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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As every issue of *Cartographic* Perspectives gets ready to go to press, I often find myself thinking "Will members of NACIS find this information useful? Does what we publish make a difference to the cartographic community? Does anyone read CP?" The uncertain answers to these questions are heightened during the week that the issue is actually being printed (when it is out of may hands-out my control). It is only after the issue has been mailed that I have time to reflect on what we, as an organization, contribute to cartography through publishing CP.

I was pleased with what I saw when I did my final read on the galley proofs for this issue. There is an interesting article by Margaret Lanca and John Kirby on verbal and spatial tasks in contour map learning, an insightful article by Peter Gould on source errors in maps, and a series of papers presented at the 1993 Map Libraries in Transition Conference. Although the Map Libraries Transition took place one and a half years ago, the articles from



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this conference raise issues that are still so timely that I felt it was important to share them with you. They characterize the dilemmas of dealing with cartographic information in these exciting and sometimes frustrating times of changing technologies.

I am glad that our journal has become a forum, not only for reporting on empirical research, but also for disseminating ideas about the future of our discipline. I would like to see us continue in that role and I encourage all of you to consider submitting articles to our journal.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform the NACIS membership that I have given notice to our Officers and Board of Directors that I will end my tenure as Editor of CP in the Spring of

1996. I do this with some regret, however. I also look forward to the day when I can anxiously wait to get my copy of CP in the mail rather than anxiously wait for a midnight call from the printer. Within the next few months there will be a solicitation for applications and nominations for Editor of the journal. I encourage everyone interested to consider the opportunity.

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