspectives*. Most importantly I am grateful for the support of the membership. I look forward to a great year and hope to see you all in Washington D.C. next October.

Jeffrey C. Patton
NACIS President

about the cover



A 75 dpi gray-scale TIFF scan of part of the USGS Ennis, Montana 1:62,500 quadrangle map was imported into Adobe Photoshop on the Macintosh. The scan was resized and then stylized using Photoshop's High Pass and Solarize filters. The logo was created in Aldus FreeHand, scanned and imported into a separate Photoshop file where Aldus Gallery Effect's Emboss Filter was applied. The portion of the background map image where the logo is placed was sampled using Photoshop's Rubber Stamp tool. The embossed logo was placed onto the map image, selected (10 pixel border/5 pixel feather) and filled with 60% grey to create the raised outline. The center portion of the logo was filled with the sampled portion of the background. The composite image was then retouched and resampled to 266 dpi.

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